



September 14, 2021



“Be A Goldfish” –Ted Lasso

One of my new favorite tv shows, is a show called “Ted Lasso.” It is about an American football coach, Ted Lasso, who is hired to coach an English soccer team. Ted is quirky, insightful, and often annoyingly optimistic. In one episode after a particularly difficult match, Ted sees one of his young players on the sidelines looking rather despondent. Sensing the young man is beating himself up about his performance on the field, he asks this question, *“Do you know what the happiest animal on earth is?”* The player shakes his head back and forth indicating he does not have an answer to the question Ted has posed. To which Ted responds, *“It’s a goldfish. Do you know why? It’s only got a 10-second memory.”*

When I first heard this line, I laughed knowingly at the message Ted was trying to get across to his player. Yet, there is a depth of wisdom in this message that goes beyond a humorous quip. This simple statement reminds me of something we would find in the wisdom literature of the Bible and even within the sayings of Jesus himself. A message all of us, as people of faith, would do well to remember and practice.

As people of the Christian faith, we claim to be people who believe in and live out the teachings of Jesus Christ. One core meta-message of Christ is rooted in forgiveness. Strangely enough, this is one element of faith I find churches struggle with the most.

The church is a human institution filled with people being, well, simply people. In the church, people do and say things that can cause stress, strain, and hurt feelings. In the church, people make mistakes. In the church, people, because they are not goldfish, have long memories. In the church, people think they can remember all details of what has been said or done in unarguable detail. In the

Prayer list for Sept 19 - 25, 2021

Churches & Pastors

-Okawville St. Paul UCC
-Okawville St. Peter's UCC, Rev.
Jeffrey (Sara) Schwab

Retired Pastors

- Rev. Linda and Bob Coulson, Palm
Coast, FL

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.

-Please hold in prayer the **people and families of the US service members and civilians who have been killed or injured during the withdrawal of troops in Afghanistan**. Also pray for the many more wounded and their families. May peace come to the hearts of everyone.

-Pray for **all** 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**.

-Keep the **people of Afghanistan** in your prayers for peaceful living.

-Pray for the **people suffering from the aftermath of natural disasters** as they recover and mourn friends and family who were lost.

church, people insist forgetting is not part of the forgiveness equation.

While we might not forget, the retelling of an offense does not move us to forgiveness. The retelling of past offenses can be helpful for awareness and redirection of what we want to do better the next time. It is not helpful when we only seek to do more harm. When our retelling intends to point to how others messed up, true forgiveness and healing cannot emerge.

Yes, as humans we have been created to have longer memories than other creatures. But we also have the intellect and reasoning abilities to make choices. We can choose what we think and what we believe. We can choose to hold on to the past mistakes of others. We can choose to hold on to the pain. We can choose to hold on to our grudges. We can choose to be stuck in a moment, not moving forward.

I believe God wants something bigger and better for us. I believe one of the reasons Jesus taught about forgiveness is he knew the freedom it can bring. Forgiveness offers us a release of the stories we have been telling ourselves in which we are the victims; release from the wounds we have been nursing; release from anger, bitterness, and resentment we have been holding on to; and release from the blame we have placed at the feet of others. Forgiveness frees us to move forward, embracing what is, and receiving the gifts of new opportunities. Imagine the forgiveness that would be possible if we only allowed ourselves a 10-second memory to dwell upon or ruminate about things that did not go well. Imagine if we were more like goldfish.

Blessings, Rev. Shana Johnson, ISC Conference Minister



St. John United Church of Christ
and Illinois South Conference of the United Church of Christ
Invite You to Attend the

Installation of Rev. Jennifer Sowell Glover

as Pastor and Teacher of

St. John United Church of Christ, 307 W Clay Street, Collinsville, Illinois
on Sunday, September 19, 2021 at 3 pm

Pastors are invited to participate. Please robe with red or rainbow stoles and
gather at the church by 2:30 pm.

**ALL UCC authorized pastors
and delegates from each congregation are invited to the
ECCLESIASTICAL COUNCIL of John Pawloski
on Sunday, September 26 at 3 pm CST on Zoom**

In order to prep for the Ecclesiastical Council, please make sure to download and read a copy of John's [paper](#). After John presents to the gathered body (the council), you will have the opportunity to ask him questions about his paper and his call to ministry. Then together we will deliberate, discern, and decide on John's path to ordination. [Join Zoom Meeting](#)



Need Your Talent! - ISC Property Team is in need of your talents to help maintain DuBois Center and the office in Highland. The Team is responsible for the upkeep of ISC properties. In the past, there was a group of volunteers established that could be contacted when work needed to be done, instead of using contractors. We would like to re-establish that group so that when a project comes up, we can make it easier and more efficient to find people to complete the project in a timelier manner. If you, your church, or organization would like to help do painting, woodwork, construction, minor plumbing or electrical repairs, yard work or just helping in general to maintain God's nature, contact Dave Hoffmann at 618-791-7002 or davehoff95@gmail.com.

