



Reflections From Our Conference Minister



"easy class" for the semester when they discovered the class would include field trips to the art museum, buildings in downtown St. Louis, an opera, plays and the symphony. However, they quickly (me included) realized that the class might be their most challenging of the semester.

In the architecture section, you had to be able to quickly identify things like the difference between Ionic, Doric and Corinthian columns. In the art section, you would quickly have to name styles like pointillism, surrealism, and impressionism as well as the artists and pieces of work that reflected those styles. In the theatre section of the semester, you had to describe the differences between overtures, acts, and arias. Yet, when we finally got to the music section of the semester, well that is where I thought I was home free.

In high school, I had been in marching band, orchestra, and symphonic band. I knew how to read music. I knew music history. I knew music theory. I also thought I knew what instruments sounded like and what role they played. I had been a first chair flutist. I was arrogant.

Sunday Sets Off Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. However, God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. If they were all one part, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, but one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't need you!"

-1 Corinthians 12: 12, 18-19, 21

When I was in college there was a required class simply entitled "Intro to Fine Arts." The intention of the class was to provide an overview of the arts focusing on four main areas: architecture, art, theatre, and music. Most students assumed it would be their

So when we got to the unit of musical listening, I thought it would be breeze. How hard could it be to sit in the library carrel, put some headphones on, listen to music, and write down all of the instruments you heard? Well, let me tell you, it was hard! I spent more hours than I care to admit in those library carrels trying to listen for all the instruments that were featured in those assigned pieces of music.

Now keep in mind, I was a flute player. That meant in symphonic band and orchestra, I got to sit up front center, very close to the conductor mind you. Not only did I get to sit up front, but also I got to play the melody.

And in all the years of playing the melody, having the opportunity to have solos and to have face to face interaction with conductors, I had arrogantly convinced myself I didn't need the rest of the instruments, the rest of the players. I could play the melody. I could carry the tune all by myself. I had no need of the trombones. I had no need of the drummers or the xylophone players.

Friends, let me tell you this is what privilege and entitlement looks and sounds like.

You get the best parts.

You have the best seat.

You get direct access to the leader of the band.

If you have not come to this conclusion on your own, or you are just too polite to think it--I will say it for you...I had a flutist's privilege. I needed an attitude adjustment that could only come through two important things: education and a willingness to truly listen to others.

Thank goodness for my wonderful professor. He taught me the role and the importance of each instruments and encouraged me to do deep listening.

Suddenly I heard things I had never heard.

I heard the sweet low and high sounds of the strings.

I heard the breadth of the melody in the beauty of the woodwinds.

I heard the crisp riffs of the brass.

I heard the smooth, rich harmonies of trombones and tubas.

I heard the color and dramatics of the percussion section.

When you are able to truly listen to music and hear the different instruments, it gives you an appreciation for all music. I believe this is exactly the message that the apostle Paul was trying to convey in utilizing the metaphor of the human body being likened to the body of Christ.

When we say, I have no need of you. We are essentially saying we have no need of your song, your voice--what you can contribute to the music of life. When we say I have no need of you, we limit ourselves to learning, growing and expanding our repertoire.

The truth is we have need of each other. There is no one we can claim we have no need of. We cannot fully and wholly exist and live into what God has designed and planned for you without each other. Why? Because each of us make up the musical masterpiece of our churches, our communities, our Conference, the wider Church and the world.

We are called to be United...not Untied.

Now mind you, unity is not to be confused with uniformity.

Unity is working together to make sure the melody, harmony, and rhythm come together seamlessly to produce a beautiful, inspiring body of work.

It will take practice.

It will take education.

And it will take truly listening to one another and appreciating each other's roles and gifts to the whole.

It is truly an art to work towards unity.

Yet, the result is awe-inspiring.

My hope and prayer for the churches in this Conference is that you always remember the importance of saying and believing, "I NEED YOU!" It will make us stronger when we work together, when we play together and when we learn from each other.

Together we can compose our own unique Unity Symphony of the Church of Jesus Christ--offering up the gift of love, grace, kindness, compassion, and justice to all people who need to hear it, see it and receive it.

The world is listening...

-Rev. Shana Johnson
Conference Minister

Please Remember in Your Prayers this Week...



