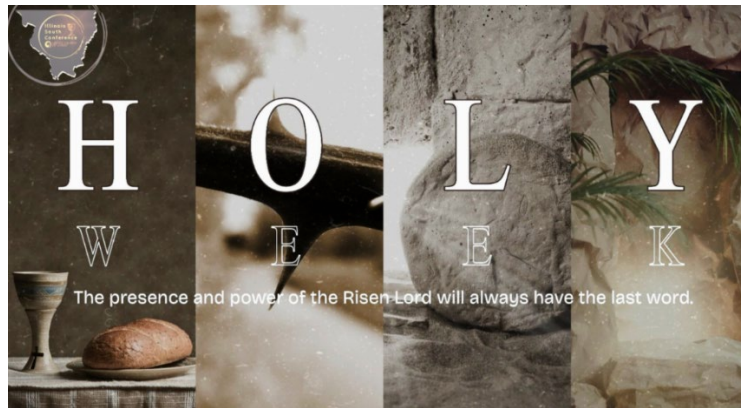


March 31, 2026



Reflections from Our Conference Minister

A PRAYER FOR THE JOURNEY

O Jesus, we have promised to serve you to the end,
and so, as we enter this sacred Holy Week,
remind us, as we walk with you on this journey,
to embrace your humility in our own lives.

Just as you freely entered Jerusalem,
knowing what awaited you,
may we freely enter the places
of the deepest sorrow and suffering of your people,
ready to sacrifice our own comfort and security
for the liberation of others.

Teach us to lay down our pride,
just as you did when you carried the cross.

Equip us to love others with the same selfless compassion,
and to trust the Spirit's guidance
even in moments of discomfort and uncertainty.

In the shadows of Good Friday,
remind us that hope is not lost.
For even in our darkest hour, your promise still stands:
it's Friday, but Sunday's coming.

In the silence of the tomb,
strengthen our faith.

And in the joy of Easter morning,
renew our spirits with the promise of new life.

Transform our hearts during this Holy Week
and Easter season,
deepen our faith,
and bring us closer to your everlasting grace.
Amen.

-Rev. Shana Johnson
Conference Minister

Please Remember in Your Prayers this Week...



St. Paul UCC, Staunton-

Rev. Joshua (Rev. Tiffany Pittman) Pittman

Retired Pastor- Rev. Diane Grohmann



St. Paul UCC, Tower Hill-

Pastor Neil Kaiser

[Submit prayer requests here](#)

UCC Global, National, +Regional News



Dear Friend:

I'm reaching out because our loved ones in Hawaii are experiencing two significant Kona storms, causing relentless flooding throughout the Hawaiian Islands. Three of our local congregations, Waialua UCC, Liliuokalani, and Topside Molokai, are directly impacted by the flooding, which is also causing destruction to schools, homes, roads, and airports. UCC churches in other impacted communities are operating as emergency shelters to help as many people as possible.

The [UCC Global HOPE team](#) is actively working with our siblings at the Hawaii Conference to link them with immediate response resources to try to lessen the impact of this unimaginable loss for our congregations.

We are accepting [donations](#) for this emergency. Your kindhearted generosity continues to remind our local congregations that they are not facing these widespread disasters on their own, that we are here praying and sending support to facilitate the long-term recovery of their neighborhoods and churches.

Thank you for your prayers and support. We are constantly amazed at the innumerable ways you step up to help! Please click [here](#) to learn more about how you can make a difference.

With gratitude,
Michelle A. Carver, MBA
Director of Philanthropy
UCC National Ministries

Just two more weeks to the registration deadline!



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://p.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.



Rev. Shana Johnson Consecrated as UCC Diakonal Minister by Missy Loyet | March 31, 2026

On March 25, 2026, along with 16 other professionals from health and human service organizations around the country, the Rev. Shana Johnson, Conference Minister of the Illinois South Conference, was consecrated as a Diakonal Minister in the United Church of Christ, indicating the successful completion of the Nollau Leadership Institute.

