The Amazing People of Illinois South Conference...
A Word of Gratitude
Since many churches share this experience, I thought I would share my feelings with you. Hopefully, you will relate!

Yesterday our little church (Hookdale, St. Peter UCC) held its annual (minus the COVID year) Sausage Supper. I think you have to be in a German ethnic area to appreciate how much folks love their sausage! They look forward to our supper every year, and they come from all around. More than that, however, the workers come from all around. Extended family members and friends of members and the church pitch in for a day. It's amazing, really. There's a full kitchen in the garage. Todd Siebert holds sway over two kettles of boiling sausages that are then finished on the commercial grill. Potatoes whip around in a commercial mixer, homemade sausage gravy cooks away on the stove, there are roasters full of green beans and sauerkraut, and pies! Pies! Pies! Pies! So many bakers, including friends from other churches and friends of members, donate their time and resources to bring us carloads of pies!

There is something about a church supper that warms the soul. People working, laughing, bustling … working harder than they would to prepare a meal in their own home … offers hope in a time that often seems hopeless. If we could make a table big enough for the whole world to eat together, I think peace might one day prevail upon the earth.

THANK YOU to our devoted members and friends who prepared the meal. THANK YOU to people who dropped donations … lots of them … in the till. THANK YOU to friends from surrounding communities who came to carry out food and purchase meat. THANK YOU to God who provides

Prayer list for
Oct 17 - Oct 23, 2021
Churches & Pastors
- Summerfield St. John UCC, Rev. Philip (Kate) Barbier
- Tower Hill St. Paul UCC, Rev. Dr. Steve (Debbi) Nance
Retired Pastors
- Rev. P. Jerry Bennett, Highland, IL

People with Life Concerns
- Pray for Norma Borgmann who had surgery after a fall. Norma is a member of St. Peter UCC in Centralia, has served on many ISC and DuBois 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.
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 CUC. The cost is $5 per person with 3 and under free. Reservation deadline was Oct 17. Call the church office at 618-286-4211 to see if you can still attend.

On November 14, 2021, Staunton St. Paul UCC will celebrate its 145th Anniversary. Their 10:15 am worship will feature historic stories, items, displays, and music by the Choir and Handbell Choir. The ISC Conference Minister, Rev. Shana Johnson, will bring the morning message. Following the service, a traditional Sunday dinner catered by R & B’s Restaurant will be served to dine outside, weather permitting. If not, Fellowship Hall will be utilized. Special dinner music and St. Paul UCC trivia questions will accompany the meal. Children will have an opportunity to play games that were popular in 1876. Reservations for the meal are required by October 31st at the church office by stpauluc@madisontelco.com or 618-635-2386. Please share historic items with the church. You are encouraged to wear a church T-shirt. If you need a shirt, contact the church office. Or perhaps you would like to dress in 1876 fashion? The choice is yours.

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 Pastors wishing to attend may robe and wear a stole of their choosing. A reception will follow the service.

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 prepr 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. Ecclesiastical Council of Brett Palmer: 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

Elmhurst University turns 150! On Monday, December 6, 2021, alums and friends of Elmhurst University in the Metro Area will gather for a celebratory reception. This “watch party” will begin at 5 pm in the Schroer Commons of Eden Theological Seminary, 475 East Lockwood Ave., St. Louis, MO. 63119. At 6 pm, we will live stream into the campus of Elmhurst University to hear the speech from President Troy VanAken and toast the Sesquicentennial. Please join in this historic moment as we recognize Elmhurst University and its relationship with the United Church of Christ. All are invited to this blessed event! For more information or to RSVP, please contact the Chaplain of Elmhurst University, H. Scott Matheny, at hscottm@elmhurst.edu or 636-617-3025.

Illinois South Conference has been in partnership with Ecuador for many years, but we have not been able to travel there for a couple of years because of COVID. Those of you that have not been able to participate before will be given an opportunity for a virtual pilgrimage tour presented by Global Ministries showing our Ecuador project FEDICE. You will see why we cannot let this project end. Registration fee is $25. Sessions are Oct 27, Nov 10, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 from 4 pm – 6 pm CST Click here for more information and to register or contact Lorna Hernandez at lhernandez@dom.disciples.org.