Friedens UCC, Marissa-
Rev. Brett (Carolyn) Palmer



Zion UCC, Marion-
Rev. John (Sara) Holst

Retired Pastor- Rev. Chris (Cathy) Hill

[Submit prayer requests here](#)

UCC Global, National, + Regional News



'We are the Spirit's movement toward love'

by [Kayla Berkey](#) | published on Jan 13, 2026

On Jan. 19, communities around the United States will celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day to honor the life and legacy of the Civil Rights Movement leader.

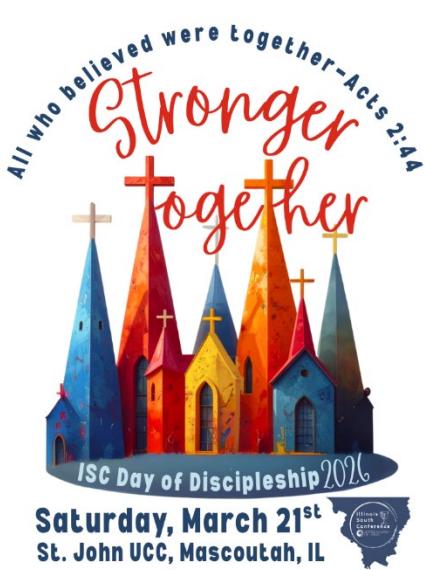
The United Church of Christ [Racial Justice Ministries](#) have prepared a collection of prayers, speeches, liturgies, and readings for reimagining MLK Day: [Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.: A Man Within a Movement](#).

These resources were developed for planning worship and solidarity gatherings that celebrate King's life and legacy.

"The Civil Rights Movement demanded an end to segregation, the right to vote, and guaranteed freedoms to live without colonialism and white supremacy threats against Black people in America," said the Rev. Velda Love, UCC minister for Racial Justice. "The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. envisioned a day when all God's people would embrace and work towards liberation, freedom, and justice for all. Movements are born from grassroots organizing and mobilization. Movements encourage solidarity for equity and full inclusion, human dignity, and respect of full personhood. Movements create equity across cultures and ethnicities, non-binary identities, and orientations. Be a radical solidarity partner and courageous leader. The Movement Towards Racial Justice Continues!" [Read](#)



MLK Day 2026 Racial Justice Resources



STRONGER TOGETHER

The ISC Conference Gatherings Team members came 'together' to 'shake up' excitement for the upcoming Day of Discipleship.

We will unite in worship and fellowship, and participate in workshops inspired by Acts 2, stirring churches into a vibrant, Spirit-filled body of Christ. You're going to want to **SAVE THIS DATE** and watch for upcoming registration info!

Saturday, March 21, 2026
St. John UCC, Mascoutah

All who believed were together and had all things in common

-Acts 2:44

Rosemary Oglesby- prayers for a quick and full recovery following knee surgery. **John Mier**, spouse of retired ISC Minister Joan Mier, is progressing well following his 2nd knee replacement surgery and is grateful to everyone for all the healing prayers.



Arts and Faith St. Louis: Music Unites Us

January 18, 2026 | 3:00 p.m.

St. Paul United Church of Christ, Lebanon, IL

Please join us on **January 18, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.** for a FREE concert featuring gifted musicians: Christine Brewer (soprano), Angel Love (soprano), Duane Foster (tenor), and Alla Voskoboinikova (piano).

Arts and Faith St. Louis brings together artists from many walks of life to help build a more harmonious St. Louis by connecting the region's religious and cultural communities through shared arts experiences.

The program will include music from many faith traditions and cultures, featuring familiar spirituals, beloved songs, and a special work commissioned by Arts and Faith and written by composer Kim Portnoy. Admission is free, and all are welcome!

For more information, please contact the St. Paul United Church of Christ (Lebanon, IL) office at 618-537-4991 or office@stpaullebanonil.org.



