



Illinois South Conference
 October 21, 2023
 St. Peter's UCC, Red Bud, IL

Want to Sing? – All-Conference Choir at Annual Meeting

Our keynote musician, Rev. Monty Jackson, is extending an invitation for singers of any congregation to join the all-Conference choirs, which will be featured in the worship services at

the Annual Meeting. If you would like to be a part of the Annual Meeting choir, please plan to attend the workshop Rev. Jackson will offer on Saturday, October 14, 2023, from 10 am to noon at St. Peter's UCC, Red Bud. The more....the musical merrier. Click [here](#) for a bulletin insert to encourage the singers in your congregation.



**Pastors ** Lay Delegates
 Visitors & Youth
 Get Ready for ISC Annual Meeting
 Saturday, October 21, 2023
 9:30 am - 5 pm
 St. Peter UCC, Red Bud**

This year's Annual Meeting will center on the theme, **Doing a New Thing: Connection, Collaboration, Creativity**. We believe in this moment of our nation and world's history, more than ever, people need to try something new. Rev. Monty Jackson (above), singer, songwriter, arranger, and record producer, will inspire us with music and words.

Be Prepared to Vote at Delegate Informational Sessions

Tuesday, October 17 by Zoom
Thursday, October 19 by Zoom
 Delegates will receive a Zoom link closer to the Annual Meeting. These meetings' focus will be to present important business information and to

**Prayer list for
 Oct 1 - 7, 2023
 Church & Pastors**
**-Hamel Immanuel
 UCC (right)**



**-Grantfork
 United Church
 of Christ, Rev.
 Tim (Rev.
 Janet)**

Darmour-Paul (left)

Retired Pastor
**-Rev. Fred and Shirley
 Wehrenberg, Columbia, IL**

People with Life Concerns

-Please hold the family of **Lelynna (Rev. Jim) Langdoc** as they mourn her death on Monday, Sept 25. Arrangements are pending. Rev. Jim was the Associate Conference Minister for Illinois South Conference from 1986-2007. Cards can be sent to him at 16640 Cagan Orchard #122, Clermont, FL 34714.

-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.

answer all questions about Annual meeting including proposed Constitution and Bylaws changes, proposed Budget and the Slate of Nominees. Click [here](#) for copies of materials as they come available.

-Pray for the churches and individuals dealing natural disasters and the after-storm clean up.



ISC Annual Meeting & After Glow Event Made Possible in Part by the following sponsors:

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All of ISC Churches thank them for their generosity. Click [here](#) for a flyer about the After Glow Event.

Are Your Delegates Registered for Annual Meeting? Please identify the official delegates who will represent your church at the ISC Annual Meeting on October 21, 2023. [Here](#) is a list to tell you how many delegates can be sent from your church. Send your delegate names, addresses, and emails to jriechmann@iscucc.org. Click [here](#) to register online. Click [here](#) to download a paper registration form. **Deadline is October 9, 2023.**



Offerings for Annual Meeting...

Worship Offering Friends of the Conference

Friends of the Conference is a giving program that offers individuals, groups and congregations the opportunity to make special gifts in support of the mission and ministries of the Illinois South Conference. Gifts received will become part of the Conference Operating Fund. 100% of your gifts to *Friends of the Conference* will remain in Illinois South Conference. Click [here](#) for an offering flyer to share with your church.

Plan Now for Noisy Offering Hoyleton Youth & Family Services

Hoyleton's work to help build stronger communities in southern Illinois is not possible without the generosity of their donors.



Here's the plan...

- **Each ISC church asks its members to donate** with change.
- **Take the change to the bank to count.**
- **Write a check for the amount of noisy offering given.** (This will give your church credit for the amount given.)
- **Bring a small amount of change to make some noise.**
- **Designate a representative from your church to present the money** at Annual Meeting.



On Sunday, September 24, 2023, at 3 pm, Rev. Brian Damrow was installed as the Pastor and Teacher at Smithton St. John's UCC.

