



July 24, 2023



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

Yesterday, Rev. Bill Groennert led the first worship of St. John's UCC, Johannisburg after the July 1st storm, which

severely damaged their church building. The congregation gathered for worship in the one-room schoolroom on the property that they renovated in 2018. Please continue to pray for the people of St. John's UCC in Johannisburg. Photo above-left shows damage from the storm. Two photos below of the congregation worshipping on Sunday.



### Prayer list for July 30 - Aug 5, 2023

#### Church & Pastors

-Columbia  
St. Paul  
UCC, Rev.

Jonathan Bangera  
(right)



-New Baden, Rev.  
Stephen (Molly) Stark  
(above-center)

#### Retired Pastor

-Rev. Dr. Don and Nancy  
Wagner, Marissa, IL

#### People with Life Concerns

-Please pray for a new program **Home Help and Hoops (HHH) Summer Camp**. The program has served over 100 kids. Prayers for continued energy for support and outreach to the Collinsville community.

-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.



### Ordination & Installation Service for Rev. Tim Powers-Reed

An ordination/installation service was held on July 23 for Tim Powers-Reed at Trinity UCC in Belleville. The photo above shows the

clergy that gathered and participated in the procession. Blessing for the congregation of Belleville Trinity UCC where Rev. Powers-Reed has been called as their Pastor and Teacher.

In the right photo are members and pastor, Rev. Kim Magwire, from Tim's home church, Church of the Good Shepherd, Carbondale.



## 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. To share your efforts to help feed the hungry, contact Kathi at [kathi1emery@gmail.com](mailto:kathi1emery@gmail.com). Below is another local program to feed hungry people.

**The Dupo Twigs Summer Lunch program** has 6 service sites- Cahokia Heights, East Carondelet, and 4 sites in Dupo. Volunteers from Christ UCC and First Congregational UCC in Dupo as well as St. Paul UCC in Columbia have handed out over 3 thousand lunches thus far this summer to area hungry children. Photos below.



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 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.

**-Pray for the churches who have sustained damage in the recent storms.** Those that we are aware of at this time are Zion UCC in Addieville(1871), St. John's UCC in Johannesburg (1837) and Good Shepherd of Faith in East St. Louis (1998). Johannesburg St. John's UCC is the oldest church in Illinois South Conference.

## Disaster Preparedness for Faith-Based Community Organizations

**The RDPC (Rural Domestic Preparedness Consortium) presents a course, MGT 405: Mobilizing Faith-Based Community Organizations in Preparing for Disaster, on Aug 10 from 9 am - 5 pm at the Fairview Fire Department, 10045 Bunkum Rd, Fairview Heights.** MGT 405 is an 8-hour, DHS/FEMA-certified, tuition-free, management-level course. This course covers emergency planning and brings together emergency managers and first responders with Faith-Based Community Organization (FBCO) leaders in a shared learning environment. This course facilitates effective communication to develop comprehensive local emergency plans. The course is free but you must register online. Click [here](#) for a flyer. Deadline to register is July 27. Click [here](#) to register. Contact email [jordan.p.ping@illinois.gov](mailto:jordan.p.ping@illinois.gov) or phone 618-444-8881.

**St. Peter UCC in Centralia has more items that need new homes.** Some of the items are needed for a wedding in September, but if you want the item(s) your name will be put on a



list. The first person who calls gets the first choice. Please feel free to contact me at [nancyborg@charter.net](mailto:nancyborg@charter.net) to get more details and pictures. Any donations given for items will be given to charity. Descriptions below photos.



(Left) Children's altar 4'1" height 25" wide 6-feet long  
(Second from left) Communion table 35 ½ inches tall 25 inches wide 6-feet long  
The Bibles on top are German, various years, and offering plates  
(Two right photos) Communion table used in the Sanctuary, has a removable glass covering. 7-feet long, 3 feet-3 ½ inches tall



(Left) Baptismal Font – very heavy  
(Second and third from left) Altar candles – wax outside/interior spring 26 Inches tall 2 candles  
(Second from right) Plastic chairs - adult and children sizes  
(Far right) Attendance board with numbers included



(Left) Hymn number display with numbers included  
(Second & third from left) Choir robes – blue with reversible stoles – 15 robes in various sizes  
(Right) Children classroom studies & hands-on Bible curriculum



(Left) Children pews – 3 pews - full length  
(Right) 12 Chairs - Used in teenage classroom



## † DuBois Center News

### Rainbow Camp 2023 Registration Is Now Open!

Rainbow Camp will be held Aug. 12, 2023, at DuBois Center. We will offer an optional overnight stay on Aug. 11 for those who are interested- just look for Rainbow Camp Plus

when you register.

