

May 2, 2023



### DuBois Center Hires Office Administrator

Hello all! My name is **Shelby Liggett**. I am the new Office Administrator at DuBois Center! I am originally from DuQuoin, and I moved to a farm in DuBois three years ago. I am a new mother to a

beautiful baby girl, and have been married to my husband, Lane, for two years. I grew up at Nine Mile Baptist Church in Tamaroa. I enjoy reading, kayaking, and taking care of the animals on the farm. I have heard so many great things about the camp, and am excited to meet all of you! I look forward to the days of seeing DuBois Center filled with campers this summer and I cannot wait to be involved in all of the different events to be held. I am so grateful for this opportunity and am eager to begin!

### Facing Hunger in Your Community

**The Hunger Action Team of the ISC** asks you to share the ways (and photos) of how you are helping to address hunger in your communities. Summer is coming soon; students who qualify for free school breakfast/ lunch will not have access to their free meals during summer break.

Please share how your church is helping combat hunger for local families in need. Reminder: Children need the proper nutrition for their learning, development, and growth. Contact Kathi at [kathi1emery@gmail.com](mailto:kathi1emery@gmail.com). below are two of the stories within ISC.



**Closing Service**  
**Centralia St. Peter United Church of Christ (1863-2023)** will hold its closing service on **May 7, 2023**. The closing service

### Prayer list for May 7-13, 2023

#### Church & Pastors

**-Summerfield**

**St. John UCC, Rev. Philip (Kate) Barbier** (right)



**-Tower Hill St. Paul UCC, Pastor Neil Kaiser** (left)

#### Retired Pastor

**-Revs. Pamela Smith and Earl Menchhofer**, Conyers, GA

#### People with Life Concerns

-Pray for the family and friends of **Edna Dell Weinel** as they mourn her passing. Edna Dell was a member of Columbia St. Paul UCC and served many years on the ISC Church & Ministry Preparation Committee (now part of COM). Visitation will be on May 19 from 4 pm - 7 pm at Leesman Funeral Home in Columbia and May 20 from 10 am - 10:45 am at Columbia St. Paul UCC. Funeral service officiated by Rev. Dr. Sheldon Culver, Edna's dearest friend, will be at 11 am on May 20 at Columbia St. Paul UCC. Cards may be sent to Sheldon Culver, 407 N Main St, Columbia, IL 62236 and she will share with Edna Dell's nieces and nephews. Read the full [obituary](#).

will celebrate St. Peter UCC's 160 years of service, missions, and dedication to God by sharing tears, laughter, memories, and the acknowledgement of new legacies going forward in the Centralia community and beyond. You are invited to join them at 2 pm on May 7, 2023, at 316 West Third St., Centralia, Illinois, for this closing service.

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### Mental Health First Aid Certification

**On July 15 from 8 am to 4:30 pm, Belleville Trinity UCC** will host a Mental Health First Aid Certification class for the first fifteen people who register for the class. The cost of the program is \$75 per person which covers the cost of the books, supplies, and certification. Please send an email to Pastor Tim Powers-Reed at [illinitchr@gmail.com](mailto:illinitchr@gmail.com) to register. By June 25, payment must be completed by a check payable to Trinity UCC Belleville. The certification class is offered as part of Trinity's WISE covenant, and they hope that members of the Conference will take advantage of this opportunity!

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### Mother's Day Is Coming...

#### Success

How does a mother measure success,  
Knowing she gave it her very best?  
It isn't dollars she keeps in the bank,  
But very small things for which she gives thanks.

It isn't that they have been perfectly raised.  
Or that they will never act silly or crazed.  
It isn't that no mistakes will be made  
Or God will say "yes" for all she has prayed.

It's small things that measure this mother's success.  
See if these questions are answered "yes."  
Has her child grown to woman or man?  
Do they know how to use pots and pans?

Are they gentle, confident, strong?  
Do they consider what's right and wrong?  
Do they love touching to show that they care?  
Do they have feelings for "nerds" and "squares"?

If they are angry, upset or in pain,  
Can they explain without causing the same?  
Can they be loving, tender and kind  
Without losing sight of their own unique minds?

Do they set limits and goals to achieve?  
Do they have strength to show how they grieve?