The group photo (left) shows the clergy participating in the Installation Service: front L to R: Rev. Jane Hillman, Rev. Steve Boorsma, Rev. Brian Damrow, Rev. Shana Johnson, Rev. Brett Palmer, Rev. Ivan Horn. back row L to R: Rev. Tim

Darmour-Paul, Rev. Paul Thompson, Jr., Rev. Mary Beth Hartenstein, Rev. Krista Betz, and Rev. Paula Comper. Photo right is Rev. Damrow giving the blessing. A reception followed the installation service.



Facing Hunger in Your Community-The ISC Hunger Action Committee would like to thank Illinois South Conference Churches for their efforts to combat hunger in their communities. REMINDER: There's an ongoing need for food assistance. The Hunger Action Committee asks you to share the ways (and photos) of how you are helping to address hunger in your community. To share your efforts to help feed the hungry, contact Kathi kathi1emery@gmail.com.



The Amazing People of Illinois South Conference...

The seventh year is in the bag for the LUNCH Bunch in the Highland area. Our hope is that children have been nourished by the gifts that flowed from our gracious God through you as you gave of your time, talent, prayers and offerings. The tallies of lunches handed out, as well as offerings, juice boxes, treats and chips donated--it's absolutely incredible!! There were **16** churches

and several community organizations that came together this year. There were **145** volunteers that came to help at least once but many came several times and others every day! So many hands and feet of God!

Alhambra Salem UCC, also partnered with Highland to provide free summer lunches for students in need in the Highland School District. This ecumenical ministry served 10,374 free summer lunches during summer 2023. Thank you LUNCH Bunch which stands for Loving United Neighbors Crushing Hunger. (Pictured above are volunteers from Salem, Alhambra.)

As we attempt to measure the often immeasurable, we go to the numbers...

- 1** Loving United church community!!
- 2** Requirements to receive a lunch- **1.** Be 18 or younger **2.** Come to delivery site.
- 5** Items in a Lunch Bunch lunch-sandwich, chips, fresh produce, juice, dessert.
- 7** Years Lunch Bunch has been serving lunches.
- 11** Weeks the Lunch Bunch provides lunches over the summer.
- 16** Lunch Bunch churches **United to Crush Hunger** within this ecumenical ministry.
- 30** Delivery sites throughout the entire Highland School district.
- 55** Total weekdays of lunches given- 2 days of lunches on Mondays, 3 on Wednesdays.
- 145** Volunteers packing and delivering lunches this summer.
- 188** Daily average of lunches served in 2023.
- 778** Loaves of bread provided.
- 2017** First year the Lunch Bunch served its first lunch (we gave out 3,905 that year).

2078 Chips/crackers donated.
5534 Juice boxes donated.
8512 Treats donated.
10,374 Total lunches served summer 2023.
51,992 Lunches given to the children over *all* the years serving.
Countless Neighbors helping to **Crush Hunger**.
1,000,001 THANK YOU'S!!!!!!!!!!



Shari Prestemon named Acting Associate General Minister for Wider Church Ministries - A new United Church of Christ national leader has been called. The UCC Board voted in a special meeting Monday, Sept. 18 to appoint the Rev. Shari Prestemon as Acting Associate General Minister for Wider Church Ministries and Co-Executive for Global Ministries. Read [more](#).

Companionship Workshops - Companionship is a program that trains people to respond compassionately when they encounter folks dealing with mental health challenges. You can find out more about the program at pathways2promise.org/companionship. As a WISE (Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive, and Engaged with people with mental health challenges) Conference, we are planning to conduct the Companionship Workshop at three different locations in the upcoming months for any interested members and friends in our congregations. The training lasts between three and four hours (depending on how many people participate). There is a \$20 fee that covers the cost of workbooks for the participants.

The scheduled workshops are as follows:

Saturday, November 4, 1:00 - 5:00 pm, at St. John UCC Midway (Moro).

