



More than just another summer job!

The most impactful piece of our summer camp programming is our staff. Year after year, young adults dedicate the bulk of their summer to providing the best experience possible for the children and youth in their care – from time in the lake to vespers around the campfire. Campers look to their counselors for guidance, safety, inspiration, leadership, and fun. Counselors spend long hours in hot weather cultivating “camp magic,” and in return they build life skills and lifelong relationships with their fellow staff members.

Camper numbers this summer have already surpassed last year, and we still have time for kids to sign up. In order to provide the best experience for our campers, we need your help to recruit additional counselors. If you or someone

you know is a responsible, caring, fun-loving young adult in search of a fulfilling and exciting summer job, please email us at director@duboiscenter.org or visit duboiscenter.org/summer-camp-staff/ for an application.

Please Remember in Your Prayers this Week...



St. John UCC, Trenton-

Rev. Christy (Zach Bugger) Smith

Retired Pastor- Rev. Carol (David) Shanks



Friedens UCC, Troy-

Rev. Dr. Tim (Danielle) Harrison

[Submit prayer requests here](#)

UCC Global, National, + Regional News



What We Do

Disaster Ministries Weather Update

In late-March 2026, Hawaii experienced back-to-back storms known as Kona Lows that led to severe flooding across the Hawaiian Islands. This flooding represents the worst flooding that Hawaii has seen in more than 20 years. The Governor of Hawaii estimates the damages from these storms at over \$1



billion including damage to airports, schools, roads, homes, and a Maui hospital in Kula. While the immediate threat of further flooding has passed, the long road to recovery is just beginning.

The [Global HOPE](#) team is in regular communication with the Hawaii Conference staff, ecumenical partners in disaster recovery, and response coordination calls with the national network of voluntary organizations active in disasters (VOAD). At this time, we are working to connect response resources with communities in need – this includes coordination with Church World Service and the potential deployment of clean up kits.

We know that at least three local UCC churches in Hawaii are in communities directly affected by the flooding. We are also aware of several other UCC churches who have made their spaces available as shelters.

As we continue to pray for and support those who experienced unimaginable loss, we invite you to support the UCC's recovery efforts in the following ways:

Pray for those that have been impacted.

Act by assembling Hygiene Kits and Cleanup Buckets: After a disaster one of the biggest requests is the need for cleanup buckets and hygiene kits. UCC congregations interested in assembling hygiene kits and cleanup buckets are eligible for a [matching grant through the Global HOPE office](#).

Donate to the UCC's Hawaii Flooding 2026 Appeal. Your gifts will support the long-term recovery efforts of the community, as we work to ensure an equitable approach to long-term recovery in these communities.

support.ucc.org/hawaii-flooding-2026

Just one more week 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://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.



EARTH SUMMIT
A Future with Hope

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: REV. DR. KENNETH SAMUEL
PANEL ON ENERGY JUSTICE

CELEBRATIONS

- Dollie Burwell Prophetic Action Award
- Climate Hope Art Contest Winner
- New Creation Justice Churches & Climate Hope Affiliates

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!](#)

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

All Day Workshop
April 9, 2026

WALKER LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

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](#)

MEET THE NOMINEE

April 16th @ 5:45 PM Eastern

Join us for an opportunity to meet the nominee for the position of Associate General Minister, Love of Church-
REV. JENNIFER SOWELL

Rev. Sowell will offer her remarks, with time for Q&A.