DuBois 6.0 At Annual Meeting on Sat, Oct 16, we launched an initiative called DuBois 6.0, a capital campaign intended to help us finish some deferred maintenance projects around camp, build more capacity, and increase our program offerings. This campaign will run through the end of 2022, and no longer. There are many ways to be involved in either the financial or volunteer portions of this campaign for the next 15 months. We believe fully that the time is now to take these important steps to improve our property and offerings. With so many camps in the area closing, we have been given an opportunity to become a premier camping destination not only for our churches, but also for community partners. However, we need to address some ongoing maintenance issues in order to make this happen. You can read more about the projects here. For the next several weeks, we will use this space to explain in greater detail each of the projects. You can donate to the capital campaign here.
If your church would like to fundraise for a specific project, please contact Hayley at director@duboiscenter.org or Jill Baker at jabaker5@aol.com. Please note that with the supply chain crunch being felt by our dedicated team of volunteers in the same way it is being felt across the globe, one of the best ways to support DBC in this time is to donate to the general 6.0 fund, and we will complete the projects in the order we are able to gather the supplies.

Mother Daughter Weekend 2021
It was great to welcome our annual Mother-Daughter Retreat back to DuBois Center this last weekend! From horseback riding to frisbee painting, hayrides, and smores over a bonfire, laughter seemed to come from each corner of camp. Many thanks to those who came out to enjoy the beautiful fall weather and time with each other!

Hope for the Holidays - At Hoyleton, we continue to move forward. With changes due to COVID-19 last year, we are improving our Hope for the Holidays Gift Drive and will do everything we can to ensure that each of our youth receive a gift or gifts at Christmas. As always, our donors help to make this happen. There are three basic ways to support Hope for the Holidays:

#1) Make a cash donation to Hoyleton on line at www.hoyleton.org or via check specifying Hope for the Holidays on the memo line. We will shop and wrap the gifts for you.
#2) Call our office at 618-688-7092 and request some youth wish lists from Meghan. You can shop, wrap and return the gifts to us by December 1, 2021.
#3) Visit our amazon website at https://a.co/6n55jUm place your order to be delivered to us and we will wrap and tag the gift for you.
#4) Provide gift cards. Gift cards are welcome and will be used to purchase something for a child who arrives within a few days of Christmas or to give the teen the opportunity to express themselves individually and learn the meaning of a dollar.

All gifts must be in our office by December 1 so that we can organize and distribute to our youth. We are doing everything possible to work through this project safely for everyone! If you have any questions, or would like to know more, please contact Meghan at 618-688-7092.

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.

Every year Kindercottage’s oldest students move on to “Big School” in August. This year, many were there until the last week before the public schools began their new year. Some schools were not prepared, parents were still afraid to send their children, and wearing masks was not what some wanted. Many cried and held on tightly to Uni-Pres Kindercottage teachers as they parted for the last time. They have pictures, as usual, of their first days. And there are many who return to visit just because “I want to see my friends.” Some moms still stop to talk and to be heard. School actually began on August 17, but some will continue to come to Kindercottage before and after school. Parents continue to say that public school teachers are impressed with their students who have attended Kindercottage. They are ready for “Big School.” Although they will be missed, Kindercottage is pleased that they can prepare children for the next big step in their lives. Thanks to all who contribute to Uni-Pres Kindercottage so that children can continue to have these experiences.

St. John’s Community Care 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).

**Abuse Prevention: Back To The Basics**

On Friday, Oct 29 at 1 pm CST, the Insurance Board webcast, *Abuse Prevention: Back to Basics*, offers essential considerations and best practices from the nation’s leading expert in abuse prevention through Insurance Board’s partnership with Praesidium. As ministries return to fully on-site programming, reevaluating safety considerations are critical. Our expert facilitator, Ross Mitchell, JD., will discuss the need to review child abuse prevention policies for necessary updates, considerations for electronic communications, and appropriate guidelines for staff and volunteers. Register [here](#).

**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** - New Hanover Zoar UCC will hold its 10th Annual Car Cruise & Heart Heath to benefit their parish health ministry and Hoyleton Youth & Family Services on Friday, Oct 22 from 4 pm – 7 pm. $10 donation to enter car. Free health screenings. Zoar Annual Fish Fry. 50/50 drawing and attendance prizes. Call 618-823-8890 for information.

**Region 3** - 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](http://example.com) or call 618-887-4465.

**Region 7** - Zion UCC, Addieville will hold its 71st Annual Wurst Markt on Wednesday, November 10. Drive-thru only at Addieville Community Club, 318 W 3rd Street, Addieville, IL 62214 from 4 pm – 7 pm.

**Region 9** - 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.

**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.

**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
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. 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 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 for a full job description. For those interested, please send a full resume to: 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.

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.

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.

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.
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.

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.

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.

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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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