

March 17, 2026



Reflections From Our Conference Minister

A Prayerful Meditation based on John 11:1-44

O Jesus, our Savior and friend,
we come before you with honest hearts.

There are moments, days, and seasons
when we struggle to trust your timing,
when Your ways feel distant from our hopes.

Like Martha and Mary, we cry out,
"Lord, if you had been here..."

And yet, You are always here with us.
Even when hope feels buried,
even when the stone seems already sealed,
Your presence remains.

You speak into our sorrow a truth that reshapes everything:
"I am the resurrection and the life."
In times of grief and despair, you draw nearer.
You see our tears, and You weep with us.
You are not removed from our pain.
Instead, You enter our wounded places with compassion,
holding us in a love that does not let go.

When all seems lost,
and it's easier to believe that nothing more can be done,
You invite us to trust beyond what we can see.
You whisper again:
"Did I not tell you that you would see the glory of God?"

And so, we wait, not in despair, but in expectation.
O Jesus, in our waiting,
open us to the moving of your Spirit.
Help us to lean in and listen to Your voice
that still calls life out of death,
that still speaks into the tombs of our lives:
"Come out."

By the power of Your name,
You can call us out of fear, hopelessness,
and all that binds us and keeps us from the fullness of life You intend.
Roll away every stone that the world has placed before us
and even those we have placed in our lives ourselves.
Teach us once again to live as people of resurrection,
trusting that it is never too late with You,
that no loss is final,
and no darkness too deep
for Your love to reach.



Restore in us the courage to believe
that new life is always possible.

Awaken in us the memory of Your promises,
which assures us that what seems lost
may yet be transformed by Your power and grace.

Empower us to trust
that Your Spirit is still moving
and breathing life into weary places,
stirring possibility where we least expect it.

We pray all of this in the hope of resurrection,
and in the promise of your Risen, ever-present love.
Amen.

-Rev. Shana Johnson
Conference Minister

Please Remember in Your Prayers this Week...



St. John UCC, Smithton
Rev. Debby Harness



St. Jacob UCC, St. Jacob
Rev. Philip (Kate) Barbier

Retired Pastor- Rev. James Langdoc

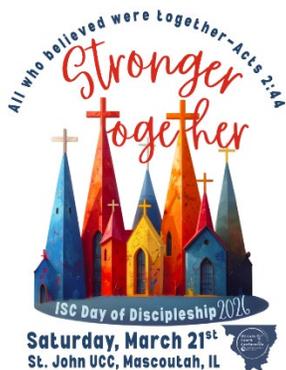
[Submit prayer requests here](#)

UCC Global, National, +Regional News

ISC Day of Discipleship Saturday, March 21st *Stronger Together*

A few quick reminders—

- doors open at 8am for check-in and a light continental breakfast.
- Opening Devotion starts at 9am.
- Location St John UCC Mascoutah [55 W. Church Street, Mascoutah, IL](#)



Lent is a time to give to, rather than give up: One Great Hour of Sharing season is in full swing by [Donna Jackson](#) | published on Mar 17, 2026
The season of [One Great Hour of Sharing](#) is in full swing, with many United Church of Christ congregations embracing the [long-standing ecumenical offering](#), established in 1946, as a Lenten practice that focuses on giving to someone rather than giving up something.
One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) is [one of four Special Mission Offerings](#) in the UCC. The gifts help those locally, providing funding for [Global HOPE](#) grants that equip volunteers, [aid in migration and refugee ministries](#), and provide resources for disaster recovery and rebuilding.

Monies from OGHS also reach around the world, enabling [Global Ministries](#), the common witness of the UCC and the [Christian Church \(Disciples of Christ\)](#), which [celebrates its 30th anniversary](#) this year, to support humanitarian aid organizations that have helped people like Nada Nabil.

As a young girl growing up in Egypt, Nabil had always dreamt of receiving an education. There was one obstacle in her way: her physical disabilities, which made attending school difficult. While she dropped out when she was eight, she never let go of her dream to read and write.