From CHHSM's website: "Through in-person retreats, online interactions, and peer mentoring, Nollau provides leadership formation through a variety of learning modalities and within a community of practice. Small group work, journaling, art,

embodiment, and spiritual practices are all part of the program alongside the interactive didactic sessions. The program culminates with a capstone project and consecration as a [Diakonal Minister](#) at the CHHSM Annual Gathering.

The Institute is named after [Rev. Louis Edward Nollau](#), a 19th century minister and founder of several St. Louis-area CHHSM organizations. In 1856 he also established Good Samaritan Hospital, which cared for patients of any religious or racial background—a rarity for the time. The healing work CHHSM organizations provide today continues to be rooted in a conviction of inherent worth and dignity, and it is this kind of integrated leadership that guides our program.

If you are interested in examining what it means to be a leader by exploring what it means to be human, to be in relationship, and to be part of something larger than yourself, CHHSM welcomes you to apply to this transformative year-long program."

And from Rev. Johnson: "The Nollau experience has been more than a continuing education opportunity; it has been a journey of reflection and transformation. Through study, retreats, and rich, interactive sessions, I have been stretched and grounded in equal measure.

We have explored not only ideas but also the deeper rhythms of leadership through readings, podcasts, art, poetry, embodiment rituals, and sacred practices.

In online gatherings and peer check-ins, I have found connection, accountability, and the profound trust that emerges when one is courageous enough to be vulnerable with others.

In learning the Mennonite practice of circles of trust, I have rediscovered the quiet power of listening with full presence to others and to the still, guiding voice of the Holy Spirit.

And most of all, I've been reminded that the One who created me and called me into this ministry is still calling me to show up authentically, to keep learning about myself, and to remain open to the ways God can and will work through me."

For more information about Nollau, check out their website: CHHSM.org/leadership/Nollau.



New video introduces AGM candidate ahead of Special Meeting of General Synod 35 in May by [Charles Jefferson, Jr.](#) | published on Mar 31, 2026

Ahead of the call to a Special Meeting of the 35th General Synod of the United Church of Christ, a video package has been released to give delegates and the wider church a more personal introduction to the nominee for Associate General Minister, Love of Church (AGM), [the Rev. Jennifer Sowell](#). The video includes a special sermon from Sowell and remarks from the Rev. Cean James, chair of the AGM search committee that recommended Sowell for the nomination, as well as congregants from St. John United Church of Christ in Collinsville, Illinois, the church where Sowell has served as

senior pastor since 2020.

"Rev. Sowell has spent her entire ministerial career serving, strengthening, and growing local churches," James said in the pre-recorded remarks. "[Sowell] has distinguished herself particularly in developing innovative ministries that meet the needs of the communities her churches served."

If confirmed by the General Synod, Sowell would fill a role that has been vacant since the December 2023 resignation of the Rev. Traci Blackmon. Sowell will need a 60 percent majority of the nearly 700 voting delegates to be confirmed.

[The Special Meeting of General Synod 35](#) will take place on Saturday, May 9, 2026 starting at 6:00 p.m. ET. This virtual gathering for delegates will also be open to the public. Registration will open in the coming weeks.

A virtual 'Meet the Candidate' evening is planned for Thursday, April 16, and details for joining will be released soon. Read more about Sowell's bio and ministry [here](#).

Zion UCC Solar Array Dedication & Celebration 2026

**Dedication
Ribbon Cutting
Light Refreshments
April 26th at 1:00pm**
930 W Cherry St, Marion IL
North Parking Lot

A time to celebrate our contribution to a more resilient future for our church, our community, and our shared world.
Progress - Stewardship - Hope

Zion UCC, Marion: Celebrating a Milestone in Environmental Stewardship

"We are thrilled as a congregation to witness this project reach completion and see our kiosk display show our congregation the impact it is having on our energy consumption. Welcome to Green Energy. Today, we are at 50% capacity for our solar panels and already meeting 75% of our electricity needs. I can not wait to see when the Earth rotates enough for us to get a full gift of direct sunlight.

Grateful to all the folks who have been praying for us through this long process! We have arrived! We Care, We Share, We Serve."