-Please pray for **Marilyn Paul** who is dealing with health issues. Marilyn is the widow of the Rev. Dr. H. J. "Jack" Paul, who served at St. Paul UCC in Edwardsville, St. John UCC in Fairview Heights, and the Well UCC in Glen Carbon, and mother of Rev. Tim (Rev. Janet) Darmour-Paul, who serves as pastor at Grantfork UCC. Cards may be sent to Marilyn at 200 S. Station Rd #9330, Glen Carbon, IL 62034.

-Keep **Kevin (Rev. Nancy Spier-Lee) Lee** in your prayers as he deals with illness at Barnes Hospital. Rev. Spier-Lee served as pastor at Waterloo Zion UCC St. Joe until she retired in 2018. Cards may be sent to 309 Kroeger Ave, Dupou, IL 62239.

-Pray for **Rev. Karla (Rev. Charles Preston) Frost, Pastor & Teacher for Granite City St. John UCC**, as she recovers from surgery. Cards may be sent to her at 2901 A Nameoki Rd, Granite City, IL 62040.

-Keep **Rev. Bob (Doris) Utke** in your prayers as he deals with health issues which have caused a hospital stay. Rev. Utke was the pastor at Stone Church St. Peter's UCC prior to retiring. Cards may be sent to him at Rev. Robert Utke, 1840 University Ave W, Apt. 305, St. Paul MN 55104.

-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.

Mom knows these decisions have not been her own,  
But feels that she influenced how they have grown.

The questions are true for daughters and sons.  
A "mensch" is a "mensch", no matter which one.  
If most of these questions are answered "yes,"  
This mother knows she has reached success.

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### Prayer and Lectionary Lunch Hour

Illinois South Conference pastors gather by Zoom each Wednesday at about 12:30 by Zoom. Their time together normally lasts about an hour. All pastors are invited to share and solidify relationships with their pastoral peers in our Conference. Here is the Zoom link:

Date and time: Wednesdays at 12:30 pm  
Meeting ID: 837 0733 6906. Link to join the Zoom meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83707336906>

-Please pray for **Rev. Ken (Jean) Knobloch** as he recovers from surgery. Rev. Knobloch served 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, Maestown, 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.



**St. Peter's United Church of Christ & the Illinois South Conference** of the United Church of Christ invite you to the installation service of **Rev. Dr. Lauren Lambert-Goheen** as their Pastor and Teacher  
Sunday, May 21, 2023, at 3 pm  
St. Peter's United Church of Christ  
1512 Spruce Street, Murphysboro, IL 62966.

Clergy are invited to robe and wear red stoles and arrive at 2:30 pm to process. A meal will be served in the fellowship hall following the installation.

### General Synod 34 will be held in Indianapolis on June 30 – July 4.

The Indiana/Kentucky Conference (IKC) of the United Church of Christ will be the host of the GS. As their neighboring Conference, IKC is asking for volunteers from Illinois South Conference to allow many hands to make light work.

The process to volunteer happens in three steps:

1. Apply to volunteer by clicking [here](#).
2. You'll receive a discount code after you apply to volunteer you can use to **Register for General Synod [here](#) which will allow you to register for the entire event for only \$65 (be sure to enter the code!)**
3. Attend your shift and help us make this the best General Synod yet!

Shifts are approximately 4 hours and there are many volunteer [opportunities](#) including the following (click on the links below to view the role's duties). If you're not sure what you'd like to do, contact our Synod Volunteer Coordinator, [Kim Armstrong](#), to discuss the best fit for you.

- [Airport Greeters \[Indianapolis Airport\]](#)
- [Exhibit Hall Support](#)
- [Floor Stewards](#)
- [Hospitality: Children's Program and Child Care](#)
- [Hospitality: Guides and Greeters for Hotel & Plenary Hall](#)

- [Hospitality: Local Arrangements Office/Special Accommodations](#)
- [Information and Communication](#)
- [Outdoor Festival \[Indiana-Kentucky Conference Special Event\]](#)
- [Registration Support](#)
- [Technical Support for GS Committee Process](#)
- [Volunteer Support](#)
- [Welcome and Reception at GS Hotels](#)
- [Worship Support: Ushers for worship services](#)

Click [here](#) to volunteer and stay tuned. Email the Local Arrangements Team if you have any questions at [generalsynod2023@ikcucc.org](mailto:generalsynod2023@ikcucc.org). We are looking forward to loving and serving like Jesus alongside you!