Through the BLESS Sustainable Development Programs —supported in part by One Great Hour of Sharing — Nabil found a second chance. She enrolled in adult literacy classes offered in her community. With determination and the support of her mother, Nabil attended the courses and began building the skills she had once been forced to leave behind. (Read the full story on the Global Ministries website [here](#).) [Read](#)



ISC Clergy Retreat

April 28th - 29th 2026

2026 Clergy Retreat: Time Well Spent

"Be careful, then, how you live, not as unwise people, but as wise, making the most of time." --Ephesians 5:15-16a

The Local Church Ministries Team invites all Illinois South Conference clergy to gather at DuBois Center for a day of spiritual renewal and connection. The retreat will be led by Rev. Betsy Happel, a retired UCC pastor from the Missouri Mid-South Conference.

Dates: Tue, April 28th at noon to Wed, April 29th at noon
Day events with overnight options

Location: DuBois Center

Focus: Reflect upon how we intentionally and wisely use our time to make a lasting impact in our own lives and in the lives of those we serve. The retreat will include discussion, prayer, shared meals, optional group and individual activities, reading, rest, fellowship with colleagues, and time in God's creation.

Cost: \$55 for the day (this includes programming & meals)
\$115 for the day and overnight (this includes programming, meals, & lodging)

Registration deadline is Tuesday, April 14th

Follow the link to register

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

Rev. Betsy Happel - ISC Clergy Retreat Leader

Betsy Happel (she/her) is a certified spiritual director who has been mentoring and encouraging others for over 30 years. Centering on the mantra, "Be yourself and the world you love will come to you," she enjoys accompanying seekers as they explore their passions and gifts, notice holy synchronicities around them, and journey through significant transitions of life. Betsy is certified in Spiritual Direction through the Haden Institute, and serves as a mentor in Haden's Spiritual Direction training program. She earned her MDiv degree from Eden Theological Seminary in St. Louis following twenty years in the human resources field. Before retiring from settled ministry in 2023, Betsy served as Pastor at Red Top Christian Church (DOC) in Hallsville, MO; and Kirkwood UCC in the St. Louis area.



UCC Annual Yearbook 2026



Complete by March 26th

UCC Database is open for Yearbook information entry

Thank you to the churches that have completed their Yearbook Reporting!
We have nearly half of our churches that need to enter their data! Instructions were emailed again to the churches' email addresses on **Monday March 9th**. If you need the instructions emailed to someone else, please let Debbie know.
Our goal is to be done by March 26th – questions please email Debbie at dkesner@iscucc.org.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!
ISC Staff



Mission Moments Use Mission Moments every week to tell a story about your congregation's connection with the wider church. Each issue – which is designed to be inserted with your newsletter or Sunday worship bulletin – is an effective way to inform your members about what they make possible through their gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission.

Current Mission Moments: [March 2026 – May 2026 \(doc\)](#)



Take Time to Rest

As Tricia Hersey, the Nap Bishop, reminds us, rest is resistance. Take a moment to remember that “there are infinite ways to liberation. Expand. Rest now.”

-Nap Ministries Rest Deck: 50 Practices to Resist Grind Culture

Full calendar of Daily Lenten Practices: <https://ow.ly/pY0850YtZqF>



Climate Hope Art Contest

Reminder: There's still time to enter the Climate Hope Art Contest! For the fourth straight year, we invite children and youth to share their creativity around the theme “A Future with Hope.” Draw, paint, or color your vision and help inspire others! Submit your artwork by March 20th. Details [Here](#)



Report to the Church from the Board: March 2026

by [Jasmine Quinerly](#) | published on Mar 17, 2026

What a view for the March 12-14, 2026 United Church of Christ Board to be held in the National Office [1300 E. 9th Street](#) in Cleveland, Ohio. This meeting was held on the new 12th floor, a place where the space felt like home. The Board of Directors of the United Church of Christ Corporation, Justice and Witness Ministries (a Covenanted Ministry of the United Church of Christ), and Wider Church Ministries (a Covenanted Ministry of the United Church of Christ) each represented in each meeting of the UCCB and is a meeting of each of these corporations. [Read](#)



