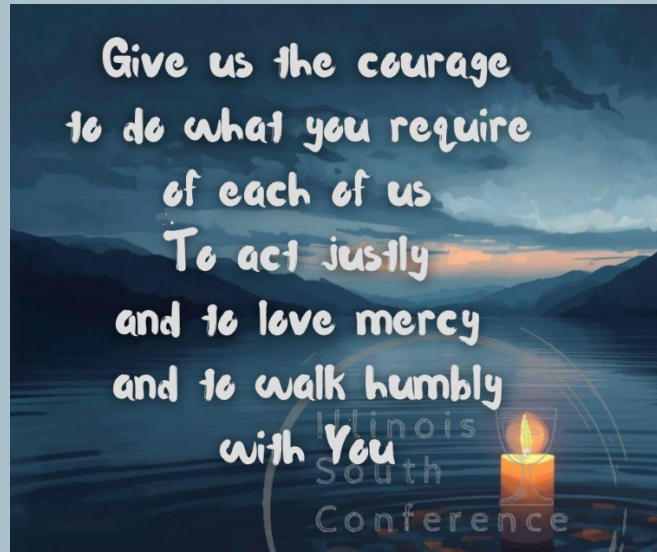




Reflections from Our Conference Minister

A PRAYER based on Micah 6:1-8

O Holy One,
You who have walked with Your people through wilderness and weariness,
we come to You tired and tender.

The heartbreak of each day's headlines follows us here—
the unraveling feeling that things are fraying
faster than we can mend them.

Seeking your Divine presence,
we pause to let you meet us where we are.

Out of love, not accusation, You ask,
My people, what have I done to you?
How have I failed you? (verse 3)

Oh, how we have forgotten
who we are and whose we are
as those who are created and called
to reflect Your Image in the world.

Your faithfulness echoes
through time, through generations
to remind us
You have not abandoned Your Beloved people.

We confess that we often look for big, sweeping answers
when you call us to take daily faithful steps.

We search for quick fixes
when You call us to a steady presence.

Help us to tune our hearts,
and fix our eyes on You, O God,
as you continue to show us what is good.

Give us the courage
to do what you require of each of us
*To act justly and to love mercy
and to walk humbly (verse 8) with You,*
one ordinary, grace-filled day at a time. Amen.

-Rev. Shana Johnson
Conference Minister

Please Remember in Your Prayers this Week...



St. Peter's UCC, Murphysboro-
Rev. Dr. Lauren (Greg) Lambert-
Goheen



St. Paul UCC, Nashville-
Rev. Beverly Kahle

Retired Pastor- Rev. Allen (Lynn) Reiter

Rosemary Oglesby- prayers for a quick and full recovery following knee surgery.

Sending prayers for our ISC Members in Discernment. May God shine light on the paths of Kathleen Gallivan and Angela Nolan, granting them clarity, openness, and peace as they make choices on their journey in harmony with God's plan.

[Submit prayer requests here](#)

UCC Global, National, + Regional News



Dear Clergy of Illinois South,

Grace and peace to you.

At our December WISE Team meeting, we reflected on the importance of community in sustaining clergy wellbeing. We were reminded that learning together can be a source of renewal, encouragement, and strength amid the many demands of ministry.

One of our team members, Angela Nolan, has connected with a mental health professional who is interested in partnering with the conference to offer supportive learning opportunities for clergy. As we discern what offerings would be most helpful, we would greatly value your input.

We invite you to prayerfully consider which practices or skills might bring you support or relief at this time. These could include areas such as organization, vision casting, team building, conflict resolution, re-centering, de-escalation, leadership, or other needs you are currently experiencing.

Please share your thoughts by **Friday, January 30**, by emailing Angela Nolan at anolan@eden.edu.

Your feedback will help guide our efforts as we seek to care for one another and strengthen our shared ministry.

