

March 11, 2025

Illinois South Conference  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



Weekly Connection  
Diverse Minds,  
Covenant Hearts,  
Made One in the Body of Christ



Please Remember in Your Prayers this Week...



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



**Hecker Friedens UCC**

**Retired Pastor-** Rev. Fred (Shirley) Wehrenberg

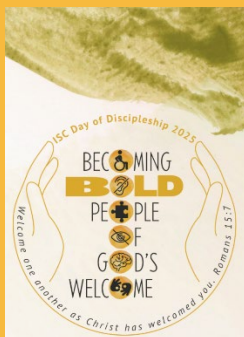
Healing prayers for Kevin Lee, husband of Rev. Nancy Spier Lee, for a full and complete recovery.

[Submit prayer requests here](#)

UCC International, National, +Regional News



**MARCH**  
DEVELOPMENTAL DIASABILITES  
AWARENESS MONTH



Educating and preparing our churches to be welcoming and inclusive of people of ALL abilities

**Day of Discipleship**  
SATURDAY  
MARCH | 15 | 2025 8a-1p  
Trinity UCC Belleville  
Keynote Speaker Rev. Jacob Nault

Join us to learn how your church can live boldly as the apostle Paul challenges in Romans 15:7. "Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, to bring praise to God."

### Day of Discipleship

To all those **BOLD** disciples traveling to Trinity UCC this Saturday for the ISC Day of Discipleship-

\*Consider carpooling as there is a lot happening in Belleville in celebration of St. Patrick's Day.

\*You also may want to build in a little extra drive time—check-in is 8:00-8:45am.

Looking forward to journeying with you... Becoming **BOLD** People of God's Welcome!



**We are honored to welcome our  
ISC Day of Discipleship Keynote Speaker  
Here are some amazing fun facts about  
the Rev. Jacob Nault:**

- Jacob is an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ and currently serves as settled pastor of Union-Congregational Church of Waupun, WI.
- In this work, he has partnered with the United Church of Christ Disabilities Ministries Board to create liturgies, preaching aids, music, devotionals, and other disability resources for the wider church.
- You can learn more about Jacob and listen to his music at his website, which went live this week!! >> [www.JacobNault.com](http://www.JacobNault.com)

**Day of Discipleship Reception**

Our Day of Discipleship Reception this **Friday, March 14th at 6pm** promises to be a fun event for all who want to bowl, enjoy delicious food and drinks, visit with other "disciples", and meet our keynote speaker, Rev. Jacob Nault. There is no pre-registration - just come on out to Bel-Air Bowl at 200 S. Belt West, Belleville and join the fun!!

The Illinois South Conference and Trinity UCC Belleville proudly present the

## DAY OF DISCIPLESHIP Reception

Join us for an evening of delicious food and drinks, and great company. Show off your skills on the lanes (at your cost) and meet the Day of Discipleship Keynote Speaker, Rev. Jacob Nault!



No Pre-Registration!  
Just come if you can!  
**Bel-Air Bowl**

**Friday, March 14, 2025, at 6PM**  
200 S. Belt West, Belleville, Illinois 62220



Food and Drink provided!  
6 Lanes Reserved for bowling!  
Bowling is at your own cost.

Call Pastor Tim with Questions!  
636.248.6468



**Be the Light:  
One Great Hour of Sharing**

Click [HERE](#) to Take Action: Help Us Make Meaningful Change. You will also find OGHS resources and an inspirational video you can share with your church.



**OFFERING DATE  
MARCH 30, 2025**



UCC Database and Directories  
Engage

**There's Still Time to Submit Your Church's UCC Yearbook Information**

- You have until **April 11, 2025** to update your church's information—deadline extended. Please begin this process as soon as you're able, if you haven't already, by clicking this [LINK](#). Please note that the process for updating the database has changed from previous years. Please reach out to the ISC office if you have any questions and click on this link to read [Why Report Annual Church Data?](#) Thank you!



# ISC Clergy Retreat April 29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> 2025

## 2025 Clergy Retreat: Deep Well Living

The woman said to Jesus, "You have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?" --John 4:11

Co-leaders are Chad Abbott, the Conference Minister of the Indiana-Kentucky Conference of the UCC and Rev. Shana Johnson, our Conference Minister.

**Dates:** Tuesday, April 29th at noon to Wednesday, April 30th at noon

Day events with overnight options

**Location:** DuBois Center

**Focus:** Centering ourselves on "Deep Well Living" to quench our thirst for hope, joy, and energy in our ministries and lives.