Upcoming Boundary Training for Active Authorized UCC Ministers

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



Eden Spring Convocation 2026

The Church needs prophetic imagination. The world needs transformative leadership. Join us **April 9–10** for Spring Convocation 2026 at Eden Theological Seminary — in person or online. On Thursday, we gather for:

- Pre-Convocation Workshop: Church Planting & Growth in the Progressive Christian Movement
- Opening Reception
- Worship honoring the life and legacy of Walter Brueggemann

On Friday, we continue with:

- EBAA Breakfast
- Keynote Address by Rev. Dr. Wil Gafney — A Womanist Imaginary
- Global response from Rev. Dr. Allan Boesak
- Panelists Rev. Dr. Dietra Wise Baker, Rev. Dr. Raquel Lettsome, and Rev. Dr. Cassandra Gould
- Lunch and storytelling celebrating Walter Brueggemann
- Closing session: Womanism Embodied Practice and the Prophetic Imagination

This is more than a convocation.

It is a call to re-imagine ministry.

It is a space to belong, to lead, and to thrive.

Be in the room where theological imagination meets faithful action.

Be part of the conversation shaping congregations, communities, and the world.

Registration is now open. Secure your place today!

<https://www.eden.edu/events/spring-convocation-2/>



Activists and Advocates in an Age of Authoritarianism

by [Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia A. Thompson](#) | published on Mar 17, 2026

Through the years, religious institutions and their leaders have evidenced varying levels of engagement and support for governments. The prophetic narratives which are a part of the Christian scriptures tells the stories of prophets called by God to respond to the failures of their communities to meet the needs of the people. These were strong advocates for change, whose words and actions were presented to kings, empires and contemporary leaders on behalf of the poor, the hungry, the needy and the disenfranchised – often identified as the widows and orphans. [Read](#)

Love Knows No Borders New Resources

[United Church of Christ Washington D.C. Office](#), [Sermon Seeds \(United Church of Christ\)](#), along with other collaborators, have created *NEW* resources that are now available on the updated Love Knows No Borders website! Explore tools designed to support United Church of Christ



congregations in responding to this moment with care, preparation, and faith including:

- ▷ Worship materials
- ▷ Guides for churches preparing for potential ICE encounters
- ▷ New "Know Your Rights & Know You're Loved" resources
- ▷ Public witness signs
- ▷ Advocacy opportunities
- ▷ And more!

Visit the website to explore and share these resources with your community: ucc.org/love-knows-no-borders



The United Church of Christ Musicians Association has been serving UCC church musicians for over 30 years, and they aim to expand services to as many churches as possible over the next few years.

For more information, visit the [UCCMA website](#), and [Read the letter from the UCCMA](#).

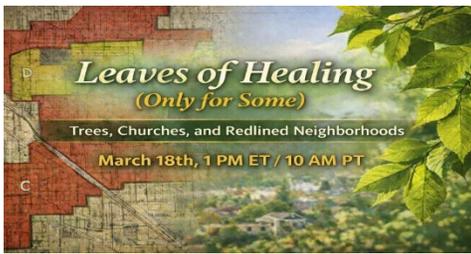
UPCOMING SATURDAY SHARING CONVERSATIONS

March 28 – [UCCMA Conference 2026: The Inside Scoop](#) with Conference Director Andrew Blosser



April 25th: Earth Summit

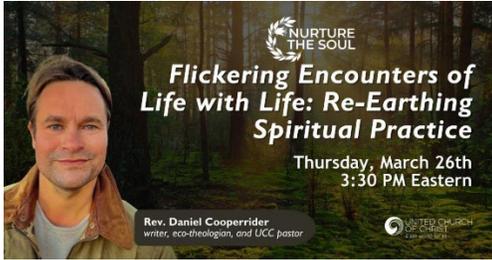
To ground and inspire us as people of faith in difficult times, the Jim Antal Keynote Lecture will be delivered by the Rev. Dr. Kenneth Samuel, a renowned advocate and organizer for justice in the Atlanta, Georgia area. This two-and-half-hour summit will additionally feature a panel discussion of leading voices on issues of energy justice. The summit will take place on **Saturday, April 25th at 12 pm CT**. Gather church members to watch together or connect on your own. [Register now!](#)



