

Illinois  
South  
Conference



## Weekly Connection

Diverse Minds,  
Covenant Hearts,  
Made One in the Body of Christ

For the week of October 18 - October 24, 2020

### UCC All Saints Service

This year has created loss for many. So in calling on our faith that all those who have gone before are in community with All Saints, you are invited to join us in honoring those who have passed, especially to COVID-19, for a service of All Saints with music, prayer, and lifting of names. We will gather via Zoom on November 1st at 5 pm CT.

To contribute a name to the visual list of people in memoriam, simply fill out this [form](#) and the name will be included.

Additionally, if your congregation has done a communal memorial, you are welcome to send photos to [UCCPhotos@ucc.org](mailto:UCCPhotos@ucc.org) and have them included in the national service.

Register for the Zoom Service [here](#).



### Important Links

[iscucc.org/](http://iscucc.org/)

[duboiscenter.org](http://duboiscenter.org)

[ucc.org](http://ucc.org)

[Back Bay Mission](#)

[CHHSM](#)

[Ecuador Partnership](#)

[Eden Theological Seminary](#)

[Deaconess Foundation](#)

[Deaconess Nurse Ministry](#)

[Emmaus Homes](#)

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[St. Paul's Sr. Community](#)

[Uplands Village](#)

[UCC Campus Ministry](#)

[Uni-Pres Kindercottage](#)



### Practice Makes Perfect!

Churches, pastors and lay delegates are invited to practice participating in Zoom sessions to prepare for Annual Meeting.

The first session will be on **Tuesday, October 20 at 6:30 pm CST**. This session is mainly to practice signing in, making sure

your video and audio are functioning correctly, where the chat link is so that you can comment or ask questions, how to mute and unmute your audio, and how the voting will take place.

Here is the link for joining that evening:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84802004166>

Meeting ID: 848 0200 4166

The second session will be on **Thursday, October 22 at 6:30 pm CST** to review the business portions of Annual Meeting and to ask for clarification for the proposed budget, Constitution/Bylaws proposed changes, and the slate of nominees for Illinois South Conference Teams and Committees.

Here is the link for joining that evening:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86854779903>

Meeting ID: 868 5477 9903

You may consider signing in 15-20 minutes prior to the meeting to make sure you have Zoom set up on your computer. You will automatically go into a virtual "waiting room," and the host, Rev. Shana Johnson, will click to let you into the meeting at the correct time.

Please join the meetings. We are all learning the process, and your participation will help the meeting run as smoothly as possible.

### Registration Is Open

#### DELEGATES

Lay delegate, a pastor with standing in ISC, a pastor without standing who is serving an ISC church, or a member of the Conference Council, click this [link](#) to register.

#### VISITORS

Visitors will be given a link to view the Annual Meeting as it happens. If you want to receive the link to view Annual Meeting as a visitor, call 618-357-1809 or [email](#) Julie



### Pray for...

#### Prayer list for

**Oct 18 - Oct 24, 2020**

#### Churches & Pastors

- Jerseyville Peace UCC, Rev. Debbie Lawson

- Johannesburg St. John's UCC, Rev. William Groennert

#### Retired Pastor

- Rev. Ken and Jean Knobloch, Maeystown, IL

and ask to be added as a visitor. The link will be sent to your email address as it gets closer to the event.

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### [FACEBOOK AND VIDEO GRAPHICS](#)

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### [Local Church Ministries Presents Virtual Workshops](#)

There is no fee to register for these workshops. Click the respective links below to register for the first workshop or attend the second one.

#### [Friday, October 23](#)

##### [The Re-formation of the Church - 2 pm - 3 pm](#)

Come as you are with your questions and comments to speak with Rev. Dr. Chris Davies of Faith Education, Innovation and Formation of the national setting. We will take a breath together, witness to the time we are in, and hope for the world we are co-creating together. We hope that you will feel restored and deeply heard after having attended this conversation and Webinar on October 23 from 2 pm to 3 pm. Click to [register](#).

