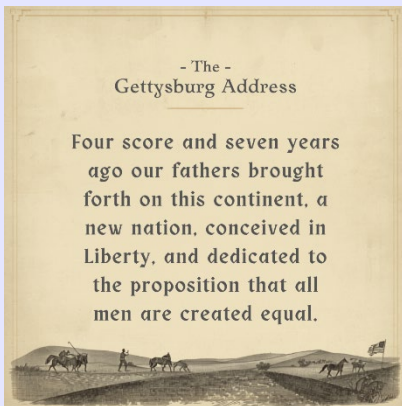




Reflections From Our Conference Minister



Upon a recommendation, I recently listened to an older podcast featuring Dr. Heather Cox Richardson, the passionate professor, prolific writer, and distinguished public historian. During the interview, she was asked to identify what she considered one of the most seminal works in American history.

Given her expertise in the American Civil War and the Reconstruction Era, I was not surprised that she turned to President Abraham Lincoln. What did surprise me, however, was her choice of the Gettysburg Address. She described it as one of the most formative and enduring pieces of American writing, with Lincoln's words still challenging us, as citizens, to reflect on and embody the nation's highest ideals and founding principles.

Now, I must confess that it has been a long time since I last thought about the Gettysburg Address. The last time I studied it in depth was probably in fifth grade, when I was required to memorize it for a history and public speaking assignment. At the time, I doubt I

fully appreciated the eloquence and enduring message of the speech. Even so, I can still recite almost all 272 words. (Yes, all these years later, I still remember the word count.)

Lincoln's two-minute speech on November 19, 1863, at Soldiers' National Cemetery in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, was not only a dedication of the cemetery but also almost like his graveside service for those who had lost their lives in the Battle of Gettysburg. He began in this way: "Four score and seven years ago, our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal."

As our nation readies itself to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence with fireworks displays, concerts in the park, picnics, and cookouts, I find myself, as a person of faith, thinking about Lincoln's assertion that our ancestors were "dedicated to the proposition" that all people are created equal. For me, this ideal intersects with my theology.

I believe in a God who is the Creator of the universe, the Creator of all nations (not just our nation), and the Creator of all people (not just some people). I believe God calls us to see, value, and treat all of God's beloved children as equal in our sight, just as they are equal in God's sight. God's abundance and blessings are meant for all.

At the same time, I am concerned by Christian messages and movements that seek to claim that God loves our country above all other countries or that God loves Christians more than people of other faiths or no faith. Such theology can be deeply harmful because it elevates favoritism over the inclusive love revealed in Scripture.

In Jesus' own life and ministry, we see him rejecting this kind of theology. Throughout his ministry, he consistently preached, taught, and modeled inclusion rather than exclusion, building up rather than tearing down, and caring for rather than neglecting others. He challenged his followers to recognize his presence in those around them and to serve others as they would serve Jesus himself.

Consider the words of Jesus in Matthew 25:36–40: "I was naked, and you clothed me; I was sick, and you visited me; I was in prison, and you came to me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?" And the King will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me."

As we celebrate our country's 250th anniversary, I believe it is right and good to give thanks for the ways we have sought to live into the promise that all people are created equal. At the same time, as people of faith, it is also right and good to confessionally acknowledge the ways we have fallen short and continue to fall short of that ideal.

May our allegiance to Christ above all else guide us in creating a just world in which all of God's people are loved, valued, and cared for. May we not just celebrate the ideal of equality, but may we work to embody the justice, mercy, and compassion to which Christ calls us so all may experience it.

*-Rev. Shana Johnson
Conference Minister*

Please Remember in Your Prayers this Week...



St. Mark's UCC, DuBois
Retired Pastor- Rev. Louis Fluck



Christ UCC, Dupo-
Rev. Todd (Suzanne) Mushaney

A note of correction regarding last week's ISC prayer list—
Rev. Dr. Mary Beth (Mark) Hartenstein was listed as retired. To the contrary! She is preaching and pastoring full-time.



Continue to hold everyone impacted by the powerful storms on Sunday, June 21st that struck several Illinois South Conference communities in your prayers as they continue to heal, pick up the pieces, and recover from loss and devastation.

[Submit prayer requests here](#)



Global Ministries grieves with the people of Venezuela following the devastating earthquakes that have claimed more than 1,500 lives and left millions in urgent need of humanitarian aid. We pray for all who are mourning, searching for loved ones, and working tirelessly in rescue and relief efforts.