Leaves of Healing (Only for Some)

Mar 18, 2026 12:00 PM CT

Creation Justice Ministries has released a new downloadable resource for churches just in time for Earth Month. The new resource is entitled "The Canopy of Creation: Trees, Faith, and the Work of Justice." The resource invites us to consider the following truth: in many cities, tree canopy follows the same fault lines as historic redlining. [Register](#)



Flickering Encounters of Life with Life: Re-Earthing Spiritual Practice

Mar 26, 2026 02:30 PM CT

Whether we participate in organized religion or not, we often feel closest to God or the sacred when we're outside and in rapport with the natural world. This is not surprising, as when we trace our lineages back, we find ancestors who practiced earth-based spiritualities. In this conversation on "re-earthing spiritual practice," we will draw from Daniel's two books—"Speak with the Earth and It Will Teach You: A Field Guide to the Bible" and "Live Each Season as It Passes"—as well as Daniel's experience co-founding an outdoor "wild church" community, to trace an evolution in theology of nature beyond the dominion and

stewardship paradigms, and towards relationship and reciprocity with the more-than-human world. [Learn and Register](#)



Global Ministries

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



VOICES OF THE JOURNEY

War & The Valley of the Shadow of Death

by [Shari Prestemon](#) | published on Mar 9, 2026

It has been just 11 days since the first strikes of the Israeli and U.S. military rained down on Iran on February 28. The daily costs of this war are piling up far beyond the nearly \$900 million the U.S. is spending daily to wage it.

"Immediately after our country's first military strikes

on Iran, Global Ministries staff reached out to partners and mission personnel in the region."

[Read](#)

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

FOOD JUSTICE

ACCESS TO QUALITY FOOD FOR ALL

The Hunger Action Team would like to recognize ST. PAUL, COLUMBIA for their "FOOD JUSTICE MISSION PROJECT" benefiting local families in need. This was the third year, that St. Paul members were invited to help raise money to help pay off student school lunch debt in all Columbia schools. \$1400 was raised through cash donations and selling sub sandwiches at their "Souper Bowl of Caring". The school District applied those funds to lunch debt for families who don't meet the criteria for free lunches, but are struggling to make ends meet. Heartfelt thanks to St. Paul, serving others as faithful

stewards of God's grace. Under the leadership of pastor and teacher, Rev. Jonathan Bangera. Such a blessing!

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...

News from DuBois Center



WISHLIST WEDNESDAY is here!!

As we take inventory of smaller things, we notice the yearly need to replace and replenish items that might sometimes get overlooked.

Here, we have an Amazon Wishlist of items, highlighting our current needs for the summer program! Each following Wednesday, we will highlight certain categories or items on the list.

You can shop from the list and all orders will be shipped directly to camp! If you'd rather shop elsewhere for similar items, that's great too! Just ship to us or contact us to arrange pickup or delivery. **THIS WEEK - Sporting Goods**

Monetary donations to supplement our wishlist are also welcomed, as we truly appreciate the support you have always given us!

Our list is found here: <https://a.co/0gHfHUGc>

DuBois Center needs your TLC!

Service Saturday May 9th

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:

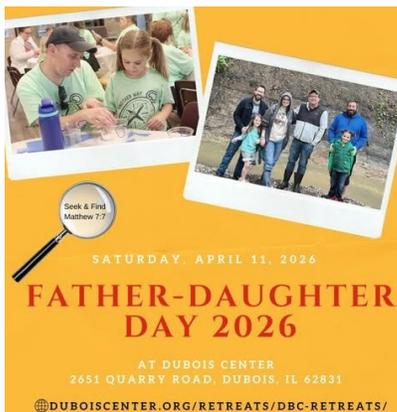
- [Typical Schedule and What to Bring](#)
- [Directions and Map to DuBois Center](#)



Join us for our Father-Daughter Day Saturday April 11th 9am-4pm

We'll have brunch, fun camp activities, and faith-time with Rev. Phil Barbier! We'll be exploring Matthew 7:7, "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."