##### [Engaging the Youth - 3:15 pm - 4 pm](#)

Are you struggling with keeping your youth involved? Bring your questions and concerns regarding ways to keep your Youth engaged in the life of your church during these unprecedented times. Join us via Zoom on October 23 from 3:15 pm to 4 pm as we pose questions and seek the wisdom of our panelists: Julie Gvillo, former Presbyterian Youth Pastor and founder of A Place of Grace and Rev. Debbie Jo Atkins, pastor of St. Paul UCC in Staunton. Gain insight and ideas to rekindle or spark your youth ministry. Click to [attend](#) on Oct 23.

#### [Friday, October 23 - Celebration of Ministries - 6:30 pm](#)

Friday night, the Committee on Ministry and representatives of the Conference Gatherings Team, Chilang Lawless and Eileen Hoag, will host a celebration of churches and pastors who are celebrating milestone anniversaries, the Members in Discernment and the pastors who have retired this year. Click [here](#) to view. It will be available at the time above.

#### [Saturday, October 24 - Business Meeting - 8:30 am - 12 noon](#)

The Conference Council with all church delegates will experience a combination of pre-recorded videos and interactive webinars with voting capabilities for the business portion of our meeting. We plan to have our guest speaker, Rev. Dave Sigmund, the UCC's 3 Great Loves Campaign ambassador, talk to us about the ways in which the Church has been the Church by caring for our neighbors, children, and creation. The link was sent to all registered delegates. Visitor may watch it [here](#). It will be available that day..

#### [Sunday, October 25 - Worship - 10 am](#)

Join the rest of the conference in an online pre-recorded worship service that will be available for everyone in the Illinois South Conference to view. Click [here](#) to view it. It will be available that day.



#### [Sunday, October 25-Goodbye Gala for Shirley Asmussen 2 pm - 4 pm](#)

Help us to express appreciation for the ministry of Shirley Asmussen, Director of Outdoor Ministries at DuBois Center. Click [here](#) for details or print this [flier](#) to share with your congregations.

### [People with Life Concerns](#)

-Pray for Rev. Robert Tripp as he recovers from surgery and some health issues. Rev. Tripp has served on several ISC teams through the years. Cards may be sent to 9008 E South Circle Dr, Effingham, IL 62401.

- Please pray for Rev. Bill (Patti) Causer as he continues to recover from surgery. Cards may be sent to 11315 N Presley Ln, Mt. Vernon, IL 62864.

- Keep all pastors in your prayers as they continue to provide spiritual support and creative services during this unprecedented time.

- Pray for the people of the United States as we work towards equality and civility for us all.

- Pray for the healthcare workers and first responders who have put their lives on the line to protect us.

- Special prayers for the families who are dealing with loved ones who have been diagnosed with COVID-19 and are not able to visit them in person for support. Give strength to the sick and to those who are struggling with separation.

- Pray for Rev. Bob Coffey as he deals with some health issues. Rev. Coffey is serving as Pastor for St. Peter's UCC in Lenzburg. Cards may be sent to 6213 Jo Ann Dr, Belleville, IL 62223.

### [Inclusivity Statement for DuBois Center and Illinois South Conference of the UCC](#)

Because we affirm the value of all God's people, the Illinois South Conference of the United Church of Christ does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, ability, national origin, religious background, sexual orientation, or gender

**Offering** - This year's Annual Meeting offering will be designated for food pantries supported by our ISC churches. We will ask churches to "bring" their offerings to the meeting by sending in their checks to ISC with Annual Meeting offering on the memo line and the amount being donated on the "Hunger Project" line of the monthly contribution form. The ISC Hunger Action team will assist in the distribution of the monies raised for our food pantries. We know that hunger is an ongoing issue and that COVID-19 has put an extra strain on the pantries. So, we pray that the generosity of the churches and delegates will assist the pantries and their patrons during this time. Click here for a [flier](#).

identity. To the extent possible, we endeavor to accommodate those with a variety of physical, mental, emotional, medical, or dietary needs.

### Annual Meeting MarketPlace Vendors

Although you may not be able to greet representatives of the MarketPlace vendors in person this year, you can still learn about their ministries. Below is the list as of today. Check back at the ISC website for more as they become available.