Rainbow Camp is for singles, couples and families in the LGBTQ Community. Straight allies always welcome, too. Come celebrate pride at DuBois Center. Click [here](#) for a flyer to share with your church. Extra discounts for families of 5 or more. Registration closes Aug. 2. Photo above are participants in 2022 Rainbow Camp.



### Save the Date - Laugh Out Loud Fundraiser for Kindercottage

Uni-Pres Kindercottage will have a fundraiser "Laugh Out Loud," a night of Christian Comedy on Sat, Aug 26 beginning at 6:30 pm at St. Paul UCC, 115 W B St, Belleville, IL 62220. \$400 Gold VIP Table for 10 people; \$300 Silver Table for 10 people; \$25 Bronze for individual theater style seating. Contact 618-874-6505 or [Aimee@unipreskindercottage.org](mailto:Aimee@unipreskindercottage.org). Click [here](#) for a flyer to share with your congregation.

### Deaconess Foundation shares a new strategic framework.

You will learn their refined strategic direction, ways to access new funding opportunities, and more. See the results of their multilayered community-driven approach to seeding, creating, and fostering conditions where liberation is the lived reality within seven generations.

Presentation choices:

**Tues, Aug 22 from 5:30 pm-7:30 pm** at Deaconess Center for Child well-being, St. Louis, MO.

**Tues Sept 12 from 8:00 am - 10:00 am** at Jackie Joyner-Kersey Community Center, East St. Louis, IL.

Register [here](#). Additional opportunities to learn more about the strategy will be available this fall.



Hey Friends-- if anyone (clergy or lay) is looking to make a move, why don't you check out the **full-time Director of Campus & Youth Ministry position nested in [Community UCC](#) in the heart of the University of Illinois**. This congregation is a wonderful group of people with a deep commitment to serving the community. Several of our Illinois South young adults have been a part of this campus ministry over the years and some have even discerned their call to ministry there, like Rev. Krista Betz and Rev. Kirk Foster, PhD. Applications will only be received for a short time, so don't delay! More information is available on the UCC Ministry Opportunities page [here](#).



### **Hoyleton Youth & Family Service Break Ground**

A **Groundbreaking Ceremony** for a new therapeutic residential campus will be held on Thursday, July 27 at 12:30 pm at 157 E Elm St, in Hoyleton, Illinois. Lunch will follow. Please RSVP by July 21 to [philanthropy@hoyleton.org](mailto:philanthropy@hoyleton.org) or call 618-688-4742. Click [here](#) for a poster to share with your congregations.



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

**Hoyleton Youth & Family Services needs your help to build their Back to School supplies.** The supplies can be dropped off or mail checks to Hoyleton Youth & Family Services, 8 Executive Dr Ste. 200 in Fairview Heights between 9 am - 4 pm on Monday, July 24 or by appointment from July 17 - 21. Click [here](#) for a flyer with a list of needed supplies.

### **The Savvy Caregiver Series**

Are you noticing memory loss, confusion or unexpected behavior in your family? St. John's Community Care provides a class for care-givers beginning July 27 - Aug 31, 2023, from 10 am - 12 pm every Thursday. This workshop is taught by professional instructors using a curriculum developed by the University of Minnesota. It is for active caregivers of a family member or friend living at home with dementia. Caregivers learn to create new strategies for caring for the person living with the disease and for themselves to decrease the stress of the caregiver and increase the wellbeing for both. Class size is limited so registration is required. Call 618-344-5008.



### **Stress-busting for Family Caregivers**

St. John's Community Care holds sessions every Monday from 10 am - 11:30 am for 9 weeks. The next session will be from July 24 - September 25, 2023. The program provides education and support, teaches stress management techniques, and helps caregivers develop coping strategies. Call 618-344-5008 for more information.