**Cost:** \$55 for the day  
(registration will cover programming & meals)  
\$115 for the day and overnight  
(registration will cover programming, meals, & room)

**Housing:** Hickory Lodge (27 spaces) } Spaces for overnight retreatants are on a first come basis  
Cottages (34 spaces)

**Meals:** Lunch on Tuesday, April 29  
Dinner on Tuesday, April 29  
Breakfast on Wednesday, April 30

**Registration:** Registration opens February 1st. Deadline Tuesday, April 15th.

Follow the link to register

<https://p.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/e86vas3>



**Rev. Shari Prestemon**  
Affirmed by UCC Board for  
AGM, Love of Neighbor

## Rev. Shari Prestemon nominated to continue to lead UCC's Love of Neighbor Ministries

Re-entering the room at the March 2025 UCC Board Meeting [in Cleveland](#) to a standing ovation, smiles, and immense joy, the Rev. Shari Prestemon, current Acting Associate General Minister and Co-executive of Global Ministries was affirmed to continue in her role, permanently. [Read More](#)



## Announcing 2025 All Church Read: *Building Up a New World*

Imagine the kind of world we could create if every local church became a hub of justice-making in its community. Picture a United Church of Christ that is a leader-full movement of movements making a transformative impact in every sector of society. Now, what if we told you that these weren't just a pie-in-the sky dreams, but in fact, there is actually a book that could help you start on your journey toward making these visions a reality. That's exactly what a diverse cadre of authors have to offer in *Building Up a New World: Congregational Organizing for Transformative Impact*.

Join the Movement and Racial Justice Ministries has created a 6-week curriculum that has everything you'll need to engage this book as either an individual or with others in your church and community. [Available for download March 17, 2025.](#)

More on [Join the Movement](#) >><https://jointhemovementucc.org/jtm-resources/2025-all-church-read-building-up-a-new-world/>



## America in Search of a Soul

For the next Creation Justice Webinar, three popular authors and prophetic Christian leaders will help us discern how to address the crises of inequality and climate change faced by our nation in the current political context: the Rev. Dr. Kelly Brown Douglas, the Rev. Cameron Trimble, and the Rev. Dr. Jim Antal. [Sign-up to join us on March 12th at 12 pm CT.](#) A recording will be sent to those who cannot join live.

# ANNUAL UCC EARTH SUMMIT



Featuring Katharine Hayhoe

- One of the World's Leading Climate Scientists
- Popular Author on Climate, Science, and Faith
- Featured on PBS, Showtime, and TED Talks

Panel of Grassroots Leaders

- Dr. Marsha Jackson, Southern Sector Rising
- Caleb Roberts, Downwinders at Risk
- Emmanuel Davis, Justice for Joppa

Saturday, April 26, 2:00-4:30 ET



## Katharine Hayhoe to Keynote UCC Earth Summit

The keynote for this year's UCC Earth Summit will be delivered by Katharine Hayhoe, one of the world's leading climate scientists and the author of "Saving Us: A Climate Scientist's Case for Hope and Healing in a Divided World." Through television appearances on PBS and Showtime as well as her widely viewed TED Talks, Hayhoe has reached a broad audience with a compelling perspective on science, climate, and faith. [Learn more about this online summit set for Saturday, April 26!](#)

## PLANNING FOR EARTH MONTH

RESOURCES FOR CONGREGATIONS



### Planning for Earth Month: Resources for Congregations

[April is Earth Month](#), and for congregations, it can be a great time to further discern how to best answer our first calling as Christians: the caretaking of God's creation. Form a plan for making the most of April. [Check out this suggested activities:](#)

1. An Art Contest for Children and Youth!
2. Join the UCC Earth Day Summit Featuring Bill McKibben! This online event will take place on **Saturday, April 20th at 1 PM ET**.
3. Celebrate Earth Sunday! Many churches celebrate God's creation on the Sunday closest to Earth Day.
4. Use Earth Month as a Launching Pad! Over the course of the year, the following four activities will form the 2024 Creation Justice Church Challenge: the [Vote for Climate Hope Art Contest](#), the [Freedom from Plastics Earth Sunday](#), the [Church Appliance and Equipment Electrification Checklist](#), and the [Vote for Climate Hope Pledge Card Campaign](#).