Meet the Nominee

Apr 16, 2026 04:45 PM CT

Ahead of the special meeting of General Synod Thirty-five which will take place on May 9, this is an opportunity to meet the nominee for the position Associate General Minister, Love of Church. General Synod Assistant Moderator Susan Cartmell and Search Committee Chair Rev. Cean James will introduce the nominee, Rev. Jennifer Sowell, who will then offer some remarks. The majority of the time is dedicated for Q&A with the nominee. [Register](#)

Pacific Islander and Asian American Ministries Convocation
**Josiah Generation:
Going Deeper In Faith**

Irvine, California
June 24-27
2026


Check the New PAAMUCC Facebook Page

Midwest Region Contact
Rev. Charing Wei-Jen Chen
revcharingchen@gmail.com

Join Us at the 2026 PAAM Convocation | June 24–27

The Pacific Islander and Asian American Ministries of the United Church of Christ invites you to gather with us for four days of worship, fellowship, and spiritual renewal at Irvine United Congregational Church, Irvine, CA. Inspired by the story of young King Josiah in 2 Chronicles 34, we come together to seek God, return to God’s Word, and recommit ourselves to Justice, Love, and Peace for All — with special attention to the voices of our Youth and Young Adults. Visit:

- paamucc.org
- [PAAM Invitation](#)
- [PAAM FAQ](#)
- [Lodging](#)
- [PAAM Registration](#)



**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

We Share, We Serve."

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,

-Rev. John Holst



**THE GLOBAL RISE OF RELIGIOUS NATIONALISM:
Implications & the Church's Response**
A Live-Streamed + In-person Event
APRIL 12, 2026 11:30 AM ET
Presentation online and in person
Come early for worship beginning at 10 AM EST
Register at www.ucc.org/april12
A special thanks to our host church: Olmsted Community Church

Register for 'The Global Rise of Religious Nationalism: Implications & the Church's Response' Live Streamed Online and In-person Event

April 12, 2026-Event and Q&A at 11:30am ET.
Save your seat today for this important dialogue. All are welcome. [RSVP](#)

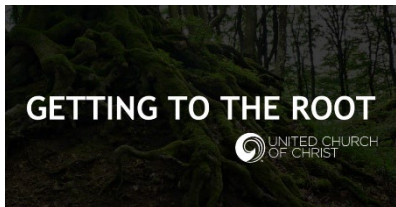


The Pollinator

Sharing, Connecting, Inspiring
FOR GOD'S CREATION

Eco-Justice Principles in Reading the Bible

by [Bob Shore-Goss](#) | published on Apr 1, 2026
In a well-known essay, "Whose Earth Is It?", the late James Cone writes, "People who fight against white racism but fail to connect it to the degradation of the earth are anti-ecological—whether they know it or not...The fight for justice cannot be segregated but must be integrated with the fight for life in all its forms." [Read](#)



GETTING TO THE ROOT
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

How Climate Advocates Are Experiencing Joy in Unlikely Times by [Brooks Berndt](#) | published on Apr 1, 2026

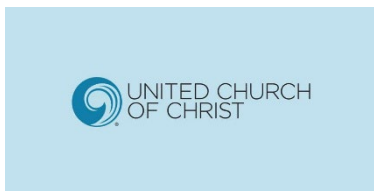
Each week, I receive emails from climate organizations with subject lines that sound the alarm about something that deserves urgent action. To be honest, I can see how one might become numb to such emails—not because one does not care, but because caring can sink one deeper into despair, especially if one feels powerless to do anything. For this reason, I want to begin not with one of the recent egregious actions by the Trump administration, but by talking about what might seem like an unlikely topic

in discussing climate change: joy. [Read](#)



You can answer the call to strengthen your congregation and care for creation in ways that are inspiring, fulfilling, and accessible.

[Join One Home One Future](#), a multi-faith campaign to strengthen vitality, relevance, and community connection across generations in local congregations nationwide. Be part of a [visible](#) effort to invite creation care and climate action, no matter if you are just getting started or already engaging. [Read](#)



Economic Justice and the Special Mission Offerings

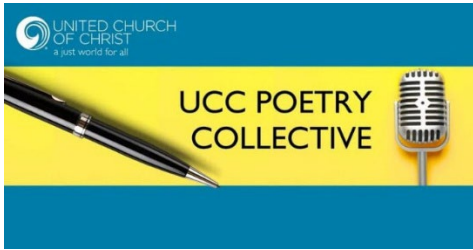
Apr 21, 2026 02:00 PM CT

Join Seth Wispelwey and Rachel McDonald to talk about the intersection of our giving and economic justice. Explore how the Special Mission Offerings, an all-church commitment of the UCC to designated gifts throughout the year, highlight concepts like mutual aid and responsibility for our neighbor. Participants will deepen their understand of money beyond occasional moments of generosity into a lifelong practice of justice. [Register](#)



What's happening at your congregation?

