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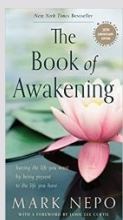
## BUILDING BRIDGES AND TEARING DOWN WALLS



**Illinois South  
Conference  
One-Day Youth Event  
MARCH 11, 2023  
10 am to 7 pm at DuBois  
Center  
Cost: \$50 per participant**

### ATTENTION PASTORS AND YOUTH LEADERS

Get ready to build bridges and tear down walls! Let's hear from the wise young ones in our congregations about tearing down the walls of division among us and building bridges of understanding and connection! This retreat is for ALL Illinois South Conference Youth and will be a great opportunity for confirmation kids, any youth interested in learning more about DuBois Center, and all who want to deepen their relationship with God. All 7th to 12th-grade youth are invited to participate in a one-day retreat at the DuBois Center! We will start at 10 am and end with worship and campfire smores. The day ends at 7 pm. Lunch, dinner, and evening campfire smores are provided. Email or call Denise Johnson, the co-chair of the Illinois South Conference Local Church Ministries, at [christianed@stpaulcolumbia.org](mailto:christianed@stpaulcolumbia.org) or 618-340-2952 **by March 1**, with how many participants (youth and adult) are planning to attend from your church and if they have allergies or food restrictions of which the kitchen staff at DuBois Center should be aware in planning the lunch and dinner time meals. To access the registration forms, please click this [link](#).



In Mark Nepo's *The Book of Awakening*, he writes about how pearl divers work in pairs, explaining, "without scuba tanks or regulators, one waits at the surface tending the lines tied to the other who soft steps the sand for treasures he hopes that he'll

**Prayer list for  
Feb 19-25, 2023  
Church & Pastors**  
**-Marissa Friedens  
UCC, Rev. Brett  
(Caroline) Palmer  
(right)**



**-Mascoutah St.  
John UCC,  
Rev. Robert  
(Rev. Janis  
Dashner) Goddard, Interim  
Pastor (left)**

**Retired Pastor**  
**-Rev. Frances and Jane  
Feagans-King, Springfield, IL**

### **People with Life Concerns**

-Pray for the **people of Turkey and Syria** as they recover from the recent devastating earthquake. The UCC asks for your help to aid them in the recovery. Click [here](#) to help.  
-Keep the **mother of Pastor Norma Patterson** in your prayers as she struggles with health issues. Pastor Norma Patterson is the Pastor and Teacher for East St. Louis Good Shepherd of Faith and has served on several teams for ISC. Cards may be sent to Norma at 5310 DePaul Drive, PO Box 4235, Fairview Heights, IL 62008.  
-Please pray for **Rev. Ken (Jean) Knobloch** as he recovers from surgery. Rev. Knobloch served

recognize. He walks to the bottom, watching the leaves of vegetation sway, and sways himself till she tugs the cord. He swallows the little air left as he ascends. Aboard, they talk for hours, placing what was seen, rubbing the rough and natural pearl. In the morning, she dives and fills their baskets, and he counts the time, hands wrapped around her line.”

This symbiotic rhythm of partnership speaks about more than just pearl diving. It is a beautiful metaphor for the ways we are created to live, work, and thrive in relationships. God has created us to be relational beings, and God has designed us so that we will grow and thrive when we are connected to others. And just like the pearl divers, we learn the importance and art of taking turns in relationships.

Sometimes we are on the surface, tending to the lines, ensuring all the details are taken care of so the other has the space and energy to explore. Other times we are the ones who have the freedom to dive deep into an endeavor, knowing another is overseeing, juggling, and managing the intricacies of life.

Each role is needed and comes with a different set of circumstances. The key to balance is allowing each person an opportunity to take turns. One cannot always be about the work of deep diving and walking on the bottom without risking running out of oxygen. One cannot always be about surface tending and ensuring all is taken care of for others without risking fatigue.

We need time to do both and experience the value, importance, and beauty of living in both roles and realms. This is the gift and responsibility of being in relationships, in partnerships that value and encourage interdependence, taking turns, and the necessity of exploring the inner and outer landscapes of life. This is the give-and-take of trust and love in action. It is the way God hopes for us to live tethered to one another, remembering we need each other to survive and thrive.

Blessings, Rev. Shana Johnson, ISC Conference Minister



Irvington Friedens UCC and Red Bud St. Peter UCC before retiring, as well as serving on several ISC teams/committees. Cards can be sent to 1518 Mill St, PO Box 76, Maeystown, IL 62256.