Saturday, November 18, 1:00 - 5:00 pm, at Church of The Good Shepherd UCC in Carbondale.

Registration at least one week in advance is necessary so that enough materials can be ordered. To register, contact Rev. Tim Darmour-Paul, at timdp811@agtelco.com, or at 618-675-2595 (the phone for Grantfork UCC) with the names of all who wish to attend. Cash or checks payable to Pathways to Promise may be brought at the time of the workshop.



Highland Evangelical United Church of Christ has Communion sets (right) available for anyone who could use them. There are 8 bread trays and 6 wine/juice trays. Please contact the church office if you are interested at 618-654-7459.



**Help Us Promote
Fall Festival**

Here are some

bulletin inserts that could help bring people to Fall Festival and the fall retreats at DuBois Center. Please make them part of your Sunday worship bulletins. Thanks.
Fall Festival - 2-up - [Black & White](#) or [Color](#) Fall Festival & Fall [Retreats](#)



FALL FESTIVAL - FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY -October 1, 2023 @ DuBois Center

Spend the first Sunday in October enjoying the fall leaves and weather at DuBois Center during Fall Festival. There will be food, drink, and lots of vendors. Spend the day shopping, having fun, enjoying music, and helping DuBois Center raise funds while you have fun with the family!



Donations for Sweet Shop at DuBois Fall Festival! The Sweet Shop at Fall Festival on October 1 will be located in Oak Lodge this year. We would greatly appreciate any donations of desserts, snacks, breads, cookies, trail mix, etc. We realize that this will be a bit of a trek for some people to drop off their goodies, so we will have a drop off location close to the entrance of the center. If you have questions, contact Joyce Kniepkamp at 618-567-6276. Thank you for your help.

Volunteers Needed for Fall Festival - October 1 - Our Fall Festival is only possible because of the efforts of countless volunteers. We are looking for volunteers of all ages and abilities and will be happy to sign off on volunteer work hours for teens. Sign up for a shift or two [here](#). If you have any questions, email us at FallFestival@duboiscenter.org.



Fall Festival - Basket Silent Auction - Take advantage of end-of-summer sales to fill a Silent Auction basket for **DuBois' Fall Festival, Sunday, October 1, 11:00-5:00**. Bring your church's, organization's or personal themed basket directly to DuBois or to St. Paul UCC, Waterloo by September 30 or contact Audrey Hicks 618-939-8673 to make arrangements. Thank you in advance for your support of ISC's awesome camp and retreat center!

Fall Schedule for Retreats at DuBois Center

Mother-Daughter Retreat - October 6-8, 2023

- **Lodging:** Main Camp cottages and Hickory Lodge
- **Pricing:** \$140 for adults, \$125 for youth (12-17), and \$110 for children (under 12)

Women's Retreat - October 13-15, 2023

- **Lodging:** Hickory Lodge (hotel-like setting)
- **Pricing:** \$150

Horse Retreat - October 21-22, 2023

- **Lodging:** Main Camp cottages
- **Pricing:** \$185

Ride Day / Camp Day - November 4, 2023

- **Pricing:** \$60
- **Note:** Parents can come hang out at Dubois Center for the day or register to participate. If parents come but don't register, they can bring their lunch or buy lunch at camp for \$12 the day of the event.

Click [here](#) to register for any of the fall retreats.

Hoyleton Golf Classic 2023

Opportunities are waiting for you to sponsor the **Hoyleton Youth & Family**

Services Golf Classic 2023 on Friday, October 13 at Tamarack Golf Course, 800 Tamarack Lane, Shiloh. For more information, click [here](#) for a flyer and sign up form.



CWHSM News
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Fill the Need - Van or Bus for Uni-Pres Kindercottage

Uni Pres Kindercottage Child Care Center is looking for a donation of a 15-passenger van or bus to provide transportation for the children to

travel to and from their local schools. For more details, please contact Ms. Aimee Hart , Mr. Antron Rose or Ms. Catrice Garrett at 618-874-6505.



