

Illinois  
South  
Conference



# Weekly Connection

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

October 12, 2021



## Annual Meeting This Weekend!

Here's the schedule.

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13 at 6 PM

**Dress Rehearsal for all panelists and tech staff on Wednesday, October 13 at 6 pm.** If you are presenting a report or helping to run any part of the meeting on Saturday, please plan on attending. **If you do not have the link to attend as a panelist or as a tech staff, please reach out to Christy at [cpursell@iscucc.org](mailto:cpursell@iscucc.org) and she will get the link to you.**

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13

#### **Two FREE Workshops for pastors**

Both workshops on Wednesday afternoon are FREE and open to all of our pastors. You do NOT need to pre-register and are welcome to attend both. Just mark your calendars, save the Zoom links, and plan to attend. [Here](#) are the details.

#### **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.

#### **Join Zoom with this link**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84533447530>

### Prayer list for Oct 17 - Oct 23, 2021

#### Churches & Pastors

-Staunton St. Paul UCC, Rev. Debbie Jo Atkins

-Stone Church St. Peter's UCC

#### Retired Pastors

- Rev. Wesley and Doris Bornemann, St. Louis, MO

### People with Life Concerns

-Pray for the family of **Norma Sabbert Pepmeier**, wife of the late Rev. Max Pepmeier, as they mourn her death on Fri, Oct 1, in Waterloo, Illinois, at the age of 95 years. She is survived by their daughters, Marsha (David) Peek and Marla (Steven) Briggs; son Mark (Carol Ellison); and one granddaughter, Elena Dorothy Briggs. She is also survived by her sister Luetta Bizer and brother Rev. Donald (Anne) Sabbert. Her brother-in-law, Rev. Arnold Bizer, preceded her in death. Norma was supportive of Max's ministries in the following Illinois South Conference churches: St. Peter UCC in Hookdale, St. Paul UCC in Jamestown and Friedens UCC in Marissa. Due to the Covid pandemic, a private memorial service will be held to celebrate her life. Cards of condolence may be sent to Marsha Peek, 1024 Orchard Lake, St. Louis, MO, 63146 or [mjpeek@earthlink.net](mailto:mjpeek@earthlink.net).

-Pray for **Norma Borgmann** who is preparing for surgery after a fall. Norma is a member of St. Peter UCC in Centralia, has served on many ISC and DuBois

**2:30 pm - The Rainbow Connection: The Pastor's Role in Helping Congregations Become Inclusive** Presented by Andy Lang, Executive Director of ONA Coalition

**Join Zoom with this link**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86513307371>

#### **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14**

**Two FREE Workshops for ALL (church members and pastors alike) who are interested**

Wednesday workshops are FREE and open to ALL members of our Conference, and you do NOT need to pre-register. [Here](#) are the details.

**6:00 pm - Lifting the Shame: How Churches Can Break the Silence about Mental Health**

Presented by Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund, Director of Mental Health and Disabilities UCC

**Join Zoom with this link**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85906819177>

**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 Liff School of Theology

**Join Zoom with this link**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86903047163>

#### **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16 at 9 AM to NOON**

**Our Conference-Wide Annual Meeting**

Saturday morning, we will gather on Zoom for our Annual Meeting at which our pastors and delegates will have an opportunity to hear from the new President of Eden Theological Seminary, learn about new and exciting Conference-wide initiatives we will be beginning in 2022, and join in closing communion worship. You can get onto the zoom webinar starting at 8:30 am, and the meeting starts at 9 am. When you registered as a delegate the link was sent to you. Visitors can use this link to watch the meeting. <https://youtu.be/m34rU8nb1Zo>

This is OUR opportunity for the Conference family to gather for a time of reflection, planning, and inspiration. It is not too late to participate as a delegate from your church at Annual Meeting. **If you have not registered yourself as a delegate or your church has not done it for you, please reach out to Julie at [jriechmann@iscucc.org](mailto:jriechmann@iscucc.org) or Christy at [cpursell@iscucc.org](mailto:cpursell@iscucc.org) and they will gladly walk you through the steps.**

We'll see YOU throughout this week!