Save the Date for **ISC Confirmation Retreat on Saturday, March 26 - Sunday, March 27, 2022, at DuBois Center.** The focus will be on "What does church membership, exploring my gifts, and my faith journey look like once I've been confirmed?". The CDC guidelines that are available at the time will be followed. If individual churches choose to schedule their own youth retreats, please contact Hayley, Director of Outdoor Ministries at director@duboiscenter.org.



The Arts & Faith St. Louis presented its 10th interfaith concert, "Creating the Future – Together," for inspiration and courage for our community. The hour-long concert is available to watch on the Arts and Faith St. Louis [website](#). Enjoy the performances which speak to our Souls through music which can be more powerful than words. The concert features world-renowned soprano, Christine

Brewer, the Interfaith Youth Chorus conducted by Maria Ellis and a retrospective of musical performances by many faiths.

September is Hunger Action Month.

Here are some suggestions for ways your congregation can recognize Hunger Action Month.

1. Preach a hunger themed sermon
2. Lead a meeting devotion on hunger
3. Write a church newsletter article about hunger
4. Have a THANK YOU card available for members to sign and send to your local food pantry director
5. Lift up hunger action advocates in prayer each week in September - food pantry director, Bread for the World organization, Farm Bureau, Illinois South Hunger Action team, senior nutrition site director.... Find people/groups to lift up from your community.
6. Collect food for your local pantry
7. Visual reminder – an empty brown paper shopping bag with the sign "When were you hungry and I fed you?"

The Hunger Action team would love to hear your stories. Send stories and/or photos to Carol Shanks – shanks@htc.net.



September Is Disaster Preparedness Month - According to the dictionary, "preparedness" is a concrete set of actions taken as precautionary measures to face potential disasters. Here are some ideas to prepare.

- Send a monetary donation through your local UCC church.
- Assemble Church World Service Emergency Clean-Up Buckets, School and Hygiene Kits.
- To save on shipping charges, deliver your buckets and kits to the CWS drop off depot on Oct. 9 from 9:30 am to 11:30 am at Lifewise, 1321 South 11th St., St. Louis MO 63104. Contact Priscilla Self, ISC Disaster Response Coordinator at 618-318-0083 or pjj48@hotmail.com for more information or with any questions.



The 2021 Neighbors in Need "Unfailing Love" offering is focused on supporting organizations and projects serving our homeless and immigrant neighbors and communities.

Most churches collect the offering on October 3, 2021 as part of World Communion Sunday, but contributions can be made at any time. Click [here](#) for all the NIN 2021 information and [here](#) for PDF downloads. Order offering envelopes and 11" x 17" glossy poster for your church

today. Items are FREE, with FREE shipping/handling.

Copyright Concerns For Ministries

The Insurance Board presents a webinar, **Copyright Concerns for Ministries**, on **September 29 at 1:00 p.m. CST**



During these challenging times, ministries rely heavily on the virtual environment and various electronic mediums to share the printed forms of inspiring poetry, quotes from prayer books and daily affirmations, as well as words from songs during worship and through other forms of ministry.

As a result, some ministries have been shocked to discover they are actually in violation of copyright infringement; join us as Heather Kimmell, General Counsel for United Church of Christ, offers valuable information on how to help your ministry avoid this situation. Click [here](#) to register. Click [here](#) for a flier.

Your Church = Vaccination Site

The Illinois Department of Public Health asks churches to consider being a COVID vaccination site. 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.

To date, these churches are either in the process of applying to be a vaccination site or have dates set up for the near future:

- **Grantfork United Church of Christ in Grantfork- Oct 2, 10 am - 3 pm**
- **New Baden Zion UCC - September 14 from 3:30 pm - 6:30 pm**
- **Highland Evangelical UCC - September 25 (first shot) and October 16 (second shot & booster shots)**
- **Carlinville St. Paul UCC - Second vaccine will be Mon, Oct 4**

Mascoutah St. John UCC, Lebanon St. Paul UCC, Troy Friedens UCC, and Collinsville St. John UCC have all participated as vaccination sites and are willing to share their experiences. Congrats to all of you for reaching out to the masses.