We hold in prayer our partner, the Union Evangélica Pentecostal de Venezuela, as they mobilize emergency response efforts—providing food, medicine, medical care, rescue support, and spiritual accompaniment to impacted communities.

May God strengthen all those bringing hope in the midst of heartbreak.

Please join us in prayer for healing, protection, and recovery. <https://ow.ly/qU7p50ZirMP>

Global HOPE invites church into prayer after Venezuela earthquakes

by **Charles Jefferson, Jr.** | published on Jun 27, 2026

Following devastating earthquakes that claimed more than 900 lives in Venezuela, the United Church of Christ's **Global HOPE (Humanitarian, Opportunity, Partnerships, and Empowerment) team** has called the church into prayer, asking for prayers on those who've died, as well as those who are left to deal with the earthquake's aftermath.

As rescuers are racing against the clock to find survivors, **a lack of heavy machinery and aftershocks are complicating those efforts, according to reports from The New York Times.** Hospitals are struggling to treat the injured after decades of neglect from Venezuela's health care system.

An appeal from the UCC isn't being issued at this time. A determination about an appeal will be announced next week. Meanwhile, The Global HOPE team is working with its partners through **ACT Alliance** and **Global Ministries** to accompany those most deeply impacted by this tragedy. View the prayer below:

God of the broken and the buried,

Hear us as we pray in sorrow and hope.

We hold before you those whose lives have been shaken,
 Let your peace, comfort and love be known to
 Those who search, those who wait, and those who grieve.
 Let your love be a source of light amidst the chaos of uncertainty.
 In your name we pray,
 Amen



Special Church World Service Kit and Bucket Drop Off Location in St. Louis
 -A message from Priscilla Self, ISC Disaster Recovery Coordinator

There will be a local site receiving CWS kits. The special drop off location and event date is:

Sharefest at the LifeWise location at 1321 South 11th in St. Louis, MO 63104
Saturday, October 10, 9:30- 11:30 am
 Susan Kendrick - Sharefest Coordinator

skendrick@moumethodist.org
 (573) 473-6850

Your support helps CWS put hope into the hands of families recovering from disaster. From hygiene items to clean-up tools, your generosity fills the kits that help communities rebuild. Our warehouse shelves are running low. Help us stock up and stay prepared: <https://cwskits.org/>

[Matching grant through the Global HOPE office](#)

<https://www.ucc.org/post-disaster-resources-for-churches/>

Contact Priscilla if you need more info or have any questions.
Priscilla Self, ISC Disaster Recovery Coordinator
 618/318-0083
pjj48@hotmail.com

Faith & Recovery Collaborative Training Coming to Trinity UCC Belleville

How can faith communities become places of hope, healing, and recovery? On **Saturday, July 18, 2026**, Trinity UCC Belleville will host a **Faith & Recovery Collaborative Training** in partnership with the **Illinois Faith & Recovery Collaborative** and the **Center for Community Engagement at Chestnut Health Systems**.

This one-day training is designed for clergy, lay leaders, caregivers, and anyone who wants to better support individuals and families affected by mental health challenges, substance use disorders, and recovery journeys.

As people of faith, we are often among the first to encounter individuals who are struggling. This training offers practical tools, education, and resources to help congregations respond with compassion, understanding, and effective support.

Workshop Topics Include:
Mental Health 101

Learn the basics of mental health challenges, crises, and illnesses, including how to recognize symptoms and respond with care and support.

Substance Use 101

Gain a better understanding of addiction, recovery-friendly

language, and ways to identify warning signs in yourself or others.

QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer)

A nationally recognized suicide prevention training that equips participants to recognize warning signs, offer hope, and connect people with life-saving resources.

NARCAN® 101

Learn about the opioid epidemic, overdose prevention, and how to administer NARCAN®, a medication that can reverse an opioid overdose.

Event Information

Date: Saturday, July 18, 2026

Time: Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. | Training concludes at 3:30 p.m.

Location: Trinity UCC Belleville, [47 North Douglas Avenue, Belleville, Illinois](#)

Lunch and refreshments will be provided.

Why Attend?

Whether your congregation is just beginning conversations about mental health and recovery or is interested in becoming a Certified Recovery Congregation, this training offers valuable information, practical skills, and opportunities to connect with others doing this important work.