With gratitude for your faithfulness and care,

Blessings,
The ISC WISE Team



STRONGER TOGETHER

All who believed were together and had all things in common

-Acts 2:44

Drawing inspiration from Acts 2, this year's Day of Discipleship serves as a profound reminder that, as disciples of faith, we are Stronger Together through sharing our distinctive talents, worshiping collectively, engaging in prayer and fellowship, song and Word. Workshop offerings will encompass a variety of areas, including worship, programming, leadership, and outreach. This shared journey in faith and community illustrates the remarkable power of unity and underscores how each of us contributes to uplift the Church.

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

Registration opening February 1st

Meet our Day of Discipleship Keynote Speaker - Rev. Dr. Jeff Moore

An ordained United Church of Christ Minister with partner status in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Jeff has been pastor of Webster Groves Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) since March of 2008. Jeff has a Bachelor of Science in Outdoor Leadership from Aurora University, Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry degrees from Eden Theological Seminary, and a PhD from the University of KwaZulu-Natal in South Africa. His Doctor of Ministry work focused on the question of "Christian Connectedness," and explored this from biblical and liberation standpoints in conversation with the poetry of Guatemalan poet and theologian, Julia Esquivel. Jeff's PhD dissertation focused on Theological Education in the Lesotho Evangelical Church as it relates to the church's vision and commitment to "abundant life" (John 10:10), and presents a descriptive study following a three-year program of ethnographic and theological research in Lesotho, southern Africa.



Jeff has served UCC congregations in Mascoutah, Illinois, Darmstadt and Biddleborn, Illinois, and Pana and Dollville, Illinois. He has served as Director of Outdoor Ministries in the Rocky Mountain Conference, UCC, and from 2003-2007 served, along with his spouse, Susan, as a Common Global Ministries Missionary in Lesotho. While in Lesotho Jeff taught at Morija Theological Seminary and the National University of Lesotho; served as the HIV and AIDS Coordinator for the Lesotho Evangelical Church; and served as Interim Pastor for Maseru United Church – an international, nondenominational congregation. Upon his return to the United States, Jeff lived and taught on campus at Eden Theological Seminary, where he was Missionary in Residence during the 2007-2008 academic year. Jeff has continued to teach Biblical Studies and Ministry Studies courses as an adjunct to the Eden faculty, and teaches Biblical Studies and Theology courses as an adjunct to the Saint Louis University faculty.

His research interests include the book of Revelation, International Contextual Biblical Interpretation, and the works of J.R.R. Tolkien. Jeff has taught and presented in these areas in over a dozen countries on five continents.

In addition to his pastorate at Webster Groves Christian Church, Jeff served as part-time Interim Minister at Memorial Boulevard Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) from 2020 to 2022, and he serves as Chaplain for Doorways, a housing and healthcare agency for people living with HIV & AIDS.

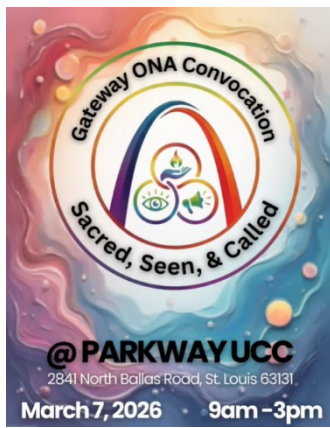
He enjoys reading, the outdoors, and riding his motorcycles whenever he can.

Jeff and Susan have three adult children – Abigail, Daniel, and Khotso.



Upcoming Boundary Training for Active or Retired Authorized UCC Ministers

Click [HERE](#) to view a listing of dates, times and registration links.