Save the Date for the 2022 Pastor's Retreat presented by the Local Church Ministries Team on Wednesday-Thursday, May 18-19, 2022. The retreat will be held at DuBois Center and will, as in the past couple of years, be a time of reflection, self-care, worship, and learning. Please put these dates on your calendar and encourage your pastor (or yourself) to make this time a priority in their schedules.

DuBois Center News



Come work for us! Now hiring Nature's Classroom Instructors.

Love the outdoors? Want to teach students in an experiential, meaningful way that they will remember for years to come? We are currently searching for instructors for our fall and spring Nature's Classroom sessions! Instructors will work 3-5 days a week, teaching school groups team building, experiential science, and more! A full job description is available on our website. Email Hayley (director@duboiscenter.org) or call 815-627-0595.

Welcome Rylee Hodges-Stone, DuBois' New Program Director!

Rylee Hodges-Stone has joined the DuBois Center staff as our new Program Director! She began this work with us on September 8, 2021 after interviewing with the Acting Director of Outdoor Ministry, Hayley Elliott, and the Conference Minister, Rev. Shana Johnson. Rylee will oversee planning and implementing our year-round programs.

Rylee initially heard about camp from her home church, Zion UCC in New Baden, and started attending in the summer of 2006, as a half-week camper. She grew up going to summer camp every summer, while also attending retreats and festivals at DuBois Center. Rylee grew up in New Baden and recently graduated from the Southern Illinois University of Edwardsville with a degree in Biology and Chemistry. In Rylee's free time, she goes boating, goes horseback riding, and hangs out with her family.

At the start of our 2021 season, Rylee was one of the heroes who stepped up to pull off our summer programming. In many of our camper evaluations, Rylee's name was the one mentioned as the team member who impacted our campers the most.

Her vision for DuBois Center and gifts are truly wonderful, and we believe we will see the benefit of her ministry among us for many years to come! Rylee can be contacted at the DuBois Center Office or via email at program@duboiscenter.org.



Join me for Office Hours

One of the hardest things about starting a new position during a global pandemic has been that I have so far been unable to meet many of the people who support DuBois Center. As such, I will be hosting monthly "office hours" on Zoom the first Thursday of each month from 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm. Please "come by" these virtual office hours and introduce yourself, share an idea for our ministry, or catch up on the many happenings on site! We had technical difficulties for our September meeting. So, please join me on October 7 for our first gathering at this [link](#).

Updates on DuBois Center's COVID-19 mitigation strategy

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As people of faith, we know intimately the importance of following the heart of the law. We were lucky this summer to have loose masking restrictions limited to inside our main buildings and when physical distancing could not be maintained. Our summer staff were truly commendable in their efforts to encourage their campers to mask up, and as such, no COVID-19 cases were reported involving our summer programming. Our situation as the Delta Variant of COVID-19 spreads through the country is different than it was even just two months ago. As such, we plan to not only keep enforcing our indoor mask policy, we will also encourage a mask policy in our outdoor spaces at our larger fall events where physical distance can't be maintained, such as Fall Festival. DuBois Center cannot guarantee that we will have extra masks on site when you arrive, so please bring a mask with you when you are planning to visit. This very small step from our community partners helps reduce the risk to our wider community and helps us stay open for events.



CHHSM News
Council for Health and Human Service Ministries

CHHSM Hosts New Online Discussion Group

The Council for Health and Human Service Ministries

(CHHSM) announces its next online [course](#), Reason to Have Hope: A Public Health Response to Racism. Reason to Have Hope was created as a resource to accompany the UCC General Synod resolution which passed in July. The resolution was co-authored by CHHSM and the Council on Racial and Ethnic Ministries (COREM).



Building Church Differently - Partners in Building

The UCC Church Building and Loan Fund presents Building Church Differently as part of Partners in Building (PIB) 2021 on September 22 and 23. PIB is a multi-day training event, where leaders from congregations are invited to attend and engage in various informative presentations and workshops with information on how to repurpose, finance, and manage church-owned property. Participants will have the opportunity to hear from and engage with experts including a variety of topics: Navigating Land Use, Repurposing Resources for Mission, Faith Based Entrepreneurs, Fund Raising, Social Media & Marketing and more. For \$30 a ticket, you get access to a whole host of innovative faith leaders and transformative content. Click [here](#) to register.

Join mission co-workers serving around the world as they reflect about their call, serving during the pandemic, and what mission means to them as they live and work with global partners.

