



Search Update

Dear ISC members and friends,
 As you heard at our recent Annual Meeting and through various communications of the Conference, we are currently searching for a new

Executive Director for DuBois Center. This is a new position and job description for someone who will provide administrative and supervisory oversight of the programs and services of DuBois Center. Our search committee consists of our search co-chairs, Nicole Avise Rouse (representing the Outdoor Ministry Team as their current chairperson) and Priscilla Self (our at large member and a former DuBois Center staff member), our search secretary, Rev. Philip Barbier (also representing the Outdoor Ministry Team as a current member), our search chaplain, Rev. Joan Mier (representing the Personnel Committee), and our search ex-officio members, Dr. Jill Baker (current moderator of the Conference), and Rev. Shana Johnson (ISC Conference Minister).

Our search committee has been working hard on your behalf on the preparation process of a search and is now ready to receive letters of interest and resumes from potential candidates.

We are praying for the right person for this critical season of the life and ministry of DuBois Center. We covet your prayers for the search process and seek support and help from all our members and churches in the Illinois South Conference. Please help us get the word out concerning the search for the Executive Director by sharing information on your websites, social media presence, newsletters, and Sunday morning bulletin announcements. Below is the wording in bold and blue that you can use. Feel free to cut and paste, making sure the links work when you do. Thank you in advance for your prayers, support, and help to promote this opportunity.

Are you a people person who also has a deep love of creation? Do you possess strong organizational and interpersonal skills? Are you someone with

Prayer list for Nov 20 - 26, 2022 Church & Pastors



-Edwardsville St. Paul UCC, Rev. Dana Schindler (right)



-Evansville St. John UCC, Pastor Kevin Hirsch (left)

Retired Pastor
Revs. Charles Preston and Karla Frost, Granite City, IL

People with Life Concerns
 -Keep the family of Melba Reinacher, in your prayers as they mourn her death. **Melba was the sister of JoAnn Steiner**, who worked at the ISC Conference office for many years. Funeral services were held last week. Cards may be sent to JoAnn at 4524 Fairview Rd, Pocahontas, IL 62275.
 -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

abundant initiative and enthusiasm? If so, you are the person we are looking for to be the Executive Director of DuBois Center.

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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. --Pray for the individuals and families who are grieving the injury and loss of victims of the recent school shooting in St. Louis.

with the members of the Illinois South Conference of the United Church of Christ, which seeks to do the work of Christ on earth through our shared missions of healing, mercy, and justice and which rely on the Holy Spirit to guide, comfort, challenge, empower, and bind all God's people in a loving, covenantal relationship.

To review the job description, expectations and compensation, please click [here](#).

To apply, send your statement of interest and resume to DuBoisCenterJobs@gmail.com. Preference will be given to those who apply before November 30, 2022.



The Amazing People of Illinois South Conference...

Rev. Brett Palmer will be installed as the Pastor and Teacher of Friedens United Church of Christ in Marissa on December 11 at 3 pm. Any clergy attending is invited to process together at the beginning of service. Clergy are requested to wear red stoles. Light refreshments will be served in the fellowship hall after the service.

Enhance The Work of Your Church: Preserve Church Finances and the Earth

Come hear Rev. Wade Halva, Southern Illinois Outreach Coordinator for Faith in Place, present an educational program showing us how our churches can enhance their work by saving money on energy while protecting the environment.

In addition to working for Faith in Place, Rev. Halva pastors the First Presbyterian Church in Marion, Illinois, where he and his wife, Rev. Laurie Fields live. Rev. Fields pastors the First Presbyterian church in Harrisburg, Illinois. Rev. Halva has been in ministry in southern Illinois for most of the last two decades.

Rev. Halva has broad knowledge of both the Illinois Climate and Equitable Jobs Act of 2021 that allows for churches to make all of their energy needs and of the recent Inflation Reduction Act that allows churches to receive cash rebates of 30% on their solar systems. These rebates are good for the next 10 years so churches may include such opportunities in their annual or 5-year plans.