Other Suggestions for Earth Month:

-Have a BYOM (Bring Your Own Mug) Sunday! "Green" your coffee hour and shift away from disposable cups. You can support the climate justice ministries of the UCC by [purchasing Climate Hope Mugs](#).

-Participate in Faith Climate Action Week with Interfaith Power & Light! From **April 19th to the 28th**, congregations are invited to focus on this year's theme, "Common Ground: Cultivating Connections between Food, Faith, and Climate." [Get an organizer kit!](#)

-Register Your Congregation to Be a Host Site for the Faith Climate Forum. [Blessed Tomorrow](#) will be hosting a faith climate forum on April 16th, and they are looking for host sites that will live stream the event. Each site that has at least 15 people registered will receive \$450 to support refreshments and childcare or travel support. [Learn more](#) and [register!](#)



**General Synod 35 'An exciting time to gather'** This year's gathering promises to delve "into the deep" with the [theme](#) 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.'" [Registration for the 2025 General Synod](#) The event takes place **July 11-15, 2025**, in Kansas City, Missouri, and offers the opportunity for thousands of folks with the United Church of Christ to gather for worship, fellowship, attending to business, offering public witness, and setting the denomination's priorities for ministry.

**CWS Kits**  
Filled with Hope. Packed with Love.



### Church World Service updates for 2025

\*\*CWS Kits have been refreshed and updated to better meet the needs of those we serve. You can make a difference this year! From Hygiene Kits to Period Packs to Kids Kits and Clean Up Buckets - Explore the new and improved kits by visiting <https://cwskits.org/>.



**Stand with California's Communities  
-Love in Action-**

If you're looking to make a meaningful impact through your generosity, consider donating to UCC Disaster Ministries. You can easily contribute through your regular church offerings by designating your gift for this vital cause. Additionally, by clicking the link below, you can ensure that your donations are directed in the most effective and expeditious way possible to support those in need. Your contribution can make a significant difference in the lives of many. Thank you for your support!

**Love in Action  
- Click and  
Give Now**



**Appeal for Relief Efforts Following Hurricane  
Helene & Milton**

It's not too late to take action; the time to help is now and will continue into the upcoming months. Disaster response teams are requesting clean-up buckets to meet the growing demand. Additionally, preparations are underway for the summer, aimed at increasing volunteer engagement in the regions most affected by disasters. There is still a great need for assistance for those impacted by the 2024 hurricanes.

- [Hygiene & Clean Up Buckets](#)
- [Matching Grant Info](#)
- [Send Financial Support](#)



Although it feels like we just wrapped up our 2024 ISC Annual Meeting, the Conference Gatherings Team has been actively engaged in planning for our 2025 meeting. Additionally, the ISC staff met last month with representatives from the host church, St. Paul UCC Belleville. **This year's meeting is scheduled for Saturday, October 18, 2025.** We invite you to mark your calendars, save the date, and stay tuned for more information.

**ISC Hunger Action Team - Facing Hunger in *Your* Community**



**The Hunger Action Team would like to recognize** Zion UCC, Marion for their continued support of local families in need. This month Zion celebrates 5 years of their free Sunday Community Breakfast. This is a ministry of deep compassion and Christlike love for the vulnerable in Marion. The commitment of Zion volunteers and supporters has been life-changing for their community. Serving a hot, delicious breakfast every Sunday morning to their neighbors and the many unhoused individuals. This has significantly impacted countless lives. Heartfelt thanks to Zion for ensuring that everyone who walks up or drives through for breakfast feels welcomed and cared for. Serving others as faithful stewards of God's grace, under the leadership of pastor and teacher, Rev. John Holst. Such a blessing!

**Share your outreach stories with the ISC HUNGER ACTION TEAM**

**-ALERT!! Early Bird Discount and Wishlist Wednesday -**



**It's officially the LAST WEEK to get the Early Bird Discount on Summer Camp sessions! \$40 off full week sessions and \$20 off part week sessions - this discount will go away after Saturday, March 15th!**



**Summer is getting closer!!**

**Returning in 2025: Wishlist Wednesday!**

Running a busy summer camp program takes a lot of 'little things' to pull off! After a while, those 'little things' really add up! Help us this spring by looking through our Amazon Wishlist! If you decide to purchase directly from the list, everything is automatically shipped directly to us! If you'd rather shop on your own, please send us an email so we can arrange a drop-off location for you. Monetary donations are also accepted just click [HERE](#).