Gateway ONA Annual Convocation

Saturday, March 7, 2026

Doors open at 8:00 AM and light breakfast food available; Worship 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



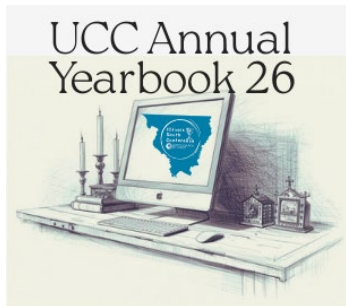
ISC Pride Update

ISC Pride continues to build momentum—and we're still actively inviting new voices to the table. We are seeking people across the Illinois South Conference who are interested in supporting our churches as they navigate LGBTQIA+ inclusion in all its realities: struggle, growth, healing, and joy. More voices matter. More stories matter. That's where ISC Pride comes in, as we work to broaden participation so the richness of our conference is truly reflected.

Alongside this work, ISC Pride is proud to support Rainbow Camp through ideas, presence, and leadership, helping ensure it remains a life-giving space of affirmation and belonging for all.

Our ISC Pride logo tells this story visually. The phoenix—an ancient symbol used by early Christians to represent resurrection, hope, and new life—rises alongside a rainbow over the state of Illinois. Together, they embody the resilience of LGBTQIA+ Christians: faith reborn from ashes, courage forged in struggle, and hope that refuses to be extinguished.

The next ISC Pride meeting will be held **February 15, 2025, at 7:00 pm** via Zoom. The meeting link can be received by contacting Rev. Tim Powers-Reed at illinitchr@gmail.com.



UCC Database is open for Yearbook information entry as of January 26th

Emails with instructions for Yearbook Reporting were sent to the churches on Friday, January 23rd. We are so grateful

for your efforts in helping us to keep records up to date. Thank you!

Questions- reach out to Debbie at dkesner@iscucc.org.

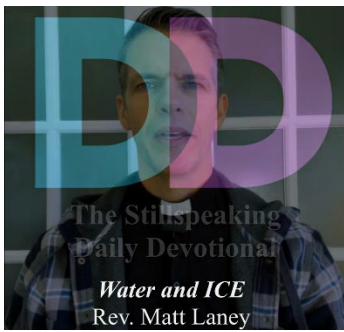


One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) is a Special Mission Offering of the United Church of Christ that supports partners worldwide with ministries that fund health, education, and agricultural development, emergency relief, refugee ministries, and both international and domestic disaster response.

2026 Suggested Offering Date: March 15th

[Order Print Resources](#) [Download Leader's Guide](#)

[Download Resource Bundle](#)



Water & ICE

by [Matt Laney](#) | published on Jan 24, 2026

[Facebook Video](#)

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. – Matthew 3:13 (NRSV)

At the dawn of life, there was water: wild and wide, two Hs holding an O, a life-giving dance, the first deep “yes” of all that’s meant to be.

Baptism does not create our worth. It names what’s true from the start of birth. It rinses away all that hides us. It calls us to our rightful place.

But drop the temperature, slow water’s vibration, and the dance of molecules stagnates. Liquid life assumes a rigid shell, a frozen form, hard and cold. [Read Matt Laney’s entire Daily Devotional](#)

[Subscribe to Daily Devotional](#)



Meet six UCC clergy who traveled to Minneapolis to put faith in action

by [Kayla Berkey](#) | published on Jan 27, 2026

Long tables piled high with hats, scarves, long underwear, winter coats, and hand warmers lined the lobby of Westminster Presbyterian Church in downtown Minneapolis, where [more than 600 religious leaders from across the country](#) gathered on Jan. 22. [More photos and full article HERE](#)



Minnesota on Edge: UCC Clergy discuss response on the ground in the aftermath of ICE shootings

UCC News recently spoke with clergy who have been active in response efforts in the aftermath of the fatal ICE shooting of Renee Nicole Good. They share stories of triumph, courage, and what they plan to do next to continue the resistance against actions of the current administration. [January 27, 2026 Video](#)



The 2026 Climate Hope Art Contest!

Today, we officially launch the 2026 Climate Hope Art Contest for children and youth! The theme this year is “A Future with Hope.” Children and youth are invited to draw, paint, or color works of art that bring this theme to life. We will have winners for different age groups and an overall winner who will receive an all-expense paid trip to visit Washington, DC with a parent or guardian.