Rev. Halva said, "I appreciate the idea that to make a just transition, we must make sure people and communities that have provided us power for the last 100 years can be a part of powering us for the next hundred years."

This free program is for educational purposes only. If you or your church representative plan to attend, please let us know by communicating with Kay Ahaus at kayahaus@yahoo.com.

Download the free Advent Prayers Toolkit for Revised Common Lectionary (Year C). This resource was created with online and streaming worship in mind and includes:

- a sample promotional calendar



- theme graphics
- weekly social media graphics
- weekly Advent video prayers on the themes of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love for use in worship and social media

Prayers are written and recorded by UCC clergy. The collection includes:

- weekly prayer videos
- weekly Bible verse graphics for Year C
- sample promotional calendar (the calendar notes the dates for the 2021 Advent season, but the timeline can be repurposed for any year).

This product is a digital download. The download link will be on the checkout confirmation page and emailed to you. Nothing will be shipped.

Contemplatives in Action

Matt Carriker the co-author of the 2021 General Synod Resolution, "Becoming a Church of Contemplatives in Action" and part of the team helping to implement next steps in integrating the Resolution, invites pastors and/or congregants who would like to be involved in this work. The final version of the Resolution is [here](#).

In response to the "Becoming a Church of Contemplatives in Action" Resolution that passed at General Synod 2021, a small group is developing a website, with the financial support of UCC National Faith INFO, (Faith INnovation & FOrMation) to resource the wider UCC church in contemplative practices. One component of that website is a list of pastors and faith leaders who are comfortable being a resource for churches, other pastors, etc. in various contemplative practices. If you are interested in being a resource in contemplative practices for the wider church, fill out this Google [form](#) by December 8. Each person listed on the site will be asked to work in alignment with the [anti-racism statement](#) that our task team has developed.

The "Contemplatives in Action" curriculum group would like to put out an ask for anyone willing to contribute their unique perspective on "What does it mean to live the Contemplative Life?" or "What does it mean to live out Contemplation and Action for you?" If you have a short (1 to 2 page) reflection on either of these questions you'd like to share, send to ucc.contemplatives@gmail.com.

Lastly, here are two resources (from the Southern New England UCC) for those who would like to go deeper with Christian contemplative practices. There is a free webinar, "Introduction to Christian Contemplative Practices" with Matt Carriker on Nov 17 at 11 pm CST. Register [here](#). The more in-depth program, "Engaging in Christian Contemplative Practices" (facilitated by Matt Carriker), begins in the new year: six virtual 90-minute evening sessions on these 2023 dates (with one optional in-person meeting in Mass.): January 18, February 1, February 15, March 1, March 15, March 29. Register [here](#).

We will keep you updated when the Contemplatives in Action website is up and its resources available. If you would like to stay up-to-date on monthly contemplative practice gatherings (led by rotating UCC faith leaders), or would like to be part of moving the "Contemplatives in Action" Resolution work forward, email ucc.contemplatives@gmail.com.

Did You Know...The Wall Street Journal reported that solar panels are likely to increase the sale value of a home by about the same amount the system cost.

DuBois Center News

campaign through their donations. Because of your generosity the total for the DuBois 6.0 campaign is over \$240,420.

DuBois 6.0 Campaign Update

Churches and individuals continue to show support of the DuBois 6.0 capital





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CHHSM News
Council for Health and Human Service Ministries

Abuse Prevention Considerations: Keeping Your Ministry Safe

The UCC Insurance Board presents a webinar on Wed, Nov 30, at 1 pm CST, featuring: **Christy Schiller, Vice President of Account Services for Praesidium.** Failure to discover a sex offender can affect those in your care, your reputation, financial stability, and trust within the community. Join us to learn about targeted solutions that will strengthen your ministry's abuse prevention efforts. Webinar is FREE but you need to register. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

Back Bay Mission Kicks Off Celebrating Its 100 Year Anniversary with a Capital Campaign.