For more information or to register: <https://duboiscenter.org/retreats/dbc-retreats/>



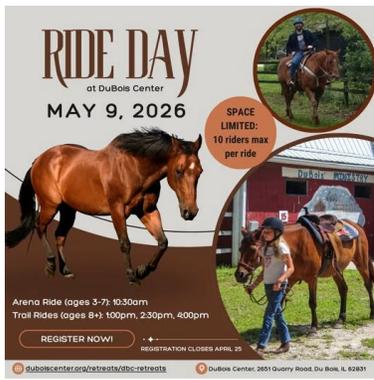
Join us for Father-Son Retreat! April 24-26!

Fishing, archery, boating, and test out our new slingshots! Rev. RJ Morgan will be leading us through faith times centered around the story of David and Goliath!

For more information or to

register: <https://duboiscenter.org/retreats/dbc-retreats/>





Ride Day - Saturday, May 9th

Our spring ride day is two months from today. Sign up for a ride time that fits best with your busy schedule!
 Arena Ride: 10:30am. Ages 3-7 with an adult walking alongside the horse.

Trail Rides: 1:00pm, 2:30pm, 4:00pm. Ages 8+.

For more information and to sign

up: <https://duboiscenter.org/retreats/dbc-retreats/>



MORE than just another SUMMER JOB!

Energetic, child-focused, fun-loving with a heart for ministry – sound like you or someone you know? Consider whether an amazing summer at DuBois Center might be the opportunity you have been looking for. We are looking for dedicated individuals ages 18+ to be cabin counselors/activity leaders! FAITH. FUN. HARD WORK. GREAT FRIENDS. LONG HOURS. AMAZING MEMORIES. Gain practical experience, build your resume and make a difference in the lives of hundreds of kids! Job descriptions and application packets are available at duboiscenter.org/summer-camp-staff/. Season runs May 26 – July 24. Questions? Contact us at director@DuBoisCenter.org or 618-787-2202

Summer Camp Registration 2026 307 CAMPERS registered!

[More info](#) [Register](#)

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 2026

	Main Camp	Rustic Village
June 14-16	Discovery (1st-3rd) GIRLS: Almost Full	
	Settler (3rd-5th) ALL: Full	Horse Play (5th-7th)
June 14-19	LIT Camp (11th-12th) Leadership in Training	Outback (7th-9th)
June 17-19	Camp Quest (1st-3rd)	
	Settler (3rd-5th)	Splash (5th-7th)
June 21-26	Art Explosion (5th-8th) BOYS: Closed	Saddle 'Em Up (7th-9th)
	Base Camp (6th-8th) GIRLS: Almost Full	
June 24-26		Rustic Sampler (4th-6th)
June 28-30	Just You & Me ALL: Full (Adult & Child ages 5-8)	
July 5-10	High School Week on Rustic (9th-12 th grades)	Drenched GIRLS: Almost Full Wrangler GIRLS: Almost Full X-Plore GIRLS: Almost Full
July 12-14	Discovery (1st-3rd) ALL: Full	BOYS: Full
		Trekkin' It (5-7) GIRLS: Almost Full
July 12-17	Settler (3rd-5th) ALL: Full	Giddy Up (6-8th) ALL: Full Dunk'd (7-9th) BOYS: Full GIRLS: Almost Full
July 15-17	Quest (1st-3rd) GIRLS: Full	
July 20-22	Just You & Me (Adult & Child ages 5-8)	
August 7-8	Rainbow Camp (all ages)	

DuBois Center is the Camp & Retreat Center of the Illinois South Conference of the United Church of Christ.



The Rev. David Booth, the Rev. Brenda Booth, James Michel, and Mark Anderson.

Isaiah 58 Ministries Celebrates New Location with Ceremonial Groundbreaking

March 11, 2026 | [Barb Powell](#)

Local, regional, and national dignitaries joined [Isaiah 58 Ministries](#) in St. Louis Feb. 24, 2026, for the ceremonial groundbreaking of its new location in the Dutchtown neighborhood of South St. Louis. The ceremony was the culmination of four years of hard work and reflection by Isaiah 58 Ministries' board of directors and Executive Director the Rev. Brenda Booth.