Rev. Shana Johnson, ISC Conference Minister

Center teams, and served as the ISC Moderator from 2013 - 2017. Cards may be sent to her at 6 Blackberry Run, Centralia, IL 62801.

-Please keep **Pastor Brett (Carolyn) Palmer** in your prayers as he recovers from some health issues. Pastor Palmer is the Pastor & Teacher for Marissa Friedens UCC. Cards may be sent to 812 N Main, Marissa, IL 62257.

-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.

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#### **Hopes, dreams, aspirations**

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Shattered.

Fate only laughs.

But in the shadows,  
love cries.

In the midst of  
the shattered shards,  
hold fast to love.

The mystery is that  
love is stronger.

Its tears break down  
fate's laughter.

Like the river's waters  
wearing on a rock.

© Rev. Phil Kershner

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## Delegate Materials - Links added as material becomes available.

Please review prior to the meeting:

Delegates Roles & [Responsibilities](#)

### **Items To Be Adopted by Consensus**

[Agenda](#)

[Standing Rules](#)

[AM Minutes 2020](#)

[Voice without Vote](#)

### **Items To Be Voted On**

ISC & DuBois Combined Proposed 2022 [Budget](#) Summary

ISC Proposed 2022 Proposed [Budget](#)

DuBois Center 2022 Proposed [Budget](#)

[Slate of Nominees](#)

### **For Your Information**

[Church Giving/Covenant Keepers/5 for 5](#)

[Offering Flyer](#)

2022 [Budget Narrative](#)

Rev. Donna Smith-Pupillo's workshop resource [pdf](#)

Mental Health Resources [pdf](#)

[Process for Becoming a WISE Congregation](#)

WISE Mental Health [Resources](#)

Liturgy for Preparing for Annual

Meeting [Word](#) [pdf](#)

## Illinois South Conference Annual Meeting Reports

See what your teams and committees have been doing for the Conference throughout the year. You can find other information to prepare for Annual Meeting [here](#).

[Conference Minister](#)

[Moderator](#)

[Acting Director of DuBois Center](#)

[Committee on Ministry](#)

[Conference Gatherings Team](#)

[Disaster Ministries](#)

[Green DuBois](#)

[Hunger/Food Action](#)

[Committee Report Brochure](#)

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[Justice & Mission Team](#)

[Local Church Ministries](#)

[Outdoor Ministries Team](#)

[Personnel Committee Report](#)

[Property Committee Report](#)

[Recruitment Committee Report](#)

[Registrar's Report](#)

[Region 7 Report](#)

[Region 8 Report](#)

## 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.

• **Send a check** to Illinois South Conference, 1312 Broadway, Highland, IL 62249. Click [here](#) for a flyer.

## MarketPlace Vendors

Chicago Theological Seminary [Video](#)

Deaconess Foundation [Video](#)

Deaconess Nurse Ministry [Video](#)

Eden Theological Seminary [Video](#)

Emmaus Homes [pdf](#)

## MarketPlace Vendors cont'd

Hoyleton Youth & Family [Services pdf](#)

Resurrection Fabrics [Store](#)

St. John Community Care [Video](#)

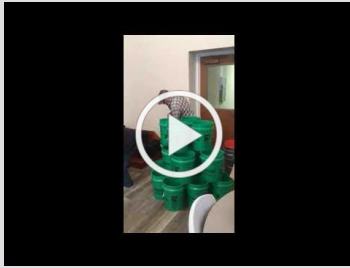
UCC Insurance Board [Video pdf](#)



## The Amazing People of Illinois South Conference...

Members of **Zion UCC in Hoyleton** assembled 40 Church World Service Clean-Up Buckets, five Hygiene Kits and six School Kits last week. Attached are some photos and a video of the bucket assembly in their Fellowship





Hall. Hoyleton Zion UCC allocates the loose offering from each worship service to their disaster fund.