- Deaconess Nurse Ministry [Print](#)
- Eden Theological Seminary [Print](#) [Video](#)
- Emmaus Homes [Print](#) [Video](#)
- Hoyleton Youth & Family Services [Video](#)
- Marion Medical Mission [Print](#) [Video](#)
- St. John Community Care [Print](#) [Video](#)
- United Church Funds [Video](#)
- UCC Insurance Board [Print](#) [Video](#)
- Uni-Pres Kindercottage [Print](#)

### Have You Read a Good Book Lately?

Each year the Committee on Ministry Team asks authorized ministers of ISC to complete an annual review form. This request serves as an opportunity for pastors to share their ministry joys and concerns for the past year. One of the questions on the form asks pastors to share one book and/or experience that they would highly recommend. We have been sharing and will continue to share some of those recommendations for the next few weeks to help pastors and lay alike to find new and inspiring books and/or experiences.

#### Recommendations for October 13

- *Whole Hearted* by Koshin Paley Ellison
- *One River, Many Wells* by Matthew Fox
- *Culturally-Conscious Worship* by Kathy Black
- *The Coming Plague* by Laurie Garrett
- *Jesus, Essenes and Christian Origins* by Simon Joseph

### A Message from Bread for the World:

On October 16, millions of people around the world will honor World Food Day, a day that commemorates the 1945 founding of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO).

This year's theme is "Grow, Nourish, Sustain. Together." While the pandemic is causing a global hunger crisis, disproportionately impacting those who are most vulnerable to poverty and racism, farmers and other food heroes recognize that access to nutritious food is essential in the global response to COVID-19.

As we celebrate the 75th anniversary of the FAO's founding, let us pray for farmers and other food heroes, as well as those who continue to experience hunger and food insecurity amid the pandemic:

Lord Jesus Christ,

In your abundant love, you blessed five loaves and two fish so that thousands might be fed.

Open our hearts and hands to extend your abundant love today, that we might renew our commitment to ending hunger and poverty in our communities and throughout the world.

On World Food Day, we honor the global commitment to end extreme hunger and poverty. Empower our advocacy by the strength of your Spirit so that we might persist in fulfilling God's vision of a world without hunger.



Grant our elected leaders the courage and determination to ensure an equitable distribution of God's abundant resources so that those experiencing hunger and the effects of the global pandemic may fully thrive.

In your name we pray, Amen.

On World Food Day, we recommit ourselves to pursuing God's vision of a world without hunger, where everyone has their daily bread. May God's grace empower and strengthen our advocacy.



The United Church of Christ Mental Health Network invites you to **SAVE THE DATE** for our **FIRST** online WISE Conference, sponsored and hosted by the Indiana-Kentucky Conference of the United Church of Christ.

The conference will be via ZOOM on Friday, November 13, and Saturday, November 14. It will include a panel discussion during Saturday's lunch hour that will address intersectionality - mental health with the queer community, mental health with disabilities, and mental health with People of

Color. Registration link will be available in the coming weeks.



### **Defending the Democratic Process:**

#### **A Faith Community Call to Awareness and Action**

#### **Leaders urge people of faith to back US democratic process, 'peaceful transfer of power'**

Dear Friends in Faith,

The freedom of religion that all Americans cherish is but one treasure passed down to us over the course of the American experiment in self-governance. Democracy itself is another - and a foundation of our other treasured liberties. The fact that we have learned to take it for granted makes it no less precious today.

One of the cornerstones of democracy is the assurance of a free, fair, and respected election. Free, meaning all eligible voters are able to vote safely and without hindrance; fair, meaning all the votes are counted transparently; respected, meaning the results of the election are accepted. Today we are coming to understand that our democratic inheritance is only secure when all of us are willing to defend these basic principles.

