

June 25, 2024



CALLING ALL DELEGATES TO THE 2024 ANNUAL

MEETING AND

60th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE ILLINOIS

SOUTH CONFERENCE



Please share this request with your church's pastor and governing board as soon as possible to meet the **Monday, July 29** deadline.

Each local church in the Illinois South Conference (*according to our Bylaws, Article II: Section 1: Lay Delegates*) is entitled to equal lay representation at the Annual Meeting. Your church can appoint and send up to three voting delegates.

In addition, the authorized clergy of the United Church of Christ (including active, retired, privilege of call, or dual standing) in your congregation who are in good standing in the Illinois South Conference also have voting privileges.

As we prepare for our 2024 Annual Meeting of the Illinois South Conference on Saturday, October 19, at Evangelical UCC, [2520 Poplar Street, Highland, Illinois 62249](#), we want to make sure your church is fully included. We need the contact information for all your voting delegates (3 lay and all UCC clergy) by noon on Monday, July 29.

Please send Julie Riechmann:

The full name, email address, and phone number of all your voting delegates to jriechmann@iscucc.org.

Your church will begin to receive registration forms for your delegates and other Annual Meeting materials in mid-July. So, stay tuned. We look forward to hearing from you about how your church will participate in this special day.

Remember in Your Prayers this Week...



-Hamel Immanuel UCC
Rev. Paul (Rev. Cherie Hambleton)
Burden

-Retired Pastor
Rev. Fred (Shirley)
Wehrenberg, Columbia, IL



-Grantfork UCC
Rev. Nancy Brooks

Submit prayer requests
here

UCC International, National, + Regional News

Love thy Neighbor... During this heatwave, we need to check on our neighbors, especially the elderly, and asking, "Are you doing okay?" isn't necessarily enough. We may need to ask very specific questions and problem solve together, depending on their answers, to ensure their wellbeing and safety.

Ask questions such as:

- Do you have an air conditioner?
- Is it running?
- Do you have a cool place to sleep and sit?
- Are you drinking a cup of water every hour?
- Do you have enough food, supplies and medicine?
- Do you have enough ice?
- Can I pick something up for you? Can I run an errand for you?
- Are you alone? Is someone staying with you?
- Do you have a family member you can stay with for a few days? Can I help put you in touch?



Attention ISC Clergy and Churches! Photos needed for 60th ISC Annual Meeting

Please send up to 3 photos of your church

being *Church...* whether in fellowship, celebration, or being the hands and feet of God. Photos to be presented at the ISC Annual Meeting so please make sure they are good resolution. If you would

like to also send in an updated photo of your church building, we will update our files. Please send to Missy Loyet at mloyet@iscucc.org by July 31st. Thank you!

Next Climate Action Assembly June 26th 12:00pm Every two months the UCC Council for Climate Justice hosts a Climate Action Assembly to further collective efforts on three endeavors launched this year: the Freedom from Plastics Campaign, the Electrification Checklist Initiative, and the Vote for Climate Hope Campaign. Each of these programs is rooted in recent General Synod resolutions. The next UCC Climate Action Assembly will feature Cora Wynet, who is the Senior Director of Research at Rewiring America, the nation's leading electrification nonprofit, focused on electrifying our homes and communities. She will help us further the UCC's commitment to electrifying our churches and the homes of our members. [Click HERE to register.](#)



June Pride Month ending, yet the work to love and welcome all continues Scripture Reference: "Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer." **Romans 12:12** Join us for the 2024 National Gathering of the Open and Affirming Coalition of The United Church of Christ. From now till July 15, ONA is offering "early bird" registration which is \$300 with an optional payment plan of three \$100 installments available. To learn more and to register, click [here](#).

Click to learn more about the event and presenters

Rev. Harold Wilke: Disability Rights and the “Breaking of Chains”

Date July 26, 2024 **Time** 10:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

Location Chapel, Eden Theological Seminary
475 E Lockwood Ave. St. Louis, MO 63119

ADA Celebration

Each year Paraquod celebrates the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) on July 26, 1990, with a special celebration. Since the justice champions that secured the ADA are passing away, it is important that we preserve memories of their courageous actions. In 2024, we celebrate the life of Rev. Harold H. Wilke (1914-2003), a minister who gave an invocation at the White House signing of the ADA with Pres. George H.W. Bush. Wilke was born without arms on a farm in Washington, Missouri, and had to fight discrimination in school, in religious institutions, and in society throughout his life.



Without his efforts and that of our disability rights ancestors, there would be no ADA.

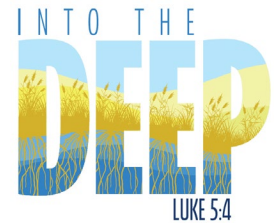
Co-sponsored by:



United Workers for the Blind

INTO THE DEEP AT GENERAL SYNOD 35

Come **July 11-15, 2025**, the UCC will welcome thousands from across the country to the [Kansas City, Missouri Convention Center](#)— and the country’s barbecue capitol. It is there UCC members will discern resolutions of witness, church structure and function, and celebrate faith. The theme of the gathering is “Into the Deep,” based on Luke 5:4, which says, “When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, ‘Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch.’”



ISC Hunger Action Team

The Hunger Action Team would like to recognize The Hunger Action Team would like to recognize Zion, Marion for their “Free Summer Lunch Project”. They are partnering with the Marion Ministerial Alliance to provide breakfast and lunch for students in need. Children who qualify for free school breakfast and lunch, won’t have access to these meals during summer months. Thanks, Zion, for this much needed mission project. Under the leadership of pastor and teacher, Rev. John Holst. Such a blessing!



Click here & share your food insecurity outreach stories with the ISC HUNGER ACTION TEAM.

