The Amazing People of Illinois South Conference...
Rev. Jeremy Wood was installed as pastor of Alhambra Salem UCC on Sunday, July 18 at 4 pm. The photo below is of the installation with (l to r) Rev. Hugh Fitz, chair of the Committee on Ministry; Rev. Jeremy Wood; Rev. Shana Johnson, ISC Conference Minister; and Betty Imboden, Salem UCC Church President. The above photo shows Rev. Jeremy offering the benediction at the end of the service.

On Sunday, August 6, Rev. Philip Barbier was ordained at Hope UCC, in St. Louis, Missouri. The photo above shows the members of St. Jacob UCC and Summerfield St. John UCC, Rev. Philip Barbier and his wife, Kate. The right photo shows Rev. Philip Barbier signing his call agreement to be the next settled pastor and teacher of St. Jacob UCC and Summerfield St. John UCC.

Prayer list for Aug 8 - 14, 2021
Churches & Pastors
- Marion Zion UCC, Rev. John (Sara) Holst
- Marissa Friedens UCC, Pastor Brett (Carolyn) Palmer
Retired Pastor
- Rev. Libby and Jane Feagans-King, Springfield, IL

People with Life Concerns
- Pray for Rev. Bob Coffey as he deals with health issues. Rev. Coffey is the Pastor at Lenzburg St. Peter UCC. Cards may be sent to 6213 Jo Ann Dr, Belleville, IL 62223.
- Pray for Extension Service employees, our Hunger Action Partners.
- Pray for those who are hungry.
- Keep all pastors in your prayers.
- Pray for the United States as we work towards equality and civility for all.
- Pray for the healthcare workers and families dealing with COVID-19.

Produce Share Table
Churches can participate in the fight against hunger by setting up a produce share table following the Sunday church services. St. Paul UCC in Waterloo did just that. Linda Schaller is shown here at the produce share table at St. Paul UCC Waterloo! Let’s not waste food but share it with those who are in need and can use it.
Columbia St Paul UCC recently hosted a “thank you” lunch after worship on July 25 to celebrate the generous members who have supported all of the church's donation drives since Covid-19 began in March 2020. Their Missions Board members grilled hotdogs and made several different flavors of homemade ice cream for sharing. It was a stormy day but that didn’t stop this congregation from fellowship, after many months of not being able to get together. In collaboration with this event, they collected items to support Fisher House St Louis, a home away from home for Veterans and their families who are in town for medical services at the VA hospitals. All in all, they collected a total of 668 items as well as cash, checks, and gift cards!! Their Missions Board has hosted an event every month since August 2020 and are thrilled to have the continual support of their members!

The honor of your presence is requested for the Installation of
Rev. Steven Boorsma
Sunday, August 15, 2021, at 3:00 pm CDT
St. John United Church of Christ
Valmeyer, Illinois

Rev. Dr. John Dorhauer, General Minister and President of the United Church of Christ will give the message at the Installation.
Any clergy who chooses to attend the installation are welcome. Please robe and wear a red stole and arrive by 2:30 pm.

Calling all Crafters - DuBois Fall Festival!
Hunger Action will be hosting a booth to sell crafts at the upcoming DuBois Fall Festival. Proceeds of the sales will provide grants for food pantries throughout southern Illinois. We are looking for

- NEW
- Handmade crafts
- Fall or Holiday themed
- No needle craft items, please

Please contact Carol Shanks at shanks@htc.net or 618-920-2904 to tell her about your donation and how we can pick it up. Help support Hunger Action by donating 1, 2 or more of your craft items. We REALLY NEED YOUR HELP so that together we can feed our hungry neighbors.
Happy 20th Anniversary to the UCC CDC Network
United Church of Christ conferences and congregations long have responded generously to disasters, whether with funds or work teams. A national Conference Disaster Coordinators’ network has made that response all the stronger.
The UCC CDC network celebrated its 20th anniversary via Zoom during UCC General Synod in July. Participants testified that networking has added value with training, coordination, and peer support. The network seeks to resource UCC conferences and congregations on well-developed principles of disaster preparedness, planning, response, and long-term recovery to maximize the impact of their efforts. Click on this link for the "UCC Conference Disaster Coordinators Network: A History 2000-2021." In this presentation is a photo of former ISC Disaster (Response) Coordinator, Rev. Howard Self, and a work group he led in 2005 as a Mission Trip Offsite offering of the DuBois Center Summer Program.
Current ISC UCC Disaster Ministries (Response) Coordinator is Priscilla Self, member of St. Peter's UCC in Okawville. Contact her for more information or conversation about Disaster Ministries at pjj48@hotmail.com or 618-318-0083. The photo shows the arrival of a UCC Tool Trailer signaling another step in a household’s recovery from disaster.