St. John's Community Care's Caregiver Conference will be held on Sat, Oct 14 from 8 am to 12:30 pm at the Greater New Hope Church. Resources and speakers from Land of Lincoln and Adaptive Equipment and Caregiving Corner!

St. John's Community Care will hold a Resource Fair on Sat, Nov 4 at 307 W Clay St, Collinsville from 11 am - 4 pm. Thanks to our generous sponsors, Adaptive Equipment & Caregiving Corner, we'll have free produce from Rascal's Market while supplies last!

Unleashing Potential invites you to Art & Soul XIII, Unleashing Potential's 13th annual gala! The gala will be on Friday, Oct. 13, 2023, from 6 pm to 10 pm at Third Degree Glass Factory, 5200 Delmar Blvd in St. Louis. The event features include: Children's Artwork, Fund the Need, Wine & Spirits Pull, Live Music, UP Highlights. For event information, contact Jake Russell at jrussell@upstl.org or call 314-561-3346. Purchase tickets or secure your sponsorship by going to their website at upstl.org/up-events/art-soul-xiii/

What's Happening in Illinois South Conference

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

Region 2 - Dupou Christ UCC will hold its Fall Festival and Yard Sale on Sat, Oct 14 from 9 am - 3 pm at the church. Crafts. Quilt drawing. Prize board and basket raffle. Homemade cakes, cookies, candy and jelly. Lunch of soups, sandwiches, and homemade pies. Crafters and vendors wanted. Table space is \$20. For more information, call 618-286-4211.

Region 2 will host a Bunco Night to benefit DuBois Center on Fri, Nov 10. Doors open at 6:30 pm and play starts at 7 pm. Cost is \$10 per person. Seating is limited. Click [here](#) for flyer.

Region 3 - Collinsville St. John UCC will hold a Drive-thru Wurstmarkt on Thurs, Oct 19 from 11 am - 6:30 pm at the church. Meal includes sausage link (1 lb), sauerkraut, mashed potatoes and gravy, creamed peas, applesauce, horseradish, and dessert. \$13/meal. Uncooked sausage orders for \$4.25 per pound will be taken until Oct 11 with pick up on Oct 18 between 1 pm - 6 pm. To order, call 618-344-2526.

Region 5 - Highland Evangelical UCC will hold its Annual Sausage Supper, It's PIG-OUT Time, on Sat, Sept 30, 2023, from 12 pm - 7 pm. Drive-Thru Only.

Troy Friedens UCC will host its Annual Fall Drive-thru Sausage Dinner on Sun, Oct 15 from 11:30 am - 4:30 pm at the church. Menu includes grilled port sausage, sauerkraut, green beans, mashed potatoes and gravy, and dessert. Dinners \$15/plate.

Marine UCC will present "First Concert" featuring Diane Dietz, soprano and her accompanist on Sun, Oct 22 at 3 pm at the church. Watch for more details as they come available.

Marine will hold its Whole Hog Drive-Thru Pork Sausage Dinner on Sun, Nov 5 from 11 am - 5 pm. Menu includes whole hog pork sausage, mashed potatoes and gravy, sauerkraut, green beans, applesauce, and apple pie. All dinners \$13. Raffle of 2 queen quilts, a baby quilt, side of beef, whole hog, and 4 dinners for Nov. 3, 2024. Fresh Meat Sale on Sat, Nov 4 from 9 am - 2 pm and Sun, Nov 5 from 9 am - 5 pm. Sausage links, ribs, and backbones in 5 lb. pkgs. Liver sausage and head cheese available too. For ticket sales and purchase of fresh meat, call 618-887-4465.