Back Bay Mission has a simple mission: to strengthen neighborhoods, seek justice, and transform lives. Find out more about its celebration and capital campaign by watching the video above. For volunteer opportunities, check out the [calendar](#) for 2023. The calendar for 2024 will be available Jan 1. Dates go quickly. Or if you have questions, email volunteercoordinator@thebackbaymission.org.

Uni-Pres Kindercottage Needs Your Support - Our goal this year is to build a new playground for 3–5-year-olds. Our Playground equipment is in poor condition and has been worn over the years. Please help us reach our goals of striving to have a sound playground structure installed by the year 2023. Contact Aimee Hart at Aimee@unipreskindercottage.org to learn how you can assist in building our new playground.

As we prepare for the Winter Weather, we are asking our loving and generous givers to contact us about purchasing coats for our little lambs. We are also including a link for those who would like to shop online for various items for this holiday season.

Link for [Target](#). Link for [Walmart](#). Cash app:\$unipreskindercottage

What's Happening in Illinois South Conference

From UCC General Council - Proving Your Church's Tax-Exempt Status, and Your

Church's EIN: What Local Churches Need to Know. Do you know about the United Church of Christ's group exemption for 501(c)(3) status? Do you need to prove that your Local Church is tax-exempt? Do you know the difference between "nonprofit," "tax-exempt," and "501(c)(3)?" These terms, while often used interchangeably, have distinct meanings under the law, and come with different legal obligations. This post explains how these terms apply to your Local Church, how to prove your church's tax-exempt status, and the importance of maintaining your church's federal Employer Identification Number, or EIN. Read [more...](#)

Region 4 - Godfrey Evangelical UCC is excited to announce its first TRIVIA NIGHT at Evangelical UCC since the quarantine! It will be held on Sat, Nov 19 at 7 pm in the gym. Doors open at 6 pm. Invite your friends, put together teams, tell everyone you know! They welcome your support. Come one, come all! The more the merrier!

Region 5 - Trivia Night and Silent Auction

Staunton St. Paul UCC will host a Trivia Night & Silent Auction on Sat, Nov 19 at the Concordia Hall in Staunton. Doors open at 6 pm and play commences at 6:30 pm. Cost is \$15 per person for teams up to 8 people. Mulligans will be available for purchase. 50/50 drawing. Raffles for a 42" inch smart TV and a Michael Kors purse and cash prizes for first and second places. Register your team by contacting the church office at 618-635-2386 or email stpauluc@madisontelco.com.

Region 8 - New Baden Zion UCC will host their popular holiday event, The Festival of Trees on Thurs, Nov 17 through Sat, Nov 19. There will be dozens of decorated trees and wreaths available for viewing as well as some that will be available for a raffle drawing. Each day has a special event.

- On Thurs, Nov 17- painting party for ages 8 and up
- On Fri, Nov 18-Swirl & Sip Wine and Beer tasting event, which includes a special glass with admission
- On Sat, Nov 19-Breakfast with Santa! Call ahead to reserve a spot!

For more information, contact Zion UCC Office at 618-588-4135 or zionucc.sec@zionuccnb.com or visit www.zionuccnb.net.

Region 9 - Belleville St. Paul UCC will hold its Trivia Night on Sat, Nov 19 in its Activity Center. Doors open at 6 pm and play begins at 6:30 pm. Cost is \$25 per person. Free mulligans with purchase of a table of 8 for \$200. Host is Michael Wagner. Bring your own food and drinks of choice. Table theme is Teams, Tunes, Tomes, Talkies & TV. Prize for best dressed table/team. Cash prizes for 1st-3rd places. Basket raffle and 50/50.

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.

Open Positions at Troy Friedens UCC

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

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

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 (618-654-2125) 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 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 Bernhardt at 618-787-2202 or program@DuBoisCenter.org.

For DuBois Center registration for upcoming events and camp sessions or ISC program registrations, contact Julie Riechmann at 618-357-1809 or jriechmann@iscucc.org.

To speak with the Conference Minister or search and call inquiries, 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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