Accordingly, we ask faith leaders at every level to make themselves and their communities and congregations aware that democracy itself could disappear if the people's will, as clearly expressed through the ballot, should come to be set aside by authoritarian means and antidemocratic directives. We call on people of faith to insist that the vote of the people and the proper functioning of the Electoral College be respected by all parties to the national election. As peacemakers ourselves, we call on other faith-grounded peacemakers to join us in upholding the principle of the peaceful transfer of power. And we urge all who cling to the concept of Beloved Community to prepare themselves to respond to any attempts to undermine this process, including supporting and even joining those who may find it necessary to engage in nonviolent civil disobedience in the event of any unjust usurpation of state authority. We continue to pray for and expect a peaceful and orderly electoral outcome. But we must not and we cannot be passive witnesses to the death of democracy, should the worst occur. We hold our American democracy to be a sacred trust, and we pledge ourselves to safeguard it with every ounce of our God-given strength and spirit.

Bishop W. Darin Moore, Presiding Prelate of the Mid-Atlantic Episcopal District of The AME Zion Church

Bishop Frank Krebs, Presiding Bishop of the Ecumenical Catholic Communion

Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson II, Stated Clerk of the Assembly, Presbyterian Church USA

Rabbi Rick Jacobs, President, Union for Reform Judaism

Jim Wallis, Founder of Sojourners

Rev. Dr. Susan Frederick-Gray, President, Unitarian Universalist Association

Jim Winkler, General Secretary, National Council of Churches

The Rev. John C. Dorhauer, General Minister and President, United Church of Christ

The Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia Thompson, Associate General Minister, United Church of Christ

The Rev. Traci Blackmon, Associate General Minister, United Church of Christ

Rev. Tim Tseng, Ph.D., Pacific Area Director, Graduate and Faculty Ministries, Intersity Christian Fellowship

Bishop Michael L. Mitchell, President, Council of Bishops, AME Church

Click [here](#) to add your signature.



## UCC Responds to Major Disasters

Follow these links for information about these 2020 disasters, UCC Disaster Ministries' response, and how to give to support recovery.

2020 [wildfires](#)

2020 [hurricanes](#)

Iowa [derecho](#)

Beirut [explosion](#)



## Check Out These Special Resource Sections on the UCC Website

### "[Recovering Hope](#)" resources for emotional, spiritual care

The COVID-19 pandemic is taking a toll both on people's physical health and lives and on their emotional, mental and spiritual health. No one is immune, from congregants to pastors to conference and national staff.

In response, a team drawn from across the UCC has come together to create and consolidate resources for "Recovering Hope" into a single, simple [website](#). The site is designed to provide

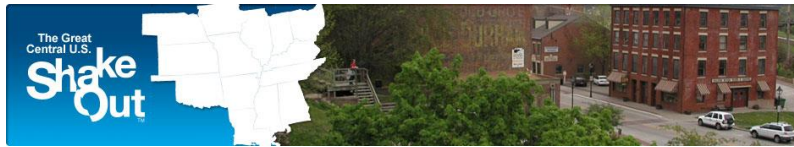
one-stop gathering of resources to mitigate stress caused by the pandemic and effects.

Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Health ([REHD](#)), including COVID-19

Check here regularly for diverse resources from the UCC's Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities ([REHD](#)) Task Force, a cross-programmatic collaboration whose purpose is to:

- 1) raise awareness and address issues of racial and ethnic disparities related to health and violence against communities of color,
- 2) engage UCC local churches in dialogue and conversation about problems and solutions, and
- 3) identify and take action for change.

The vision is for a world that honors all God's people, where everyone enjoys abundant life and has access to quality healthcare, and where God's shalom reigns.



## Earthquake Disaster Preparedness - Great Central U.S. ShakeOut

We all could get better prepared for major earthquakes, and practice how to protect

ourselves when they happen. The purpose of the ShakeOut is to help people and organizations do better. You could be anywhere when an earthquake strikes, at home, at work, at school or even on vacation. What we do now could determine our fate after the next big earthquake. Be prepared by participating in the Great Central U.S. ShakeOut - learn [more](#).



## Donate While You Shop!

You can make a difference for Illinois South Conference while you shop Amazon Prime Day deals on October 13 & 14. Simply shop at [smile.amazon.com/ch/37-0866880](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/37-0866880) or with AmazonSmile ON in the Amazon Shopping app and AmazonSmile donates to Illinois South Conference Of The United Church Of Christ. Help us, help the churches of Illinois South Conference.

## CONTACT US - YOUR OCWM MONIES AT WORK

During the shelter in place order, all Conference staff will be working remotely, but they are available to help you. Keep these contacts handy.

