



October 17, 2023



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

**Doing a New Thing:
Connection, Collaboration, Creativity**
Delegates - Be Prepared by attending one of the Annual Meeting Informational Zoom Meetings (Tuesday or Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm) and download the voting materials [here](#). The Zoom links were sent to you or to your church office.

Worship Offering for Annual Meeting

Noisy Offering for Annual Meeting



**Prayer list for
Oct 22 - 28, 2023**

Church & Pastors

-Irvington Friedens UCC, Rev. Stacy (Mark) Tate (below)



-O'Fallon HSHS, Chaplain Rev. Dr. Chance (Christopher Guelbert) Beeler

Retired Pastor

-Rev. Kevin (Shellie) Strope, Carlinville, IL

**People with
Life Concerns**

-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.



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

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

United Church of Christ Church Building & Loan Fund
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All ISC Churches thank them for their generosity. Click [here](#) for a flier about the After Glow Event.

Facing Hunger in Your Community

The Hunger Action Team would like to thank ISC Churches for their efforts to combat hunger in their communities. Please share the ways (and photos) of how you are helping families in need. Your mission projects are more important than ever, with the Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday season coming soon. To share your efforts to help feed the hungry, contact Kathi kathi1emery@gmail.com. Hunger Action Team and the ISC Justice and Mission Committee hope to see you at our Information table at the upcoming ISC Annual Meeting!



The Amazing People of Illinois South Conference...

The Hunger Action Team would like to recognize ZION UCC, NEW BADEN for their monthly "drive through" food distribution. Thanks for helping local families in need. Such a blessing!

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.

Ride Day / Camp Day - November 4

- **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.

Are you looking to spend a morning in the splendor of God's creation and help care for our Outdoor Ministries at DuBois Center?

Green DuBois will be having an invasive species removal day on Saturday, November 4, from 9 am - Noon. If you'd like to spend a morning helping remove bush honeysuckle from the camp, come join us.

We have plenty of hand tools and spray bottles for everyone. If you have a chainsaw that you would like to bring, they are always welcome, as we always find bushes that are too large to prune by hand. Bring gloves and a water bottle, and bring a sack lunch if you'd like to hang around a bit after we're done. To sign up or for more information please contact Phil Barbier at philip.barbier77@gmail.com or 314-312-2347.

The Insurance Board invites you to a webinar, *Building a Culture of Protection in Your Ministry*, on Wed, Nov 8 at 1 pm CST.

Ministries continue to face challenges and resistance implementing abuse prevention best practices in their congregations. The webinar will help you learn how to strengthen your abuse prevention policies and implement best practices for responding to allegations of abuse. Insurance Board's guest speaker, Beth Boyer Kollas, is an ordained UCC minister from Praesidium, who holds her MDiv (Counseling), and dual PhDs in HIV/ AIDS and Psychology/ Counseling. Beth is certified in many areas and has extensive experience and knowledge in the healthcare and social services arenas. Click [here](#) to register.



CHSM News
Council for Health and Human Service Ministries



Deaconess Foundation is excited to continue sharing the results of their multilayered community-driven approach to seeding, creating, and fostering conditions where liberation is the lived reality within seven generations. Learn more about our new strategic framework and funding opportunities at our

October 25th event in Belleville, IL at St. Paul UCC. Register here: <https://bit.ly/3NSWWF6>. The meeting is in person and light breakfast will be provided. Virtual options are not available at this time. MindsEye will be providing audio description at the events for individuals who are blind or partially sighted and audio amplification for individuals who are hard of hearing. LAMP Interpreters will be providing American Sign Language for individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing. Please call 314-356-2588 or email info@deaconess.org if you would like to request further accommodations.

Hoyleton Hope for the Holidays

In the spirit of giving, we invite you to help us brighten the holidays for the children and families whom we serve. Your generous support allows us to give each youth a Christmas

gift. Over 400 children in foster care will receive a gift they wish for. We will also support many families served through our Puentes de Esperanza and our Behavioral Health Services department with family bags.

Thanks to your generosity throughout the year, we can serve the children of our surrounding communities. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued love, prayers, and support for the mission of Hoyleton Youth and Family Services.

Please consider supporting our mission this holiday season. There are three ways to support Hope for the Holidays.

- 1) Make a cash donation to Hoyleton online by [CLICKING HERE](#) or via check specifying Hope for the Holidays - we will shop and wrap the gifts for you.
- 2) Visit our [Amazon Wishlist](#) and place your order to be delivered to us and we will wrap and tag the gift for you.
- 3) Provide gift cards. Gift cards are welcome and will be used to purchase something for a child who arrives within days of Christmas or allow the teen to express themselves individually and learn the meaning of a dollar.

All gifts must be in our office by **November 29th** so that we can organize and distribute them to our youth. If you have any questions or would like to know more, please get in touch with Christy at 618-688-7092 or csult@hoyleton.org.

Uni-Pres is pleased to invite you to be a Guest for the Uni-Pres Kindercottage Trunk or Treat on Fri, Oct 27, 2023, from 3 pm - 5 pm at 564 Veronica Ave East St. Louis, IL.

They would be honored to have you come and share with their parents, children, and other members of the community what your church provides, while sharing a bag of treats for the little ones. It would be a great experience for the UPK students, parents, and children in the community to meet the churches that support their mission. Please accept their invitation. RSVP by Wednesday October 25 by 6 pm via email to Aimee@unipreskindercottage or Antron@unipreskindercottage.org or 618-874-6505 so that they can make the necessary arrangements for your accommodations. Uni-Pres looks forward to hearing from you as they care for our community together.