Held in the new building at 4164 Chippewa St. in St. Louis, the ceremony included several local and regional speakers, including Booth.

Additionally, the dignitaries took a moment to symbolically shovel dirt into small buckets. More than 100 neighbors and guests attended the event.

[Read](#)



Darlene Sowell

Unleashing potential's Sowell to Retire in May 2026

March 11, 2026 | [CHHSM-Member Ministry Contribution](#)

Darlene Sowell, president and CEO of [Unleashing Potential](#) (UP) in St. Louis, recently announced that she will retire May 29, 2026.

"After 17 years of devotion to the mission of Unleashing Potential, it is time for me to pursue the next chapter of relaxation, family and friends," Sowell said. "Serving in this position has truly been my life's calling and I will treasure it forever." [Read](#)



Compassion in Action at Deaconess Nurse Ministry Takes Many Forms

March 11, 2026 | [CHHSM-Member Ministry Contribution](#)

At [Deaconess Nurse Ministry](#) in St. Louis, compassion isn't just wellness screenings. It's about the whole person. One population often served includes U.S. service veterans.

One in five U.S. veterans experience homelessness at some point in their lives. Doc, a 42-year-old U.S. Army veteran and former medic, knows this struggle all too well. Known as "Doc" in the unsheltered community, he regularly visits Deaconess Nurse Ministry's Meals Program, where he receives nutritious meals, clothing, personal care items, and compassionate support from our nurses.

One day, he shared a heartfelt request with a Deaconess Nurse Ministry nurse: "Will you help me get hearing aids? I want to get a job." [Read](#)



Collaboration: Many Gifts, One Spirit

March 13, 2026 | [Jamar Doyle](#)

Over the past two months, I have reflected on stewardship, sustainability, and the resilience of leaders across the CHSM network. Those reflections have centered on the realities many of you navigate each day as you guide ministries that provide care, stability, and hope in communities across our country.

This month, [as we prepare to gather in just a few days](#), I want to turn our attention to what ultimately sustains this work and propels it forward: the gifts we bring to this shared ministry and the power that emerges when those gifts are brought together in community. [Read](#)



Uni Pres Kindercottage: February Highlights of Learning and Community Care

The month of February was filled with engaging learning experiences and heartfelt community support for the children and families of Uni Pres Kindercottage. Our classrooms explored the theme of winter weather, where children learned about different types of weather and how to dress properly for the cold. Through hands-on activities, stories, and daily conversations, the children discovered the importance of wearing warm coats, hats, and gloves to keep their bodies safe and healthy during the winter season.

We extend a special thank you to the many generous supporters who helped ensure that the children—and even their siblings—at Uni Pres Kindercottage had warm heads and hands during these cold months. Your kindness and thoughtfulness made a meaningful difference for many of our families.

As we know, these are economically challenging times for many families, especially within communities that are considered food deserts. We are deeply grateful to the partners who continue to step forward to support our families. A

heartfelt thank you goes to the community of Maeystown and to the partnership with the Illinois Pork Producers through the “Pass the Pork” program. Their generous donation of pork products to families at UPK provided access to nutritious food that many families might not otherwise be able to enjoy. This act of generosity truly made a difference in the homes of the children we serve.

February also included a wonderful educational outing for our young learners. The children had the opportunity to visit the SIUE Library, where they learned about the local musical legend Miles Davis. The experience sparked curiosity and excitement as the children discovered how music is created through instruments and sound. They were especially fascinated by how a record player works and by the beautiful sounds produced by a trumpet. To encourage their musical exploration, each child will receive a small horn so they can continue expressing their own musical creativity.

We are grateful for the many partnerships, donations, and opportunities that help enrich the lives of our children and families. Together, we continue to nurture curiosity, creativity, and care within our growing community of learners.

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




CAREGIVER CONNECTION

Date: Saturday April 11th, 2026

Location: St. Johns UCC, Faith Hall
222 Goethe Ave, Collinsville, IL 62234

Time: 8:30AM-12:30PM

Topics:
*Legal
*Caregiver Wellness
*Guide (Guiding an Improved Dementia Experience)

Continental Breakfast and lunch gift card included.