For the work of Conference teams and committees or search and call inquiries, contact Christy Pursell at [cpursell@iscucc.org](mailto:cpursell@iscucc.org).

For financial matters (in terms of your church's giving to the Conference or OCWM), contact Debbie Kesner at [dkesner@iscucc.org](mailto:dkesner@iscucc.org).

For communicating within the Conference, the Conference website, Facebook page or Weekly Connection, contact Lynnette Schuepbach at [lschuepbach@iscucc.org](mailto:lschuepbach@iscucc.org).

For registration for upcoming events or for information about cancelled camp sessions, contact Julie Riechmann at 618-357-1809 or [jriechmann@iscucc.org](mailto:jriechmann@iscucc.org).

For DuBois Center, contact Shirley Asmussen 618-787-2202 or [dcinfo@duboiscenter.org](mailto:dcinfo@duboiscenter.org).  
To speak with the Conference Minister, contact Rev. Shana Johnson at [sjohnson@iscucc.org](mailto:sjohnson@iscucc.org) or 618-882-8247.

# DuBois Center News



## FALL FESTIVAL CHALLENGE

If you have already contributed to the Fall Festival Challenge - THANK YOU! If not, there is still time! Norma Borgmann, Nancy Wagner and the Outdoor Ministries Team (OMT) are challenging friends of DuBois Center to keep the spirit alive. This would have been the 44<sup>th</sup> year for some version of this event, which began modestly in 1977 and grew from there. It is typically a major friend-raising and fund-raising event for the Center. We hope you will

consider donating \$1, \$2, \$3 or more each year of Fall Festival.

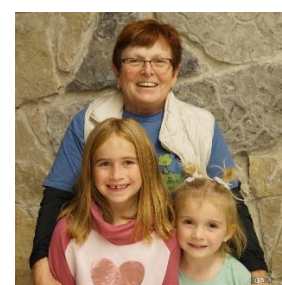
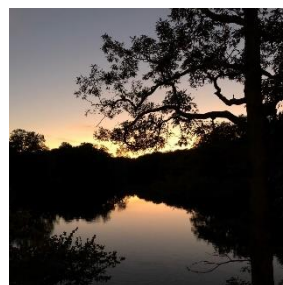
\$1 per year = a Yellow Leaf giver at \$44

\$2 per year = a Red Leaf giver at \$88

\$3 per year = an Orange Leaf giver at \$132

Anything above this amount would be at the Gold Leaf level.

If you are a "regular," it might be fun to consider what you would have spent at or for Fall Festival 2020. You may donate [online](#) or send a check to DuBois Center; 2651 Quarry Road; DuBois, IL 62831. Please be sure to note that your gift is in response to the Fall Fest Challenge. Thank you for keeping the ministry of DuBois Center in your thoughts and prayers.



## MOTHER-DAUGHTER VIRUTAL TAKEOVER - Saturday, October 24

While our 2020 Mother-Daughter Retreat may not be gathering in-person this year, the leadership team has still been hard at work creating a virtual Mother-Daughter Day you don't want to miss! Join us **Saturday, October 24** on [Facebook](#) for crafts, yoga, a campfire and more. While the activities are geared towards mothers & daughters, grandmothers & granddaughters, aunts & nieces - all are welcome to take part in this free event. Be watching for a complete schedule and list of supplies to gather! Links to videos will also be available on our [website](#) as of that Saturday.



Plan to check out highlights on our [Instagram](#) account.



## CAMP NURSES - Servants with Sunscreen

Despite the falling leaves, it's never too early to think about summer! We are hoping to be able to provide a full line-up of DuBois fun and adventure in 2021! One setting for ministry at DuBois Center is our Health Center. Volunteer camp nurses, most of whom are RNs, are a vital piece of our summer camp program.

Many find serving at DuBois Center to be a rewarding mission opportunity, one that is quite different from their regular job. Responsibilities include reviewing camper medical forms, conducting health screenings, receiving & administering medications, providing first aid & basic medical treatment, and documentation. But when you really get down to it, nurses spend most of their time removing ticks, soothing rashes, distributing medications and providing extra TLC for homesick and nervous campers. If you are an RN, please consider serving with us for a full or partial week. The living quarters do have AC and there is often time to join us for worship, explore the woods, ride a horse or just sit back and enjoy a book.

