

April 8, 2025



Reflections From Our Conference Minister



"When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen: 'Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!'" --Luke 19:37-38

When our girls were little, we took a family trip to California to see the Rose Parade. We stayed in a rented RV along the parade route right off Colorado Boulevard in Pasadena. We could hardly sleep the night before due to excitement and the sights and sounds of throngs of people ringing in the new year. Blurred-eyed, we awoke the next morning to be greeted with even more people who had gathered on the street, readying themselves for what would be a "bucket list" adventure of being in person to witness the display of magnificent floral decorated floats, synchronized marching bands, and majestic equestrian units.

The collective sounds of the bystanders and the paraders contributed to an ever-rising, piercing noise decibel. And yet, despite my ringing ears, overstimulated eyes, and an overall humming throughout my body, there was an immediate sense of belonging and awe as I stood shoulder to shoulder with strangers. It felt joyous and beautiful until it didn't.

Even before the last float passed, people began to scatter, making a mad dash to their vehicles. The cheers, oohs, and aahs were replaced with aggressive car horns and flying expletives. Hours later, the street was emptied, and a deafening silence settled on the ground alongside the billowing trash piles. Oh, how quickly things had changed. This Sunday, Christians around the world will gather to celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. The Gospel narratives describe the event much like a parade in which Jesus rides into the city (on a colt or donkey, depending on the Gospel text) and is greeted by people standing on the side of the road waving palm branches and shouting "Hosanna." Liturgically, Palm Sunday ushers in Holy Week, which feels joyous and beautiful until it doesn't. The tone changes quickly to sorrowful and brutal as we reflect on Jesus' final days.

Even before the critical events unfolded, some who were excited to greet Jesus and celebrate his arrival in Jerusalem quickly scattered away so as not to be associated with him. The affectionate cheers and shouts of "Hosanna" were replaced with callous cries of "Crucify him. Crucify him." Later in the week, while the city streets would be lined again to see Jesus, there was not a unified spirit among them. Some stood in mockery and morbid curiosity. Others stood in disbelief and despair. In the end, after Jesus breathed his last breath, few stood beneath the cross, and a deafening silence settled on the earth. Oh, how quickly things had changed.

Yet, those who loved him loved him to the end. The most faithful followers stayed and waited to see what was next, hoping and believing this was not the end. In this Holy Week, may we remember that if we love Jesus, we are called to love him to the end of our days. Even in our darkest days, as faithful followers, may we stay and wait to see what is next, hoping and believing that whatever we experience is not the end. Resurrection is coming.

-Rev. Shana Johnson
Conference Minister

Please Remember in Your Prayers this Week...



**Johannisburg St.
John's UCC-**
Rev. William Groennert



Lebanon St. Paul UCC-
Rev. Josiah (Ryan) Accola-House

[Submit prayer requests here](#)

Retired Pastor-
Rev. Kevin (Shellie) Strope

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

UCC International, National, + Regional News



Being 5 for 5 means that your church is a leader, giving to Our Church's Wider Mission Basic Support and the Special Mission Offerings: One Great Hour of Sharing, Strengthen The Church, Neighbors In Need and The Christmas Fund. Here's a more detailed breakdown:

- **Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM):** This is the denominational connection between the national setting of the UCC and its local congregations.
- **Basic Support:** This is the general support for the UCC's national ministries and programs.
- **Special Mission Offerings:** These are four specific offerings that support various ministries and causes within the UCC.
 1. **One Great Hour of Sharing:** Supports refugee and emergency relief efforts.
 2. **Strengthen the Church:** Supports the expansion of ministry and growth of UCC local congregations.
 3. **Neighbors in Need:** Supports local and national justice initiatives.
 4. **The Christmas Fund:** Provides assistance to persons in need who have served the church.

Click [HERE](#) for a 5 for 5 flyer to share with your church and church boards (and bulletin boards!) to highlight each of the missions. Thank you!