-Please hold **Rev. Jim & Lelynna Langdoc** in your prayers as Lelynna improves with her battle with 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.

### Getting to Know You!

We are excited to provide two "Meet and Greet" opportunities so you all can meet Noah McCarn, the new Executive Director of DuBois Center (photo right) in person. The first opportunity will be **Sunday, March 5 from 3 pm to 5 pm at St. Jacob United Church of Christ** in St. Jacob. It is always good to have a face with a name. Here's your chance to do that with Noah.



The second "**Meet and Greet**" for Noah McCarn happens on **Sunday, April 23 from 3 pm to 5 pm at DuBois Center**. It will be more spring-like weather for this opportunity. You may meet Noah and Rylee Bernhardt, Program Director, (photo left) for DuBois Center AND tour the facility. There have been so many improvements to the space through your generosity in

donations to DuBois 6.0. This is your chance to see the space and its caretakers. We hope to see you at one of the events.



**Day of Discipleship - March 4, 2023 [Register Now!](#)**

**Connecting with God, Neighbor, and Self will be held on Sat, March 4 from 9 am - 12 pm at Alhambra Salem UCC.** Keynote speaker is Rev. Kelsey Beebe, who believes firmly in an all-loving God, embodied Christ, and ever-moving Holy Spirit that connects us all. She is a trained dancer, yoga instructor, and 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 of Dancing Pastor Ministries and host of the

Lady Preacher Podcast. She has performed, preached, key-noted, and led retreats all around the United States as well as in Costa Rica. In addition to her keynote presentation, you can choose two sessions with a choice of six workshop topics.

**WORKSHOP Choices**—*You do not need to choose your workshops at this time! You will choose your workshops during the event.*

**Please Note:** *Childcare and youth programming will be provided that day.*

**WORKSHOP #1 – “A Taste of Companionship”**

**Speaker: Rev. Tim Darmour-Paul, Grantfork UCC**

This is an introduction to Companionship Workshops which teach church members ways to respond to people dealing with mental health challenges. The full workshops, centered on developing five spiritual disciplines which promote building relationships, will help overcome the stigma associated with mental health concerns.

**WORKSHOP #2 - “Creating Community for Online Worshippers”**

**Speaker: Darren Calhoun, Urban Village Church, Chicago**

Darren Calhoun, a band member of The Many (who joined us for our 2022 Annual Meeting), will join us virtually to discuss how local churches can engage and build a community for online worshippers. Darren is a worship leader at Urban Village Church in the South Loop of Chicago.

**WORKSHOP #3 – “Lebanon Listens Ministry”**

**Speaker: Christine Brewer – St. Paul UCC, Lebanon**

Christine will explain how what started as a simple, open, and honest community discussion has blossomed into a vital ministry that connects neighbor to neighbor in direct response to addressing the food insecurity issues in the wider Lebanon community.

**WORKSHOP #4 - “Labyrinths – A Spiritual Practice”**

**Speaker: Rev. Stacy Tate, Irvington Friedens UCC**

Rev. Stacy Tate will lead a workshop on the spiritual practice of labyrinths. Rev. Tate is a certified labyrinth guide. Participants will experience for themselves how this tool can be used for prayer, personal reflection, and spiritual transformation.

**WORKSHOP #5 – “Transforming Christian Education for the Inclusive Church”**

**Panelist: Pastor Tim Reed, Pastor of Belleville Trinity UCC and Carla Kay Robertson**

In this workshop, participants will be guided through a series of activities based on Multiple Intelligences, a theory of intelligence developed by Howard Gardner. Provide the service of an interactive and engaging Christian Education Program utilizing these tried-and-true activities.

**WORKSHOP #6 – Movement in Ministry**

**Speaker: Rev. Kelsey Peterson Beebe**

This workshop will explore how congregations can implement practices which embody ways to connect more deeply to themselves, others and God.

Click [here](#) to register. Click [here](#) for a flyer to post in your church.





