

Weekly Connection

For the Week of February 5, 2017 - February 11, 2017
Diverse Minds, Covenant Hearts, Made One in the Body of Christ



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We discovered that our website had malware. In order to rid it of that malware, we had to take it down and clean it up. Hopefully, it will be back soon. If you have always printed the Weekly Connection from the website, please call 618-654-2125 and ask Christy or Lynnette to email the printable copy to you. **Sorry for the inconvenience.**

What Happens When You're Not There

On any given Sunday during football season, I would imagine that if your family is like ours, upon entering the house, one could expect to hear a TV blaring and see die-hard fans sitting on the edge of their seats cheering and screaming for their team. Recently I came across a wonderful analogy between the importance of worship attendance and a sports fan supporting their team.



In a post entitled "What Happens When You're Not There: The Effects of Missing Church" Kenneth Kuykendall writes the following,

"I am a die-hard Georgia Bulldogs fan. I rarely miss a game, and if I do, be sure, it is being recorded to watch at a later time, even if I know the outcome. I love Georgia football. And if I had tickets, which I do not, I would do everything I could to go to the game. I would amend my calendar, reschedule my appointments, and prioritize my activities to ensure my attendance. But if something happened, and I couldn't make it, it would not affect the dynamic of the crowd, or the outcome of the event. It wouldn't change, one little bit, the atmosphere. Simply put, my attendance would not be missed. The team would stick to their game-plan, the crowd would maintain their electric charge, and the prices would be exactly as they are. The same is NOT true for my attendance at church.

When a church member misses worship service, the church drastically suffers.

The Bible is emphatic about church attendance. The writer of Hebrews challenges us with convicting words, "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching" (*Hebrews 10:25*). Have you ever thought about the effect your absence has in the House of God?

When you are not there:

- The body of the congregation is incomplete
- Your voice is not heard in the worship and singing of the saints
- You cannot actively serve others who may need your gifts
- You cannot contribute in the offering
- You do not receive the Word of God in a preaching format
- You miss out on corporate prayer
- You forfeit fellowship with other believers
- You send a message to the youth that missing church is acceptable
- You make it easier to miss the next week, and then the next
- You become susceptible to apathy and indifference
- You make it harder for others to bear the weight and burdens of ministry
- You miss opportunities to share your own struggles with the saints of God
- You cause unnecessary worry for your pastor, teacher, staff, and leaders
- You miss out on altar invitations, life-changing decisions, and spiritual experiences

I assure you, your church needs you. And it needs you to be there this Sunday (from Kenneth Kuykendall's blog *pastoralponderings*)

I can assure YOU...YOUR church needs you. When YOU are not here...They MISS YOU!! Join your church on Sunday mornings on any given week for worship

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Pray for...

**Prayer list for
Feb 5 - Feb 11, 2017
Churches & Pastors**

- Lebanon St. Paul UCC, Rev. Dr. Don (Nancy) Wagner
- Lenzburg St. Peter's UCC

Retired Pastor

- Rev. Jean Carmean, O'Fallon, IL

and give thanks that God has saved a place especially for you to attend. Now that, my friends, is even better than any football game!!
Blessings, Shana

SHARING IN WORSHIP WITH YOU

A Note from Shana

My worship schedule for upcoming weeks:

February 12

Worshipping at Zoar UCC, New Hanover

February 19

Worshipping at St. John UCC, Fairview Heights (Service of Farewell for Rev. Jim Nolan)

Preaching at the Installation of Rev Jerry Bennett at St. Peter UCC, Hookdale

February 26

Participating in the Installation of Rev. Rebekah Rathman Wingrove, Fieldon UCC

I am currently planning my worship schedule for May 2017 and beyond. If I have not been at your church yet, I would love an invitation! Please reach out to me at the office at 618-654-2125 or on my cell phone at 618-882-8247 with some possible dates. You can also send me an email at sjohnson@iscucc.org. I am looking forward to meeting you and sharing in worship with you.

Blessings, Shana

Faith Formation for Clergy and Lay

You are invited to an experiential learning event sponsored by the Faith Formation team of the United Church of Christ on March 29. Discussions about **intergenerational ministry** abound in our churches today and studies show the importance of positive intergenerational relationships on the faith formation of our children and youth. Yet churches are finding that building these intergenerational relationships is easier said than done. This event, Logos, will introduce you to a program designed to create intergenerational relationships in your church as well as teach your kids Bible study and worship skills.

LOGOS - is a weekly intergenerational experience for young people that creates an arena where all ages, together, can learn about, experience, and practice the art of Christian relationships, critical for developing life-long disciples.

At this Inspiring Model of Ministry you'll participate in an evening of Logos at St. John's United Church of Christ in Chesterfield, MO and then have a chance to reflect on what you experienced, have a chance to ask questions of the Logos' leaders, and ruminate on how you might bring this innovative practice back to your own ministry setting. This event is not primarily designed for clergy. Your church could send children's ministry/youth faith formation staff or volunteers to experience the retreat and report back on the experience.