Thank you to our 2024 ISC 5 for 5 churches! Addieville Zion UCC, Alhambra Salem UCC, Belleville St. Paul UCC, Brighton St. John's UCC, Carbondale Church oGood Shepherd, Carlinville St. Paul UCC, Carlyle Immanuel UCC, Central City Zion UCC, Collinsville St. John UCC, Columbia St. Paul UCC, Darmstadt Holy Ghost UCC, Dupo Christ UCC, Fairview Heights St. John UCC, Godfrey Evangelical UCC, Granite City St. John UCC, Grantfork UCC, Hamel Immanuel UCC, Hecker Friedens UCC, Highland Evangelical UCC, Smithboro St Peter UCC-Hookdale, Hoyleton Zion Evangelical UCC, Irvington Friedens UCC, Lebanon St. Paul UCC, Lenzburg St. Peter's UCC, Marissa Friedens UCC, Mascoutah St. John UCC, Moro St. John's UCC of Midway, Nashville St. Paul UCC, Waterloo Zion UCC (St. Joe), New Hanover - Zoar UCC, O'Fallon UCC, Red Bud St. Peter UCC, St. Jacob UCC, Smithton St. John's UCC, Staunton St. Paul UCC, Stone Church St. Peter's UCC, Trenton St. John UCC, Waterloo St. Paul UCC

April is National Stress Awareness Month, a time to pause and reflect on the pressures we face. We invite our ISC clergy to consider joining a retreat focused on "Deep Well Living" amidst the splendor and beauty of God's creation. It's an opportunity to reconnect with oneself and find solace in the divine presence. Follow the path—register by April 15th.



ISC Clergy Retreat

April 29th-30th 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: Tue, April 29th at noon to Wed, 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)

Registration deadline is Tuesday, April 15th

Follow the link to register

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

Dear ISC Churches,

On behalf of the Local Church Ministry team, I am seeking donation items to be put in care bags for this year's Clergy retreat.

Our team is hosting a Clergy Retreat on April 29th and April 30th at DuBois Center. We want to give care bags to those attending the retreat to show our support and gratitude for our clergy.

We want the care bags to include small self-care items that will remind our pastors that we are grateful for their ministry and presence among us. The deadline for receiving donations will be noon on April 22. If you would like to donate items, please contact me, Denise Johnson, at denisej1936@gmail.com or 618-340-2952. Thank you for your consideration and support.

Gratefully,

Denise Johnson, a member of the ISC Local Church Ministry team



Small Town and Rural (STAR) Coalition of the UCC

Giving voice to churches in
small-town and rural
communities



Small Town and Rural (STAR) Coalition Seeks Input

The Small Town and Rural (STAR) Coalition of the United Church of Christ is actively working to give a voice to churches in small-town and rural communities. To better fulfill its goal of providing support to churches, congregations, pastors, and laity, the coalition is asking churches to fill out a brief survey.

The questionnaire has only a few items and does not take very long to fill out. It will significantly help the STAR (Small Town and Rural) Coalition identify what the churches see as necessary and how we can reach them.

The questionnaire is open to everyone. Participants do not need to be pastors or licensed ministers. They are looking for responses from any-one interested in small-town and rural churches. Please use the following link to access the survey. <https://forms.gle/3LwX6AFZzeyQrRM77>



Send a prayer shawl along to General Synod 35 by [Rev. Regan Saoirse](#) | published on Apr 4, 2025

There's been a buzz about Missouri, Kansas – can you hear it? It's more of a clicking sound at times, and at other times, a subtle bit of clacking. More than a few people of the United Church of Christ have begun making prayer shawls for [General Synod 35](#), which is in Kansas City at the Expo Center this July 11-15. While celebratory much of the time, with so much worship and church work, General Synod can be exhausting and often emotional. Prayer shawls are

soothing for participants while they continue to God's work. Those who receive them greatly appreciate this gift. [MORE](#)



UCC Database and Directories
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There's Still Time to Submit Your Church's UCC Yearbook Information

Church's UCC Yearbook Information needs to be entered by April 11, 2025. If you have gathered your information, but needs some help – please reach out to Debbie Kesner at the conference office before the end of the day on Wednesday, April 9. Debbie's email is dkesner@iscucc.org or call the conference office at 618-654-2125.



Boundary Awareness Training

The ISC has scheduled a Boundary Awareness Training session for **Tuesday, April 15th 8:30am - Noon** on Zoom. This training will be for both active and retired clergy. Please contact Debbie at dkesner@iscucc.org to register and get the Zoom meeting info.

