



October 4, 2022

We Can't Wait to SEE You! Meet You in Person!! Register Your Delegates - NOW! Deadline - Oct 5

It will be great to be in-person at Collinsville St. John UCC, be inspired by the musical reflections of [The Many](#), eat a St John UCC breakfast tradition, worship together, learn about our ministry partners, eat homemade cookies, learn about the work being done within ISC and DuBois, talk to folk that you may not have seen in a few years, and, did we mention...homemade cookies!?!

The documents you will need for the day, "Delegate Packet of Materials for Annual Meeting 2022" are [here](#) in a pdf. You can also find the documents on our [website](#). A couple of the documents may change as we near Annual Meeting: "The "Voice without Vote" and the "Slate of Nominees" may change, respectively, as more visitors register and our fabulous ISC Recruitment Team fills in the last few slots. Watch for updates [online](#).

Many of you may have already registered for Annual Meeting. Great! For those of you who have not yet registered your delegates, please [click](#) here to register online.

SAVE THE DATE: Tuesday, October 11, 2022, at 6:30 pm on Zoom to discuss budget, resolution, slate of nominees, & WISE covenant. This will be a time to hear presentations and ask questions in an informal atmosphere. The Zoom link will be sent a week before the meeting.

Did we tell you we are in person this year? ...it's what we've been waiting for!!

Health statement: "As we prepare to gather in person for the 2022 ISC Annual Meeting, let us practice compassion and kindness by continuing to practice good safety protocols. We ask that, if you do not feel well on the day of Annual Meeting, you wear a mask during the event or stay home in order to allow yourself to get better. If it makes you more comfortable to wear a mask, you may bring your own or use a masks that will be available. We will do our best to keep you safe and we hope you will do your best to make healthy

Prayer list for Oct 9-15, 2022

Church & Pastors

-Carlyle Immanuel UCC
UCC, Pastor Ken (Barbara) Schafer (right)



-Central City Zion UCC, Rev. Nancy Peebles (left)

Retired Pastor

-Rev. Robert Schmidt, Sherman, IL

People with Life Concerns

-Please pray for **Rev. Dana Schindler** as she recovers from a fall and its injuries. Rev. Schindler is the Pastor at Hamel Immanuel UCC and Edwardsville St. Paul UCC. Cards may be sent to 4600 McKendree Apt 112, Godfrey, IL 62035.

-Please hold **Rev. Jim & Lelynna Langdoc** in your prayers as Lelynna deals with some memory loss. Good news...Jim reported that he is still in remission. Cards can be sent to them at 16640 Cagan Orchard #122, Clermont, FL 34714.

-Keep **Rev. Bill (Patti) Causer** in your prayers. Rev. Causer has served several churches in ISC. Cards may be sent to 11315 N Presley Ln, Mt. Vernon, IL 62864.

decisions. We so look forward to seeing you in person AND doing it in the healthiest way possible!"

-Pray for people impacted by Hurricane Ian.

Be inspired by the musical reflections of [The Many.](#)

"The Many" Bring Music & More to Annual Meeting

At Annual Meeting on Saturday, October 15, the musical group "The Many" will provide musical reflections as the keynote for the meeting. Their music and lyrics bring spiritual messages for delegates and visitors to ponder on. Drawing on indie pop and gospel influences, The Many makes



music to help give voice to faith and doubt, questions and fears, laments and longings, music that speaks to a non-violent God, a Jesus who is with us and for us, and to a Spirit that can't be easily defined or controlled. It's music for a movement of resistance to hatred and division, for reconciliation and restoration, and music that always reminds us "we are on this earth to love."



Can't wait to hear them in person and share it with our old and new friends. All in person.

[Annual Meeting Offerings-Flyer](#)

There will be two offerings - DuBois 6.0 and UCC Disaster Ministries. DuBois 6.0 will be collected during worship and the noisy offering for UCC Disaster Ministries will be collected during lunch. Click [here](#) for a list of what DuBois 6.0 will accomplish. Click [here](#) for more information about UCC Disaster Ministries..



It's a Surprise!! As you read in Weekly Connection several weeks ago, Christy Pursell, our Executive Administrator, and her husband will be moving to Pennsylvania at the end of this month to live closer to her two sons, her daughter-in-law, and her grandson. Our Annual Meeting on Saturday, October 15, at St. John UCC in Collinsville, will be the last ISC event Christy will participate in as she wraps up her work with us.