Orientation is provided. For more information, contact Alaina Scherle at her email [alainakarn@yahoo.com](mailto:alainakarn@yahoo.com) or leave a message on her cell at 618-604-2540.

**DuBois Center is your OCWM (Our Church's Wider Mission) monies at work. When you or your congregation gives to OCWM, you are directly supporting the work of DuBois, a Camp and Retreat Center of the Illinois South Conference of the United Church of Christ. Thank you for your ongoing support of OCWM!**



*CHHSM News*  
Council for Health and Human Service Ministries



### COVID-19 Video Training

The Insurance Board is pleased to announce the release of its COVID-19 Video Training, "Reopening during COVID-19: Considerations for Church Leadership and Clergy" to help ministries with their decision-making process regarding reopening during COVID-19. This training video features denominational leaders and legal experts, Heather Kimmel, General Counsel of United Church of Christ; Rev. Terri Hord Owens, the General Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ); Rev. Joyce Lieberman, Stated Clerk from Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.); and Dean Rocco, Attorney from Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker LLP.

This resource includes two videos: (1) for church leadership and clergy; (2) a companion video for ministry staff. Each participant will also receive Insurance Board's COVID-19 TOOLKIT. The training video bundle is available to Insurance Board policyholders at no cost; each church (policyholder) will have access to 25 licenses. Ministries not insured by Insurance Board that are within the denominations we serve will have access to the training at a discounted rate of \$2.50 per license. 10% of the proceeds for member pricing will be donated to their denomination. For more information and discount codes please visit our dedicated [page](#).

In addition to partnering with denominational leaders and legal experts, we collaborated with myCEcourse for access to the training platform that not only helps church administrators with assigning the training to their leaders and staff, but also gives them the ability to track progress and generate a downloadable Certificate of Completion for individuals that complete the training. In many states it is required to provide COVID-19 training to church leadership, staff and volunteers prior to reopening. By participating in this training, ministries may minimize their legal burden, but more importantly they are providing a safe place to work and worship.

Here are two short introductory videos for your viewing: [Intro 1](#) and [Intro 2](#)

### Eden Theological Seminary Events Happening Soon

Oct. 20 - NEXT Steps course prelude, a time to help potential participants get a taste of the NEXT Steps program (reflecting on aging and vocation) Theme of this prelude event is "Creative Aging" [Poster](#); More [info](#).



Oct. 23 - LIFE (Lifelong Learning) session - preaching with Rev. Dr. Christopher Grundy [Poster](#); More [info](#).

Oct. 25 - Festival of Psalms - A concert "Faith in the Wilderness" will be online and correspond to the annual area CROP Walk against Hunger. [Poster](#); Bulletin [Blurb](#); Press [Release](#); More [info](#).

Men and women who serve as family caregivers to loved ones struggling with dementia or Alzheimer's can be challenged by stress which can cause depression or anxiety. A caregiver who is suffering from the added stress may not be at their best to care for themselves or their loved one. With your help, we can spread the word that St. John's Community Care can support them on their journey that no one should take alone. Here are a few programs you can suggest to friends or neighbors who serve as caregivers.

- On Line - Stress Busting [Program](#)
- On Line Support [Groups](#) Offered monthly - Family Caregivers Support Group or Alzheimer's Support Group
- On Line - Memory Cafe [Group](#) Offered monthly
- In Person - BRAIN [WAVE](#) Early Memory Loss Program
- In Person - Savvy [Caregiving](#)

St. John's Community Care is currently offering in-person and on-line support and programs for family caregivers at no charge using Zoom. For more information, call Gail Shaw at 618-344-5008.





St. John's Community Care Mission [Moment](#) for your church.