Region 2 Epiphany Progressive Dinner is a Delicious Success

Approximately 50 people attended Region 2's Epiphany Progressive Dinner Saturday, January 3 to benefit Kindercottage and St. Louis tornado victims. St. Peter UCC, Red Bud began the dinner with a wonderful--in the true sense of the word--appetizer buffet that included an amazing variety of hot and cold hors d-oeuvres. Participants next went to Zion UCC, St. Joe to enjoy 8 to 10--too many to count--delicious soups and crackers. At St. John UCC, Maeystown guests filled up--if they weren't already--on homemade chicken pot pie and applesauce. And finally, St. John UCC, Valmeyer treated diners to an unimaginable--and scrumptious--array of desserts. Attendees were graciously welcomed by old and young at each church, viewed the beautiful and unique Christmas decorations in each sanctuary, dined at exquisitely set tables and joined in holiday fellowship while making a freewill offering to 2 very worthy causes--the true meaning of the season.



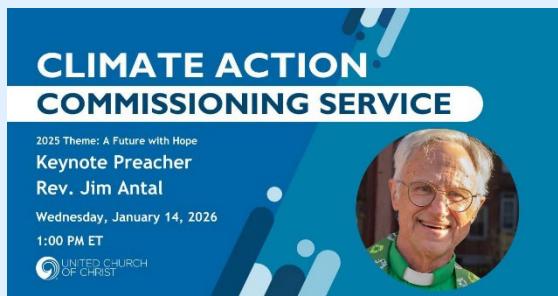
When the Internet Hurts: The Hidden Online Dangers Facing Our Teens and How Faith Communities Can Respond

FREE online webinar

Thursday, January 15, 2026, 6 - 7 pm

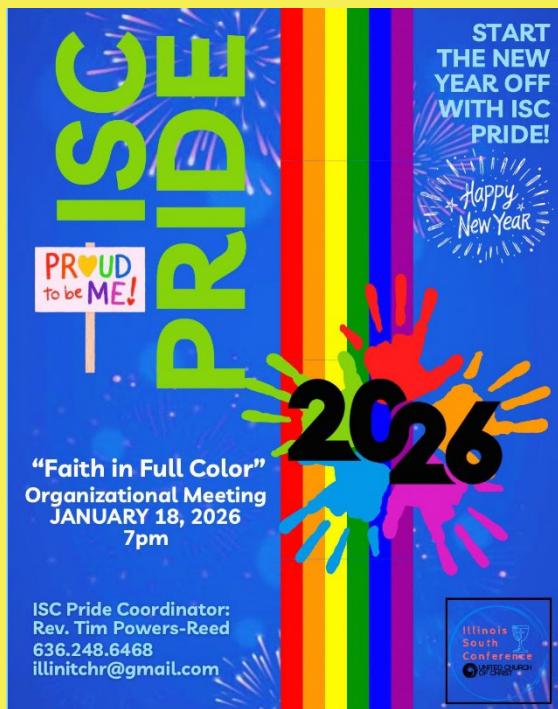
Join Rev. Cameron Trimble in conversation with Sharon Winkler, survivor parent and nationally respected youth online-safety advocate. Sharon's son, Alex, died at

age 17 after experiencing cyberbullying and algorithmically targeted pro-suicide content. Since then, Sharon has dedicated her life to helping parents, educators, and faith leaders recognize online dangers and build safer communities for young people. [Register now](#)



Climate Action Commissioning Service Wednesday, January 14th 12:00pm Central

As we enter a year of critical importance in the struggle for climate justice, the UCC is holding a Climate Action Commissioning Service. Gather with us as we faithfully prepare ourselves to take action in the coming year. The theme for this service and for the 2026 Climate Hope Art Contest is "a future with hope" (Jeremiah 29:11). Our preacher will be the Rev. Jim Antal, author of "Climate Church, Climate World" and Special Advisor on Climate Justice to the UCC General Minister and President. [Learn more and Register](#)



Meeting is via Zoom. Reach out to Rev. Tim at illinitchr@gmail.com for the Zoom link.



Where in the world were UCC missionaries? 19th-century world mission map is displayed

by [Donna Jackson](#) | published on Jan 13, 2026

The late 19th century was a time of explosive missionary growth for Protestant denominations as the Great Commission call to "go and make disciples of all the nations" became a fervent rallying cry.

Today, the regions where United Church of Christ mission forebears served is on display as an 1884 cotton cloth world mission map, created by the [American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions](#), has been unfurled in [Minnie's Seaside Rest](#).