Those funds along with other donations covered the expenses for the bucket supplies. Individuals from Zion UCC donated the completed Hygiene and School Kits. Video and photos are from Hoyleton Zion UCC assembly of buckets.

Ten Hygiene Kits from **St. Peter's UCC in Okawville** and two Clean-Up Buckets from **St. Peter UCC in Hookdale** were also donated. The

combined value of the total donation from ISC churches was \$3,315. Thank you so much for these donations of time, talent, and treasure.

On October 9, Priscilla Self, our ISC Disaster Ministries Relief Coordinator, and Rebecka Wacker, Hoyleton Zion UCC member, delivered all of the donated kits to the CWS drop-off at LifeWise in St. Louis, which was sponsored by Festival of Sharing in Columbia, Missouri. Festival of Sharing sponsors this CWS drop-off every year in October – along with their community sharing of food and supplies. Start now to plan an event for your church groups to assemble these kits for the CWS pick-up next year. This is an easy and efficient way to donate these much-needed supplies for those in need after a disaster strikes. It's not an "if disasters strike" situation anymore – but "when disasters strike". Your help is needed more than ever.

**NOTE:** If your church or group participated in preparing Disaster Buckets or Kits this year, please send an article for the Weekly Connections to [lschuepbach@iscucc.org](mailto:lschuepbach@iscucc.org) or contact Priscilla Self at [pjj48@hotmail.com](mailto:pjj48@hotmail.com) or 618-318-0083.



### **Belleville Concordia UCC and Illinois South Conference of the United Church of Christ**

Invite You to the  
**Installation Service** for their Pastor & Teacher  
**Rev. Joan Mier**

on Sunday, October 24, 2021, at 3 pm  
7600 State Rte 163, Belleville, Illinois

**ALL UCC authorized pastors  
and delegates from each ISC congregation,  
please mark your calendars and plan to attend  
THE ECCLESIASTICAL COUNCIL  
of Brett Palmer  
on Sunday, November 7 at 3 pm CST on Zoom**



The Illinois South Conference Committee on Ministry invites you to the Ecclesiastical Council of Brett Palmer at 3 pm CST on Sunday, November

7. Ecclesiastical Councils are special called meetings of a Conference and the last step in the process for Members in Discernment towards ordination. YOU are an important part of the process in determining if a candidate is worthy to become ordained by the United Church of Christ. We will need a quorum to officially conduct our business of the day, so we hope you will make this a priority and plan to attend. See the "[Call Notice](#)" to see who qualifies as voting delegates representing your church for the Ecclesiastical Council.

In order to prep for the Ecclesiastical Council, please make sure to download and read a copy of Brett's [paper](#). After Brett 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 Brett's path to ordination. All the information you need to know to attend the Ecclesiastical Council will also be available on the Conference website at [iscucc.org](http://iscucc.org).

Ecclesiastical Council of Brett Palmer

Time: Nov 7, 2021, 03:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8964726633>



## Saint Jacob UCC and St. John UCC in Summerfield and Illinois South Conference of the United Church of Christ

Invite You to the

### Installation Service

for their Pastor & Teacher

**Rev. Philip Barbier**

on Sunday, November 14, 2021, at 3 pm

at Saint Jacob UCC, 207 W Main St, Saint Jacob, Illinois 62281

### BLANKETS for HOYLETON YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES

Is your church looking for a great mission project? Hoyleton Youth and Family Services currently serves 360 foster children aging in a range from 0-18. This project would provide a fleece blanket for each of the children for Christmas. Click [here](#) to find out more or contact Sue Hoffmann at 618-593-7795 or [davesue95@gmail.com](mailto:davesue95@gmail.com).

## DuBois Center News

### Registration is now open for fall retreats!

Register now for our Mother-Daughter retreat (Oct. 15-17) and Wrangle and Ride (ages 12 and up) weekend (Oct. 22-24)! Registration is limited, so don't miss out on these fantastic opportunities to come and enjoy our fall programming. We are currently working on setting the calendar for our winter and spring activities, so stay tuned for more ways to be involved at DBC! Click [here](#) to register.