[Register your congregation now to participate!](#)

We’ll accept art submissions from February 6th to March 20th.



Global Ministries

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



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Global Ministries marks 30-year milestone: Unique ecumenical partnership sees collaboration as a spiritual necessity

by [Donna Jackson](#) | published on Jan 27, 2026

At a time when [studies reveal](#) global partnerships flatlining, [Global Ministries](#) enters 2026 celebrating 30 years of being a steadfast haven of hope.

It's a milestone anchoring the shared peace building and justice seeking witness of the United Church of Christ and the [Christian Church \(Disciples of Christ\)](#) in a world where political unrest, environmental threats, and economic instability are brewing the perfect storm.

"We are living a divisive time. To be one in our shared witness strengthens our witness to God and to the Church," said the Rev. Karen Georgia Thompson, General Minister and President/CEO of the United Church of Christ.

Global Ministries was established in 1996 as a partnership between the two denominations, underscoring at the time the importance of working together to foster unity in a fractured world. (Click [here](#) for a look at the UCC's mission timeline.) [Read article](#)



This Month at the United Nations

Join us to learn more about what the UCC does at the United Nations!
February 3rd 1:00 pm Central

Hear updates from the UCC Main Representative to the UN, Donna Bollinger, on program updates, our interfaith and ecumenical partners, and upcoming events.

There will be time set aside during the meeting so that we can hear from YOU on these topics and how we can help to amplify the work our local congregations and partners are doing in the community. [Register](#)

Global Ministries Job Openings:

-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](#)

-Accounting Clerk The Accounting Clerk supports the financial operations of the organization by performing routine accounting tasks, maintaining accurate financial records, and assisting with reporting and compliance requirements. This position plays a vital role in ensuring the financial integrity and transparency expected of a nonprofit organization. **Location:** Indianapolis, Indiana **Status:** Exempt, Full-time (hybrid) [Download job description](#)

ISC Hunger Action Team - Facing Hunger in Your Community



The Hunger Action Team would like to recognize **ST. PAUL, COLUMBIA** for their continued support of local families in need. Each year the St. Paul youth group has a fundraiser to support their food justice mission. St. Paul will be taking orders for sub sandwiches to be picked up on **SUPER BOWL SUNDAY** (February 8th) Sandwiches are \$8.00 each and can be picked up at the St. Paul Fellowship Hall from

10:30 to 11:30 am. To place your order, please call the church office at 618-281-5102. Deadline for sandwich orders: February 4th. Heartfelt thanks to St. Paul, serving others as stewards of God's Grace. Under the leadership of pastor and teacher, Rev. Jonathan Bangera. Neighbors helping neighbors!

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.](#)



DuBois Center

WE ARE HIRING!

Join Our Team!

Part time positions

- Hospitality Coordinator
- Cooks
- Housekeeping
- Kitchen Helpers

MORE INFO & APPLICATION AT:

 <https://duboiscenter.org/support-staff/>

APPLY NOW

The advertisement features a background image of two women in a kitchen. One woman is wearing a white cap and a light-colored sweatshirt, holding a plate of waffles. The other woman is wearing an orange shirt and a patterned apron, also holding a plate of waffles. They are both smiling at the camera.



New Merch Added!

Visit our online store for sling bags, travel mugs, and tote bags!

<https://www.bonfire.com/store/dubois-center-merch/>

All proceeds benefit your favorite camp & retreat center!

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

~2026~ DuBois Center Spring Events

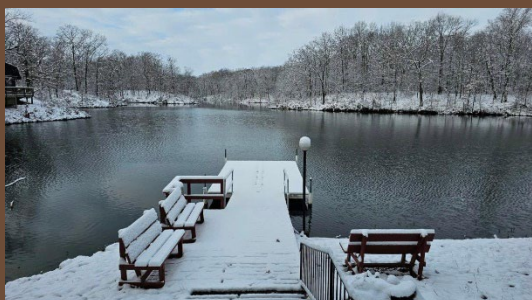
REGISTRATION OPENED JANUARY 1st !