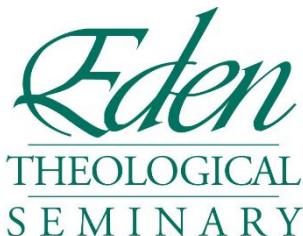
[Minnie's Seaside Rest](#) is the in-house museum created in 2023 to commemorate the denomination's rich mission legacy. The museum is located within the UCC national offices in Cleveland. (A virtual tour of Minnie's Seaside Rest is featured in the article.) [Full article](#)



Reading Into the New Year: Not Just for Kids Children's Book Edition

Jan 22, 2026 02:30 PM Central

Join author Becky Manfredini and illustrator-writer, Meredith Gould, as they discuss their decades-long friendship that culminated in developing a children's book series published by The Pilgrim Press: Slug and Snail Search for Home, Slug and Snail Search for Love, and Slug and Snail Search for Peace. They'll share the inspiration for creating the main characters, Slug and Snail, two BFFs who search for the meaning of home, love, and peace. [Learn More and Register](#)



Beyond Don't Sleep with the Sheep: Boundary Training for Clergy

Through Eden Theological Seminary

Online- January 23, 2026, 9am-3pm CT

Together, we'll look at power and positional authority, historical impact, and our roles as leaders within congregations and the communities we are called to serve. Attend this 5-hour Boundary Training, receive a certificate after thinking critically about who you are in the work, and who you want to be.

Come prepared to learn about power and oppression, clergy ethics and ministerial boundaries: both online in the public square, and in your contextualized locations. Participants will leave with a personal code of ethics based on ministerial codes. Clergy may attend for \$50, and can [register here](#).



Gateway ONA Annual Convocation Saturday, March 7, 2026

Check-in at 8:30 AM and light breakfast food available; the program will begin at 9:00 AM. Ending at 3:00 PM

Place: Parkway UCC on Ballas Road, St. Louis, MO

Theme: "ONA: Sacred, Seen, and Called"

Keynote Speaker: Rev. Derek Terry, Interim Executive Director of the Open and Affirming Coalition of the United Church of Christ [2025 General Synod - Derek Terry Full Speech](#)

The Eden Seminary Bookstore will again be on site with lots of resources

Registration information will be sent in mid-January.

If you have event questions or if you believe you are not on the Gateway ONA monthly mailing list and would like to register for this event, please send an emailed request to: buckeyeohio@hotmail.com. Cost: \$25 per person



Global Ministries

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
and the United Church of Christ



One Great Hour of Sharing Stories

Women of Faith, Builders of Peace by [Brande Crosby](#) | published on Jan 13, 2026 **UCCSA Zimbabwe Empowers Female Leaders**

At the Hope Fountain Mission in Bulawayo, women leaders from across Zimbabwe gathered in 2024 to learn the skills of peacebuilding, trauma healing, and community development. **The United Congregational Church of Southern Africa (UCCSA) Zimbabwe Synod** launched its Peace and Development Champions Training and Entrepreneurial Skills Workshop for Evangelists to equip both women and men to address conflict, trauma, and brokenness through faith-based action. Yet it was the women's voices that stood out most strongly. [Read](#)



When Justice Never Comes

by [Shari Prestemon](#) | published on Jan 13, 2026

What would you do if your family was given 20 minutes to clear out of your house while military personnel pointed guns at your children?

That was the horror one family in the West Bank of Palestine faced. When Israeli military forces showed up at their home's doorstep, they didn't have the luxury of thinking

carefully about what they would take with them. They were simply told to be gone in 20 minutes.

The military was seizing the house to use as a base of operations for their raiding of the refugee camp nearby. In a state of panic, the parents rushed to gather up their 6 children and whatever personal items they could manage. In the chaos that ensued, they did not realize that their daughter was still in her bedroom, the headphones fastened squarely on her ears drowning out the sounds of terror swirling all around her.