Adult Day Services provided by:
St. John's Community Care

Registration Required:
Call AgeSmart at 618-222-2561



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 Add fulfillment to your life.
 Come join our team helping aging and disabled adults. We are in need of:

Receptionists
 Program Assistants - help with games/crafts
 Craft Assistants
You choose a time, we'll find a place.

If interested, please call
St. John's Community Care
 618-344-5008

St. John's Community Care Volunteers 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.

Call 618-344-5008 to volunteer!

Our ISC Churches News + Events

CHICKEN DINNER

Immanuel UCC Hamel Chicken Dinner

Sunday, March 22 11:30am - 4:30pm Carry-Out only. The menu is included on the [flyer](#), along with mention of the Quilt Raffle with 2nd prize a TV, and 3rd prize a \$50 gift card. We will also have a basket raffle this year again. Something for everyone!! 5838 Staunton Rd, Edwardsville, IL 618-633-2277

ST. PAUL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
 123 E. DEE ST., LEBANON, IL 62254
 618-537-4991

2ND ANNUAL PORK STEAK DINNER

MARCH 22, 2026
 11AM - 3PM
DRIVE-THRU ONLY

PORK STEAK
 (with or without BBQ sauce)

baked beans, potato salad, coleslaw & ????

dessert choice: Texas Sheet Cake or Gooey Butter Cake



Frühling market

SATURDAY MARCH 28, 2026
 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Have your cameras ready for pictures with the Easter bunny!!
 Pet Photos Welcome

ST. JOHN UCC
 2901 NAMEOKI RD
 GRANITE CITY IL 62040
 618-877-6060

HAPPY EASTER



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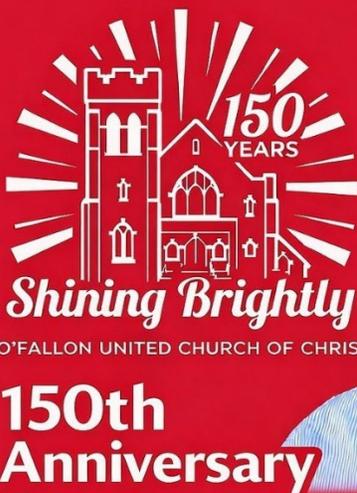
Scan the barcode on this flyer or enter the 7-digit code before checking out using the tableside Ziosk or Mobile App. This is the only way to ensure sales are credited to our group! Ask a Legendary Roadie for assistance if needed.

HFNHPEL



ST. PAUL UCC RUMMAGE SALE

& Bake Sale! 115 W. B Street - Belleville, IL *Activity Center (Gym)* (Across from Franklin School)



150 Years
Shining Brightly
O'FALLON UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

150th Anniversary Event

April 15, 2026 • 206 W Adams St. • 6:30 PM

Brian Keller, president of the **O'Fallon Historical Society**, will speak on the history of this church and its impact on the social development of O'Fallon.

Question and answer period will follow. **Refreshments will be available.**



EvUCC to Host "Raise the Roost!" Auction & Chicken Dinner [Full Flyer HERE](#)

Highland, IL — Evangelical United Church of Christ (EvUCC) invites the community to join us for our annual *Raise the Roost!* Auction and Chicken Dinner on **Saturday, April 18**, at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Highland. This beloved community event combines great food, great fun, and great generosity to support EvUCC's ministries and mission. Doors open and the silent auction begins at 5:00 PM. Dinner will be served at 6:30 PM and the live auction will begin at 7:30 PM. Guests can purchase individual tickets or fill a table of 8. We encourage larger parties to have one person place a single order for the entire group. [Raise the Roost: EvUCC Dinner Auction 2026 Tickets, Saturday, Apr 18 from 5 pm to 9 pm | Eventbrite](#)



EvUCC Auction committee members show featured items, including a quilt from Rosemary's Fabrics and an autographed football and bobblehead from Detroit Lions tight end and Highland native Sam LaPorta, along with just a few of the hundreds of items that are being collected for the event on April 18 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Highland, IL.



Are you interested in Pulpit Supply?

Reach out via email to the
ISC Committee
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