From forgotten camper items (like shampoo or flip flops) to craft supplies, **any assistance is appreciated!**

Every week, we will remind you of our Wishlist with highlights and updates on what we still need more of or with any new additions to the list.

View our Wishlist here:

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/28J34O4KMQGBU/ref=hz\\_ls\\_biz\\_ex](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/28J34O4KMQGBU/ref=hz_ls_biz_ex)

**-Deadlines approaching for DUBOIS SPRING RETREATS -**



**Only one more month until our annual Father-Son Retreat! April 4th-6th**

Join us for a weekend of family, fishing, hiking, boating and games. (Horseback rides will be available for an additional fee - weather permitting.)

We will be exploring the Armor of God. So, get excited to build your sword of the spirit!

To register, go to: <https://duboiscenter.org/retreats/dbc-retreats/>

Lodging: Hickory Lodge & Main Camp cottages

Pricing: \$140 for adults, \$125 for youth (ages 12-17), and \$110 for children (ages 5-11).

Check-in: 6:30 pm on Friday

Check-out: Noon on Sunday

**\*Registration closes March 21st!**



**Women's Retreat - April 11th - 12th**

Let a woman in your life know about our 2025 Spring Women's Retreat! Join us for relaxation and re-centering on April 11-12!

Our theme will be "You say, God says". We will be spending time looking at scripture that combats the worrisome thoughts we tell ourselves.

Lodging: Hickory Lodge

Pricing: \$90

Check-in/Check-out: 6:30pm on Friday to 4:00pm on Saturday

**Registration closes March 28th!**

Register here: <https://duboiscenter.org/retreats/dbc-retreats/>



**Spring Ride Day - April 12th 10:30am-4:30pm **\*\*SPACE IS LIMITED!****

A day to bring the family out or get a group of friends together for a horseback ride at DuBois Center. Sign up for a ride time that fits your schedule best. Feel free to bring a picnic lunch for your group to enjoy!

Cost: \$30/per person (ages 8+) Ride Times: 10:30am, 1:00pm, 2:15pm, 3:30pm \*Max 10 riders per ride \* Register at <https://duboiscenter.org/>

**-Walking on Sunshine at DUBOIS SUMMER CAMP! -**

**ATTENTION! ATTENTION!** God, through Summer camp, has an amazing impact that lasts more than a week! Camp rosters are filling up. Don't miss out. These sessions are full to capacity:



- **Camp Quest (June 18-20) – boys**
- **Settler (June 15-20) – both boys and girls**
- **Saddle 'Em Up (June 15-20) – girls**
- **Discovery (July 6-8) – boys**

Get your youth(s) signed up right away! It's a great opportunity to have fun, build community, and deepen your faith through activities and worship in a beautiful outdoor setting. Every year is different and new. \*Early Bird Registration closes March 15th!

For more information or to register, visit [DuBoisCenter.org](https://duboiscenter.org)



**Middle Schoolers - join the take over of Main Camp on June 22-27!**

Whether you want to embrace your inner artist or undertake scientific exploration, you'll return to base each night in comfort in our newly air conditioned Main Camp Cottages.

Register today: <https://duboiscenter.org/summer-camps/>



**In 2025, we are adding two NEW sessions to our water camp track. We are looking forward to aquatic adventures this summer! Join us by registering [HERE](#)**