Your Church = Vaccination Site
The Illinois Department of Public Health asks churches to consider being a COVID vaccination site. As the COVID positive numbers are increasing throughout our Conference, perhaps your church would like to help provide a place where people can get free vaccinations.
The director of Senior Outreach from the Illinois Department of Health, Pastor Garry Mitchell, shared, "opportunities are opening for more community engagement, and we are trying to collaborate to reach those that were not able to make it to other sites and would benefit from a more community-centered vaccination location." Click here to find answers for questions that may arise when beginning a conversation with your congregation.
If you are interested, here is the link to start the application. A "Site Coordinator" from the Illinois Department of Public Health will reach out to you within a few days after submission. For more information, you may reach out directly to Pastor Garry S. Mitchell at garry.mitchell@illinois.gov or 708-397-8283.
Mascoutah St. John UCC and Collinsville St. John UCC have both participated as vaccination sites and are willing to share their experiences with you. To date, Troy Friedens UCC has dates set up for the near future and Lebanon St. Paul UCC has started the application process. Congrats to all of you for reaching out to the masses.

UCC Sunday Bulletin Covers for September 2021 – August 2022
Designed especially for UCC congregations, these high-quality bulletins include a special UCC mission story on the back of each cover. Every Sunday Special Occasions: Advent, Christmas, Lent/Easter, Thanksgiving, Confirmation, Communion, Wedding, Funeral.
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Call 844-639-0240 or email sales@worshipbulletinservice.org to order or change your existing order. Click here to see all covers and an order form.
Free to You!
We are doing some clean up in the ISC office. We’re giving you first dibs on some items and then we will donate or recycle whatever is left. If you’re interested in any of these items, send us an email and we’ll make sure we’re in the office for you to pick them up. cpursell@iscucc.org. No cost; first come, first served. Photos below.
4 hanger coat rack – 6” x 18” 6 hanger coat rack – 6” x 34”

- 2-shelf bookshelf  
- CD holder  
- Metal magazine holder – 13” x 26”

(All of the book studies below were donated by Friedens UCC Troy)
- The Seven Pillars of Health study kit by Don Colbert
- VBS kit – Cokesbury’s Rolling River Rampage
- Beautiful Feet Women’s Retreat CD and worksheets

- Mom Squad – Mini-Event Kit for Moms
- Bible Study: Leviticus and Numbers – 9 books
- God Sightings – One leader guide and one companion guide
• Philip Yancey’s Prayer Group Study – 14 books and a DVD
• Living the Sweet Life - 11 participant books
• Wood magazine holder – 21” x 27”

Items not shown in photos
• Printer – HP Color Laser Jet 1600 (currently has working cartridges) – will need HP124a cartridges
• Printer – HP desk jet color printer D4360 (no cartridges included).
• Table – 30” L x 20” W x 22” H
• Cotton Patch Gospel (classic) – reel to reel movie
• Fieldon UCC Cookbooks – about 12 of them
• Dry erase board – 2’ x 3’

A few weeks ago, we reported how Tom Krueger chose DuBois Center to complete his Eagle Scout project on July 17-18. Tom is part of the Troop 320 sponsored by Columbia St. Paul UCC, Scout Leader, Chris Neumann. Because of his efforts and 23 volunteers, the three cabins at Deer Run are now ADA compliant. Kudos Tom and friends. We thought you would like to see more photos of all the help needed to complete the project.

If you would like to volunteer time or resources to aid us in continuing to increase the accessibility of our property and program, please reach out or watch the Weekly Connection and the DuBois Center website/Facebook Page for information on how to volunteer in the future.
Conference 2021 Reprise
The United Church of Christ Musicians’ Association Conference 2021 (July 8-10, 2021) is now in the books, but you can still enjoy all of the workshops, worship services, Q&As, the biennial meeting, shopping at the vendor booths, touring the historic sites of Glastonbury, CT and going on a bird walk. Everything will be available on the event website through Tuesday, August 10, 2021. That’s plenty of time to absorb all of the events at your own pace in the comfort of your home or office.