Christy has been a vital, vibrant part of our shared life as a Conference. She has been the cheery voice on the other end of the phone when people have called the Conference office. She has been a support to the committees and teams of the Conference. She has been the sender of countless emails from the Conference office informing you of events, resources, and information to strengthen the ministry of the Conference and your local churches. She has sent along profiles of potential candidates when one of our churches is in search. Christy has shared her heart, joy, encouragement, and ministry with us in unforgettable ways.

On the morning of our Annual Meeting, we will have a time of farewell with Christy as we offer our gratitude and well wishes as she leaves the Illinois South Conference. We invite you to participate in a card shower as part of our farewell. Please bring cards and written notes from your churches, individuals, or committees and teams who have worked with Christy expressing your gratitude for her time with us. We will collect cards and notes near the registration table as you check in for the meeting. Then we will present the basket to her in the meeting right before lunch. Please join us in celebrating Christy.

Save the Date - Trending Business Concerns for Ministries: What Churches Need to Know

On Oct 26 at 1 pm CST, the Insurance Board presents a webinar where Heather Kimmel, General Counsel of United Church of Christ, will discuss trending concerns for ministries and what churches need to know. For more information, click [here](#) for a flyer with details and the registration link.

Heather E. Kimmel is the General Counsel of the United Church of Christ. She has been serving in that capacity since December 1, 2015. She joined the Office of General Counsel as Associate General Counsel in 2013. Before joining the National Setting of the United Church of Christ, she was an attorney at two large law firms and served as a federal judicial clerk. Reminder, all Insurance Board webcasts are recorded and always available on their [website](#) if you're unable to attend.

Did You Know...

A great way to find out more about solar, and how to save money by taking advantage of the sun's free energy, is this website: Illinoissolarforall.com.

You can read about various ways Illinois renters, and home owners and businesses, too, can get solar electricity, sometimes without any upfront cost, and always save money while helping others.

The Illinois South Conference of the United Church of Christ Along with Evangelical UCC

Invites All members, friends and clergy of the ISC Congregations to

The Installation of Reverend William Kapp

As Pastor at **Evangelical United Church of Christ**

2520 Poplar Street, Highland, Illinois 62249

Sunday, October 30, 2022, 3:00 pm Installation

This installation will be in-person. Clergy are invited to robe and wear red stoles. Light refreshments will be served following the service. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to office@evucc.org or 618-654-7459. An offering will be received for Hoyleton Youth and Family Services.



Save the Date - Day of Discipleship

Saturday, March 4, 2023, will be our Day of Discipleship at Alhambra Salem UCC. Our keynote speaker will be Rev. Kelsey Beebe. We will have a day filled with spiritual practices and finding joy in our lives and ministries.

Rev. Kelsey Beebe, MFA Dance, MDiv, 200RYT (Pronouns: she/her) Rev. Kelsey Beebe believes firmly in an all-loving God, embodied Christ, and ever-moving Holy Spirit that connects us all. She is a trained

dancer, certified yoga instructor, as well as an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ. She serves as a solo pastor at two churches just south of Milwaukee, WI, and is the Executive Minister and President of [Dancing Pastor Ministries](#) and host of the [Lady Preacher Podcast](#). She has performed, preached, and led retreats all around the United States and even in Costa Rica. Her passion is helping people embody their faith as they connect more deeply with God, with others, and with themselves.

SAVE THE DATE – November 4 from 6 pm to 11 pm.

Come support **Unleashing Potential**, one of St. Louis' oldest and most important nonprofits, as we host our annual fundraiser, Art & Soul — now in its twelfth year! Join us at the Four Seasons

in downtown St. Louis, 999 N 2nd St. The night includes a delicious meal, music, dancing, silent auction and other charitable giving opportunities. And this year, we have the opportunity to honor our very special guest Tonya P. Wilkerson, Deputy Director of the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA)! The mission of Unleashing Potential is to close the opportunity gap for children and youth by building on their strengths. A United Way agency since 1955, Unleashing Potential creates educational and empowering experiences through early childhood education, after school programs, youth development and enrichment camps. For more information, visit upstl.org. If you are interested in a table, learn more at <https://bit.ly/3falt8s>



Climate Hope Cards Contest

The UCC is launching a **national art contest for children and youth** that will be part of a larger campaign that will generate hope in making a difference when confronting the climate crisis. How to participate?: Draw or paint about climate hope, environmental justice, or protecting the Earth. Sunday school class and youth group participation encouraged. Winners will be selected in November. Register [here](#). UCC congregations will collect thousands of postcards (printed with the winning art) to pressure Congress and the White House to take sufficient action to combat the ongoing climate and environmental justice crises.



Register Now!!