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!



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.

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:

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>

Region 1 - In the tradition of St. Francis of Assisi and in memory of "Doc" Ed McLaughlin, **Murphysboro St. Peter's UCC and St. Andrew Catholic Church** invite you to bring your beloved pets to be blessed by Rev. Lauren Lambert-Goheen and Fr. Joel on **Wed, Oct 18 at 3:30 pm on the lawn of St. Andrew Catholic Church**. All pets are welcome as long as they are on a leash or properly crated.

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.

On Sat, Nov 4, St. John UCC in Granite City will host a **Christkindl Craft & Vendor Fair from 9 am - 3 pm**. There will be many vendors with a variety of items, perfect for getting your Christmas shopping done well in advance! We'll also have children's activities available for the whole family to have fun! This event will be held at 2901 Nameoki Rd., Granite City, IL 62040. If you have any questions, please call the church office at 618-877-6060.

Region 5 - **Marine UCC** will present "**First Concert - Sacred Favorites...with a Spoonful of Sugar**" featuring **Diane Dietz, soprano, and her accompanist, Terri Benz, on Sun, Oct 22 at 3 pm at the church**. Diane is a private music instructor in Springfield, Illinois, and stays active in musical theatre in Springfield. She has performed with the Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra, Illinois Symphony Orchestra and Edwardsville Symphony Orchestra. Terri is a frequent adjudicator for solo and ensemble and choral competitions. She loves making music with all ages and ability levels. She has a private studio where she teaches voice and piano and is a long-time Director of Music at Centenary UMC. Admission is free, but a free-will offering will be taken to benefit Hoyleton Home Halo, Crisis Center. Click here for a [flier](#).

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.

Grantfork UCC will hold its **53rd Annual Sausage Supper on Sat, Nov 11 from 2 pm - 7 pm**. Drive-thru only. Menu includes homemade pork sausage, mashed potatoes and milk gravy, sauerkraut, green beans, applesauce, and a piece of pie. Fresh or fried packaged sausage for sale at the end of the drive-thru. \$14/dinner. Sponsored by the Grantfork UCC Men's Fellowship.

Region 8 - **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.

Zion UCC in New Baden, IL will have a drive-thru chicken dinner on November 4 from 4-7pm. Each dinner is \$15 and includes half a chicken, sides, and a tasty dessert. Questions about the event should be directed to the office by calling 618-588-4135.

Region 9 - 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.

Belleville Concordia UCC will hold its Drive-thru Wurstmarkt on Sun, Oct 22 from 11am - 3 pm. Menu includes pork sausage (2 pieces for adults, 1 for child), mashed potatoes & gravy, sauerkraut, green beans, applesauce, horseradish, bread and cake. Adults \$13; children under 12 \$6. For more information, call 618-476-3377.

Belleville St. Paul UCC is having a Glo-Bingo at Belle Vegas Bingo Hall on Fri, Oct 27. Doors open at 6 pm and bingo begins at 7 pm. Halloween theme costumes are encouraged. Tickets are \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door. Must be 18 or older to attend. The ticket includes 6 bingo cards for 10 games and a glow hat and dauber. \$5 per additional 6 cards. Cash bar. BYO snacks. Booze cooler & lottery raffles. 50/50. Tickets are available by calling 618-233-3303 or <https://www.glo-bingo.com/events>. There is a \$2/ticket non-refundable fee for online tickets.

Belleville Christ UCC will hold its Trunk or Treat at 26 N. 14th St., Belleville (indoors) on Tues, Oct 31 from 6-8 pm. Pumpkin carving, games, candy and fun!

Belleville Trinity UCC will host a Dining to Donate event at the Shiloh Panera on Sun, Nov 5, from 4 pm – 8 pm. Orders may be placed in store, online, or via kiosk. Flyer or promo code must be submitted at time of order. See Trinity's Facebook page for flyers and details.

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

Dupo Christ UCC– Custodian - Christ United Church of Christ in Dupo, IL is seeking a part-time custodian for approximately 40 hours a month. The church custodian is responsible for the overall cleaning of the church facilities, which include the Sanctuary, church offices, meetings rooms, Sunday School Rooms, the Fellowship Hall, and restrooms. The candidate must be dependable, a self-starter, and has the availability to work

flexible hours in order to perform the necessary duties with minimal supervision. Experience desired, but will train. Please email resume to Judy Doerr, Trustee, to jadoerr@hotmail.com or mail resume to Christ United Church of Christ, 200 South 3rd Street, Attn: Judy Doerr. Resumes will be accepted until November 5, 2023, unless the position is not filled.

Grantfork UCC Seeks Assistant Organist - Grantfork UCC is looking for an assistant organist or pianist to play for our 10:15 am worship service once or twice a month. Prelude, Postlude, and two or three hymns. Please contact Grantfork UCC at 618-675-2595 if interested.

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.

Mascoutah St. John UCC - Office Administrator - St. John UCC in Mascoutah is looking for a church administrator with competence in Microsoft Word and PowerPoint. Duties include webpage editing, monthly newsletter and weekly bulletin production (including electronic and hard copy), database updates, uploading of worship recording to the website, and other general office procedures. A person that will continue to move us along the technology pathway would be a plus. We work as a team here at St. John and look forward to someone who is looking for a collegial workplace environment. 28 hours per week. Vacation time; sick time; but no other benefits. Compensation based on experience. Contact the church at pastor.bob@saintjohnucc.org.

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

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 rodneypwashburn1@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.

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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