### Nature's Classroom Donations

We are currently accepting donations of newspaper for a new Nature's Classroom Activity. If you have old newspaper that you would like to donate, please call the office or email [dcinfo@duboiscenter.org](mailto:dcinfo@duboiscenter.org) to arrange drop off or pick up!



**CHHSM News**  
Council for Health and Human Service Ministries

**CHHSM is forming a new "Welcoming Diversity" Group that will meet virtually via Zoom for people seeking to address issues of Race, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (RDEI) in their organizations.** The purpose of the group will be to provide space for mutual learning and support. While it is aimed at staff of CHHSM member ministries, it is not required to participate. The first meeting will be Thurs, Oct 21, for one hour beginning at 11 am CST. The meetings will be

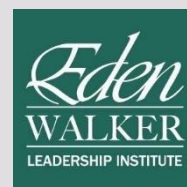
facilitated by CHHSM Board Member Sheila Harvey Guillaume and Vice President George Graham. If you are interested [sign up here](#) and information and Zoom instructions will be sent to you.



**2022 CHHSM 84th Annual Gathering is being planned as an in-person gathering at the Brown Hotel in Louisville, KY, from Tues, March 8 – Thurs, March 10.** The theme is *Forward Together*, which will help to reflect on the ways that our faith tradition and ministries empower us to move forward together in response to the Covid-19 pandemic as well as in addressing systemic racism. They will select workshops for the Annual Gathering through an RFP process. To submit a workshop proposal related to the theme, click [here](#) by November 5. Selections will be communicated by Nov 30. They anticipate that registration will open in mid-December. All attendees will be asked to be vaccinated for Covid-19 or have an approved exemption as well as to follow other safety measures.



**2020-2021 Langenberg Leadership Forum Series Presents Leadership after 2020 with Walker Director, Steve Lawler, on Tuesday October 19, from 7:30 am - 9:00 am** in the Commons at Eden. Masks and vaccination are required. Click here to [register](#).



**St. John's Community Care is a happening place.** Check out these activities.

**Coffee Talk with Caregivers** is an informational group created for caregivers and meets on the last Monday of each month from 1 pm - 2 pm on Zoom. This group will cover a variety of topics to help support and educate those who care for people living with dementia. Find out more from Stacey Rhodes at [srhodes@stjohnscc.org](mailto:srhodes@stjohnscc.org).

**Memory Cafe** is a virtual one-hour conversation for those experiencing memory loss and their loved ones. This week on Oct 13 at 1:30 pm, we will be embracing seasonal change by sharing our favorite life experiences and fall adventures. For more information or to register, contact 618-298-8077 or [gshaw@stjohnscc.org](mailto:gshaw@stjohnscc.org).

**Stress-Busting Program for Family Caregivers** will provide education and support to teach stress management techniques and coping skills. No cost for this 9-class series via Zoom on Mondays from 10 am - 11:30 am on Oct 18, 25 and Nov 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 and Dec 6 and 13. Call 618-344-5008.

**The Savvy Caregiver Workshop Series** is a 6-week of two-hour sessions. It is presented via Zoom or In-person on Oct 14, 21, 28 and Nov 4, 11, and 18 from 10 am - 12 pm. Learn the skills to manage daily life, strengthen family resources and more. There is no fee, but registration is required by calling 618-344-5008. Class size is limited.



## What's Happening in Illinois South Conference



### Information Desk/Visitor Counter - Free

The Evangelical UCC has an information Desk/Visitor Counter that needs a new home. 8' long x 4' high x 4' wide (or deep) If you are interested, contact Barb at [BBray@evucc.org](mailto:BBray@evucc.org). No cost but ask that you pick up.



**Region 2 Red Bud St. Peter UCC will hold a Fish Fry on Fri, Oct 15 from 4 pm - 7 pm.** Carry outs only. Menu includes cod, catfish and shrimp, homemade German potato salad, American potato salad and more. Save time by calling ahead to place an order at 618-282-2417. Cash or check only.