Illinois South Conference 2022 Ministers' Retreat: "Creative Connections"
November 2 and 3, 2022

Toddhall Retreat and Conference Center, Columbia, IL

The Local Church Ministries Team is offering a time away for Illinois South ministers (both active and retired) to be welcomed into community, spiritually nourished, and boosted in creative confidence. We will engage our theme of Creative Connections by providing activities, conversations, and creative projects that will remind us that we are created in God's image and help us find the joy and courage in that once again! Whether you consider yourself "creative" or not, there will be something for you at this retreat. Registration [form](#).



Women's Retreat - October 28-30

We had so much fun with this in the spring, it's back in the fall! Unlike Mother Daughter, you can come to this all by yourself or with some other adult friends! Spend the weekend doing anything but 'adulting'! No cooking, no stress, just fun and relaxation! The programming is designed as an adult getaway, so we do ask that all registrants are 21 and over. Click [here](#) to register.



Horse Retreat - November 5-6

Ask most of our summer campers about their favorite thing at camp...and quite a few will say, "Horses!" If this sounds like your child, this overnight weekend retreat is just for you! This weekend is just like our summer horse camp, but with more time with and on the horses! We also have activities like horse apple bobbing, campfire cookouts with your horse, making horse treats, a barn party, and more. Designed for participants ages 12 to 18 who love horses, this could very well be the highlight of your fall! Registration for this fills up fast (we limit to 12 participants), so reserve today! Click [here](#) to register.



DuBois 6.0 Campaign Update

We have received over **\$236,175** for a total donation as of this edition. Your generosity is AMAZING!



Grant for CWS Kits

Church World Service has two new Kits: Welcome Backpacks and Period (Menstrual Hygiene) Packs. And UCC congregations assembling them and all other CWS Kits may [apply to the UCC for \\$250 Match Grants](#). The grant is to help them stretch their own contributions of these essential supplies.



Made to specification, CWS Kits have the recipients in mind, whether [Welcome Backpacks](#) for refugees or asylum seekers who've just arrived in the United States, [Period Packs](#) for people who cannot afford or access menstrual hygiene supplies, [Emergency Cleanup Buckets](#) for domestic and international disaster survivors beginning their recovery process, [Hygiene Kits](#) for people caught in violence, natural disaster or poverty, or [School Kits](#) for school children who lack basic supplies.

What's Happening in Illinois South Conference

Region 2 - Dupu Christ UCC will hold its Fall Festival on Sat, Oct 8 from 9 am - 3 pm at the church. It includes a yard sale, quilt drawing, homemade cakes, cookies, candy, and jelly. Craft sale. Prize board and basket raffle. And soups, sandwiches, and homemade pies for lunch. Crafters and vendors wanted for a \$20 table space. For more information, call 618-286-4211.

The “Women of St. Paul” UCC in Waterloo will hold an October

Food Drive to stock the shelves of their local food pantry. Throughout the month of October, the group asks for donations of non perishable food to prepare for the upcoming holiday season. Students in need will not have access to free school lunch/ breakfast during Thanksgiving and Christmas break. Food goes to Monroe County House of Neighborly Service, serving Waterloo, Hecker, Valmeyer, Prairie Du Rocher. There is a shopping list and collection bin at Waterloo St. Paul UCC. For more information, contact Kathi Emery at 618-458-7186 or kathi1emery@gmail.com.

Belleville Concordia UCC will hold its Wurstmarkt, Sunday, October 23 from 11 am - 3 pm. Drive-through only. Adults \$12; Children 12 and under \$6.

Region 3 - On Sun, Oct 16, Granite City St. John UCC will hold their annual Sausage Dinner from 11 am to 5 pm or until sold out. Tickets are available now by calling the church office (618-877-6060) or email at stjohnucc2901gc@yahoo.com. The dinner will be served as drive-thru carry out only, however the Country Store will be back in full swing indoors, offering a quilt raffle, baked goods, jewelry, craft items, attic treasures, and more!

Collinsville St John UCC presents its Wurst Markt on Thurs, Oct 20 from 11 am to 6:30 pm. Drive-through only. All meals \$13. Menu includes pork sausage, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes & gravy, creamed peas, applesauce, horseradish, and dessert. Uncooked 1 pound sausage links can be ordered now thru Oct 12 for \$4.25 each. Pick up uncooked meat on Oct 19 from 1 pm - 6 pm. Order at 618-344-2526; 307 West Clay Street, Collinsville, IL 62234

Region 5 - Grantfork UCC will hold its 52nd Annual Sausage Supper on Sat, Nov 12 from 2 pm - 7 pm. It is drive through only. Menu includes homemade pork sausage, mashed potatoes and gravy, sauerkraut, green beans, and applesauce. Fresh or fried packaged sausage for sale at the end of the drive thru. Sponsored by the Grantfork UCC Men's Fellowship. All dinners \$12.