### **From the ISC Justice and Mission Committee: General Synod Service Project: Feminine Hygiene Kits.**

The UCC and Church World Service hope to collect and assemble 1,000 feminine hygiene kits at General Synod. Attendees are invited to bring assembled kits or hygiene items to donate to this project. Please support this service project at General Synod in Indianapolis on June 30-July 4. Providing hygiene kits is an easy way to help others. Be a blessing to individuals who lack access to necessary feminine care supplies. Shopping list and assembly instructions [here](#).

**Mental Health Sunday** - At the 2022 ISC Annual Meeting, the delegates made a covenant to become a **WISE (Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive, Engaged) Conference**. May 21 is Mental Health Sunday. Each year, about one in four of us deal with a mental health challenge, sometimes chronic and sometimes acute. These conditions are not the result of a lack of faith but are matters of physical health and wellbeing. Spiritual resources can promote hope and strength for living with these conditions. Consider focusing on ISC's WISE covenant on May 21.

### **Native Hawaiians Urge General Synod Response to Legacy of Indian Boarding Schools and Language Loss** by Kayla Berkey

The [2023 General Synod](#) of the United Church of Christ will consider 17 resolutions and several bylaw changes when it meets June 30-July 4 in Indianapolis. This is one in a series of articles about them. Full texts of each of the proposed resolutions are available at the [General Synod website](#).

In recent years, the United States government has [drawn new attention](#) to the haunting history of Indian boarding schools with an aim to offer some [healing and repair](#).

Two proposed resolutions before the General Synod of the United Church of Christ call the denomination to consider taking a deep dive into its participation in this history and the ongoing cultural impact. Read the [article](#).

### **Pre-Synod May Summit Asks 'Can the Church Embrace Change?'** by Connie Larkman

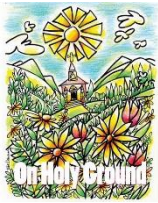
Many things have changed in the few years since the pandemic – countless people are working remotely or on a hybrid schedule, food service staffers are hard to hire, shoppers are often finding what they need online. Churches and faith communities found new ways of worshiping, relating and gathering with COVID-19.

Churches had to quickly change in 2020 because of that immediate crisis – but now, facing deep cultural shifts and membership decline, can the Church truly embrace change?

That's the question that [ten faith leaders](#) will wrestle with over the course of five days in a May summit that the United Church of Christ and [Convergence](#) are teaming up to offer online.

**Visions for the future** - Conversations with the UCC's three elected national officers will be part of the virtual summit May 22 - 26, "Can the Church Change? Decolonizing the Imagination and Visions for the Future." Read the [article](#).

**Boundary Awareness Training** - For those pastors who are due for **Boundary Training** this year, the next session for both active and retired will be **on Tuesday, May 16 from 8:30 am - Noon**. 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.



**On Holy Ground - Strengthen the Church** - The Strengthen the Church offering supports the expansion of ministry and growth of local UCC churches. Support of this offering helps the UCC fulfill its commitment to creating a just world for all by investing in ministries that meet the emerging needs of local communities. Congregations may take the offering on Pentecost Sunday, May 28. 50% of this offering stays within Illinois South Conference to help our individual churches.

Resources available as digital download or in print and include the following: **Downloadable items:**

- Campaign Overview and Resource Pages
- Reflection by Rev. Dr. John Dorhauer
- 3 Bulletin Inserts including a poem by Rev. Dave Long-Higgins and a reflection by Rev. Traci Blackmon
- Music Video of "On Holy Ground" with images of new churches and ministry funded by this offering

The download link will be on the checkout confirmation page and emailed to you. Nothing will be shipped. **Print resources:** Envelopes (Order individually. Envelopes do not come in packs). Order downloaded or print material [here](#).

**The Amazing People of Illinois South Conference...The 2023 St. John Quilt Show** was a huge success!!! The Happy Quilters and The Everfaithful Guild wish to say thank you to everyone who participated in making the show happen.

The DuBois Raffle Quilt made by Kay Ostrom and quilted by Kim Graul was won by Rob Welch of Mascoutah. This **raffle quilt raised \$1,630**, and a check was presented to the Director of DuBois Center, Noah McCarn, on Sunday, April 23.