Are you witnessing "justice in action" through your congregation? Share your story by sending a short blurb to ucctakeaction@ucc.org for a chance to be featured in the Justice & Peace Action Network newsletter and inspire others across the church! When you email your submission, please put "JPANet Justice Story" in the subject line.



Opening the poetic space in churches: UCC launches online poetry collective - United Church of Christ

by [Donna Jackson](#) | published on Mar 24, 2026

From Genesis to Revelation, [one-third](#) of the Bible is filled with poetry, beckoning souls to soar, sigh and sing. The ancient texts, particularly within the Old Testament, awaken slumbering emotions and set loose new ways of living in the world. [Read](#)



Are you interested in Serving as Pulpit Supply?

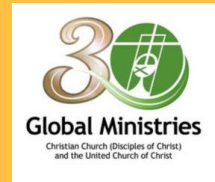
Reach out via email to the
ISC Committee
on Ministry Co-chairs:

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



Global Ministries

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



Exploring War's Impact on Palestinian Women

On April 15 at 10:00am CT, Wednesdays with the World hosts a webinar delving into the impact of war on Palestinian women. "Steadfastness and Empowerment: Palestinian Woman and YWCA of Palestine" will explore the hope and resiliency being witnessed amid conflict and change. [Learn More and Register](#)

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>



The Hunger Action team would like to recognize **ST. PETER, RED BUD** for their continued support of families in need. In March, the St. Peter "Brotherhood" hosted a food drive to benefit the Red Bud Elementary School food pantry (RBES Royal Table) and the High School food pantry (Musketeer Market). Students who qualify for free school breakfast and lunch don't have access to these meals on weekends and holiday break. Heartfelt thanks to St. Peter members for sharing food donations that provide much needed nourishment to children and families - under the leadership of pastor and teacher, Pastor Cory Hartz. 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!!

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

For this week, we will highlight Craft Items, including:

- Leathercraft supplies (scraps, keychain pieces, lacing)
- Tie Dye supplies (dyes, powders, ash, and bottles)

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/>

Summer Camp 2026!

-340 campers registered-

That's a solid 4% higher than the **total number** of campers in 2025 and it's only the first week of April.

Hurray - get your camp registration is secured!

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

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/>

Council for Health and Human
Services Ministry News



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](#)



PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP

For individuals living with Parkinson's disease and their caregivers. These groups are open to anyone, free of charge. Participants will find both emotional support and practical tools to help navigate the day-to-day challenges of Parkinson's.

LOCATION:

St. John's Community Care
222 Goethe Ave, Collinsville IL, 62234

4th Wednesday of the month
12:00pm

www.seniorservicesplus.org
Questions? Call 618-465-3298 ext 120



PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP

For individuals living with Parkinson's disease and their caregivers. These groups are open to anyone, free of charge. Participants will find both emotional support and practical tools to help navigate the day-to-day challenges of Parkinson's.

LOCATION:

Belleville Health & Sports Center
1001 S 74th St, Belleville, IL 62223

Last Thursday of the month
12:00pm-12:45pm

www.seniorservicesplus.org
Questions? Call 618-465-3298 ext 120

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

AGESMART COMMUNITY RESOURCES | ST. JOHN'S COMMUNITY CARE | Hospice OF SOUTHWEST ILLINOIS, INC.

Medical Equipment Loan Program

Equipment Loaned

- Wheelchairs
- Transport Chairs
- Rollators
- Raised Toilet Seats
- Bed canes
- Bath benches
- Walkers with and without wheels
- Canes - straight or 4-prong base
- Commodes
- Knee scooters
- Shower stools
- Crutches

We are open to loan and accept equipment returns and donations Monday-Friday, 9am-4:30pm. 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.