As host Rev. Tim Powers-Reed shares, this work is deeply personal. Living with OCD and PTSD has reinforced the importance of creating communities where people can seek help without shame and find support without judgment.

Faith communities can play a vital role in reducing stigma, offering hope, and helping people discover that they are not alone.

Registration Required

Advance registration is required. Go to <https://forms.gle/r4jLQBAJWmgXgZat7> to register by **July 15th**.

For more information about the Faith & Recovery Collaborative and its programs, visit: www.coalitionssupport.org

Questions may be directed to:

Rev. Tim Powers-Reed

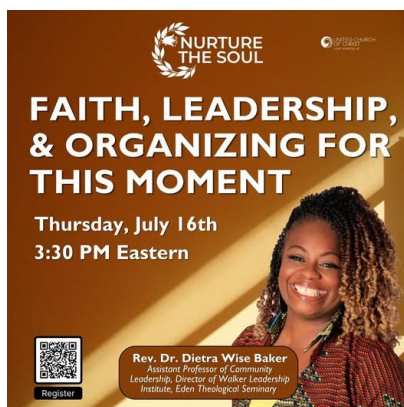
Trinity UCC Belleville

636-248-6468



Commemorating 250-years of Pluralism: Reimagining our Sacred Call Mon, Jul 6, 2026 02:30 PM CT

As our nation approaches its 250th anniversary, we stand at a critical evolutionary crossroads. The promise of American pluralism has never been a static artifact of the past, it is a living, breathing covenant that each generation must expand, deepen, and renew. This interfaith webinar invites spiritual activists, faith leaders, and justice-seekers to move beyond mere religious tolerance and provide tools to engage in deep, active pluralism. [Register](#)



How do faith leaders, organizers, nonprofits, congregations, and community advocates sustain themselves while responding to the urgent challenges of this moment?

Join Rev. Dr. Dietra Wise Baker from the Center for Faith Lived Organizing for a timely dialogue exploring how today's social, political, spiritual, and community realities are shaping new approaches to leadership, organizing, public theology, and transformative community engagement. Register: <https://ow.ly/uHOQ50ZhXIV>



Scan the QR code to learn more about each session and register today!

Seven-Part Summer 2026 Webinar Series - Thriving Beyond the “Traditional” Ministry & Rest as a Leadership Practice

[The Pension Boards-United Church of Christ, Inc.](#)

This seven-part summer webinar series begins in June and continues twice each month through August.

Check out the upcoming July webinar descriptions and register today!

For additional details about each summer session, scan the QR code above or [click here](#).

Session 3: July 16

2:00 pm CT

Mid-career Check

What’s Working, What’s Not, and What Needs to Change Now

Mid-career leaders often navigate the most complex intersections of ministry and life: family responsibilities, congregational demands, aging parents, debt, and long-term planning pressures.

This session is suitable for mid-career clergy & lay employees ages 45+.

Topics Include: Mid-career pressures, Competing life demands, Recalibration indicators, Participants will, Name core stressors, Assess energy drains, Clarify next steps

[Register Now.](#)

Session 4: July 28

2:00 pm CT

Sustainable Investing

Clergy and lay leaders increasingly seek alignment between their faith commitments and their financial decisions. By understanding how their retirement assets can contribute to positive change, ministry professionals gain tools to shape a more just and resilient world—now and in their future years of service.

This session is suitable for Younger clergy and lay workers, justice-minded leaders, and mid-career ministry professionals

Topics Include

Sustainable investing, ESG, and justice-oriented retirement planning.

[Register Now.](#)



NEXT STEPS

What comes after everything you built?

NEXT Steps:
Redefining Retirement as Jubilee

Retirement isn't the end of your story. It can be the beginning of your most meaningful chapter.

NEXT Steps, at Eden Theological Seminary, is a 16-week journey designed to help you discover renewed purpose, deepen your sense of calling, and envision what's next through spirituality, reflection, and community. Whether you're approaching retirement, recently retired, or simply asking, "What's next for me?" this program will help you move forward with intention. Join a community committed to reimagining retirement as a season of growth, purpose, and possibility.

Learn more and register today: <https://bit.ly/4ahKXfg>



The Illinois South Conference Prayer & Lectionary Lunch hour meetings held on Wednesdays from 12:30 to 1:30pm will be on hiatus for the rest of the summer. Watch for relaunch details in August!