## Delegates & Pastors: You Are Invited To An Illinois South Council Ecclesiastical Council To Examine for Ordination

### Amy Brooks

Sunday, February 26, 2023,  
3:00 pm on Zoom (Link below)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7088890946>

#### Schedule:

- 2:45 – The Zoom session will open
- 3:00 – Ecclesiastical Council begins
- Introduction by a member of the Committee on Ministry
- Presentation of the Candidate
- Summary of the Ordination [Paper](#)
- Examination and Discernment
- Deliberation and Decision by the Ecclesiastical Council
- Announcement of the Vote

#### Who Should Attend?

An Ecclesiastical Council is an official meeting of the Illinois South Conference acting as an Association. Delegates from each congregation and all United Church of Christ ordained and licensed ministers with standing in the Conference are called to be present for this meeting. Local churches are entitled to the same number of voting delegates as for any meeting of the Conference.

#### Why Are We Meeting?

To examine Amy Brooks, a Member in Discernment of Illinois South Conference, for ordained ministry. Amy has completed the preparation steps for ordination, was examined by the Illinois South Conference Committee on Ministry, and was approved as a candidate for an Ecclesiastical Council. It is now the task of the Ecclesiastical Council (the gathered body of voting delegates of our Conference) to discern if Amy is worthy of ordination in the United Church of Christ.

#### How Can We Prepare?

Please download the ordination [paper](#) and the [document](#) entitled "The Church's Expectations of Its Candidates for Ordination," which will be attached to email invitations sent to your churches. Copies can also be accessed on our Conference [website](#). Please make copies for other delegates or share the papers so they can read these materials before the meeting. During the Zoom event, delegates can ask the candidate questions about the ordination paper and call to ministry.



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

ISC Hunger Action Committee recognizes **Zion UCC in Marion** for their "Souper Bowl" Food Drive. They partnered with the Marion Ministerial Alliance Food Pantry to collect nonperishable food items for local families in need. Their goal was to collect 400 food items and \$400, and the goal was surpassed with 479 food items and \$452. Thank you, Zion UCC for the generous donations of food items and monetary gifts. Such a blessing.



## Boundary Awareness Training

For those pastors who are due for **Boundary Training** this year, ISC has scheduled one for Tuesday, March 21, via zoom from **8:30 a.m. – Noon and one on Tuesday, May 16 from 8:30 am - Noon**. These trainings will be for **both active and retired clergy**. Contact Debbie at [dkesner@iscucc.org](mailto:dkesner@iscucc.org) to register and get the zoom meeting info. Cost: \$20 for retired pastors, \$25 for active pastors, \$25 for non-ISC retired pastors, and \$30 for non-ISC active pastors.



Thank you for your support of the **One Great Hour of Sharing** (OGHS) offering! The UCC's Wider Church Ministries ability to provide Disaster Ministries, Refugee Ministries, and Sustainable Development initiatives are a result of your generosity.

In 2022, through your gifts to OGHS, the UCC was present with our neighbors in tangible ways, standing in solidarity and mutuality to respond to ongoing and emerging needs, and work for the benefit of all. Working collaboratively with Conferences, local, national, and global partners, we helped to provide clean water, food, education, health care, resettlement for refugees and displaced persons, emergency relief, and disaster preparedness and response.

This year, you are encouraged to receive the OGHS on **Sunday, March 19** using the theme **"It's Time to Share,"** based on Galatians 6: 9-10. While thousands of congregations will receive the OGHS offering on this day, we are grateful for your generous gifts whenever they are received throughout the year.

### Ways to Give

- Donate through your local congregation and Illinois South Conference, 1312 Broadway, Highland, IL 62249
- Mail a check (payable to OGHS) to UCC, P.O. Box 71957, Cleveland, OH 44194

## Planning Transition to Retirement

The Pension Boards invites you to attend a two-day **Planning for the Transition to Retirement seminar on March 29-30, 2023, from 2 pm to 4 pm each day**. Whether you are planning to retire soon or are in the middle of your career, clergy or lay, this seminar is designed to help you transition to retirement. If you are an actively-contributing Pension Boards member, 45 years of age or older, we invite you to participate.

- **On Day One (Wednesday, March 29 from 2 pm – 4 pm CST)** of our presentation, we discuss some of the landmark issues along the journey to retirement and how we can best prepare to hit those milestones. We will then focus on the two largest financial sources for most of our members: **Social Security and the Annuity Plan for the United Church of Christ**.
- **One Day Two (Thursday, March 30 from 2 pm – 4 pm CST)** of our presentation, we will dig a little deeper into some of the accompanying details of the retirement journey. We will look at how our investment choices should be informed by our current lives and future goals and review additional benefits to help smooth our path. Finally, we will examine the way our lives will change and what we can do to continue leading purposeful, fulfilling lives in retirement.