Additional training session will be held on **September 9th** - you can also register for that session at this time if that date works better for your schedule. Cost: \$40 for active/ retired ISC pastors, \$50 for non-ISC active/retired pastors.

SUMMER
2025



Ministry Cohorts

Theological Themes Peer Learning Ministry Context

Cohort Themes

-Mission Theology: Christian Faith in a Global Community

Digital content by Rev. Dr. Mary Schaller Blaufuss; Rev. Betsy Martin Bruaw as facilitator

-Transforming Religious Queerphobia, Fundamentalism and

Extremism Rev. Dr. Marian Edmonds-Allen, digital content provider and facilitator

-Deep Story Composting: Genesis Creation Mythologies and an

Evolutionary Ecology Dr. Laura Weber, digital content provider and facilitator

-Spiritual Care in Times of Grief

Digital content by Rev. Dr. Kristen Leslie, Rev. Dr. Julie Strassman as facilitator

-Contextualizing the New Testament

Digital content by Rev. Dr. Raquel Lettsome; Rev. Dr. Wendy Bruner as facilitator

-Doing Justice in Community

Digital content by Rev. Dr. Dietra Wise Baker; Fr. Aaron Rogers as facilitator

Multi-Cohort Discount: Choose three cohort themes over the next two years, save \$100 over purchasing them individually.

Register at: www.eden.edu/ministrycohorts/ under **Ministry Resources**

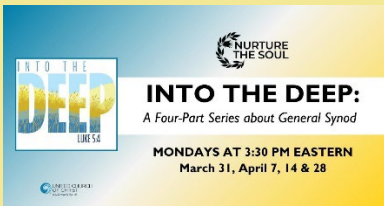
Referral Reward: Refer a friend to a ministry cohort, receive \$25 toward your next cohort.

Online: Monthly meetings May - Aug. 2025

Questions? Contact Dr. Jill Baker, cohorts@eden.edu

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ME!



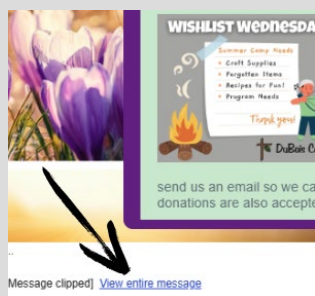


**Special Offering:
General Synod 101**

*There are still two sessions of this 4-part series that goes deep into General Synod and why we hope to see you all there. [Click, Learn, Register](#)



We will gather together for our ISC Annual Meeting on Saturday, October 18, 2025. The Conference Gatherings Team met last week and there are exciting plans in the works!! Go ahead and mark your calendars now and make plans to attend this year's meeting!



**Are you seeing the ENTIRE
Weekly Connection?**

Occasionally when viewing the *Weekly Connection*, email providers will cut off the newsletter and one must click a "view entire message" link found at the bottom of the email to fully expand the newsletter. (See the screenshot to the left.) Reach out to mloyet@iscucc.org if you need assistance. Don't want you to miss any announcements!

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



The Hunger Action Team would like to recognize ZION, MARION for their continued support of local families in need. During the season of Lent, Zion's Mission Team challenges church members to help Marion High School students pay off their unpaid meal accounts. Unpaid balances on a child's meal account can result in that student not receiving their diploma at graduation. Additional donations can be made to contribute towards other students who owe for meals between now and the end of the school year. Heartfelt thanks to Zion, serving others as stewards of God's grace. Under the leadership of pastor and teacher, Rev. John Holst.

Share your outreach stories with the ISC HUNGER ACTION TEAM

News from DuBois Center



Fun at Father - Son!!

Our annual Father-Son Retreat managed to have a little fun between the thunderstorms this weekend!
Thanks everyone who came out, from first-timers to a 16-year streak.

Speaking of a lotta watta-Hooray for Project Shimmer! We know that some capital campaigns are more exciting, while some go rather under the radar of your everyday thoughts...However...in this weather (9 inches of rain over 4 days), we are eternally grateful for **Project Shimmer's** success to give us this updated spillway, allowing up to 4000 gallons per minute of lake relief!



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-Check out this week's Wishlist Wednesday-

WISHLIST WEDNESDAY!