Region 8 - Lebanon St. Paul UCC will hold its 30th Annual Wurstmarkt Dinner on Sunday, Oct. 16 from 11 am – 3 pm. Drive-thru only! Menu includes sausage, sauerkraut, real mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, applesauce, dessert (Chocolate Texas Sheet Cake or Goopy Butter Cake). All meals \$13. All are welcome.

Region 9 - Belleville Trinity UCC will hold their annual Halloween Trivia Spooktakular on Sat, Oct 8 in the church social hall. Doors open at 5:15 pm, play begins at 6 pm. Family-friendly costumes encouraged. Benefits Belleville Community Interfaith Food Pantry and the church's wider missions. Contact debjovaag@aol.com.

O'Fallon UCC will hold its Wurstmarkt on Thurs, Oct 20 from 3:30 pm - 7:30 pm. Dine-in. Carry-out. Drive-Thru. Dinner includes pork sausage, mashed potatoes, gravy, sauerkraut, country green beans, applesauce, beverages, and dessert. Pre-order cooked pork sausage, raw pork sausage, liver sausage, ribs, back bone, or tenderloin. Crafts and country store. Adults \$12; Children 4-12 \$7; Children 3 and under free.

Job Opportunities

Friedens UCC in Marissa seeks part-time organist and/or pianist.

Duties include playing organ and/or piano on Sundays for our 10am worship services as well as Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, mid-week Lenten services, and our Pre-

Lenten breakfast. Position includes 4 paid Sundays off (except for Easter) for vacation time. Services normally consist of a prelude, 2-3 hymns, some short sung responses, and a postlude. To apply or for more information please contact Rev. Brett Palmer at marissafriedens@gmail.com or call the church office 618-295-2004.

St John UCC in Fairview Heights seeks a part time Church Secretary. Duties include: answering the phone, process and distribute email and regular mail and ordering supplies as needed. Preparing the Sunday bulletin, the annual meeting reports, newsletter, coordinate the church calendar, keep Member contribution files updated in Church Windows and providing support to the Pastor and other ministries of the Church. A full job description will be provided at the interview. 9-12 hours weekly and should be familiar with Word and Excel. Contact the Church office at 618-660-8894 or email stjohnuccfairview@gmail.com.

St. Paul United Church of Christ, Columbia is seeking a full-time Office and Communications Coordinator. The position includes management of the church office in coordination with pastor(s) and other staff, and oversight of all areas of communications. The successful candidate will have strong IT skills and knowledge of social media platforms, experience and proficiency with Microsoft Office suite, and know the basics of the church database ACS. The person we hire will have appreciation of church culture, be a self-starter, have good interpersonal skills, and be flexible with change. The salary range for this position is \$48,000-\$55,000. The position also includes health insurance and the pension and disability plan of the United Church of Christ. Send your resume to: jobs@stpaulcolumbia.org

Belleville St. Paul UCC Vacancy-Organ and Piano Position

Areas of responsibility include excellent organ and piano offerings for all services and accompaniment for weekly choir rehearsals and other musical ensembles as needed. In consultation with the senior pastor, serve as a resource for family weddings and funerals. Compensation will be appropriate to the weekly job responsibilities, background/experience, and professional preparation of the applicant. Please send resume with three references to musicsearch@stpaulucc.org.

Pinckneyville St. Paul UCC is in search for a Part-time Music Leader. 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 Wick's two-manual pipe organ with pedals and piano. Good vocal skills are a plus but not required. The church does not have a choir but occasionally has special instrumentalists and vocalists. Church services are currently 10 am - 11 am on Sundays. Special services include Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, and two Easter services. Contact the church secretary at 618-357-8075.

Open Positions at Troy Friedens UCC

- **Nursery Attendant**
- **Director of Faith Formation**

If interested, call 618-667-6535 or email friedens@friedensucc-troy.org.

Music Ministry Director at Evangelical UCC in Highland, this position will promote leadership in developing and implementing the music ministries of the Church, and actively engage the congregation in worship through music. The Director serves as a resource to support, foster and coordinate the worship life of the congregation through congregational, choral, and special music. This is a part time position, averaging 15 hours per week. Scheduling

is flexible and offers competitive compensation. Candidates can apply by sending their resume to office@evucc.org. Click [here](#) for details.

CONTACT US - YOUR OCWM MONIES AT WORK

Please call before coming to the Conference Office or make an appointment with a staff member using the emails below.

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 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.

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