**[Register here by March 28, 2023](#)**. The Zoom credentials you receive upon registration are the credentials you will use to participate in both Day One and Day Two of the **Planning for the Transition to Retirement** seminar.



## DuBois Center News

### ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT SPRING?

Spring and summer are on our minds at DuBois Center and we are ready to welcome you!!

#### **Father & Son Retreat – March 17-19**

We are excited to be offering this popular retreat where

DuBois Center is your playground to enjoy time with your dad, son, nephew, uncle, grandson, grandpa, or even someone who you think of as one!

**Horse Retreat - April 15-16** - Another crowd favorite returns! This weekend is just like our summer horse camp, but with more time with and on the horses! Also, who said you could only **ride** horses? We'll have activities like horse apple bobbing, campfire cookouts with your horse, confecting horse treats, a barn party, and many more horse games. Designed for participants ages 12 and over who love horses, this could very well be the highlight of your spring!



**Women's Retreat - April 21-23** - Back again for 2023, this retreat was created just for women ages 20 and over at DuBois Center. Relax and unwind with activities like yoga, nature walks, and spiritual time. This retreat is all about relaxing, getting away from everyday life, and meeting new friends. With an adults-only theme, this is the perfect time to get away and enjoy a stress-free weekend!

**BONUS:** This weekend will also feature yoga from one of our talented former staff members and massages from two of our most dedicated volunteers! Just two more reasons to get away for the weekend!

For full details, pricing, and registration for all events, please visit us online!

As always, be sure to continue to follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [YouTube](#), [TikTok](#), and [www.DuBoisCenter.org](http://www.DuBoisCenter.org) for pictures, updates, videos, and stories!

**We're Looking for a Few Good Horses** - As we prepare for Summer Camp, we want to add a couple horses to our herd. We're hoping someone out there knows of a horse or two that might be a good fit for camp that could be donated or purchased at a reasonable cost.

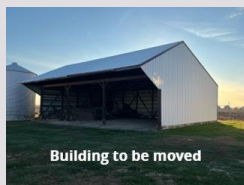
Here's what we are looking for:

- Reliable kid-safe trail horses - walk, trot and canter with good brakes.
- Not too young and not too old - our preference is for horses between 5 and 15 years old.
- Large and sturdy - at least 15 hands tall and well built. They will often be carrying children, but they also need to be able to carry large adults.
- Healthy, easy keepers - our herd spends much of their time living naturally in our pastures and woods. No horses with special dietary or health needs.
- Good temperament - they will be working with kids much of the time and need to be patient and easy-going.
- No bad habits - no bucking, rearing or cribbing





If you know a horse that is available and might be a good camp horse, please contact Scott Kuether at [sekuether21@gmail.com](mailto:sekuether21@gmail.com).



**ISC Property Team needs your help** -Camp DuBois has no hay shed to keep their round hay bales dry. Wet hay bales are prone to mold and bacteria which pose a serious health risk to the camp's horses. An ISC family has generously offered to donate their 43x68 metal pole building to the camp. Our challenge is to find a company that will dismantle the building, move it to Camp DuBois, and reassemble it at the camp. If you know of such a company please contact one of the Property Team's co-chairs, Roger Harris ([rharris2325@gmail.com](mailto:rharris2325@gmail.com) or 618-631-4502) or Mark Beckmeyer ([mbeckmey@icloud.com](mailto:mbeckmey@icloud.com) or 618-335-9945).

### DuBois Center needs Nature's Classroom Instructors!

More information can be found at <https://duboiscenter.org/natures-classroom/> or reach out to the Program Director, Rylee Bernhardt by calling the office 618-787-2202 or emailing her at [program@duboiscenter.org](mailto:program@duboiscenter.org).



### General Synod Resolutions

Delegates to the **United Church of Christ General Synod** this summer



*CHHSM News*  
Council for Health and Human Service Ministries

will be wrestling with some big issues that have arisen in the country since the last Synod — through proposed resolutions. Acting as the General Synod Business Committee, the Board will vote whether to affirm the suggested action of each resolution. After this, full texts of each resolution will be **publicly available for review** prior to Synod, taking place June 30-July 4 in Indianapolis.