-Rev. John Holst



UCC to host 'The Global Rise of Religious Nationalism' There is a reality that is shaping political and religious landscapes in the United States and emerging as a powerful force in countries around the world.

This force can especially target people of other religions or ethnicities.

This force privileges one's community and discriminates against another.

This force can lead to oppression, violence, and social exclusion of other religions or ethnicities.

This force is Religious Nationalism, and it misuses religion to undermine society and obscures its positive contributions.

Religious nationalism occurs when religious tradition, political agenda, and national loyalty merge in ways that marginalize or harm those of different faiths. Its growing force in the world raises urgent questions about the future of justice, belonging, and our shared humanity. In the United States, Christian nationalism has emerged as an established and influential feature of the cultural and political landscape.

How is Religious Nationalism impacting the United States? How is this movement spreading globally? What theological, political, and social dynamics are fueling it?

As a community, let's seek a deeper understanding of the global realities of religious nationalism and discern how the church is called to respond.

Join us for this important dialogue on Sunday, April 12, 2026, at 11:30 AM ET LIVE online or in person at Olmsted Community Church with Rev. Phillip Peacock, General Secretary of the World Communion of Reformed Churches, and Rev. Karen Georgia Thompson.

Rev. Phillip Peacock, a leader in global ecumenism, justice advocacy, and Reformed theology will draw on his international experience and examine how Religious Nationalism appears in different cultural contexts around the globe and Rev. Karen Georgia Thompson will provide perspective on its impact in the United States.

Save your seat today for this important dialogue. All are welcome to join early for worship led by Rev. Phillip Peacock at 10:00 AM

RSVP



Trans Day of Visibility: A Dangerous Supreme Court Ruling, A Faithful Response By Derek Terry | March 31, 2026

Today is Transgender Day of Visibility.

And today, the U.S. Supreme Court struck down protections meant to shield LGBTQ+ youth from conversion therapy. Full article >> <https://openandaffirming.org/tdov26/>



'God is made present and new': An Easter message from General Minister and President

by [Kayla Berkey](#) | published on Mar 31, 2026

The Rev. Karen Georgia Thompson, General Minister and President/CEO of the United Church of Christ, offers an Easter message on the movement from the darkness of early Easter morning into the light as the sun rises. [Read](#)



Conference Ministers heed the Spirit, delivering unified voice as they lift Jesus' Good Friday last words by [Donna Jackson](#) | published on Mar 31, 2026

On Good Friday, April 3, the United Church of Christ's Council of Conference Ministers will livestream an online worship service reflecting on "The Seven Last Words of Christ." Worship begins at noon (EST) and can be accessed on the Facebook pages of either [Southern New England Conference](#) or [New Hampshire Conference](#). It is also being streamed on social media platforms of the conferences participating in the service (full list at the end of article), such as the Southwest Conference UCC. Click [here](#) to watch on its YouTube page.



Women's History Month comes to an epic conclusion

by [Donna Jackson](#) | published on Mar 31, 2026

March, [Women's History Month](#), comes to an epic conclusion, with the groundbreaking installation of [Sarah Mullally to the office of Archbishop of Canterbury](#). Mullally is the first woman to hold this position in its 1,400-year-history. [Read](#)



Everywhere a Sign

by [Rachel Hackenberg](#) | published on Mar 26, 2026

"God spoke to King Ahaz, saying, 'Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.' When Ahaz refused, God said, 'Then I myself will choose the sign: See this young woman who is pregnant? By the time her child is old enough to know right from wrong, the threat of war will be over.'" (Isaiah 7:10-16, abridged)

If you're watching for a divine sign that all will be well, a holy omen that God's goodness will work out a way, there are plenty of potential portents to choose from: [Read](#)



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

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



Church Planting & Growth in the Progressive Christian Movement

If you're thinking about what's next for the church, this is a conversation you don't want to miss.

Join the Walker Leadership Institute at Eden Theological Seminary for a workshop designed to equip leaders, organizers, and faith communities with practical tools for ministry in today's changing landscape.