When the Israeli military entered the house, they found the little girl. [Read](#)



L-R: Peter Makari (Global Relations Minister, Middle East & Europe), Shari Prestemon (AGM & Co-Executive of Global Ministries), Rami Khader (Director, Anar), LaMarco Cable (Disciples Overseas Ministries President & CEO & Co-Executive of Global Ministries)

Job Opening: Global Engagement and Logistics Manager Global Ministries is seeking a dynamic and detail-oriented

Global Engagement and Logistics Manager to oversee the administration of the People-to-People Pilgrimage program, coordinate interpretation for staff, mission co-workers, and international partners throughout the life of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and United Church of Christ and provide logistical support for organizational events. [Download job description](#)



The Hunger Action Team would like to recognize ST.PAUL, COLUMBIA for their Mission Project benefitting UNI-PRES KINDERCOTTAGE. St. Paul members are invited to share nonperishable food items, cleaning supplies, paper products, and baby formula/supplies. KINDERCOTTAGE Is a joint mission of the Presbyterian Church and United Church of Christ. Providing Pre School and Daycare for low income families in E. St. Louis. Donations can be taken to St. Paul:127 Saint Paul Street, Columbia 62236. Questions, please contact the church office at 618-281-5102. Heartfelt thanks to St. Paul for this ministry of love and compassion for families in need. Serving others as faithful stewards of God's grace. Under the leadership of pastor and teacher, Rev. Jonathan Bangera.

By sharing your stories of being in service to others, you shine God's Light to all of us in the ISC and beyond! Click below...

[...share stories of fighting hunger in YOUR community.](#)

News from DuBois Center

Some are Almost Full, Some are Full!

This is us hollering across the lake, through the timber, and all across ISC land - **185 CAMPERS HAVE ALREADY SIGNED UP!!!!**

Check the updated Summer Camp schedule below and **REGISTER NOW** by clicking <https://duboiscenter.org/summer-camps/>



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

	Main Camp	Rustic Village
June 14-16	Discovery (1st-3rd) GIRLS: Almost Full	
June 14-19	Settler (3rd-5th) GIRLS Full LIT Camp (10-12th) Leadership in Training	Horse Play (5-7th) Outback (7-9th)
June 17-19	Camp Quest (1st-3rd)	
June 21-26	Settler (3rd-5th) Art Explosion (5th-8th) Base Camp (6th-8th)	Splash (5th-7th) Saddle 'Em Up (7th-9th)
June 24-26		Rustic Sampler (4th-6th)
June 28-30	Just You & Me (Adult & Child ages 5-7)	
July 5-10	High School Week on Rustic	Drenched (9th-12th) Wrangler (9th-12th) X-Plore (9th-12th)
July 12-14	Discovery (1st-3rd) BOYS: Full GIRLS: Almost Full	
July 12-17	Settler (3rd-5th) BOYS: Full GIRLS: Full	Trekkin' It (5-7th) BOYS: Full Giddy Up (6th-8th) GIRLS: Almost Full Dunk'd (7-9th) BOYS: Full GIRLS: Almost Full
July 15-17	Quest (1st-3rd)	
July 20-22	Just You & Me (Adult & Child ages 5-7)	
August 7-8	Rainbow Camp (all ages)	

**DuBois Center needs your TLC!
March 7th SERVICE SATURDAY**

Youth and adult fellowship groups, families, individuals, everyone is invited to lend a helping hand as we prepare our facilities for the busy spring and summer season. Projects vary, depending on the skills of workers and the weather, but a tired muscle or two and a great sense of satisfaction are guaranteed. There is wood to be stacked, leaves to be raked and buildings to be cleaned and painted. There are carpentry projects, as well as others requiring special skills. The work may not be glamorous, but it makes a BIG DIFFERENCE!

We'll provide lunch, so please [RSVP here](#) so we can make sure we have enough food for everyone! Check out the links below for more information:

- [Typical Schedule and What to Bring](#)
- [Directions and Map to DuBois Center](#)

 **DuBois Center**
Spring Events

Join us at one of our spring events or retreats!
Registration opens January 1st, 2026

MARCH 7	Service Saturday Everyone is invited to lend a helping hand as we prepare our facilities for the spring season. We'll provide lunch; RSVP at duboiscenter.org/support-dubois/work-days/
MARCH 13-15	Women's Retreat Get the girls together or come on your own and make new friends! This retreat is all about relaxation and self-reflection! Choose a short getaway (Fri-Sat) or a longer stay (Fri-Sun).
APRIL 11	Father-Daughter Day Dads and Daughters - spend the day at DuBois Center! Enjoy camp fun - one on one: brunch, horses, crafts, canoeing and worship!
APRIL 24-26	Father-Son Retreat Join us for our annual Father-Son Retreat. Boating, horses, archery, fishing, games and plenty of guy time! Fathers, sons, grandfathers, uncles, nephews are welcome!
MAY 9	Ride Day Sign up for a ride time that fits your schedule best! 10:30 am: <i>Arena Ride for ages 3-7 with parent walking alongside.</i> \$18 per child. 1:00, 2:30, 4:00: <i>Trail Ride for ages 8+.</i> \$30 per rider.
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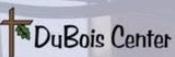
For information or to register,
[visit **duboiscenter.org/retreatsdbc-retreats**](https://duboiscenter.org/retreatsdbc-retreats).