ST. JOHN'S COMMUNITY CARE

222 Goethe Ave,
Collinsville, IL 62234
www.stjohns.org

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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/events
- 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!



10% DONATION NIGHT

DINE TO DONATE! FUNDRAISING NIGHT

Support Trinity United Church of Christ by presenting this flyer to the Shiloh, IL location and Texas Roadhouse will donate 10% of your total food purchases to Trinity United Church of Christ!

Click for Full Flyer

Support **TRINITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**
THUR., APRIL 09
4 - 10PM

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

(618) 628-8811
1412 CENTRAL PARK CIRCLE
SHILOH, IL



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)

INSIDE RAIN OR SHINE!

SALE DATES
Fri., Apr. 10
4-7pm &
Sat., Apr. 11
9am-12pm



RUMMAGE SALE

APRIL 17 & 18
8AM-2PM

ST. PAUL UCC
127 ST. PAUL STREET
COLUMBIA, IL 62236



SPONSORED BY ST JOHN UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – FAIRVIEW

HEIGHTS (Across from Chuck Wagon in Fairview Heights)

RUMMAGE SALE

SATURDAY, APRIL 18 – 8 AM – 2 PM

ST JOHN UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

10207 LINCOLN TRAIL

FAIRVIEW HEIGHTS IL 62208

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• Lg Collection of Candy Molds	• Seasonal Items	• Elephant Figurine Enthusiasts
• Jewelry	• AND SO MUCH MORE!!	



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**



**April 25
7pm**

Doors open at 6:30pm \$15 per person with up to 8 people at a table.

Prizes for first and second place teams.

To register, call 618-887-4465.

If calling after hours, please leave your name and number of people attending.



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

111 North Center St. | Marine, IL

ST. PAUL UCC PRESENTS

Christian Illusionist

JARED HALL

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.

200 N Main St | Waterloo, IL | 618-939-7123 | www.stpaulonline.org

ST. JOHN UCC CEMETERY

GLO BINGO NIGHT

St. John UCC Granite City Glo Bingo

Saturday, April 25th at the Fraternal Order of Eagles, 2558 Madison Ave, Granite City. Doors open at 6:00pm, bingo starts at 7:00pm. Tickets \$25.00 in advance, \$30.00 at the door. Admission includes Glo Bingo hat, dauber, and 10 game cards. There will also be a 50/50 Drawing and Silent Auction. Bring your own snacks. All beverages must be purchased through the venue. Proceeds to benefit the Historical Preservation of Nameoki Road Cemetery Site. For more info contact Nina Jackson 618-407-2101 or St John UCC Cemetery 618-876-5811.

Saturday, May 2, 2026

SPRING BBQ

St. John UCC
 2901 Nameoki Rd
 Granite City IL

11:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.

Pork Steak Plate with 2 sides \$14.00
 Brat Plate with 2 sides \$14.00

SIDES: POTATO SALAD, GREEN BEANS, OR BAKED BEANS
 HOT DOGS, DESSERTS, AND DRINKS ALSO AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE



Community Music

Join us for an afternoon of music from local churches!

Sunday, May 3rd • 2 pm
 Evangelical United Church of Christ
 2520 Poplar St.
 Highland, IL

A love offering will be collected to benefit Hamel Alhambra Ministerial Alliance and Highland Area Ministries
 Light refreshments will be served afterwards

Evangelical UCC Highland Music Event
 Sunday, May 3rd, 2026
 at 2:00p.m.

We will gather in song at EvUCC Highland. Along with the joy of voices, music, and togetherness, we will have the opportunity to share in a free will offering to benefit the Hamel Alhambra Ministerial Alliance and the Highland Area Ministries. All are welcome!

If any of your ensembles, choirs, or bell choirs would like to participate, please contact Joan Schuetz at 618-975-2704.



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

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[Contemporary Band Leader - St. Paul UCC Waterloo](#)

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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.

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