Summer Camp Needs

- Craft Supplies
- Forgotten Items
- Recipes for Fun!
- Program Needs

Thank you!

DuBois Center

**Summer is getting closer!!
Wishlist Wednesday 2025 is HERE**

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 also accepted just click [HERE](#). View our Wishlist [HERE](#).

THIS WEEK'S COLLECTION ITEMS-

Waterfront, Archery, and Equine program items

For waterfront: two shade canopies with weights

For Archery: arm guards

For Equine: boot socks, feed buckets, and horse treats

Thank you!!!!!! The donations are very much needed and appreciated!

-DUBOIS SPRING RETREATS still open for registration -

FATHER-DAUGHTER DAY

MAY THE 4TH
2025

brunch
fishing
archery
crafts
faith-focus

OUR THEME:
May the Lord be with you

Father/Daughter Retreat - May 4th

Father-Daughter Day is on May the 4th! Ages 5+ are welcome. Dads, bring your little girls or your grown girls! Adult Daughters, bring your fathers! Lets gather for a day of family fun!

Pricing: \$46 for adults, \$41 for youth (ages 12-17), and \$36 for children (ages 5-11).

Check-in: 9:00 am

Check-out: 4:00 pm

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

Join Dr Jill at the upcoming

Messy

FAMILY

RETREAT

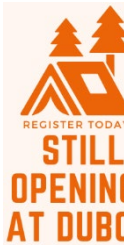
May 9th & 10th, 2025

Messy Church Family Retreat -

May 9th and 10th Bring your family for for a fun-filled, faith-inspired weekend at our Messy Church Family Retreat. Discover the joy and creativity of Messy Church as we explore interactive worship, hands-on activities, and meaningful conversations designed for all ages. Whether you're new to the idea or a long-time fan, this is your chance to experience what makes Messy Church a unique and welcoming way to connect with faith and family as well as enjoy all the usual DuBois fun (including horseback riding for an additional fee). Come ready to create, play, and grow

together in a relaxed and supportive environment! Learn more and register [HERE](#)

-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. So don't miss out~See the schedule below and choose your kiddos camp today for a great opportunity to have fun, build community, and deepen faith through activities and worship in a beautiful outdoor setting. Every year is different and new!

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER, VISIT DUBOISCENTER.ORG

The grade listed next to each camp is the grade campers will have completed as of Summer 2025

	<i>Main Camp</i>	<i>Rustic Village</i>
June 15-17	Just You & Me <i>Session is Full</i> (Adult & Child ages 5-7)	
June 15-20	Settler (3rd-5th) <i>Session is Full</i> LIT Camp (10-12th) Leadership in Training	Splash! (5-7th) <i>Session is Full</i> Trekkin' It (5-7th) <i>Session is Full</i> Saddle 'Em Up (7-9th) <i>Almost Full</i>
June 18-20	Camp Quest (1st-3rd) <i>Almost Full: BOYS</i>	
June 22-27	Art Explosion (5-8th) Mad Science (5-8th)	Drenched! (9-12th) Wrangler (9-12th) X-Plore (9-12th)
June 29 - July 1	Just You & Me <i>Session is Full</i> (Adult & Child ages 5-7)	
July 2-3	Rainbow Camp! (all ages)	
July 6-8	Discovery (1st-3rd)	
July 6-11	Settler (3rd-5th)	Horsin' Around (5-7th) Outback (7-9th)
July 9-11	Boy Meets Camp (1st-3rd)	
July 13-15	Discovery (1st-3rd)	
July 13-18	Settler (3rd-5th) <i>Almost Full</i>	Horsin' Around (5-7th) Dunk'd (7-9th)
July 16-18	Girl Power (1st-3rd)	
July 21-23		Pony Express (4-5th) Puddle Jumpers (4-5th) Rustic 101 (4-5th)



It is such a joy to welcome another beautiful season with our little learners and their families! As the saying goes, “April showers bring May flowers,” and we’re hopeful that this season brings growth, joy, and vibrant blooms to all the seeds we’ve planted—both in the garden and in our hearts.

We have an exciting spring ahead! This season we’ll be celebrating Week of the Young Child with a week full of fun and learning. Volunteers will be joining us to read, craft, dance, exercise, and sing with our children. We’ll also be

getting our hands dirty in the garden and soaking up all the benefits of outdoor play and exploration. Please reach out to us to see how you can support us in making this a memorable experience.