**Disaster Relief** - In March 2023, deadly tornados ripped through Mississippi and Alabama. On March 24, twenty tornados touched down in the two states. The town of Rolling Fork, MS was severely damaged. One week later, on March 31st, severe thunderstorms again tore through the U.S. Midwest and Mid-South . These storms spawned dozens of tornadoes

across seven states. The town of Wynne, Arkansas was especially hard-hit. In the wake of these storms, lives were lost, downed trees interrupted electrical power, and some towns were nearly destroyed.

Caring responses have begun through national and regional organizations. Varieties of aid and assistance are needed. People in these communities express hope for rebuilding and restoring their daily lives, even as they are surrounded by destruction. The UCC Disaster

[Ministries](#) provide physical, financial, emotional, and spiritual care to those affected by disasters and respond through a network of Conference Disaster Coordinators. The ISC Conference Disaster Coordinator is Priscilla Self who can be reached at [pjj48@hotmail.com](mailto:pjj48@hotmail.com). If you wish to make a financial donation, you can send to the ISC office. Please note on the check that it is for Disaster Relief.



Join the new monthly DuBois Center Newsletter to stay up to date on the latest DuBois Center news, events, and musings. Different than the Weekly Connection, the DuBois Center Newsletter will include a message from the Director, upcoming schedule, news about DuBois 6.0 projects, and sneak peaks for the summer camp season. [Click here to subscribe now!](#)



### Insurance Board Newsletter Seasonal Maintenance Suggestions & Inspections

Those of us who experience the cold and blustery winter season have already started to see the first signs of spring; temperatures are rising, windows are opening, birds are singing, and early flowers are beginning to bloom.

Unfortunately, daffodils are not the only early bloomers we see in the spring; it is also when you may notice potholes beginning to grow in the church parking lot. Heavy frost may have moved sidewalks and caused changes in elevation. Stairs may be crumbling from water intrusion and expansion from freezing. Each of these issues can create trip and fall hazards at your church. Read [more](#).

**Hoyleton Youth & Family Services** has multiple employment opportunities available. To see the list, click [here](#).



**Stress-busting for Family Care-Givers - St. John's Community Care** holds sessions every Monday from 10 am - 11:30 am for 9 weeks. The next session will be from May 8 - July 3, 2023. The program provides education and support, teaches stress management techniques, and helps care-givers develop coping strategies. Call 618-344-5008 for more information.

### CHHSM News - Medicaid, SNAP and other human needs programs are at risk.

Congress is currently negotiating on the terms for a deal to increase the debt ceiling. As they face crucial fiscal decisions in the coming months, it is imperative that programs addressing the most fundamental tools needed to live with dignity and security are protected.

Currently, the discussions on the debt ceiling include significant cuts to programs like Medicaid, SNAP, as well as limiting eligibility and imposing strict work requirements. This would put millions of people's health care at risk, perpetuate racial health inequities, and shift costs to states, forcing them to scale back benefits and services.

The UCC Washington Office and CHHSM are coordinating with a broad variety of faith partners to share the importance of protecting human needs programs through advocacy visits with members of Congress. It's important to show that many organizations are working together on this effort; and nothing matches the stories and expertise that you as providers can bring to this work.

You can get involved through several avenues:

- Do a virtual DC advocacy visit or an in-district visit with your member of Congress
- Sign onto an organizational sign on letter in target states
- Write a letter to the editor
- Offer a site visit to a member of Congress

The UCC DC office is prepared with advocacy materials, coordinating visits virtually, assisting with meeting preparation and drafting of op eds.

The threat to Medicaid and other human needs program is clear and getting out front of it with these coordinated advocacy efforts are vital. The timeline on this is short and the visits would ideally take place in mid-May since there may be a bill in the House before Memorial Day. If you're interested, sign up [here](#) and we can start organizing briefings and get started on planning.

**Caregiver Financial Aid - St. John's Community Care** has a bit of funding available to Caregivers or families with an individual struggling with the effects of dementia. These funds can be used towards home improvements or technology or medical equipment needed to help keep a loved one safe, or even to ensure they have a home. It can assist with utilities or mileage. If you have a loved one with dementia and you have a financial need of any kind, please call them to see if this funding can help you. Call Christine at 618-344-5008.