## What's Happening at Illinois South Conference...

**Zoom Prayer and Lectionary Lunch Hour for Pastors** - The Local Church Ministries team will continue to host a weekly Zoom Prayer and Lectionary Lunch Hour on every Wednesday at 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm for all Illinois South Conference pastors. This is an opportunity for clergy in the Conference to get together for weekly prayer, support, and the sharing of preaching and worship ideas for the coming Sunday. We hope to see you in Zoom for our Wednesday lunch hours. An email with the Zoom link was sent to all pastors. Need the link, contact [cpursell@iscucc.org](mailto:cpursell@iscucc.org).

### Region 2

**St. Paul UCC in Columbia will host a Drive-Thru Food Drive on Sat, Oct 31 from 10 am - 12 pm** to benefit the House of Neighborly Service in Waterloo that serves all of Monroe County. The drop-off point will be in the rear of the church under the drive-through canopy off Bottom Road. They provide various services beyond the food pantry as well. Suggested items: canned corn, canned fruit, canned cranberry sauce, canned pumpkin, canned sweet potatoes, instant potatoes, evaporated milk, peanut butter, jelly, flour, sugar, cleaning supplies. For more information about the House of Neighborly Service, click [here](#).

### Region 4

**Drive Thru Friday Fish Fries at St. John's UCC Brighton on Nov 6, 13, 20 serving from 11 am to 6:30 pm** as a kick-off of the celebration of their 150th anniversary of ministry. Menu includes a choice of entrees alone or meals with 2 sides: white or buffalo fish, pulled pork, brats, hot dogs, potato salad, cole slaw, green beans, baked beans, mac & cheese and desserts. Entrees \$5; Sides \$1; Desserts \$3; Meal \$10. Delivery of meals to local schools and businesses from 11 am - 1 pm. Credit/Debit Cards or Cash. Order at 618-556-0801 or drive up to place an order. Proceeds support Brighton St. John's UCC.

### All Regions

#### **Job Opportunity:**

St. John's UCC Church in Smithton is seeking a part time Administrative Assistant for approximately 12-15 hours per week. Candidate must be attentive to detail and proficient in Microsoft Office Suite and have general literacy with technology. A working knowledge of software platforms and social media would be helpful. Candidate will work closely with Pastor to collaborate weekly tasks. Other duties include, but are not limited to, answering phones, sending emails, scanning documents, printing and folding weekly bulletins and monthly newsletters, organizing volunteers for weekly worship duties, keeping inventory of office supplies, bathroom and cleaning supplies and ordering the supplies. Starting salary is \$13 per hour. Please send resume to [revwilson.sjucc@gmail.com](mailto:revwilson.sjucc@gmail.com)

### Region 3

**St. John UCC Granite City will hold a drive-thru/carry-out only Sausage Dinner on Sun, Oct 18 from 11 am. - 6 pm or until we run out.** All dinners \$10. Sausage, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, sauerkraut, apple sauce, and cake with each dinner.

### Region 5

**Troy Friedens UCC's Fall Rummage Sale will be Fri, Oct 16 from 3 pm - 6 pm and Sat, Oct 17 from 8 am - 1 pm at their Fellowship Hall.** Donation drop off on Mon, Oct 12. Call 618-667-6535 with questions. Participants will be following CDC guidelines.

**Job Opportunity:** St. Peter UCC in Lenzburg is looking for an organist/pianist for the 10 am worship service starting immediately. Contact the office at 618-475-2557 or [stpeterlenzburg@htc.net](mailto:stpeterlenzburg@htc.net).

### St John UCC Collinsville is taking orders to support their Sausage Sales.

Each pound of sausage (links, patties, or bulk) is \$3.50. Orders are due by Nov 5 with a pick-up on Sat, Nov 14 from 10 am - 4 pm at the church. All orders will include written cooking instructions followed by the team of cooks during Wurst-Markt. To order, click [here](#). For questions, please contact the church office at 618-344-2526 or [email](mailto:).

### All Regions

#### **Job Opportunity:**

The Highland Evangelical UCC is searching for a Director of Audio-Visual Ministries. The person in this position will lead all areas of multimedia and technical productions in a manner to glorify Christ to further the mission and ministry during all worship services, ministries, and special events at EvUCC. Click [here](#) for a full description. Send resumes to [office@evucc.org](mailto:office@evucc.org) by Oct 15.