NOTE: RETREATS MAY BE CANCELLED IF FEWER THAN 15 PEOPLE REGISTER.

**~2026~
DuBois Center
Spring Events**

**REGISTRATION OPENED
JANUARY 1st !**

[**More Info Here**](#)

 **DuBois Center**

WE ARE HIRING
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Flexible Hours
Scenic Work Environment

MORE INFO & APPLICATION AT:
<https://duboiscenter.org/support-staff/>

APPLY NOW



We are looking for a housekeeper to join us in our Ministry of Hospitality!

This part-time position is a critical piece of the experience we provide for our guests.

Flexible Hours! Gorgeous workplace views! For more information or to apply: <https://duboiscenter.org/support-staff/>



Dear Friends and Supporters of Uni Pres Kindercottage,

Thank you for your generous holiday giving and for joining us at our Holiday Program held at Good Shepherd UCC. Your presence, encouragement, and continued support made this season truly special for our children and families.

We are also deeply grateful for the Winter Family Engagement activities sponsored by PBS Channel 9. Families enjoyed creating winter-themed art projects and received two beautiful books about winter, helping to spark both creativity and a love of reading at home. The visit from Santa Claus brought so much joy, with families taking photos, sharing laughter, and creating lasting memories together.

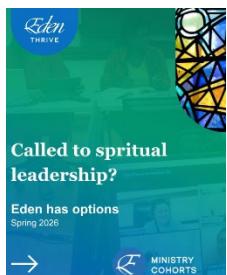
It was truly a packed house as each family enjoyed watching their child sing, dance, and share holiday sentiments through poems and conversations with Santa. The energy in the room reflected the warmth, hope, and togetherness that this season represents.

A special thank you to our dedicated Board members who came out to help serve snack packs to families. Your hands-on support and commitment to our mission continues to strengthen the work we do every day.

On behalf of the children, families, and staff of Uni Pres Kindercottage, thank you for helping make this holiday season bright, meaningful, and full of love.

With gratitude,

Aimee Hart, Executive Director
618-874-6505 (work)
618-799-1417 (cell)



Spring 2026 Ministry Cohorts Are Open!

We're excited to announce the Spring 2026 Ministry Cohort Themes:

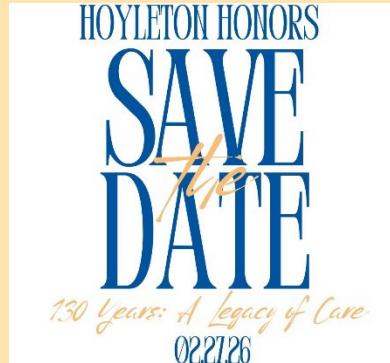
- [How's My Preaching? Check-In and Level Up](#)
- [Intergenerational Faith Formation](#)
- [Creative Conflict Resolution](#)
- [The Body of Christ and the Body Snatchers](#)
- [Making Strangers Neighbors](#)

[>>Learn more and sign up for the Cohort that intrigues you most!](#)



Early Bird registration is now OPEN for The Gathering: Many Gifts, One Spirit, to be held March 24-26, 2026, at the Hyatt Regency in Indianapolis. With the theme, "Many Gifts, One Spirit,"

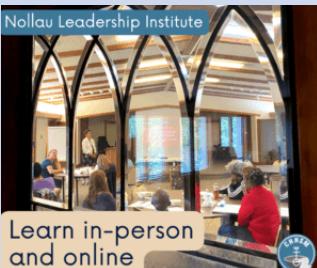
The Gathering will draw some 500 leaders from Mennonite, Methodist, Presbyterian, Quaker, and the United Church of Christ related health and human service associations for three days of inspirational keynotes, amazing workshops, opportunities to share resources and knowledge, network, and so much more. [MORE](#)



Hoyleton Youth and Family Services Honors Night Save the Date

Friday, February 27, 2026

Follow on [Facebook](#) and other social media to learn more and to hear about available sponsorship opportunities.