Andrew Larsen, serving with the UCCP in the Philippines, Kahala Cannon, serving with the Council of Churches of Swaziland in eSwatini, Nishan and Maria Bakalian both

serving with the Union of Armenian Evangelical Churches in the Near East in Lebanon, will be in conversation with Cathy Nichols, Executive for Mission Personnel. Register [here](#).



Marking the 9/11 20th anniversary in prayer, in church, in memories

by Connie Larkman When you hear 9/11, what comes to mind?

If you were alive on Sept. 11, 2001, you most likely vividly remember where you were and what you were doing when Al-Qaeda terrorists took over four U.S. aircraft and used them as weapons of destruction. (Read more on [History channel](#).)

The attacks on the twin towers of the World Trade Center in New York city and the Pentagon in Washington — and the plane marked for the Capitol that crashed in a Pennsylvania field — changed the consciousness of this nation.

They also launched the war in Afghanistan, which President Biden just ended, after two decades, last week. On that day 20 years ago, nearly 3,000 lives were lost in the buildings, aboard the planes and on the streets.

Support from partners overseas - The Rev. John Thomas, then general minister and president of the United Church of Christ, was in Germany with Peter Makari, Global Ministries executive for the Middle East and Europe. They were in the middle of a three-day ecumenical pilgrimage to introduce Thomas to UCC church partners in Europe.

“As our meetings began, we couldn’t have imagined that within a day the visit would become a profound experience of global ecumenical solidarity,” Thomas said. Read [more](#).



Eden Walker Leadership Institute will be on Sept 21 from 7:30 am - 9 am featuring Cheryl D. S. Walker speaking on Leadership after 2020.

Currently the Interim President and CEO of Deaconess Foundation, she has served the community and our state in numerous leadership roles including as current Chair of the Missouri Ethics Commission, the President of the Board of Commissioners of the St.

Louis Regional Health Commission, and Vice President of the St. Louis Regional Arts Commission. She served as the Co-Chair of the Presidential Search Committee that led to Dr. Mun Y. Choi being named as the 24th President of the University of Missouri System. A former member of the University of Missouri Board of Curators, she served as its chair in 2008. She earned a degree in Electrical Engineering from Missouri University of Science & Technology and her juris doctorate from Washington University in St. Louis. Click [here](#) to register.

St. John's Community Care Presents Virtual Memory Cafe on

September 15, 22, 29 Memory Cafe is an hour of conversation and fun, virtually, for those experiencing memory loss and their loved ones! This month, we will have fun reminiscing our life's journey - from childhood and the fun we had growing up! Each week we will share life's ups and downs of growing older.

Family, friends, places, and people who helped shape and shared our lives. Let's face it, just like the board game, we have "rolled the dice" and have taken two steps forward and a few back at times. If you could do it again, would you or could you do it a different way. I hope you can join us and share your life's journey! Email gshaw@stjohnscc.org or call 618-298-8077 to register. Click [here](#) for a flyer.



What's Happening in Illinois South Conference

Where Do I Send OCWM Donations?

When your local church gives to OCWM, the largest portion of your contribution stays within the Conference to support the ministries you hold near and dear. **We continue to be deeply grateful** for all the ways you so generously give. **Please continue to send your OCWM contributions directly to the Illinois South Conference office at 1312 Broadway, Highland, Illinois 62249.**

Region 5

Immanuel United Church of Christ of Hamel celebrates its 150th Anniversary in 2021. Former pastors, members, and friends are invited to come visit and reminisce! Here is the celebration schedule.

- Sunday, September 19: an Immanuel Marriage Reunion. Anyone married at Immanuel will be recognized during the 9 am worship service. We will display wedding pictures of those couples. Send your photo to officeiucc@gomadison.com or text to Ruth's phone 618-910- 8999.
- Saturday, September 25: A FREE COMMUNITY CONCERT featuring The Wild HouseKats will be held outside (weather permitting) on the church lawn from 6-8 pm. In case of inclement weather, it will be held indoors in Fellowship Hall. There will be hotdogs and drinks available. Bring lawn chairs and enjoy the 60's, 70's, and 80's music!
- Sunday, September 26: The history and meanings of their sanctuary stained-glass windows will be explained during the 9 am worship service.
- Sunday, October 3: Conference Minister, Rev. Shana Johnson, will be our guest speaker at a 10:00 am worship service. There will be no 9 am service. These services will be live on Facebook for those who cannot attend in person.