Here are the titles of the submitted resolutions, proposed by delegates, local churches, Associations and Conferences:

- Denouncing the Dobbs Decision and Proclaiming Abortion as Healthcare.
- A Resolution Calling for a New Study by our Church on our Relationship with the Indian Boarding Schools and the Boarding Schools in Hawaii.
- Closing the Digital Divide: Calling on the United Church of Christ to Seek Digital Justice and Inclusion.
- A Resolution Urging Planning for and Implementing Electrification.
- Faithful Advocacy for Intersectional and Transformational Healing in Harm Reduction.
- Affirming Guns to Gardens and Other Gun Violence Prevention Ministries.
- A Resolution to Urge All Responsible Entities to Join in Reparations to Fund Christian Hawaiian Language Education Programs to Undo a Century of Extinction. Americanization and Indoctrination Policies Extinguished the Original Christian Hawaiian Alphabet.
- Encouraging a Plant-based Life.
- Free from Plastic Pollution.
- Free from Plastic Pollution (distinct from the other resolution of the same name).
- A Resolution Supporting Public School Educators, Academic Freedom, and Equity Efforts in Schools.
- A Resolution to Study and Develop Reparations Proposals for African Americans.
- A Resolution Condemning Prolonged Solitary Confinement as a Form of Torture.
- Actively Affirming the Human Dignity of Transgender and Nonbinary persons.

- A Resolution Calling on United Church of Christ Local Churches to Witness “A White Supremacy Free Zone” and Confronting White Supremacy.
- Affirming Licensed and Commissioned Ministers as Authorized Ministers in the United Church of Christ.
- Living into God’s Economy: Celebrating the 170th Anniversary of the United Church of Christ Church Building & Loan Fund.

**Uni-Pres Kindercottage Needs Your Support** - Thanks to so many generous donors we have completed our goal of putting in a new 3 to 5-year old outdoor playground. They still owe \$35,000 and are still seeking funds to pay off this project. They are also in the midst of planning and fundraising for the construction of a 0 to 3-year-old playground. Their playground equipment is in poor condition and has been worn over the years. They request your help to reach the goal of a sound playground structure installed by the year 2024. Contact Aimee Hart at [Aimee@unipreskindercottage.org](mailto:Aimee@unipreskindercottage.org) to find out more.

**Medical Equipment Loan Program** - St. John's Community Care is open to loan equipment and accept equipment returns and donations on Monday - Friday from 9 am - 4:30 pm. Call 618-344-5008 to determine if they have the equipment you need. Email [info@stjohnscc.org](mailto:info@stjohnscc.org) for more information or to reserve equipment.

**Mark Your Calendars!** - Unleashing Potential in St. Louis, Missouri, will hold a Trivia Night on Sat, April 22. Watch for more information coming soon. Let's join together for fun that helps to empower the children we serve.

**Deaconess Foundation Grants** - Deaconess Foundation (Deaconess) is currently accepting proposals for up to \$100,000 to support public policy efforts that pursue change through grassroots advocacy, civic engagement, and community organizing. The Foundation is seeking applications from community organizations, coalitions, and public campaigns positioned to focus energy on the civic engagement required to advance public policy change efforts. “Deaconess' Policy Campaign/Collaborative Grants aim to support efforts that advance coordinated local or state public policy advocacy and organizing campaigns to drive meaningful, systemic change aligned with the Foundation’s desired impact for children and families,” said Bethany Johnson-Javois, president and CEO of Deaconess Foundation. “With the ever-evolving legislative and electoral landscape we are committed to investing in opportunities that are well-positioned to advance policy change. We want to incentivize collaboration to achieve big policy wins. We know that now is the time to activate.” Grants will be awarded for one year and can be made to one or more organizations/campaigns, with future Policy Campaign/Collaborative Grants being offered again in early 2024. The maximum grant award will be \$100,000 with no less than \$50,000 awarded per organization/campaign. The grants are for general operating support to advance timely public policy change efforts. Organizations must submit proposals for Policy Campaign/Collaborative Grants at [deaconess.org/apply-for-funding](https://deaconess.org/apply-for-funding) by Monday, February 27, 2023.

## What's Happening in Illinois South Conference

**Region 2 - Valmeyer St John UCC will hold its Fish Fries (carryout only from the shed) on Wed, Feb 22, from 4 pm – 7 pm and Fri, March 3 from 4 pm - 7:30 pm. Enjoy cod**



plates, cod sandwiches and cod by the pound. Sides will be American potato salad, slaw and fries.

**Region 5 - Troy Friedens UCC will host Classic Friedens Friends on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 10 am.** The day is designed specifically for adults who are retired, semi-retired, etc. The day will include some stretching/ chair yoga, a devotional time to set goals for the year, lunch, and a movie. Feel free to come for part or all of this day. No prior knowledge or experience needed to participate. All are welcome!