[More Info Here](#)

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: Arena Ride for ages 3-7 with parent walking alongside. \$18 per child. 1:00, 2:30, 4:00: Trail Ride for ages 8+. \$30 per rider.
MAY 9	Service Saturday Everyone is invited to lend a helping hand as we prepare our facilities for the summer season. We'll provide lunch; please RSVP at duboiscenter.org/support-dubois/work-days/

For information or to register,
visit duboiscenter.org/retreats/dbc-retreats.

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



This is us hollering across the lake, through the timber, and all across ISC land - **215 CAMPERS HAVE ALREADY SIGNED UP!!!!**

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



2026 Summer Camp Schedule Updates

Camps are filling up quickly!
Register soon at DuBoisCenter.org

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) ALL: Almost 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 GIRLS: Almost Full Giddy Up (6th-8th) GIRLS: Full Dunk'd (7-9th) BOYS: Full
July 15-17	Quest (1st-3rd) GIRLS: Almost Full	
July 20-22	Just You & Me (Adult & Child ages 5-7)	
August 7-8	Rainbow Camp (all ages)	



Winter at Uni-Pres Kindercottage

Dear Donors and Friends of Uni-Pres Kindercottage,

As we move through this winter season, Uni-Pres Kindercottage continues to be a place of learning, warmth, and care for the children and families we serve. Our classrooms are alive with exploration as children discover the wonders of winter—learning about seasonal changes, weather, and how animals adapt—while continuing to grow socially, emotionally, and academically in a nurturing environment.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our ongoing supporters for your prayers, generosity, and unwavering commitment. Your support allows us to uplift children and families who need our care the most, ensuring that each child is surrounded by love, stability, and opportunity during their most formative years.

As we move forward in mission, we invite you to reach out and learn more about how your service, partnership, and giving make a meaningful impact on the daily care and growth of the children we serve. Together, through love and community, we continue building a stronger foundation for our children and families.

With gratitude and blessings,

Aimee Hart

Executive Director, Uni-Pres Kindercottage

[See Wishlist](#)



Turn shared experience into action at The Gathering!

Bring your team to Indianapolis, Ind., March 24-26, 2026, to participate in 35 workshops in five featured tracks. Register by Feb. 9 to take advantage of early bird prices!

The Gathering will feature educational workshop sessions presented by your peers on critical topics such as governance, employee engagement, operations, fundraising,

mentoring, technology, and more.

Final weeks for Early Bird savings! Register by February 9 to secure your \$100 discount.

[Register now.](#)

Your registration for The Gathering includes:

- Three continental breakfasts
- Two lunches
- A gathering for all reception at the [Indianapolis Artsgarden](#)
- Three dynamic keynote sessions
- More than 30 breakout sessions to choose from
- Opportunity to meet faith-based health and human service peers
- Good news to share: NAB, ASWB and CFRE continuing education credits are available for eligible sessions.
- A limited number of scholarships are available for first-time Annual Gathering attendees and smaller CHHSM agencies with limited budgets. [Apply for a scholarship.](#)



Hoyleton Honors Night

This year, we invite you to celebrate "130 Years: A Legacy of Care." It's more than a milestone; it's a moment to honor the people who live out Hoyleton Youth and Family Services' mission when it matters most.

When Reverend Tarrah Vaupel of **UCC Church Biddleborn/Darmstadt** opened her home to children in Hoyleton's care, she never imagined facing a devastating house fire while fostering.