**Hoyleton Youth and Family Services lit up the room last Friday evening with their 42nd Annual Hoyleton Honors celebration.** With the theme of "Be the Light," Hoyleton highlighted the numerous ways the organization helps its clients and families transition from challenging times to brighter futures. The event took place at the Regency Conference Center in O'Fallon, IL, and featured a cocktail hour, silent auction, dinner, live auction, and a paddle raise all to support programs and services Hoyleton provides. There was also an awards presentation to recognize their key mission partners. The night wrapped up with music and dancing. This annual fundraising celebration provides Hoyleton an opportunity to acknowledge individuals and partner organizations that have significantly influenced the mission over the past year. Among this year's honorees was St. Paul UCC Church in Floraville, awarded the Mission Companion title for their generous donations and efforts to secure special sensory playground equipment for the residential program in Salem, IL. This program is home to nine foster youth who have experienced trauma and also live with severe developmental and intellectual challenges. Illuminative Strategies, a consulting firm based in Springfield, IL, received the Community Connection Award for their expertise and guidance in helping Hoyleton update processes after experiencing rapid growth in recent years. Roger and Julie Harris, members of St. Paul UCC in Belleville, were honored with the Hoyleton Enthusiast recognition for their continuous volunteer efforts and dedication to Hoyleton. Roger not only serves on the board but is also an active member of the Neighbors for Renewal construction team. This group, operating under the Hoyleton umbrella, renovates and repairs many of Hoyleton's properties as well as other homes in the community. The 2024 Empowerment Champion accolade was awarded to Jill Weier, a Health Education Teacher in the Dupou School District, for her unwavering dedication to her students. Jill collaborates with the Hoyleton Prevention team each school year to provide essential education on substance abuse, violence prevention, and other critical health issues affecting middle and high school students. A key fundraising moment of the evening was the auctioning off of an elegant cabinet, built by an Hoyleton staff member, using materials repurposed from the original Hoyleton Children's Home that was built in 1915. This 110-year-old building on the Hoyleton campus is being demolished this week. It is no longer needed and has been replaced with 6 six-bedroom family style cottages and an administration building with therapy rooms, visitation rooms and a large training center. This new therapeutic campus in Hoyleton, IL features appropriate sensory spaces and lighting plus, more privacy for youth in care. This is just one example of how financial support from private and corporate donors, state and federal funding, and an organization committed to its mission can make an impact. Hoyleton exceeded their fundraising target at this year's event and is immensely thankful for the community's support. "We cannot carry out our daily work without the generous backing of our private and corporate donors. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who supported our mission in some capacity this year," said Hoyleton Youth and Family Services President and CEO, Chris L. Cox. The night was not only a celebration of achievements but also a testament to the collective effort that drives Hoyleton's mission forward, illuminating paths for those they serve.





April 25, 2025 at Bear Creek Golf Club

### Emmaus Home 5th Annual Golf Tournament at Bear Creek Golf Club

Get ready for another round of excitement as we bring back the Emmaus Golf Tournament for the fifth consecutive year! Mark your calendars for **Friday, April 25, 2025**, and enjoy a day on the greens with an earlier start time—so you can kick off your weekend in style.

Thanks to your incredible support, we've raised more than \$184,000 over the past four years! Last year alone, we raised an impressive \$53,200, and this year, we're aiming even higher. Every

dollar raised helps more than 200 local adults with developmental disabilities live independently and thrive in their communities.

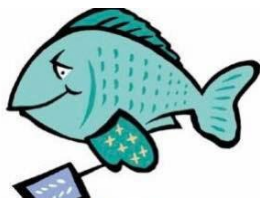
This isn't just a tournament—it's a chance to make a real difference while enjoying a fantastic day of golf. Whether you're a seasoned pro or just playing for fun, every swing, every putt, and every moment on the course supports a mission that changes lives.

Join us for the 5th Annual Emmaus Golf Tournament and help us continue this incredible impact. Let's hit the greens and make 2025 our biggest year yet! Get signed up by clicking [HERE](#)



**Join us for the Walk, Run, Roll .1K Classic on May 17!** Race at your own pace to benefit St. John's Community Care and St. John United Church of Christ. All ages are welcome. We're looking for sponsors! Let us know if you want to show your support for our community with a sponsorship. Thank you! Go to [stjohnscc.org](http://stjohnscc.org) for more information.

## Our ISC Churches News + Events



**St. Peter UCC Red Bud Fish Fry March 14 & 28 4:00pm -7:00pm** dine in and carry out. Cod Filets, Catfish, Shrimp, Chicken Tenders with multiple side options. Always delicious! 415 Madison St., Red Bud, IL. Call 618-282-2417 for carry-outs.

**Chicken Dinner Immanuel United Church of Christ Hamel Sunday March 23rd, 2025.** Serving from 11:30 to 4:30 pm. CARRY OUT ONLY! \$14.00. Fried Chicken, Mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, slaw, applesauce and dessert. We will have tickets to purchase for our Quilt Raffle -1st prize, 2nd prize -TV 3rd prize- \$50 gift. card. Along with several Themed Basket Raffle. 5838 Staunton Rd. Edwardsville. 1 1/2 miles south of Hamel, IL.



