

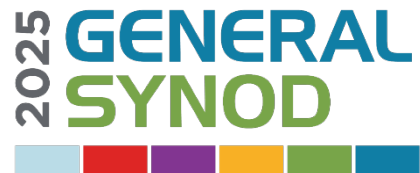
May 28, 2024



Calling Potential Delegates for General Synod 35

We are looking for a few dedicated church leaders to serve as delegates for General Synod 35, held July 11-15, 2025, in Kansas City, Missouri. While the summer of 2025 seems far off, our Conference recruitment committee will present a slate of nominees for the Illinois South Conference General Synod 35 delegates to our Annual Meeting on October 19, 2024.

General Synod is an incredible opportunity to witness the covenant of the Church and the commitments of the United Church of Christ as a whole.



The gathered assembly of voting delegates is responsible for making decisions concerning speaking to the Church (not for the Church) concerning evangelistic, mission, and justice matters. Voting delegates serve on behalf of their Conference so that they can return and share what they saw, experienced, and learned with the local churches of the Conference.

Delegates will experience intense immersion opportunities before General Synod through pre-meetings, during General Synod as they attend worship services, educational events, committee work, and business meetings, and afterward through offering resources and follow-up opportunities with the churches of the Illinois South Conference. While at General Synod, delegates quickly discover the days and the distances they will walk are long, but the experience of being a part of the Church at work and wonder will be long-lasting as well.

Currently, the Recruitment Committee is looking to fill the following delegate positions:

1 lay woman, 1 authorized woman, 1 lay man under 30, 1 lay woman under 30, and 2 lay men. They will also be looking for those who can commit to being alternates. We will need the following alternate delegate positions: *1 alternate authorized man, 2 alternate authorized women, 2 alternate lay men, and 2 alternate women.*

If you are interested in serving your Conference in this capacity, please contact Debbie Kesner as soon as possible at dkesner@iscucc.org so she can share your interest and contact information with the Recruitment Committee.

Remember in Your Prayers this Week...

-Fairview Heights St John UCC
Rev. Rosemary Captain

-Farina Friedens UCC

-Retired Pastor Rev. Russell (Doris)
Miller Metropolis, IL

[Submit prayer requests here](#)

UCC International, National, + Regional News

Peace UCC Rebuilding After Fire in Need of Hymnals

Following a devastating mid-April fire, Peace UCC Jerseyville is in the midst of rebuilding. There has been much progress. The altar furniture and pews have been returned after being cleaned by Servpro. The organ, which survived the fire, is being rebuilt at Wicks Organ Company. The roof structure of the Sunday School wing will begin its rebuilding in a couple weeks. The church is currently worshipping at Alexander Funeral Home until they can reopen.

While buildings can be rebuilt and items replaced, there is one item the church is having difficulty replacing - red United Church of Christ Hymnals (as pictured here). These hymnals were published in 1974 in Philadelphia. If you have hymnals you are not using, please contact Harlan Simpson at (618) 946-5140. The church is thankful for the outpouring of support during this time.



VOTE FOR
CLIMATE HOPE
CAMPAIGN KICKOFF

JUNE 18, 2024
3 PM ET



Vote for Climate Hope Campaign Kick-off June 18, 2024 2:00pm (Central)

For the second year, the United Church of Christ (UCC) is undertaking a nationwide Climate Hope campaign. The first phase of the campaign was an art contest for children and youth. The winning art is now going on Climate Hope Voter Pledge Cards that congregations will collect in the summer and fall. Voter pledges are

a proven method for increasing voter turnout, especially when they are tied to causes about which people care deeply. In this special kickoff event, learn everything you need to know about registering your congregation and participating in this vitally important campaign.

Even if one cannot make the event at its scheduled time, all those who register will receive a link to a recording of it. [Register HERE](#)



The 60th Annual Meeting of Illinois South Conference

is set to for **Saturday, October 19, 2024** at Evangelical United Church of Christ in Highland. Embracing the theme of "Jubilee Joy", this year's gathering promises to be a joyous occasion filled with reflection, celebration, and anticipation for what lies ahead. Make sure to mark your calendars and join us in commemorating the rich history, vibrant present, and promising future of the ISC.