**St. John Community Care (SJCC) presents Caregiver Coffee Talk at Verona Coffee Company (101 E Main St, Collinsville) every Monday from 9 am - 10:30 am.** Caregiver Coffee Talk is for caregivers to come together offering information, resources, and strategies specifically for caring for someone who may be disabled or have other health-related concerns. SJCC invites caregivers to share space and life experiences over a nice hot cup of coffee paid for by St. John's Community Care.





**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.

**Hitz Memorial Home has an immediate opening for a Director of Nursing.** Apply in-person at 201 Belle Street, Alhambra, IL 62001. Call for details. 618-488-2355.

**Hitz Memorial Home has a vacancy** for an: Independent Senior Living Apartment. All utilities are included. Free WiFi and cable. \$700/month. Call for details. (618) 488-2355.

**Church World Service (CWS) is in search for a Community Engagement Specialist.** Click [here](#) for the job description for this Illinois-based position for CWS.

## What's Happening in Illinois South Conference

### Save the Date Confirmation Retreat - Sept 16, 2023

The 2023 Confirmation Retreat - Walk in Faith is scheduled for September 16, 2023, at Camp Wartburg at 5705 Lrc Rd in Waterloo, Illinois, from 9 am - 4 pm. There will be Low Ropes Course with Team Building and lunch for \$30 per person. If you would like to add on High Ropes Course, the cost is \$30 more per person. If scholarship assistance is needed, contact the ISC office at 618-654-2125. Click [here](#) for more information or [here](#) to register. If you would like a flyer to share with the confirmands, click [here](#).



### Vacation Bible School Schedule

**August 4 - 6 from 5 pm - 8 pm;** Godfrey Evangelical UCC; *Pets Unleashed* for fids and *Unleashing the Bible* for adults.

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

### 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>



### Save the Date - Youth Event

**Frostbite Fun Youth Event presented by the ISC Local Church Ministries Team is scheduled for January 13 and 14, 2024 at DuBois Center.** All junior high (middle school) and high school youth are invited to attend. You may attend in one of two ways: Single Day (\$50) on Saturday from 10 am - 7 pm or Overnight (\$100) on Saturday from 10 am to Sunday at 11 am. Click [here](#) for a flyer to share with your church and its youth. *If inclement weather causes us to postpone this event, it will be held on February 17 and 18, 2024.*

**Region 2 - New Hanover Zoar UCC will hold its Annual BBQ on Sat, Aug 5 from 4 pm - 7 pm at the church, 9103 D Road in Columbia.** Pork steak or brat plate with a choice of 2 sides (cole slaw; potato salad; baked beans) or pork steak or brat sandwiches. Entertainment by George Portz's Friends of Bluegrass. Country Store. Silent auction for baskets. Pie auction at 5:30 pm.

**Region 9 - Belleville Concordia UCC will hold its Ladies Day Out Event on Sat, Aug. 5 from 10 am - 3 pm.** Chicken salad and fruit plates available for \$8. Visit with many vendors and crafters and explore their wares. Enjoy a scrumptious summer lunch. Look for the next book you would like to read at their used book sale. Enjoy or take home some wonderful baked goods. Proceeds go to DuBois Center and Concordia UCC missions. Hosted by the Young Ladies of Concordia UCC.

**Job Opportunities - Smithton St. John's UCC seeks a part-time Church Administrator** for approximately 10-15 hours per week. Candidate must be organized, attentive to detail and proficient in Microsoft Office Suite and have general literacy with technology. A working knowledge of software platforms and social media would be helpful. Candidate will work closely with church leadership to coordinate weekly tasks. Other duties include, but are not limited to, answering phones, sending emails, scanning documents, creating and printing weekly bulletins & monthly newsletters, organizing and reminding volunteers for weekly worship duties, updating the church calendar, updating the electronic sign, ordering flowers at various times of the year and keeping inventory and ordering office & building supplies. The candidate may do many tasks remotely, however one day is required in the office, preferably on Thursdays for 4 to 6 hours. Salary is \$14 per hour. Please send resume to: [brian\\_damrow@yahoo.com](mailto:brian_damrow@yahoo.com)

**Lebanon St. Paul UCC is searching for a person to fill a Part-time Office Manger Position.** Please send a resume to: [office@stpaullebanonil.org](mailto:office@stpaullebanonil.org). The candidate will provide support to the pastor, members, and ministries of the church, adhering to strict confidentiality guidelines due and carry out the everyday operations. Click [here](#) for duties of the office and other important information.

**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 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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