Church Planting & Growth in the Progressive Christian Movement with Rev. Osagyefo Sekou and Rev. Matt Miofsky.

Together, they will explore bold strategies for cultivating new faith communities, strengthening existing congregations, and leading with purpose in the progressive Christian movement.

Thursday, April 9, 2026 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Attend online or in person at Eden Theological Seminary.

Come ready to learn, connect, and be part of shaping what the church becomes next. [Learn more](#)



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!](#)



Global Ministries

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[Host a virtual visit by a mission co-worker](#)

Each Global Ministries mission co-worker serves with an international partner and then returns to serve in the US and Canada at the end of his/her term of service. Mission co-workers are scheduled for four months of interpretation during home assignments in specific UCC Conferences and Disciples Regions. Usually, these visits are scheduled 3-6 months in advance. Please be in touch about your congregation's interest in hosting a mission co-worker. Should a congregation plan a special mission event, the Mission Personnel Office will try to provide a current or former Global Ministries mission co-worker or volunteer as a mission speaker.

If you are a member of a congregation interested in a mission co-worker visit while a mission co-worker is in your UCC Conference/Disciples Region, please get in touch with Krista Johnson Weicksel at kmjohnson@dom.disciples.org.

Now Hiring: Development Officer (Hybrid – Indianapolis, IN)

Global Ministries is seeking a relationship-driven Development Officer to help grow fund development efforts and connect generosity to global impact.

In this role, you'll cultivate donor relationships, lead campaigns, and support work advancing justice, reconciliation, and peace in partnership with Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and United Church of Christ.

Learn more: <https://ow.ly/yjPe50YviGV>

Now Hiring: Controller (Hybrid – Indianapolis, IN)

Disciples Overseas Ministries is seeking a skilled and mission-driven Controller to lead financial operations and support global ministry work.

In this key leadership role, you'll oversee budgeting, financial reporting, audits, and internal controls while collaborating with partners like United Church of Christ. This position plays a vital role in ensuring strong stewardship and advancing impactful work around the world.

We're looking for someone with strong accounting experience (CPA preferred), a deep understanding of nonprofit financial practices, and a commitment to collaboration, equity, and the mission of the Church.

Learn more and apply: <https://ow.ly/PAJs50YvImY>

ISC Hunger Action Team - Facing Hunger in Your Community



The Hunger Action Team would like to recognize ST. JOHN UCC, MASCOUTAH for their continued support of local families in need. Church members are invited to donate 1 can of food a day during Lent. Food donations will go to "Moms On A Mission" in Dupo and to the Mascoutah Food Pantry. This mission project is vital for children who qualify for free school breakfast and lunch. They won't have access to these meals on weekends and during spring break. Reminder: Kids need the proper nutrition for their learning, development, and growth. Heartfelt thanks to St. John - Under the leadership of pastor and teacher, Rev. Cherie Hambleton. 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.](#)

News from DuBois Center



WISHLIST WEDNESDAY is here!!

A special Holy Week Wishlist Wednesday!

First off, as always, THANK YOU to those who have already contributed to our list of summer camp needs!

When our Programming Task Force met last month, we were presented with the need for a few new Bibles geared toward younger minds filled with study aids and illustrations.

For this Holy Week, we feel best fitting to ask for Spark Bibles. This NRSV translation is perfect for our needs and they are available at several different locations.

Hardback and Paperback versions are available, along with new or gently used copies. You will also find versions from 2009, 2014, and current. Any of these would be appreciated.

Our official Amazon list is linked below, but you can also find them elsewhere, including gently used versions at:

thriftbooks.com
worldofbooks.com
betterworldbooks.com
ebay.com

Our Amazon list ships directly to us. If you purchase online anywhere else, simply add our address as the shipping address. If you purchase in person, just reach out to arrange drop off or pick up! Monetary donations to the cause are also welcome!

Our current Amazon Wishlist is found at: <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 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!