**Hike, Bike & Run for Hoyleton Youth & Family Services** - You may choose between **5K & Half-Marathon OR 5 Mile Hike/Bike on May 13**. The 5K & Half-Marathon begins at 8:30 am and the 5 Mile Hike/Bike goes from 9 am - 11 am. Both courses begin and end at Maeystown St. John UCC. T-shirt & mile-marker sponsorships are available. For more information or to register, click [here](#). 5K \$35; 5 Mile Hike/Bike \$30; 1/2 Marathon \$60; T-shirt only \$20. Event is sponsored by Maeystown St. John UCC and Zion UCC, St. Joe. Proceeds benefit Hoyleton Youth & Family Services.

**Caregiver Coffee Talk**, sponsored by **St. John's Community Care** is scheduled every Monday from 9 am - 10:30 pm at Verona Coffee Company in Collinsville. Caregiver specialist, Keanna Gibson, will help caregivers come together offering information, resources, and strategies specifically for caring for someone who may be disabled or have other health-related concerns. Share space and life experiences over a nice hot cup of coffee provided by St. John's Community Care.

## What's Happening in Illinois South Conference

### Stewardship Happens Every Sunday

If you would like to be part of that Stewardship, you can set up monthly recurring donations through PayPal/Credit Card to support the efforts of Illinois South Conference and other deserving ministries. The Conference helps individual churches by providing help with various information, offering choices of interim pastors, training for search committees, and much, much more. It also provides opportunities for all churches, like Day of Discipleship or speakers and musicians at Annual Meeting.

If you are interested in making a monthly donation for Our Church's Wider Mission, Friends of the Conference, DuBois Center General Fund, or one of the other areas that you want to support, here are the specific instructions.

Instructions:

- On our home page, <http://www.iscucc.org> on the right side, you can donate to one of the ISC ministries.
- Click on for example, Friends of the Conference, and you will go to the PayPal page to make your donation.
- Click the button to make it a monthly donation or if you prefer a one-time donation, leave the one-time donation button highlighted.
- Enter the amount for the monthly or one-time donation.
- Optional – if you want to add an amount to cover the CC fees, click the box which gives you the amount you will be charged.
- Click the “Donate by debit or credit card” button.
- Then follow the form for filling in your credit card number, expiration date, security code, and address.
- ISC does not keep your credit/debit card information. It is kept securely by PayPal.
- Your generosity is ALWAYS appreciated.

### **2023 Hunger and Health Illinois Regional Conference! - Registration is NOW OPEN**

University of Illinois Extension and SNAP Education staff are excited to announce the second Hunger and Health Illinois Conference held on May 5, at the Salvation Army in Springfield, IL from 10 am - 3 pm. Informational booths will provide opportunities for attendees to learn about SNAP-Ed resources, food pantry set-up, [Find Food IL](#) food locator map, and more. Participants will also select two breakout sessions to attend during the workshop. Topics include the Healthy Donation Initiatives, Find Food Funds, Supporting Wellness at Pantries (SWAP), and Trauma and Food. The conference will conclude with a keynote speaker and will have awards presentations for Illinois food pantry champions in these categories: Exceptional Food Pantry Manager, Healthy Pantry Innovations, Outstanding Health Equity Leader, and Volunteer of the Year. The cost for the event is \$10 per person and a noon meal will be provided. Fee waivers are available. For questions regarding the conference, contact Louise Hyneman at [lhyneman@illinois.edu](mailto:lhyneman@illinois.edu). Register [here](#).

### **Vacation Bible School Schedule**

**May 30 - June 2;** Waterloo St. Paul UCC; *Cokesbury Hero Hotline*.

**June 5-7 from 6 pm - 8 pm; June 8 from 6 pm - 7 pm;** Trenton St. John UCC with co-host First United Methodist Church; *Food Truck Party-On a Roll with God*.

**June 5-9;** Okawville St. Peter's UCC; *Hero Hotline*.

**June 5-9 from 9 am - 12 pm;** Highland Evangelical UCC; *Stellar: Shine Jesus' Light*.

**June 12-15;** Dupo Christ UCC; *Hero Hotline*.

**June 12-15;** Central City Zion UCC & Centralia St. Peter UCC (in covenant with Redeemer Lutheran Church, First Christian, Presbyterian Church, and First Methodist Church) at First Methodist Church in Centralia; *Hero Hotline*.