Cost for the event is \$25 per person and dinner is included. A limited number of scholarships are available to help defray travel costs for the event. For more information and to register, click [here](#). If you have other questions please contact me at beckwithi@ucc.org or at 216-736-3875.

Hope to see you in Missouri on March 29. Click [here](#) for a flyer.

Rev. Ivy Beckwith, UCC Faith Formation Minister and Team Leader



Festival of Faith for Middle Schoolers 6th to 8th grades

The Festival of Faith 2017 is an event for 6th-8th graders and their chaperones. It will take place on February 18-19 (Saturday & Sunday) at DuBois Center. We welcome **Jay**

Tyson from St Paul UCC Waterloo as the event's new leader and thank him for taking on this exciting, but challenging, responsibility!

Please note the important dates - **February 6 for paperwork /payment to the ISC office**. Here is the [packet](#).

People with Life Concerns

- Keep Rev. Marvin (Dorothea) Engelsdorfer in your prayers as he deals with health issues. Rev. Engelsdorfer has been very active in the Conference and his son, Rev. Ted is also a pastor. Cards may be sent to him at 122 Wild Rose Dr, Belleville, IL 62221.

- Pray for Rev. Arnold (Luetta) Bizer as he deals with health issues. Rev. Bizer served as pastor of Alhambra Salem UCC prior to retiring. Cards may be sent to 602 Woodchuck Ln, Lake St. Louis MO 63367.

- Keep Rev. Dr. Douglas Anders in your prayers as he continues treatment. He is dealing well with treatment, but prayers are always welcome. Cards may be sent to him at 2921 Moniteau, St. Louis, MO 63121.

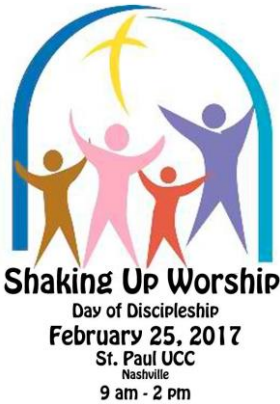
- Pray for Pastor Dennis Gilbert as he deals with health issues. Cards may be sent to 3305 Joyce Dr. Belleville, IL 62226.

Churches in Transition

- Seeking a part-time Pastor St. John UCC, Evansville. St. John is a traditional church with a charm which one can find in a small town. The congregation is small and friendly and is looking for a pastor who will challenge the congregation, with sensitivity to their context. If interested, contact Tom Zweigart, St. John's church council president, at home, 618-853-4075, or on his cell at 618-792-5491.

- Seeking Part-Time Interim Pastor Zion UCC. Zion is located in Metropolis, the official hometown of Superman. It is a conservative congregation which enjoys a close relationship with God and each other. They want the interim pastor to help them focus on the future and help them grow spiritually. Contact Rev. Shana Johnson, Designated Conference Minister of the Illinois South Conference at sjohnson@iscucc.org or 618-654-2125.

The Illinois South Conference of the United Church of Christ invites you to the installation of Rev. P. Jerry Bennett on Sunday, February 19 at 3 pm at the St. Peter United Church of Christ in Hookdale. Everyone is welcome. Authorized ministers are invited to participate in the service. Participating pastors should robe and wear red stoles and arrive at the church one-half hour before the service.



**Plan Now For Day of Discipleship
WORKSHOPS FOR CHURCH MEMBERS**

PURPOSE: To take home an abundance of information to experience wonderful worship.

SPEAKER: Rev. Dr. Christopher Grundy

WHO: Interested Church Members
Youth and Youth Leaders
Council/Consistory/Committee Members
Church Officers, Delegates
Christian Educators

WHEN: Saturday, February 25, 2017
9:30 am - 2:00 pm (Registration begins at 9:00 am.)

WHERE: St. Paul UCC,
330 N Buhrman St, Nashville, IL 62263

Cost: \$35 (\$30 for Early-bird payment by February 7, 2017)

[Flyer](#) Cover [Letter](#) [List](#) of Workshops Registration [Form](#) & Map to Nashville
DOD Bulletin [Insert](#) Complete [Packet](#) Register [Online](#)

 *DuBois Center News*

A Ministry of Illinois South Conference
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Our 2017 Waterfront Coordinator is...