We’d love your support for our Easter Egg Hunt and spring projects!

If you feel moved to give, here’s how you can help:

- Donate treats to fill Easter baskets
- Provide coloring books and small boxes of crayons (we’re preparing about 12 baskets)
- Donate pre-filled plastic Easter eggs
- Contribute items for our indoor and outdoor planting projects (seeds, soil, planters, tools, etc.)

Your generosity means the world to us and helps us continue creating a joyful and enriching environment for all of our children.

With Gratitude,

The Uni Pres Kindercottage Team



Puentes de Esperanza Bridges of Hope 2nd Annual Tropical Trivia Night

Puentes De Esperanza - Civic Award Winner of the Year 2024

Friday, April 25th Doors open at 6:00pm, Trivia starts at 7:00pm
\$250/table with up to 10 participants, \$10 Mulligans (one for each round) and
Prize for best decorated table!

Sign up, donate or be a Sponsor >>

<https://hoyleton.org/events/2nd-annual-trivia-night/>

Caseyville Community Center | 909 S. Main St. Caseyville, IL

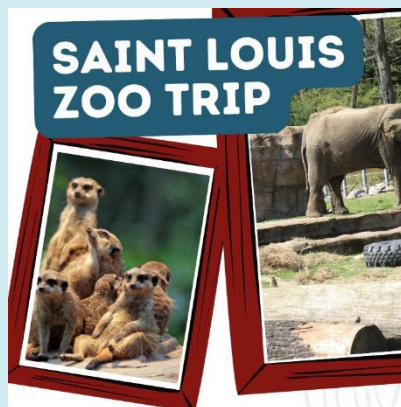


Emmaus Home 5th Annual Golf Tournament at Bear Creek Golf Club

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.

April 25, 2025 at Bear Creek Golf Club

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](#)



St. John's Community Care Caregiver Day out at the Zoo Saturday, April 26th at 10:00am

Feel like a kid again at our next Caregivers Day Out because we are going to the Saint Louis Zoo! Adult day services will be available in Collinsville so that you can enjoy a day with friends. We will travel together on a bus with Ray Gallaher, caregiver support specialist, and then enjoy the zoo at your own pace. Water and soft drinks will be provided on the bus. Lunch is on your own. Funds are available for scooter rentals at the zoo. Call 618-344-5008 or email info@stjohnscc.org to reserve your spot.

ST. JOHN'S COMMUNITY CARE

WELCOME

Mary Baldwin

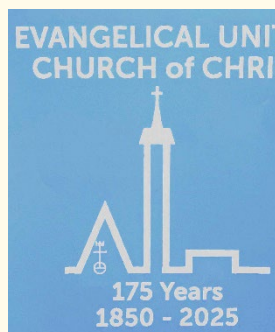
CAREGIVER SUPPORT SPECIALIST



stjohnscc.org/newteam

You're going to love getting to know Mary, our new caregiver support specialist! She will be leading support groups and courses along with Ray Gallaher. Mary brings years of experience in caregiving to her new position. In addition to raising her own two children, she has cared for eight foster children over the years. Learn more about Mary at stjohnscc.org/team

Our ISC Churches News + Events



"Celebrating the Good News for 175 Years"

EUCC of Godfrey is celebrating its 175th Anniversary 1850-2025

Special events will be held on the 2nd Sunday of each month to recognize our long heritage. * Everyone is welcome to join in our celebration* Sunday services 10:00 - 11:00am at 1212 Homer Adams Parkway Godfrey, Illinois 62035. Email us at euccgodfrey@gmail.com.

PANCAKE SAUSAGE BREAKFAST

Easter Sunday Morning
April 20, 2025
Serving 7:30 am - 9:30 am



Dupo Christ UCC Pancake and Sausage Breakfast Easter Sunday Morning April 20th 7:30am - 9:30am

ALL YOU CAN EAT! Adults \$8, 12 and under \$3. 200 South 3rd Street, Dupo, IL.
All proceeds go to DuBois Scholarships!