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

Mark Your Calendars
AUGUST 7-8, 2026
RAINBOW CAMP
An LGBTQIA+ Friendly, Family Camp Experience!
At the DuBois Center in Dubois, Illinois





For more information
<https://duboiscenter.org/retreats/rainbow-camp/>

Director's Corner

Spring at Uni Pres Kindercottage

Dear UPK Families and Community Partners,

Spring is a season of growth, discovery, and new beginnings, and we are excited to welcome this beautiful time of year with a vibrant and engaging curriculum for our little learners at Uni Pres Kindercottage.

This spring, our children will be exploring the wonders of bugs, insects, planting, water, and marine life through hands-on, interactive learning experiences that support curiosity, creativity, and early developmental growth. Our classrooms will be filled with opportunities for children to observe insects, learn about plant life, and discover how water supports living things in our environment.

Through intentional lesson planning aligned with early childhood best practices, children will:

- Explore insects and their habitats
- Learn about planting, seeds, and how things grow
- Discover water animals and marine life
- Engage in sensory play connected to nature and water themes
- Participate in outdoor learning and nature observation

We are especially excited to share that we are planning an educational trip to the Botanical Gardens and the Zoo, where children will experience real-life plant life, natural environments, and interactive exploration that connects directly to our spring curriculum. This trip will support language development, science exploration, and social-emotional learning through shared discovery.

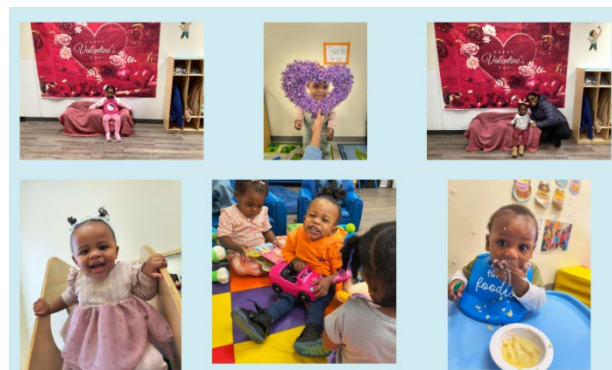
Our teaching team will continue to provide a fun-filled, nurturing, and developmentally appropriate curriculum that encourages questioning, exploration, and imaginative play. From observing tiny bugs to learning about water animals and planting seeds, each activity is designed to strengthen fine motor skills, early science concepts, and a love for learning.

At UPK, we believe that nature-based learning helps children build confidence, curiosity, and a deeper understanding of the world around them. As we move into this exciting spring season, we look forward to engaging our children and families in meaningful, hands-on experiences that support holistic growth and joyful learning.

Thank you for your continued partnership, support, and trust as we grow and care for our thriving community of children and families.

With Gratitude,

Ms. Aimee Hart
Executive Director
Uni Pres Kindercottage



Emmaus Classic Golf Tournament

Get ready for another round of excitement at the Emmaus Classic! Mark your calendars for Friday, April 24, 2026, and enjoy a day on the greens with an earlier start time—so you can kick off your weekend in style. [Learn more and Register](#)



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



Medical Equipment Loan Program



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Please call 618-344-5008 before coming, to determine if we have the equipment needed available. We hold the equipment in your name until the next scheduled day. Email info@stjohnscc.org for more information or to reserve equipment. Voicemails will be returned within one business day.

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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

Please join us for our
Maundy Thursday Worship Service
with

The Last Supper Tableau



An inspirational hour in the Upper Room where we hear the disciples' testimony of the Master.

April 2nd, 2026 7:30pm

**Christ United Church of Christ
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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.



ST. PAUL UCC RUMMAGE SALE

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



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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.



**Garage Sale at
EvUCC Highland**
Friday, April 24
5:30pm to 7:30pm
Saturday, April 25
8:am to Noon
2520 Poplar St, Highland, IL

ST. PAUL UCC PRESENTS
Christian Illusionist
JARED HALL

Kids 10 & under: Free (ticket required)
Adults: \$10

SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 7:00 PM
SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 3:00 PM

For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact the church office or scan the QR code.

618-939-7123



TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

Tickets can be picked up at the St. Paul UCC church office in advance or held at Will Call on the day of the show.

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