Region 8

Zion UCC New Baden is having a drive thru BBQ dinner on Saturday, September 18 from 11am until it's gone. Meal includes your choice of BBQ pork steak or chicken with potato salad, baked beans, and dessert. Dinners are \$11 for pork steak and \$8 for chicken.

Trenton St. John UCC will present an Outside Country Store on Sat, Oct 2 from 9 am to Noon and a Drive-Thru Wurstmarkt Supper on Sun, Oct 3 from 11 am to 3 pm. The Country Store on Saturday will be at the front of the church with their homemade applesauce available at \$4 per pint and \$8 per quart. Pork sausage at \$8 per two-pound package. Handmade quilt and basket raffles at \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Drive through the side alley and a town parking lot. Menu is pork sausage, roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, sauerkraut, green beans, and dessert. \$12 per meal.

ISC Annual Meeting 2021

Held virtually

A Time to Replenish ~ Jeremiah 31:25

Schedule for AM:

Sunday, Oct 10 Liturgy provided for local churches

Monday, Oct 11 Zoom Webinar orientation for those interested

Wednesday, Oct 13 Afternoon workshop(s) for clergy

Thursday, Oct 14 Evening workshop(s) geared for lay but open to delegates, non-delegates, and clergy

Saturday, Oct 16 Morning Business Meeting and anniversary celebrations of clergy and churches

Delegate registration details will soon be sent to churches, ISC clergy, and Conference Council. Fee will be \$25/person.

Offering [Flyer](#)

A Time To Replenish



I will satisfy the weary, and all who are faint I will replenish, Jeremiah 31:25

Mission Offering for Annual Meeting 2021

The past year and a half has been a struggle in several ways for many of us. Covid and the Delta Variant, social isolation, and fear and anxiety over how to deal with the pandemic have hit us all, although perhaps in different ways. These issues know no boundaries when it comes to lay or clergy. Consider these preparatory steps for Annual Meeting Offering.

Prior to Annual Meeting, ask your Church Council to seek contributions from your congregation in support of the ISC Clergy Assistance Fund.

- **Write a check** payable to Illinois South Conference.
- **In the memo line** acknowledge Annual Meeting Offering or ISC Clergy Assistance Fund
- **Send the check** to Illinois South Conference, 1312 Broadway, Highland, IL 62249. Click [here](#) for a flyer.

Annual Meeting Workshops for All

Workshops planned for October 13 and 14: All free of charge, but a free-will offering to Friends of the Conference is suggested to cover the honorariums for speakers and technology fees.

October 13, Wednesday afternoon –workshops for clergy at 1:00 pm and 2:30 pm.

- 1:00 pm - Beyond Chocolates and Bath Salts: Self Care for Pastors
Presented by Rev. Donna Pupillo, RN and Executive Director of Deaconess Nurse Ministry
- 2:30 pm - The Rainbow Connection: The Pastor's Role in Helping Congregations Become Inclusive
Presented by Andy Lang, Executive Director of ONA Coalition

Read [more](#).

October 14, Thursday evening – workshops geared for lay but open to delegates, non-delegates, and clergy at 6:00 pm and 7:00 pm.

- 6:00 pm - Lifting the Shame: How Churches Can Break the Silence about Mental Health
Presented by Dr. Sarah Lund, Director of Mental Health and Disabilities UCC
- 7:00 pm - Reimagining Our Collective Missional Call
Presented by Rev. Kristina Lizardy-Hajbi, Director of the Office of Professional Formation and Term Assistant Professor of Leadership and Formation at Iliff School of Theology Read [more](#).

Job Opportunity: Media and Technology Director

St. Paul UCC, Belleville is hiring a Media and Technology Director.

This position is responsible for the church audio/visual program, video production of worship, and website and social media. This includes:

- Coordinating the audio/visual/lighting elements of our worship service broadcasts

- Developing media and technology program at St. Paul UCC
- Overseeing hardware & software needs

Go to our website stpaulucc.org for a full job description. For those interested, please send a full resume to: MediaTechDirectorSearch@stpaulucc.org.

Job Opportunity: Facilities Coordinator and Tech Coordinator Positions

Waterloo St. Paul UCC is taking resumes for its Facilities Coordinator and Tech Coordinator positions. Please send inquiries about the Facilities Coordinator, Tech Coordinator, or both to stpauluccwaterloo@gmail.com.

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: Choir Director - Highland Evangelical UCC is searching for a Choir 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 [email](#).

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 program information, contact Rylee Hodges-Stone at 618-787-2202 or program@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

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