**June 13, 14, 15 from 5:30 pm - 8 pm;** Plum Hill St. John UCC with co-host Nashville St. Paul UCC; *Dinosaurs*.

**June 19-23 from 8:45 am - 12 pm;** Mascoutah St. John UCC; *Stellar: Shine Jesus' Light*.

**June 19-22 from 6 pm - 8 pm;** Belleville St. Paul UCC & Belleville Trinity UCC (held at St. Paul UCC); *Hero Hotline*.

**June 25-29;** Granite City St. John UCC; *Food Truck Party-On a Roll with God*.

**July 10-14 from 9 am - 12 pm;** Collinsville St. John UCC; Cost is \$15/person; *Hero Hotline*.



**July 10-14;** Red Bud St. Peter UCC; *Hero Hotline*.

**July 24-28 from 9 am - 11 am;** New Baden Zion UCC; *Food Truck Party-On a Roll with God*.

**August 6, 13, 20, 27, and September 3 at 9:15 am;** Alhambra Salem UCC; *Food Truck Party-On a Roll with God*.

**Region 2 - Dupo Christ UCC will hold its Wurstmarkt on Sat, May 20 from 11 am to 3 pm while supplies last.** Menu is pork sausage, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, corn, applesauce, and cake. Carry-out or dine-in. Outdoor seating available. Adults \$13 per plate; Children 5 - 11 years \$6 per plate.

**Region 4 - "All You Can Eat!" Spaghetti Supper will be held at Wood River St. John UCC on Thurs, May 4 from 4 pm – 7 pm.** Menu includes spaghetti, salad, Italian bread, dessert, and drink. Adults \$12; Children 6 – 12 yrs \$6; Children under 5 yrs Free (dine in only). Carry-outs available. Handicap accessible. Cash, checks or credit cards.

**Region 5 - Troy Friedens UCC will host its Coffee & Dessert Speaker Series on the Third Thursday of the Month at 7:00 pm.** Speakers scheduled are:  
**May 18** "The 60s Chicks Show Choir

**Region 9 - Belleville Trinity UCC will host its All You Can Eat Spaghetti Dinner Social on Sat, June 3 at 6 pm.** Menu includes spaghetti with meat sauce (or vegetarian sauce), salad, garlic bread, and dessert. Tea, lemonade, and coffee provided or BYOB. Photo booth. Games. Attendance Prizes. Karaoke. Raffle baskets. Kid's activities. All Proceeds benefit Trinity's Annual Holiday Food Basket Program. Adults \$15; Children 5 - 12 \$5; Children 4 and under Free.

**Job Opportunities - Looking to use your skills 9-12 hours a week and get paid for it? St. John UCC in Fairview Heights** seeks a part time Church Secretary. Preferably, someone who is familiar with the life of a church. Must be comfortable using a computer and familiar with Word and Excel. A full job description will be provided at the interview. 9 -12 hours weekly depending on the needs of the church. Contact the Church office 618-397-6323 (leave a message) or pastor at 618-660-8894 or email [stjohnuccfairview@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnuccfairview@gmail.com).

**Hitz Memorial Home has multiple open CNA positions available for evening/midnight shifts.** Call 618-488-2355 for more information. Or you may apply in person at 202 Belle Street, Alhambra, IL 62001.

**St. John UCC in Granite City, Illinois 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. Our Director of Music/Musician will provide live music throughout the year along with potentially offering leadership for our choir. Our new director must have proficiency in playing piano and/or organ. To support you, both our state-of-the-art Allen Bravura digital organ and our grand piano were 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 include Sunday morning worship, occasional special services, and potential rehearsals with our choir. This position's expected gross salary range is

\$12,000-\$15,000. Candidates may apply by submitting a resume and references to [stjohnucc2901gc@yahoo.com](mailto:stjohnucc2901gc@yahoo.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. Their music skills include the ability to play a Wicks 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 Office, contact Shelby Liggett at [dcinfo@duboiscenter.org](mailto:dcinfo@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 **Rev. Shana Johnson**, ISC Conference Minister, contact her at [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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