Nollau Institute Class of 2026-27

The program consists of two in-person retreats at [Bellwether Farm](#), online interactions in between the retreats, and an additional day of programming at the CHHSM Annual Conference. Graduation and consecration takes place during closing worship on the final day of the Annual Conference. [More info](#)



St. John's Community Care

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Here's a lovely tour of our Edwardsville location!



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STJCC Edwardsville Tour Final 4K

<<Click on the image to take a tour of the Edwardsville St. John's Community Care Center location.



CALL FOR DONATIONS

FOR OUR ADULT DAY PROGRAM

- GEL PENS
- GLUE
- WET WIPES
- TISSUES
- HAND LOTION
- THIN MARKERS
- TRIVIA OR GUESSING GAME CARDS
- EASY CARD GAME
- 12" BALLOONS
- PUNCH-BALL BALLOONS
- SMALL BLANK CANVASES FOR PAINTING
- AIR-DRY CLAY
- 5X7 OR 8X10 UNFINISHED WOOD FRAMES
- COFFEE PODS (K-CUPS), REGULAR AND/OR DECAF
- STICKERS, STICKER BOOKS
- COLORING BOOKS
- ACRYLIC PAINT, PAINT BRUSHES

St. John's Community Care Volunteers and Donations Needed! St. John's CC is in great need of volunteers to serve as receptionists, program assistants, and/or to assist with craft activities, and craft clean-up. Also, consider picking up an item, or several, needed for the Adult Day Program. Donations can be dropped off at the St. John's Community Care Center, 222 Goethe Ave, Collinsville, IL 62234. Call 618-344-5008 with questions.

Our ISC Churches News + Events

**6TH ANNUAL
CONCORDIA CHURCH
CHILI COOK-OFF
MEN'S FELLOWSHIP EVENT**
Saturday, January 17, 2026
11:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.
EAT IN/CARRY-OUTS

Concordia United Church of Christ
Corner of Rt. 163 & Concordia Church Road

Chili Samples (1 of each chili) – \$5
 16 oz Chili - \$5
 Plain Hot Dog - \$2
 Chili Dog - \$3
 Hot Dog/Chili Combo - \$7

Half of the proceeds will go to the Millstadt Food Pantry
 Questions call: 618-791-1527



Are you interested in Pulpit Supply?

Reach out via email to the
ISC Committee
on Ministry Co-chairs.

Rev. Lisa Hart- lisa@revhart.net
 Mark Walz- mewalz5925@hotmail.com



If you are reading a print version of the ISC *Weekly Connection*, consider scanning the QR code or click [HERE](#) and subscribe to receive upcoming issues straight to your email inbox. Not only does this ensure you won't miss an issue but it gives opportunity to click on the links to full articles, webinar registration sites, and more. It only takes a minute to sign up. Reach out to Missy at 618-654-2125 or mloyet@iscucc.org with any questions or with news for the upcoming 12/16/25 holiday issue which will combine the 12/16/25 and 12/23/25 *Weekly Connections*.

Opportunities + Resources

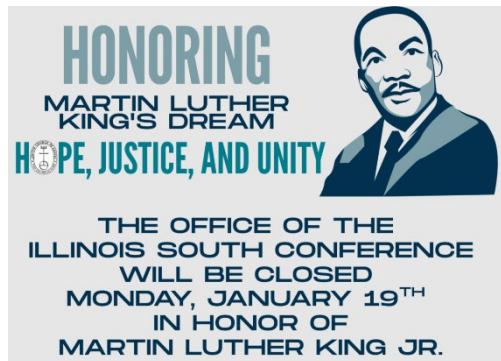
[Part-time Organist/Pianist - Friedens UCC Marissa](#)

[Part-time Music Leader - St. Paul UCC Pinckneyville](#)

[Part-time Bookkeeper - St. John UCC Fairview Heights](#)

[Part-time Facilities Manager - St. Paul UCC Belleville](#)

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-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.

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.

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Inclusivity Statement for DuBois Center and Illinois South Conference of the UCC

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