Memory Cafe
What is Memory Cafe? An hour of conversation and fun, virtually, for those experiencing memory loss and their loved ones!
The Memory Cafe concept was created by a Norwegian psychiatrist a few years back. It came about due to the doctor noticing how isolation was having a negative impact on the lives of his dementia clients and their caregivers. He decided to create a place where the family caregiver and their loved one with memory loss could gather with others like themselves to socialize. Groups began to meet in cafes. Hence the name Memory Cafe. The concept became very popular and spread around the world. St. John’s is delighted to bring it to the Metro East.
This month you can join them through the decades. August 4 for the 40’s. August 11 for the 50’s. August 18 for the 60’s and August 25 for the 70’s. Each day’s session is from 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm. There is no charge to attend but contact gshaw@stjohnscc.org or call 618-298-8077 to register. Click here for a flyer.

The Savvy Caregivers Workshop - 6 weekly 2-hour sessions
The workshop, taught by professional instructors using curriculum developed by the University of Minnesota, is for active caregivers of a family member or friend living at home with dementia. Caregivers learn to develop new strategies for caring for the person living with the disease as well as caring for themselves. These strategies and skills have been shown to decrease the stress of caregiving and increase well-being for both.
The programs and services provided by AgeSmart Community Resources allow older adults to remain independent in their homes and maintain the quality of life fitting each individual. The Agency serves older adults 60 years of age and older and their caregivers in seven counties in Southwestern Illinois.
The grantee, St. John’s Community Care, is in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Acts and operates with financial assistance from AgeSmart Community Resources, the Illinois Department on Aging and the United States Administration for Community Living. St. John’s Community Care does not discriminate in admission to programs or activities or treatment of employment programs and is in compliance with appropriate State and Federal Statutes. If you feel you have been discriminated against, you have the right to file a complaint with AgeSmart Community Resources by calling 618-222-2561.
The mission of St. John’s Community Care is to make a difference in the lives of people challenged by aging or disabilities. We accomplish this by providing dependable and compassionate support through direct care, advocacy, education, and outreach to individuals living in the Metro-East community. We live the vision of Christ and His love for all people through our actions and words.
- Learn the skills to manage daily life
• Strengthen family resources
• Communicate more effectively
• Take control and set goals
• Understand dementia and the impact it has on you and the person for whom you are caring
• Take care of you!

The group will meet in person on Thursdays: August 19, 26 and Sept 2, 9, 16 and 23 from 10 am - 12 pm. No charge to attend, but you must register at 618-344-5008. Class size is limited.

**Hoyleton Youth & Family Services Golf Classic will be held on Friday, August 20 at Tamarack Golf Course in Shiloh.** For more information, contact Meghan Murphy at 618-688-7092 or mmurphy@hoyleton.org

**Hoyleton Children’s Home Celebrating 125 Years!!**
Hoyleton Children’s Home will be having a 125th Birthday Celebration on Sunday, September 26. There will be a special service at Zion UCC in Hoyleton at 2 pm followed by food, refreshments, and outdoor activities at the Children’s Home from 3 to 5 pm.

**Removing Hazards on Church Property and Protecting your Congregation from Slips, Trips & Falls**
The Insurance Board presents this webinar on Thurs, Aug 12 at 1 pm CDT. Church should be a safe place for people to worship and gather, however based on the number of claims related to slips and falls, many congregants experience injuries that are life changing. Churches are full of potential hazards for congregants: steps and stair wells, slippery parking lots, walkways, and surfaces, sidewalks in disrepair, and transitions (carpet to vinyl, etc.).

Attorney James Abbott offers considerations for your ministry to provide a safer environment for everyone. Insurance Board’s very own Cy McFarlin, Director of Claims Administration, and Monroe Moore, Senior Claims Analyst, will be available to discuss claims trends impacting ministries related to slips, trips, and falls. Click [here](#) to register.

**What's Happening in Illinois South Conference**

**Region 2**
**New Hanover Zoar UCC will hold its Annual BBQ on Sat, Aug 7 from 4 pm - 7 pm at the church (9103 D Rd, Columbia, IL 62236).** Menu includes pork steak and brat plates or sandwiches. Sides include cole slaw, potato salad or baked beans. Entertainment by George Portz and his Friends of Bluegrass. Country store. Silent auction of baskets. Pie Auction at 5:30 pm. Indoor and outdoor activities.