News from DuBois Center



FOTO FRIDAYS!

REMEMBER CAMP PICTURES WILL BE POSTED HERE ON FRIDAY

FIND US ON INSTAGRAM FOR A SNEAK PEEK

DUBOISCENTER

DuBois Center



Dubois Fall Festival Crafters & Makers Needed We know it's only June, 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!](#)

PLAN NOW FOR SILENT AUCTION AT DUBOIS FALL FESTIVAL

Yes, Fall Festival is Sunday, October 6!

No, it is not too soon to begin thinking of your donation to the Silent Auction.

Yes, get that creative person in your church, organization or family to put together a themed basket.

No, size does not matter--any size that attracts bidders will work.

Yes, get thinking, take advantage of summer sales and put together your donation for DuBois. Contact Audrey Hicks, St. Paul UCC Waterloo, 618-939-8673, audhicks@hotmail.com with questions.

Our ISC Churches News + Events

PATRIOTIC WORSHIP AT O'FALLON UCC

"O'Fallon UCC will hold its annual Patriotic Worship on **Sunday, June 30th at 9:45am.** "Clarion Brass", a brass band of local professionals, will perform patriotic music during worship. Active military and veterans will be honored. After worship, everyone is invited to attend an outdoor picnic on our church lawn."





Are you looking for VBS materials or to share your VBS resources? The exchange of VBS materials can help elevate your program or another church's program. Click [HERE](#) and send in the following info:

(Church name) will be hosting the **(insert name of the VBS curriculum)** on **(insert dates)** and is looking for churches to partner in sharing resources.

If you are interested, please contact **(insert name)** at **(insert contact information)**

Evangelical UCC Highland hosted Outback Rock VBS June 3rd-7th. If you are interested in materials, please contact Elaine at evuccvbs@gmail.com.

St. Paul UCC, Belleville, will be hosting the Camp Firelight VBS on June 24th - 27th 6-8 PM. We are looking for churches to partner in sharing resources. If you are interested, please contact Synthia Kalinowski at sktk1987@yahoo.com or Pastor Tim Powers-Reed at 636-248-6468. Thank you!

Jo Clifford
The Gospel According to
Jesus, Queen of Heaven

What would happen if Jesus did come back to earth, in the present day, as a trans woman? Join Queen Jesus for a stunning one-woman play of compassion & love, as well as meet+greet events.

Meet the Author
Friday, June 28 | 12-2pm
Carbondale Public Library

Charcuterie Board Banquet
Saturday, June 29 | 5-6:30pm
Church of the Good Shepherd
Suggested donation \$15

Performances
Sunday, June 30 | 6-7:30pm
Tuesday, July 2 | 7-8:30pm
Church of the Good Shepherd
Suggested donation \$10

Scan for Tickets
or get at door
Seats are limited
tinyurl.com/queenjesus

Logos at the bottom include: Carbondale Public Library, First Christian Church Carbondale, Church of the Good Shepherd UCC Carbondale, and others.

Illinois South Conference
presents

CONFIRMATION RETREAT

SEPTEMBER 28TH
9 AM TO 4 PM

AT CAMP WARTBURG
5705 Lrc Rd, Waterloo, IL

Chose Your Own Adventure!
Participants can choose to add-on the high ropes experience, if desired.

Low Ropes Course w/ Team Building (Incl. lunch)	\$30 (per participant*)
Optional High Ropes Course	\$30 (per participant) \$60** (per participant)

*Cost is for each youth participant. Chaperones do not need to pay unless they plan on participating in the high ropes activity.
** Contact the Illinois South Conference Office if scholarship assistance is needed.

TEAM-BUILDING . LUNCH . OPTIONAL HIGH ROPES

DISCOVER WHAT IT MEANS TO BE FEARFULLY AND
WONDERFULLY MADE!

Confirmation Retreat 2024 Registration will open
August 1, 2024. We hope you can join us
this fall!

Look for registration to open August 1st!! For more information, please contact Jillian Mayer jill@stpaulonline.org 618-939-7123



Concordia UCC Belleville Hosting Ladies' Day out Event August 3, 2024, 10:00am - 3:00pm. Visit with numerous vendors and crafters, enjoy a scrumptious summer chicken salad and fruit lunch for just \$8, visit the book sale, and take home some wonderful baked goods. Proceeds go to Concordia UCC and DuBois Center scholarships. [7600 State Rt. 163, Belleville, IL 62223](https://www.google.com/maps/place/7600+State+Rt.+163,+Belleville,+IL+62223). Call 618-476-3377 or 219-805-6022 for more info.

CLICK HERE TO SUBMIT YOUR CHURCH'S EVENTS + NEWS

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, accompanying 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.

St. John Cemetery Granite City seeking part-time Cemetery Secretary to work 15-16 hours/wk at \$15.00-\$16.00/hour. Must be a HS graduate or equivalent; have knowledge of Windows, MS Office & Excel and excellent keyboard skills; be able to send text, email, attach files and answer voicemail using a smart phone; have knowledge of basic accounting/financial experience and general office experience with excellent attention to detail; be able to walk grave sites, mark excavation sites and show customers cemetery sites to purchase.

To apply submit your resume with "Cemetery Secretary" in the subject line at StJohnUCC2901gc@yahoo.com Deadline: received by 11 :59 pm on June 26, 2024

St. Paul Columbia IL seeking part-time Office Coordinator to work in the church office and assist the pastors with scheduling and maintaining the ongoing work of the church. Assist in communicating with the congregation and wider community about St. Paul's programs, activities, events, worship, and mission in ways that reach a broad range of people and encourage them to connect and engage. All resumes can be sent to office@stpaulcolumbia.org.

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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