The United Church of Christ and the United Church of Canada invite you to:

THE GREAT LAKES COLLABORATIVE RETREAT 2026

**At Waters' Edge:
Sacred Relations**

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. spoke of "the fierce urgency of now." With deep divisions in this moment -- political, racial and historical -- guided by Indigenous wisdom, a group from the United Church of Canada and United Church of Christ will gather at the edge of the Grand River near Paris, Ontario, to build sacred relations around the common waters of our Great Lakes region.

This is the moment to **cross boundaries** and **come together**, caring for one another and all of **God's creation**.

With **Adrian Jacobs**, Senior Leader for Indigenous Justice and Reconciliation, Christian Reformed Church in North America





**SUNDAY, AUGUST 23RD 4:00 PM -
TUESDAY AUGUST 25TH 11:00 AM 2026**

 Five Oaks Retreat Centre,
1 Bthel Road., Paris, Ontario,
CANADA, N3L 3E3
<https://fiveoaks.on.ca/>

COST \$150 CDN double occupancy OR \$250 CDN single occupancy (limited availability)

The Great Lakes Collaborative (GLC) is a network of people from all of the UCC Conferences that touch on a Great Lake, as well as our partners in the United Church of Canada.

The focus is on creation care, especially the sustainability and care of the Great Lakes and other bodies of freshwater. This is the GLC's 4th Annual Event and the first one hosted by the United Church of Canada.

For more information:

Kathy Douglas, kathymdouglas@hotmail.com, cell: 519 441 0656 (Canada) or
Lisa Hart, Lhart@wcucc.org, cell: 608-438-1571 (US)



desk calendar and plan book
July 2026-December 2027

The popular 18-month UCC July 2026 - December 2027 calendars are now available to pre-order and will begin shipping June 2026!

Click [HERE](#) to order.



ISC VBS X-CHANGE

Are you looking for VBS materials or to share your VBS materials?

The exchange of VBS materials can help elevate your program or another church's program. Click [HERE](#) and send in the following info and we'll add it to this section of the Weekly Connection: **(Church name)** will be hosting the **(insert name of the VBS curriculum)** on **(insert dates)** and is looking for churches to partner in sharing resources. If you are interested, please contact **(insert name)** at **(insert contact information)**.

-St. John UCC, Maeystown is having their VBS early – May 26-29 and are willing to share their extra supplies and puppets after their event – They are offering items from: **Snowball Mountain Challenge – by Cokesbury** If you are interested call the church at 618-458-6940



Global Ministries

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



The Good Neighbor Project

with David Giron



The Good Neighbor Project Podcast

What does it mean to be a good neighbor in a deeply connected world? The Good Neighbor Project podcast, hosted by Global Ministries Global Relations Minister David Giron, shares powerful conversations and firsthand stories from leaders, churches, and communities across Latin America and the Caribbean whose voices are too often unheard. Rooted in faith, justice, and human connection, this limited series invites listeners to deepen their understanding of our global neighbors and the shared responsibility we have to seek one another's well-being. Watch now at: <https://ow.ly/rRaS50ZbQ1w>

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>

ISC Hunger Action Team - Facing Hunger in Your Community



The Hunger Action Team would like to recognize ST. PAUL WATERLOO for their 5 DAY MISSION TRIP, partnering with AMEN STL. Service projects included volunteering with **ISAIAH 58 MINISTRIES** for "Fresh Food Friday". Sharing fresh meat/seafood, produce, and deli/bakery items with our St. Louis neighbors in need. Isaiah 58 serves St. Louis families in crisis with dignity and respect, through food assistance, clothing and personal care items. St. Paul also volunteered at **NEW ROOTS URBAN FARM**, whose mission is creating and maintaining farming methods that are sustainable for the neighborhood and the environment. Reclaiming urban areas to create a community rooted in sustainable food. New Roots' programs directly benefit the North St. Louis area by providing low-income families with 5,000 pounds of organic produce annually. Sharing nutritious food with individuals and families impacted by living in a "food desert" - distributing over 50 different fruits and vegetables. Heartfelt thanks to St. Paul, for helping combat hunger in the St. Louis area. Under the leadership of Dr. Jill Mayer, Director of St. Paul Waterloo Christian Education & Faith Formation, and Rev. Kyle Timmons.

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.

FALL FESTIVAL
Sunday, Oct 4
from 11-5
DuBois Center



Family-friendly event!