**CORRECTION! Zion UCC St. Joe in Waterloo will hold its Fall BBQ Fundraiser on Saturday, October 16 from 10:30 am - 3 pm at the Waterloo Rural King parking lot on North Market** featuring Schneider's Quality Meats: pork steaks, brats, hamburgers and hot dogs.

**Dupo Christ UCC will hold its 100th + 1 Anniversary service and banquet on Nov 7.** The church service will be held at 10:10 am on November 7. The Rev. Shana Johnson, Illinois South Conference Minister, will deliver the message during this special service. During the traditional service there will be special music by the chancel choir and the bell choir, as well as organ and piano duets. At 12:30 pm the banquet will be held at The Falls in Columbia, Illinois, to which all are welcome to attend whether you are a current member, a past member, or simply a friend of Dupo CUCC. There will be food, a few speeches, a slide show, and the opportunity to relive some old memories of the past 100 years in the life of Dupo CUCC. Reservations to attend the banquet are needed by October 17. The cost is \$5 per person with 3 and under free. Call the church office at 618-286-4211 for more information or to make your reservations.

### **Region 3**

**Granite City St. John UCC will hold their Drive Thru Annual Sausage Dinner on Sun, Oct 17 from 11 am - 6 pm. (or until food runs out)** Cost is \$10. Dinner includes sausage, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, sauerkraut, apple sauce, bread, and cake. Church address is 2901 Nameoki Rd, Granite City, IL 62040. Contact 618-877-6060 for more info.

**Collinsville St. John UCC will hold its Drive-Thru Only Wurst Markt on Thurs, Nov 4, from 11 am – 2 pm for lunch and 3:30 pm – 6:30 pm for dinner.** Cost paid by cash or check \$12 each. Menu is sausage, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes & gravy, creamed peas, applesauce, horseradish, and dessert. Sausage Sales are \$4/pound of uncooked links only. Deadline to order is Oct 27. Contact 618-344-2526. Pickup will be Nov 3 from 11 am – 6 pm by drive-thru only at West Church Portico.

**Region 5 Troy Friedens UCC will hold its Fall Rummage Sale on Fri, Oct 22 from 3 pm - 6 pm and on Sat, Oct 23 from 8 am - noon.** You may drop off items to sell from Sun, Oct 17 after 3 pm to Thurs, Oct 21 at noon.

**The St. Jacob UCC Youth Group presents Haunted Church on Friday, Oct 22 from 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm.** Fun for all ages. Free admission but donations will be accepted.

**Marine UCC will hold its Drive Thru Whole Hog Pork Sausage Dinner on Sun, Nov 7 from 11 am - 5:30 pm at the church.** Menu is whole hog pork sausage, mashed potatoes and gravy, sauerkraut, green beans, and apple pie. Raffle of a quilt, side of beef, whole hog and 4 dinners for 2022. Fresh meat sale on Sat, Nov 6 from 8 am - 3 pm and Sun, Nov 7 from 11 am - 5:30 pm. Sausage links, ribs, and backbones in 5 lb. packages. Liver sausage and head cheese also available. For raffle tickets and/or purchase of fresh meat, check the church [website](#) or call 618-887-4465.

**Region 8 Lebanon St. Paul UCC** will hold its Annual Wurstmarkt on Sun, Oct. 17, from 11 am – 3 pm. This is a drive thru only event. Pork sausage, real mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, applesauce, dessert (Goopy Butter cake or Texas Sheet Cake). All meals \$12.

### Region 9

**Belleville Concordia UCC** will hold a Scavenger Hunt on Sat, Oct 16 for a designated 2.5-hour window between 12 pm and 5 pm beginning at the church. All ages will participate on teams looking for items and places in the surrounding area competing for cash prizes. Snacks and clues will be provided. Cost is \$20 per team of up to 4 participants. It is a mixture of Amazing Race, Bingo, Trivia Night, and good old-fashioned fun. A vehicle and driver must be part of the team. To sign up, call 618-401-8819.