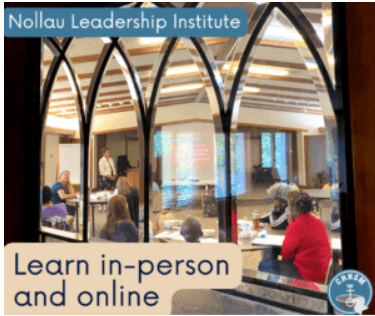
Through the help of Hoyleton's dedicated staff and Fund the Need program, the support became a lifeline in her and her family's recovery and rebuilding process.

Join us at Honors Night on February 27, 2026, to hear her full story and experience the

impact of 130 years of care in action.

For tickets, click the link below

<https://my.onecause.com/.../vevt:ef40c7e9-5f6b.../home/story>



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. **2026-27 Schedule:** 1st Retreat: May 18-22, 2026, 2nd Retreat: October 5-9, 2026, CHHSM Annual Gathering: March 15-19, 2027 [More info](#)



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Looking for a fun, meaningful way to connect with a loved one experiencing memory loss? Our themed "Stay Sharp Kits" include hands-on activities made with older adults in mind, whether you're reminiscing about travel, digging into garden memories, or enjoying an easygoing game night. They are free to borrow and perfect for use at home or in small groups. Interested in borrowing a kit? Call us at 618-344-5008 or send a message and we'll help you get started!



CALL FOR DONATIONS

FOR OUR ADULT DAY PROGRAM

- GEL PENS
- GLUE
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- 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



**DRIVE-THRU
CHILI & BEEF
VEGETABLE SOUP**



St John UCC Trenton Chili & Soup Drive-Thru Saturday, February 7, 2026 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM (or until chili and soup are gone) Price: \$10.00 per quart. View the event flyer [HERE](#). St. John UCC, 21 North Walnut St., Trenton, IL 62293 618-224-9828

78th Annual SAUSAGE SUPPER

Sponsored by
SALEM CHURCHMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
1117 WEST NORTH STREET, ALHAMBRA, ILLINOIS 62001
SATURDAY JAN. 31, 2026

78th Annual Sausage Supper Salem UCC, Alhambra Saturday, January 31st. Drive-thru 1:00 - 7:00 pm. 1117 W. North St., Alhambra, IL 62001 Click [here for full flyer](#). Pre-order forms at salemuccalh.org.

WURST MARKT

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2026

ST. PETER'S UCC
Okawville, Illinois

St. Peter's UCC Wurst Markt Sunday, February 1st Drive-thru only - 3:00 - 7:00pm Click [HERE for flyer](#) that includes map. St. Peter's United Church of Christ, 106 Church St., Okawville, IL 62271

DEATH BY CHOCOLATE

a Tasting Event Fundraiser
Saturday, February 7, 2026
7:00 - 9:00 pm

St. John UCC | Faith Hall
307 W Clay St | Collinsville, IL 62234

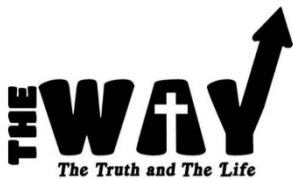
\$25 per person in advance,
\$30 at the door
\$175 per table of 8

Includes: samples delicious
chocolate desserts, hors
d'oeuvres & drinks, and
silent & live auction

Entries by Local Chefs
& Home Bakers

Sponsorships Available
Contact the church office at
618-344-2526 or
office@stjohnucc-collinsville.org

All proceeds benefit the
missions of St. John UCC



St. Paul's UCC, Freeburg is hosting THE WAY #13, a retreat for 8th -12th grade youth (and interested adults) of all faith backgrounds on **February 20- February 22, 2026**. The Way is a unique experience designed to help you grow in faith and understanding of the teaching of Jesus Christ. Join us for Christian fellowship, Worship, and prayer in extraordinary youth led ministry. The weekend cost is \$20, registration is due February 6th. You will find a registration form at stpaulsfreeburg.org.



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 *Weekly Connection*.

[Click to submit your EVENTS + NEWS to the Weekly Connection](#)

[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.

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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