Admission & parking are free, and there's something for everyone to enjoy. Gather your friends and family!



Food Trucks, Live Music, Rope Making,
Kids Korner, Pony & Hay Rides, Silent Auction, and
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 2651 Quarry Rd. DuBois, IL
 www.DuBoisCenter.org

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The Camp and Retreat Center of the Illinois South
Conference of the United Church of Christ

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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/>

Deadline to register is Thursday, July 23rd!

[Register HERE](#)



FALL FESTIVAL
DuBois Center

Folks, it is not too early to start thinking about those creative baskets you donate for the Silent Auction at DuBois's Fall Festival **October 4**. Take advantage of end-of-season sales, which combined with your imaginative spirits will yield good returns from those baskets Fest participants cannot resist. Again, we appreciate your support of DuBois in this way and look forward to seeing you in a few months.



Through HomePorts I & II, Back Bay Mission provides housing for eight veterans who were once experiencing homelessness. By removing barriers to stable housing, veterans can focus on rebuilding their lives and maintaining independence. Rent is income-based, with a minimum monthly payment of \$50 for those without income. Back Bay Mission furnishes the units with everything they need! Cleaning supplies, bedding, TV, furniture, washer and dryer, and much more. We upkeep the property, assist residents, and take pride in serving those who once served us!



Help us ensure that every child in care has the supplies they need to be successful in school. Serving youth in Madison, St. Clair, Clinton, Monroe, Bond, Washington, and Randolph counties. Items must be received by August 3rd.

Items needed: 3-ring binders, dry-erase markers, backpacks, ink pens, No. 2 pencils, spiral notebooks, pocket folders, pencil bags, colored pencils, and crayons.

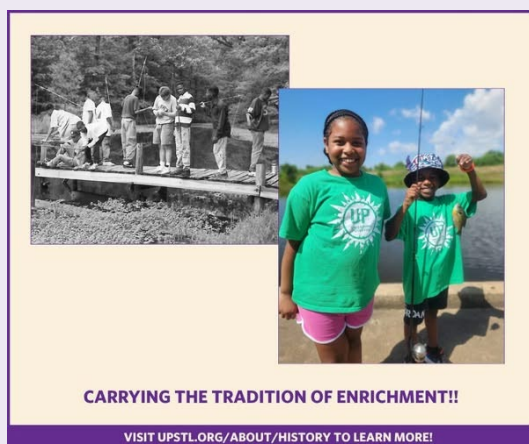
- Shop our [Amazon Wishlist](#)
- Drop off supplies or mail checks to:

Hoyleton Youth and Family Services
8 Executive Dr, Fairview Heights, IL

- For more information, contact Mario at 618.688.7092 or mmccart@hoyleton.org

Additional drop-off locations:

- Auffenberg Ford Belleville- 901 S Illinois St., Belleville, IL
- Auffenberg Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram- 1108 Auffenberg Avenue, Shiloh, IL
- Auffenberg Ford North in O'Fallon-115 Regency Park, O'Fallon IL



Unleashing Potential-A CHSM Ministry Partner

Did you know Unleashing Potential has been around since 1913?! From delivering milk on bicycles to then becoming the largest provider of free after-school services in the area, our commitment to creating educational and empowering experiences has never wavered.

Today, our programs are safe, supervised, and full of possibilities. At UP, opportunity continues after the school day ends. We create educational and empowering experiences through out-of-school programs, enrichment camps, and family engagement events in St. Louis City and County.

Learn more about our history here: <https://upstl.org/about/history/>



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



VISIT [UPSTL.ORG/EVENTS/CARDBOARD-BOAT-REGATTA](https://upstl.org/events/cardboard-boat-regatta) TO SIGN UP!

Ahoy, Matesys!

We are excited to host our 3rd annual Cardboard Boat Regatta on Saturday, July 18 from 11:00AM – 1:00PM at the O’Fallon Park Rec Complex, 4343 W Florissant Ave, St. Louis, MO 63115. It’ll be a day of family fun, friendly competition, and STEAM-powered learning!

[Click](#) to learn more about how to become a sponsor.

If you would like to register to be a part of the race or request more information, contact Brittany Campbell at bcampbell@upstl.org or (314) 561-3346.

We are also seeking helping hands to help our boats set sail. Volunteer needs are listed below. All volunteers are needed from 8AM-1PM and will also help with set-up and tear-down.