Region 8 - New Baden Zion UCC will hold a Quarter Auction on Sat, Sept 30 at the New Baden American Legion. Doors open at 6 pm and auction starts at 7 pm. Auction for designer handbags, jewelry, toys, gift cards, tools, appliances, and more. For more information, call 618-588-4135 or go to their [website](#)

Trenton St. John UCC will hold its Country Store on Sat, Sept 30 from 9:00 am to 12 Noon. Country Store with homemade applesauce, pork sausage and quilt raffle tickets for sale. Applesauce will be \$5 a pint and \$10 a quart, pork sausage will be \$5 for 1 pound, raffle tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. On Sunday, October 1 from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm, they will have a drive-thru **Wurstmarkt dinner** of pork sausage, roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, sauerkraut, green beans and pie. Price per dinner is \$14. Drive-thru will have two lines - one through the alley and the other through the city parking lot. Follow signs for directions. Call 618-224-9828 for information.

Lebanon St. Paul UCC will host its 31st Annual Wurstmarkt Sausage & Sauerkraut Supper on Sun, Oct 22 from 11 am - 3 pm. It is Drive-thru only! Menu includes two sausage links, sauerkraut, real mashed potatoes & gravy, corn, applesauce, and a dessert. Cost is \$13.00/meal.

Region 9 - Belleville Trinity UCC will host its annual Halloween Trivia Spooktacular on October 7 in the church social hall. Doors open at 5:15 pm, and play starts at 6 pm. Family-friendly costumes encouraged. Adults: \$10 and 2 nonperishable food items; 12 and under: \$5 plus 2 nonperishable food items with advance reservation. At the door, entrance fees are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children in addition to the two food items. Proceeds benefit the Belleville Community Interfaith Food Pantry and Trinity's holiday basket mission. For more info, see the Trinity [website](#) or Facebook [page](#). For reservations, contact debjovaag@aol.com.

Belleville St. Paul UCC will hold a Crafty Mania (All Day Crafting) on Saturday, Oct 14 from 9 am - 4 pm. They are looking for vendors as well as attendees. Cost is \$35 which includes lunch, snacks, crafting space, attendance prizes, and vendors in the afternoon. Vendors will be creating and selling. Tickets for raffle items will be available for purchase.

Proceeds to benefit youth group & missions of the church. For more information, contact 618-233-3303. Pay online [here](#).

O'Fallon UCC's Annual Wurstmarkt is planned for Thursday, October 19 from 3:30 pm-7:30 pm. Dine in, Drive thru & Carryout. Adult ticket \$15, Child ticket \$8 (10 and under). Fried pork sausage, real mashed potatoes, gravy, country green beans, sauerkraut, applesauce & dessert. Craft Sale noon-7:30 pm. Country Store (orders taken for raw sausage, fried sausage, other meat cuts). O'Fallon UCC 206 W. Adams St., O'Fallon IL 618-632-3496.

Job Opportunities - Ministry Assistant for Congregational Care and Christian Education Belleville St. Paul is looking for a person to fulfill the position of Ministry Assistant for Congregational Care and Christian Education. The person will provide coordinated support for the Senior Pastor, St. Paul UCC care-giving and wellness ministries, and the congregation as well as to provide program development, implementation, coordination, and supervision of Christian Education, both for children and adults, which includes youth programming. Click [here](#) for the complete position description. Please direct questions and resumes to pastormichelle@stpaulucc.org

New Baden Zion UCC - Music Director. This person helps coordinate all aspects of the music program at the church, including but not limited to selecting hymns for weekly and special services, leading an adult choir, coordinating special vocal and/or instrumental music, and may serve as a member of the worship team. Keyboard skills, church choral experience as a singer or director, and a bachelor's degree in worship arts or music are a plus. To apply or for additional information, contact council president Rodney Washburn at rodneywashburn1@gmail.com.

Part Time Organist/Pianist - Friedens United Church of Christ in Marissa, IL is seeking a part-time organist and/or pianist. Duties include playing organ and/or piano on Sundays for our 10 am 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, contact Rev. Brett Palmer at 618-295-2004 or marissafriedens@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. 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.

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

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 Executive Director, contact **Noah McCarn** at director@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.

For **Rev. Shana Johnson**, ISC Conference Minister, contact her at 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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