**Hamel Immanuel UCC will hold its Chicken Dinner on Sunday March 19 from 11:30 am - 4:30 pm.** DRIVE THRU ONLY. Menu includes fried chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, slaw, and applesauce. Quilt and TV raffle. Contact 618-633-2277. All meals \$12.00.

**Troy Friedens UCC will host its Coffee & Dessert Speaker Series on the Third Thursday of the Month at 7:00 pm.** Speakers scheduled are:

**February 16 "Jarvis Township History and Folklore"**

Speaker: Kevin Kaegy a Jarvis Family Descendent

**March 16 "A Trip to the Holy Land"**

Speakers: Pastor Tim & Danielle Harrison & fellow travelers

**April 20 "Lessons from the Master Gardeners"**

Speakers: Bob and Judy Smejkal

**May 18 "The 60s Chicks Show Choir"**

**Region 8 - Trenton St. John UCC will hold a Drive-Thru Chili & Beef Vegetable Soup Meal on Sat, Feb 18 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm or until they run out.** Soup price is \$10 per quart. Wurstmarkt applesauce for \$8 per quart (limited quantity). Enter alley on west side by the Shell Station. For questions, contact 618-224-9828.

**The ladies of Friedens UCC of Marissa will host their annual Women's Pre-Lent Breakfast on Sat, Feb 18, starting at 8:30 am.** All area women are invited to the non-denominational service and free breakfast. The pre-Lent service in the sanctuary, led by Rev. Tarrah Vaupel and Rev. Brett Palmer, will be followed by the breakfast in fellowship hall.

**Zion UCC in New Baden will host their first Chicken Dinner of 2023 on March 4 from 4 pm - 7 pm.** Each dinner will cost \$15 and will come with half a chicken, sides, and dessert. This will be a drive-thru only dinner. For questions or if you have a large order, please call the office at 618-588-4135.

**Region 9 - Concordia UCC will hold its All-You-Can-Eat Pancake & Sausage Breakfast from 7 am - 10 am on Sat, Feb 25.** Menu includes three kinds of pancakes - Buttermilk, Oatmeal & Gluten Free. Adults \$9; Children ages 5 - 12 \$6; Free for children under 5. Proceeds go to Concordia UCC's youth programs.

### **Job Opportunities**

**Granite City St. John UCC is seeking a passionate, part-time Director of Music** able to consistently provide a holy experience for our congregation and to reach new people through live music at worship services. The Director of Music will develop and lead the

music ministries of our church year-round, providing live music throughout the year along with direction for our choir. The new director must have high proficiency in playing organ and piano. To support you, both our state-of-the-art Allen Bravura digital organ and our grand piano are recently installed in the sanctuary, along with a new top-of-the-line sound system. Our worship services are made more vibrant and motivational through music, and we rely on our Director of Music to lead the way. This part-time position will entail an average of 10-12 hours per week, with the inclusion of Sunday morning worship, Wednesday evening rehearsals, and occasional special services, funerals and weddings. The position's salary will be commensurate with the individual's past work experience. In Christ we live, celebrate and serve. Our church's mission statement embodies who we are: Empowered by the Holy Spirit, living our faith in Jesus Christ, and celebrating the promises of God, we welcome all to unite in loving and serving God. We hope you are called to be part of our historic church. Candidates may apply by submitting a resume and references to [stjohnucc2901gc@yahoo.com](mailto:stjohnucc2901gc@yahoo.com).

**Office Business Manager** - Evangelical UCC in Highland has an opportunity for a full-time Office Business Manager. This position will be responsible for overall administrative operation & management of the church office, day care, preschool & building & grounds. 2+ years of work experience required. Candidates can send their resume to [bbray@evucc.org](mailto:bbray@evucc.org). Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

**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](mailto:stjohnuccfairview@gmail.com).

**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.

### **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](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 Executive Director, contact Noah McCarn at [director@DuBoisCenter.org](mailto:director@DuBoisCenter.org).

For DuBois Center program information, contact Rylee Bernhardt at 618-787-2202 or [program@DuBoisCenter.org](mailto: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](mailto:jriechmann@iscucc.org). For the ISC Conference Minister, Rev. Shana Johnson, get in touch with her via email [sjohnson@iscucc.org](mailto:sjohnson@iscucc.org) or 618-882-8247.

*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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