**Christ UCC Dupo Wurstmarkt Sunday, March 16th 11:30am to 3:00pm**-while supplies last. Carry-out or Dine-in: Outdoor seating available. \$15 (or Kids 5-11 \$6) gets you Pork Sausage, Sauerkraut, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green Beans, Corn, Applesauce & Cake. 200S. 3rd St., Dupo, IL 618-286-4211



### Heartland Community Chorus in Concert

You are invited...to the Heartland Community Chorus Spring concert, "Going Over Jordan", featuring guest soloist world-renowned soprano, Christine Brewer. Enjoy traditional hymns and spirituals in exciting new settings. In addition to being the featured soloist on several numbers with the chorus, Christine will present three solo pieces, accompanied by chorus accompanist, Roberta Swaim. The chorus, based in Highland, has singers from Mascoutah, Highland, Trenton, Aviston, Troy and Marine, IL along with several other local communities.

Concerts are **Saturday, March 22, 7:00 pm** at St. Paul United Church of Christ, 123 Dee St., Lebanon, IL., and **Sunday, March 23, 3:00 pm** at St. Paul Catholic Church, 1411 Main Street,

Highland, IL 62249. Tickets are \$15 (age 16 and under FREE) and are available at the door, from chorus members, or online at [heartlandcommunitychorus.org](http://heartlandcommunitychorus.org). Don't miss this concert!



Get ready to stomp your feet and shake your hips to the sounds of **Sweetie & the Toothaches on Sunday, March 23 at 3:00 pm at St. Paul UCC Waterloo**. Join us for the FREE concert with a talented 7+ piece band brings a wide range of Jump Blues, from high-energy swing to smooth, sultry blues ballads, RnB classics and even New Orleans second-line rumbas, with original songs inspired by icons like Ray Charles, Louis Prima and Huey Lewis. The band's infectious enthusiasm and undeniable talent promise to make this show a memorable experience.



**St. John UCC Rummage Sale**, 21 N Walnut St, Trenton, IL 62293: **Thursday, March 27** from 5-8pm (full price, **Friday, March 28** from 8am to 1pm (full price) 2-6pm (half price), **Saturday, March 29** from 9am to 1pm (\$4 brown bag sale). Sale is in the church basement, handicap accessible. Enter through the front door and use stairs on the right side. Furniture and big items are in the entry room of the church.



**St. John UCC Granite City Frühling Market - Vendor and Craft Event Saturday, March 29th 9:00am - 3:00pm** Have your cameras ready for pictures with the Easter bunny! Pet photos welcome! For more [www.stjohnuccgranitecity.com](http://www.stjohnuccgranitecity.com) - **Facebook: St John UCC Granite City** - **Instagram: @stjohnucc2901qc** or call 618-877-6060

[CLICK HERE TO SUBMIT YOUR CHURCH'S EVENTS + NEWS](#)

## Opportunities + Resources

**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](mailto: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.

**St Paul UCC, Columbia IL** is seeking an energetic individual that loves working with youth and families to be our **Director of Christian Ed and Faith Formation**. This is a new FT position (40 hours/week) created to provide leadership in Christian Education with an emphasis on youth. This would involve church classes as well as outside events and activities. Please visit our website at [stpaulcolumbia.org](http://stpaulcolumbia.org) for a list of requirements and a complete job posting. Resumes can be sent to [klm589@hotmail.com](mailto:klm589@hotmail.com).

**St. Paul UCC Lebanon seeking part-time Assistant Office Manager** that will work directly with the Office Manager in support of the Pastor, Council, and Congregation. The position will be 5-10 hours a week. There may be more hours when covering for the Office Manger but no more than 30 hours in a week. The position is clerical and requires a knowledge of computer programs such as Power Point, Word, Publisher, Excel, and Quick Books. Training will be provided as needed. This position has a starting payrate of \$16.00 per hour. There are no benefits with this position. To request a job description and apply, please contact the church office at [office@stpaullebanon.org](mailto:office@stpaullebanon.org).

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## Contact Us - Your OCWM Monies at Work

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**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 **Missy Loyet** at [mloyet@iscucc.org](mailto:mloyet@iscucc.org).

For DuBois Center Co-Interim Executive Directors, contact **Jason Petry** or **Leah Petry** at [director@DuBoisCenter.org](mailto:director@DuBoisCenter.org) or (618) 787-2202 ext. 2 for Jason or ext. 3 for Leah.

For DuBois Center registration for upcoming events and camp sessions or ISC program registrations, contact **Julie Riechmann** at

[jriechmann@iscucc.org](mailto:jriechmann@iscucc.org) or (618) 357-1809.

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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