- Event Set-Up and Tear-Down
- Boat Inspector and Registration
- Merch and Concession Attendants
- Paddle and Life Jacket Runners
- Boat Assistance
- Cardboard Retriever

- Stopwatch Lead
- Summer Camp Mentors
- PITMASTER
- Nurse Station

Visit <https://upstl.org/events/cardboard-boat-regatta/> to sign up!



As we are moving forward in the mission of Uni-Pres Kindercottage, we are so grateful for supporters like you! We were excited to kick off our special series with our partners at PBS Channel 9, who joined us for a wonderful Family Café and hosted an APPY Hour. Families enjoyed learning about free educational apps and fun at-home activities to engage with their little learners while sharing a delicious dinner together.

A special thank you to the St. Louis Aquarium at Union Station for inviting our little learners to a day of discovery and learning. For many of our children, this was their very first aquarium experience, making it both fun and insightful. We are also proud to share that Aimee Hart was honored as a recipient of the 2026 MAPO Serving Humanitarian Award. Thank you to everyone who came out to celebrate this meaningful occasion as we continue working together for those most in need.

In addition, lead teacher Kaitlyn Brown received several special gifts from the PNC Grow Up Great program as she continues helping our little learners explore nature and the world around them.

Thank you for your continued prayers, encouragement, and support as we continue moving forward in service to children and families who need it most.

Aimee Hart, Executive Director

618-874-6505(work)

618-799-1417 (cell)



Powerful Tools FOR Caregivers

Powerful Tools for Caregivers is an educational series designed to provide you with the tools you need to take care of yourself.

- 6-week session that meets once a week
- Interactive lessons, discussions, and brainstorming led by a St. John's Community Care caregiver specialist
- Class will meet in person
- No fees to register!

Come join us!

In-Person: Thursdays **starting July 9th**, 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.
St. John's Community Care
222 Goethe Avenue
Collinsville, IL

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Want to register or have questions?
Email: rgallaher@stjohnscc.org
Phone: 224-220-9258

Our ISC Churches News + Events



O'Fallon United Church of Christ, 206 West Adams, O'Fallon, IL invites one and all to attend:

**Jazz Concert with "Tony D and Friends"
Sunday, July 12th at 3:00pm**

Mark your calendar, invite your friends and share this info on social media so the community can attend! The 150th Anniversary Committee requested a series of concerts to be held at our church to celebrate, so first up is this jazz concert with Tony DiPasquale and friends! We want to have a great crowd, so please pass the word!

Other concerts to mark on calendar:

Sept. 27 Kevin Chunko, organ recital

Nov. 15 Tim Jansen, organ recital



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

Click to submit your EVENTS + NEWS to the Weekly Connection

Opportunities + Resources

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

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

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

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

[Contemporary Keyboard Musician - St. Paul UCC Waterloo](#)

[Part-Time Secretary/Bookkeeper- Friedens UCC Irvington](#)

[Part-Time Behavioral Health Nurse - Hoyleton Youth & Family Services](#)

[Part-Time Faith Community Nurse - Deaconess Nurse Ministry](#)

[Part-Time Administrative Assistant - St. John's UCC Smithton](#)



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The Illinois South Conference office will be closed on Friday, July 3rd as we observe Independence Day.



Please call (618) 654-2125 before coming to the Conference Office or make an appointment with a staff member using the emails below.

For the work of Conference teams and committees or for financial matters (in terms of your church's giving to the Conference or OCWM), contact **Debbie Kesner** at dkesner@iscucc.org.

For communicating within the Conference, the Conference website, Facebook page or Weekly Connection, contact **Missy Loyet** at mloyet@iscucc.org.

For DuBois Center Co-Executive Directors, contact **Jason Petry** or **Leah Petry** at director@DuBoisCenter.org or (618) 787-2202 ext. 2 for Jason or ext. 3 for Leah.

For DuBois Center registration for upcoming events and camp sessions or ISC program registrations, contact **Julie**

Riechmann at jriechmann@iscucc.org or (618) 357-1809.

For **Rev. Shana Johnson**, ISC Conference Minister, contact her at sjohnson@iscucc.org or (618) 882-8247.

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

Because we affirm the value of all God's people, the Illinois South Conference of the United Church of Christ does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, ability, national origin, religious background, sexual orientation, or gender identity. To the extent possible, we endeavor to accommodate those with a variety of physical, mental, emotional, medical, or dietary needs.

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