ANNUAL QUILT SHOW

Saturday, April 26, 2025 9:00-2:00

St. John UCC, 55 West Church, Mascoutah, IL 62258

Think of it as a "Textile Art Show". Better than a U-Tube video, Live Demonstrations at 11:00am and 12:15pm on how to make a disappearing 4-patch block. Lunch is available with delicious chicken salad and homemade pie and desserts. There will be quilts for sale as well as fabric, notions, and embroidery supplies. You can also shop at the White Elephant and Bake Sale. All of this for only \$3 admission! Get your tickets (\$1 each or a book of 6 for only \$5.00) for a chance to win the "Mickey and Friends" youth quilt. All monies from this quilt go to DuBois Center.

CHICKEN & DUMPLING DINNER

Sunday, April 27th

Christ United Church of Christ
200 S. 3rd St., Dupu, IL



SERVING 11:30 AM - 3:00 PM

(or until we run out)

Dinner includes: green beans, carrots, coleslaw & dessert

***Dine In (Cafeteria Style) & Carry Outs Available ***

CALL 618-286-4211 IF YOU REQUIRE A DELIVERY

Adults \$14

Children (age 6-12) \$7

5 & Under Free



Columbia Zoar UCC 14th Annual Car-Diac Car Cruise and Health Fair Saturday, May 3 - 9:00am-2:00pm to benefit the Parish health Ministry and Uni-Pres Kindercottage. \$15 donation/entry. Dash Plaques for first 50 cars, BBQ and Drinks available for purchase, Cake Walk, 50/50 Drawing, Kids' Games, Attendance Prizes. People's Choice Awards and Free Health Screenings. 9103 D Road, Columbia, IL 62236. For more info contact Pastor R. J. Morgan 618-823-8890 or Shelly-Parish Nurse parishnurse.shelly@gmail.com. Rain Date: Saturday, May 17.



Concordia UCC BBQ Saturday, May 3 - 10:00am - 2:00pm at 7600 State Rt 163, Belleville, IL 62223 (corner of Rt. 163 & Concordia Church Rd) \$13 for Pork Steak or Bratwurst with 3 sides, or preorder your Slab of Ribs (no sides) for \$25 by calling Randy Huck at 618-791-1527. Drive thru only. For more info call 618-476-3377

Marine UCC

TRIVIA NIGHT

FOR HOYLETON



\$15 per person with up to 8 people at a table
Prizes for first and second place teams
To register, call [618-887-4465](tel:618-887-4465).
If calling after hours, please leave your name and number of people attending.

 Saturday May 3, 2025
  Doors open at 6:30pm
Event begins at 7pm
  111 North Center St
Marine, IL

Proceeds will go to Hoyleton Youth & Family Services to support their mission in our communities. HYFS has been committed to building stronger communities and enabling all people to realize the wholeness of life that God intends since 1895.

Fried Chicken Dinner



Adults \$15
Children \$8

1/2 Fresh Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Corn, Slaw, & Dessert

May 4th, 2025

Dine In: 11:00am - 2:00pm
Carry-Out: 11:00am-1:30pm
Drive Thru: 11:00am-1:00pm

St John UCC New Athens Annual Chicken Dinner

St John will host their annual chicken dinner **Sunday, May 4, 2025**

Dine-in: 11:00am - 2:00pm,

Carry-out: 11:00am-1:30pm,

Drive-Thru: 11:00am-1:00pm

301 S Market St, New Athens, IL 62264. Now accepting Credit/Debit cards! Call the church office for more information. 618-475-2947



Salem UCC Alhambra Music Event May 4, 2025 at 2:30p.m. We will gather in song at Salem UCC Alhambra. Along with the joy of voices, music, and togetherness, we will have the opportunity to share in a free will offering to benefit the Alhambra Hamel Ministerial Alliance and the Highland Area Christian Service Ministry. All are welcome! All will be joyfully received! If any of your ensembles, choirs, or bell choirs would like to participate, please contact Dawn Reinhardt at 618-223-0253. For specific information, contact the Salem church office at 618-488-3215.

[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.

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 for a list of requirements and a complete job posting. Resumes can be sent to 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.

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 Directors, contact **Jason Petry** or **Leah**

Petry at director@DuBoisCenter.org or (618) 787-2202 ext. 2 for Jason or ext. 3 for Leah.

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