ISC Hunger Action Team

The ISC Hunger Action Team would like to recognize: St. Paul, Waterloo for their Vacation Bible School "Free Summer Lunch" Mission Project. They are partnering with the Monroe County House of Neighborly Service to provide non perishable food items to share with local students in need, 18 years and under. Children will not have access to their free school breakfast and lunch during summer break. Recipients of the food donations live in Waterloo, Valmeyer, Prairie DuRocher, and Hecker. VBS students are invited to bring food donations starting May 28th through 31st. This year's VBS theme is "Camp Firelight, a Summer Camp Adventure With God". Inspired by Psalm 56:3. Thanks, St. Paul, Waterloo. Such a blessing!



[Click here & share your food insecurity outreach stories with the ISC HUNGER ACTION TEAM.](#)

News from DuBois Center

Leading the way to summer fun!

Prayers and blessings to all the incredible summer camp staff as they kick off the camp season this week. You all are amazing!



Check out the DuBois 'Merch' at the Camp Store!

When you are at camp this summer dropping off kiddos or volunteering, make sure to check out our new merch! New this year are metal water bottles, embroidered hats, horse t-shirts, and more!

Sunday Check-in Volunteers

We are looking for friendly faces to help with camp check-in on **Sunday afternoons from 1:30-3:30 pm**. Join our welcome team for one Sunday or as many Sundays as you want! Volunteers are needed to help with all parts of the check-in process. Volunteers must be at least 16 years old. Sign up online - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C...>



FALL FESTIVAL

DuBois Center

DuBois Fall Festival Crafters & Makers Needed

We know it's only May, but our Fall Festival Committee is already hard at work planning for the 2024 Fall Festival. This year our annual Fall Festival is scheduled for **Sunday, October 6, from 11 am-5 pm**. Fall Festival is only possible because of the efforts of countless volunteers. They bake,

promote, stitch, recruit, decorate, set up/take down, drive boats, lead tours, greet, direct traffic, clean, serve, and dedicate hours and hours to make it all happen. [Click HERE to check out the details!](#)

Council for Health and Human Services Ministry News



The Council for Health &
Human Service Ministries
United Church of Christ



Kindercottage Gives Thanks for Trivia Night Success

We want to extend our heartfelt thanks for your time, donation, and participation in our First Trivia Night. The evening was filled with laughter, deep thinking, and exciting prizes. We cherished the opportunity to meet new people and reconnect with familiar friends, all while fundraising for our little learners at UPK.

While this message does not list each person, church, or organization individually for their contributions—whether it was donating gift items for the silent auction or participating in the games that added to the fun of the night—we want you to know that we recognize and deeply appreciate your support. The love you have shown for UPK is immeasurable, and every dollar raised will support a worthy cause at our center.

Once again, thank you. May God bless you as you continue to bless others.

Aimee Hart, Executive Director

Tropical Trivia for Hoyleton's Puentes de Esperanza

Friday, June 28th

Caseyville Community Center

Calling all beach bums!



Join our beach party and enjoy ten rounds of trivia, games, a raffle, and a silent auction! Don't forget your shades and sunscreen. Bring your favorite snacks and drinks. Soda will be provided. **Doors open at 6:00pm, Trivia starts at 7:00pm** \$200 per table with up to 10 participants, \$10 mulligans (one for each round). Prize for best decorated table! If you are interested in supporting this event with a sponsorship or silent auction donation please contact Christy in the Philanthropy Dept at 618-688-7092 or cschult@hoyleton.org.

[Click here to register, be a sponsor or donate.](#) [Learn more about Puentes De Esperanza here.](#)

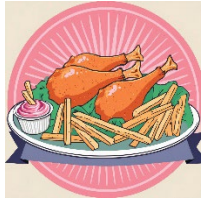
Our ISC Churches News + Events



Trinity UCC Belleville All you can eat Spaghetti Social Saturday, June 1st 6:00pm Spaghetti (vegetarian and gluten free options available), salad, garlic bread and dessert all for \$15/adult, \$5 ages 5-12, under 4 free. Each meal ticket includes two raffle basket tickets. There will be attendance prizes, games, music and a photo booth! All proceeds will benefit Trinity's Annual Holiday Food Basket Program. Trinity UCC, [47 N.](#)

[Douglas Ave](#), Belleville 618-233-2941

Zion UCC of New Baden, IL will be hosting their next BBQ Lunch on **Saturday, June 1st**. Pork steaks, chicken, hot dogs, and a variety of sides will be served. If you have any questions or would like to place a large order, please contact the Zion Church Office at 618-588-4135.