**Pastors' Prayer and Lectionary Lunch Hour**
All ISC pastors are invited to join the Prayer and Lectionary Lunch Hour for a time of camaraderie, prayer, and sermon help. The Local Church Ministries team has continued to host this time on Wednesdays from 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm, which began during COVID and continues to provide a time for support. **ALL ISC pastors are welcome on any Wednesday they are available. The group is meeting via Zoom by using meeting ID 837 0733 6906.** (This same number will be used every week.) Link to the meeting at the specified time: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83707336906](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83707336906)
Job Opportunity: Youth Ministry Director at O'Fallon UCC
O'Fallon UCC is seeking a qualified candidate, age 21 or older, for a part-time Youth Ministry Director position to lead Sunday morning youth Bible Study and fellowship/mission activities (2 Sundays per month). If interested, please contact the church office at 618-632-3496 or oucc@sbcglobal.net.

Job Opportunity: Worship Arts Director
Highland Evangelical UCC is searching for a Worship Arts Director, who will be responsible for overseeing the directing, planning, and program development of the music program of the Church. The Director serves as a resource to support, foster, and coordinate the worship life of the congregation through congregational, choral, and special music and other visual worship experiences and reports to the Senior Pastor. For more information, click here. Send resume to EvUCC at BBray@evucc.org.

Job Opportunity: Part-Time Music Leader for Pinckneyville St Paul UCC
This position requires excellent people skills in working with the Council, Pastor, secretary, committees, and Sunday school teachers. Music skills include the ability to play a piano and a Wick’s two-manual pipe organ with pedals. Good vocal skills are a plus but not required. The church does not have a choir but occasionally has special instrumentalists and vocalists. Sunday school children will often perform a song which may or may not require support from the Music Leader. Church services are currently 10 am – 11 am on Sundays with two services on Easter and special services for Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday, and Maundy Thursday. Advent and Lenten services are typically rotated with two or three other churches. To apply, send resume with references to: St. Paul UCC, 205 E Jackson St., Pinckneyville, IL 62274 or stpauluccpinckneyville@gmail.com.

Job Opportunity: Director of Faith Formation
St. Paul United Church of Christ, Belleville, Illinois, seeks a Director of Faith Formation (18 hours per week).
Job responsibilities include:
- Planning and executing the church’s education program for all ages in collaboration with the Senior Pastor and Christian Education Team
- Sustain and expand the youth group
- Assist in worship elements
Send a resume and 3 references to FaithFormationDirector@stpaulucc.org.

Job Opportunity: Minister of Visitation
St. Paul United Church of Christ, Belleville, Illinois, seeks a Minister of Visitation (10 hours per week). Job responsibilities include:
- Visit congregants who are hospitalized, in long-term care facilities, and homebound
- Assist with and lead funerals as needed
- Assist in worship elements
Send a resume and 3 references to visitationsearch@stpaulucc.org.

Job Opportunity: Assistant Church Organist/Musician
Grantfork UCC is looking for a musician to play the pipe organ and/or piano for their Sunday morning traditional worship service once or twice a month. The schedule will be coordinated with the church's music director, Connie Plocher. To express an interest, please contact Rev. Tim Darmour-Paul at 618-675-2595, or at grantforkucc@agtelco.com.
CONTACT US - YOUR OCWM MONIES AT WORK
So we can better serve you, here is a list of your Conference staff and who you should contact, given your church’s needs:
For the work of Conference teams and committees or search and call inquiries, contact Christy Pursell at 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.
For communicating within the Conference, the Conference website, Facebook page or Weekly Connection, contact Lynnette Schuepbach at lschuepbach@iscucc.org.
For DuBois Center information, contact Hayley Elliott at 618-787-2202 or director@DuBoisCenter.org.
For DuBois Center registration for upcoming events and camp sessions, contact Julie Riechmann at 618-357-1809 or jriechmann@iscucc.org.
To speak with the Conference Minister, contact Rev. Shana Johnson 618-882-8247 or sjohnson@iscucc.org.

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

Important Links

Illinois South Conference  Back Bay Mission  CHHSM  Deaconess Foundation

Deaconess Nurse Ministry  DuBois Center  Ecuador Partnership

Eden Theological Seminary  Emmaus Homes  Hitz Memorial Home

Hoyleton Youth & Family  LIFE Program  Unleashing Potential  New Athens Home

Pension Board-UCC  St. John's Community Care  St. Paul's Sr. Community

UCC Insurance Board  Uplands Village  UCC Campus Ministry  Uni-Pres Kindercottage