**Belleville Concordia UCC** will hold its Wurstmarkt on Sun, Oct 31 from 11 am - 3 pm at the church. Carryout/Curb service only. Menu includes pork sausage (2 pieces for adult, 1 for child), mashed potatoes & gravy, sauerkraut, green beans, applesauce, horseradish, and bread. Adults \$11; Children 12 & under \$5. For information, call 618-476-3377.

**O'Fallon UCC** will hold its Wurstmarkt on Thurs, Oct 21 from 3:30 pm - 7:30 pm. Dine-in, Carry-out or Drive-thru. Menu is pork sausage, mashed potatoes, gravy, sauerkraut, country green beans, applesauce, beverage, and dessert. Butcher shop for pre-ordered meat. Adults \$12; Children 4 - 12 \$7; Children 3 and under are free.

**Trinity UCC in Belleville** will hold its Halloween Trivia Spooktacular on Fri., Oct. 22 at the church. Doors open at 6:00 pm, and play begins at 6:45 pm. Fun for all ages, includes kids' questions. Costumes are encouraged. Compliance with COVID regulations required. Admission is \$10 plus 2 nonperishable food items for adults, and \$5 plus 2 food items for 12 and under. Proceeds benefit the Belleville Community Interfaith Food Pantry and Trinity's mission of providing holiday food baskets to community members in need. For more info, or for reservations, contact [debjovaag@aol.com](mailto:debjovaag@aol.com).

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES

### Communication Coordinator

**Columbia St. Paul UCC** seeks to effectively communicate its work and ministry through the inspired and creative leadership of the Communications Coordinator. We are actively seeking to fill this newly created role in this exciting period of growth and change. The coordinator will create, organize, plan, and implement effective communication strategies, messaging, and virtual events on behalf of the congregation in collaboration with clergy, staff, and volunteers. Pay range is \$18 - \$22 per hour depending on experience level. To apply, send a cover letter with salary requirements, resume and portfolio, to [jobs@stpaulcolumbia.org](mailto:jobs@stpaulcolumbia.org).

### Director of Chancel Choir & Director of Handbell Choir

**St. John UCC in Mascoutah** is seeking a Director of Chancel Choir and a Director of Handbell Choir (perhaps as one position). These are part-time positions and job descriptions are on the church [website](#). Send resume to [pastor.hugh@saintjohnucc.org](mailto:pastor.hugh@saintjohnucc.org). The Chancel Choir is accompanied by Dr. Catherine Burge (piano/organ/keyboard). Weekly rehearsals for Chancel Choir are Wednesday evenings (September thru May). Handbells play 6 times per year and meet for two rehearsals prior to each performance. Each position requires music experience and ability, together with organizational, relationship, leadership, and communication skills. The chosen candidate will work as part of a team in providing enrichment of the parish music program.



## Nurse

Deaconess Nurse Ministry is looking for a nurse to work part time (9 hours per week) at Uni-Pres Kindercottage and a food pantry in Belleville. Contact Donna Pupillo at [dpupillo@faithnurses.org](mailto:dpupillo@faithnurses.org) if you are interested.

## 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](http://stpaulucc.org) for a full job description. For those interested, please send a full resume to: [MediaTechDirectorSearch@stpaulucc.org](mailto:MediaTechDirectorSearch@stpaulucc.org).

## 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](mailto:oucc@sbcglobal.net).

## 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](mailto:BBray@evucc.org).

## 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](mailto:FaithFormationDirector@stpaulucc.org).

## 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](mailto:visitationsearch@stpaulucc.org).

## 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@aqtelco.com](mailto:grantforkucc@aqtelco.com).

### 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](mailto:stpauluccwaterloo@gmail.com).

### 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](mailto:stpauluccpinckneyville@gmail.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](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 DuBois Center information, contact Hayley Elliott at 618-787-2202 or [director@DuBoisCenter.org](mailto:director@DuBoisCenter.org).

For DuBois Center program information, contact Rylee Hodges-Stone at 618-787-2202 or [program@DuBoisCenter.org](mailto:program@DuBoisCenter.org).

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

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