Concordia UCC Chicken Dinner Sunday, Jun 2 11:00am - 3:00pm Dine-In or Carry-Out fried chicken dinner with sides and dessert \$15 per adult, \$8 ages 5-10, under 5 free. Quilt Raffle tickets on sale \$5 each. [7600 State Rt 163](#) (3miles north of Millstadt) (618) 476-3377

Friedens United Church of Christ-Irvington will host their 66th annual Ice Cream Social and Pie Auction on **Friday, July 19, 2024, from 5-8 PM**. Sloppy Joes, Nachos, Brats, hotdogs, chips and drinks are also available for an evening of fun and fellowship. The clergy band, Rivers of Life, will be playing in the sanctuary. All proceeds support youth mission work. 307 S. Third Street, Irvington, IL



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Opportunities + Resources

Godfrey Evangelical UCC Seeking a Nursery Worker for Sundays from 9:45 am to 12:00 pm during the months of September thru May; In June, July and August from 9:45 am to 10:00 am. The children needing care are ages infant through 2 or 3 years. Pay rate is \$25 per hour, which will be paid every 2 weeks. Please contact Pam Kasten at pkasten59@gmail.com with questions or to express your interest.

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 in Search of a Part-time Music Leader The music skills needed 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 10am - 11am on Sundays. Special services include Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, and two Easter services. Contact the church secretary at (618) 357-8075.

Grantfork UCC Seeks Assistant Organist or Pianist to play for their 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.

New Baden Zion UCC -Part-time Organist/Pianist/Music Director

Seeking a part time musician to fill several different roles. The person who fills this position will play at weekly services, along with various special services such as Ash Wednesday, weekly Lent services, etc. Additional possible responsibilities include selecting weekly service music and hymns, directing an adult choir, coordinating special vocal and/or instrumental music, and serving on the worship team. Keyboard skills and church choral experience as a singer or director are preferred. To apply or for additional information, contact Rodney Washburn at rodneywashburn1@gmail.com.

St. Paul UCC, Lebanon, IL- Part-time Organist

St. Paul UCC Lebanon, IL, is praying that God will bless the search for a part-time organist willing to share their love of music through worship services (two per Sunday morning) including special services, accom-panying the choir, & collaborating with Music Ministries. Specific details regarding pay & benefits can be discussed by calling Patty Cornell (618)920-3661. A video can be sent to office@stpaullebanonil.org.

St. John's UCC of Smithton, IL is Seeking a Part-Time Music Director for 10-15 hours per week. The Music Director will select, play and lead music for worship services. They will collaborate with the worship committee and pastor, and also establish opportunities for other music-related activities within the church. St. John's has a new Boston upright piano and new Rogers Imagine 235 Digital Organ, as well as 3 octaves of Suzuki hand chimes and an established chancel choir. Organ and piano experience are required, & vocal experience is preferred. To apply or for additional information, contact the church at sjohnsucc@att.net.

Administrative/Financial Secretary Christ United Church of Christ in Dupo, IL is seeking a part-time Administrative/Financial Secretary for approximately 24 hours/week during office hours. The church Administrative/Financial Secretary is responsible for Day to day financial and administrative duties; Receive, deposit, record and report all General Fund Giving amounts; Perform Weekly, monthly, quarterly and annual financial reports for the congregation and for the conference office; and maintain and filing for the church records and documents. Please email resume to Melissa Reichert, Vice President, to reichrt@htc.net or mail resume to Christ United Church of Christ, 200 South 3rd Street, Dupo Ill 62239, Att: Melissa Reichert by May 31st. To view more go to: [Christ United Church of Christ's Facebook page](#)

Seeking a Protestant Spiritual Guide for the Federal Correctional Institution in Greenville, IL.

This key role involves mentoring inmates and leading transformative programs aimed at personal growth and reducing recidivism. Monday thru Friday, no weekends. Interested? Click [here](#) to view the job details and apply! Application deadline is May 31st.

Seeking Spiritual Leadership and Values Guide (Inter-faith) for the Federal Correctional Institution in Greenville, IL. This key role involves mentoring inmates and leading transformative programs aimed at personal growth and reducing recidivism. We encourage lay leaders to apply! Monday thru Friday, no weekends. Interested? Click [here](#) to view the job details and apply! Application deadline is May 31st.

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 **Missy Loyet** at mloyet@iscucc.org.

For DuBois Center Co-Interim Executive Director, contact **Jason Petry** at director@DuBoisCenter.org.

For DuBois Center registration for upcoming events and camp sessions or ISC program registrations, contact **Julie Riechmann** at jriechmann@iscucc.org or (618) 357-1809.

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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