Summer staff recruitment season has begun! Leading up to the summer camp season, we will be introducing members of our 2017 summer staff. This week we would like to announce the first member hired for our 2017 summer staff team, our Waterfront Coordinator, Daisy Mercer. Daisy is from Western Australia. She started lifeguarding and swim teaching in 2012 at her local aquatic center. In early 2016, Daisy earned a Pool Operations Certification and became a manager at an aquatic center. Although from halfway across the world, Daisy is no stranger to DuBois Center. She started as a Counselor/Activity Specialist in the summer of 2013. The summer of 2017 will be her fourth



summer on staff and second as Waterfront Coordinator. Daisy says she keeps coming back to DuBois Center because, "It's like a second home. The experience is awesome and an amazing one, even if it's hard work." Her favorite thing about summer camp is the "friendly and fun" sense of community among the campers and staff. When not at camp, Daisy enjoys reading, drawing, painting, going to the beach and playing with her dog.



SPRING BROCHURE

Spring is a great time of year at DuBois Center! Signs of new life are everywhere. The air is fresh and clear, and there is so much to do. Our reservation book is filling with youth groups, school camps, retreats for women and confirmation students, church work days and scout groups. There is still time to plan an event for your church or group, or to get involved in one of the many events sponsored by DuBois Center. Check out our Spring [Brochure](#) for information about our Father-Son Retreat, Horse Event, Service Saturdays, Sunday Fundays and more. Online registration opens February 15; registration by mail is open now.



Wrangle & Ride - April 22

Apache, Thunder, Suzie and the rest of the herd invite you and your friends to join them on April 22 for a full day of swimming, hiking, canoeing, grooming, tacking, horse-related games and crafts, and

GET PAID TO PLAY

At DuBois Center, being on Summer Staff is more than just a means to a paycheck. It means to a paycheck. Summer Staff is more than just a means to a paycheck. Summer Staff is more than just a means to a paycheck. Summer Staff is more than just a means to a paycheck.



of course - riding! The cost is \$60 per person, \$55 if registered by the April 1 early bird deadline. For more time in the saddle, space is limited to the first 12 registered! Click [here](#) for details and a reservation form.

more are all in a day's work! The purpose of the play is much deeper though. You'll be providing for the safety and well-being of small groups of campers as they journey to discover more about themselves and grow in their faith. Friendships formed in one summer at camp can last a lifetime. For more information, check out this [flyer](#). If you are interested in working with our equine ministry, check out this [flyer](#).



"SECRET LIFE of PETS"
Another Amazing Quilt from Mascoutah

Max and Duke are looking for a home! Each spring, the Happy Quilters of St. John UCC in Mascoutah sponsor a Quilt Show. It is quite the event with over 200 quilts on display and an old-fashioned "bed turning" demonstration. Another

highlight is the drawing for very special youth quilt (60x74). All proceeds from ticket sales for this quilt, plus a matching gift from the church go to support the ministry of DuBois Center. Tickets are now on sale - \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Print this [form](#) and follow the directions included, or catch up with the quilt at a local church. It will be traveling with dedicated volunteers to different UCC churches. Check the "Region" section of Weekly Connection for details on 38th Annual Quilt Show.

BUNCO NIGHT THIS SATURDAY
February 4



Join Region 2 for an evening of fun and fellowship. This somewhat frenzied dice game is so easy to learn, anyone can play! Gather the family, some friends and your youth group. THIS Saturday - February 4, doors open at St. Paul UCC in Columbia at 6:30 pm, and the game begins at 7 pm. Just \$10 per person covers the cost to play... and there's more! A 50/50 drawing and silent auction with a variety of fun items will round out the evening. Snacks and soda will be available for purchase. Check out this flyer and share it with friends and neighbors. Advance tickets are available; details included on the [flyer](#). Funds raised go to support the ministry of DuBois Center.



The WHY & WHAT of Tiered Pricing for Summer Camp

DuBois Center is one of many camps, locally and across the country, moving to tiered pricing structures for their summer programs. Sadly, we have seen youth camps in Southern Illinois and Missouri close within the last couple of years largely due to their inability to cover direct and indirect costs. We are passionate about the power of church camp and don't want to join that list. Tiered pricing gives greater visibility to the true cost of providing the quality camp experience you've come to expect. It also offers families an opportunity to take an active role in supporting the true cost of their child's camp experience. Recognizing that families are differently gifted, the tiered price structure provides three different rates from which to choose for each summer camp session. Each family chooses the tier that is most suitable or comfortable for their circumstances and the choice is confidential. All campers will receive the same DuBois Experience, no matter which tier is selected.

The **Subsidized Tier** is reflective of our 2016 rates with a small increase to cover increasing costs. It is a reduced rate made possible through ministry support we receive from the Illinois South Conference, local churches, church groups and individuals who value the impact of our summer camp programs. The **Partially Subsidized Tier** represents the direct costs of a camp session including

counselors, food, utilities, materials, fuel and more. The **Actual Cost Tier** more closely reflects the true costs of providing a camp experience for one camper, including facility maintenance and upkeep, equipment repair and replacement and program development. It also helps fund DuBois Center scholarships, so more children can experience the power of church camp. Check out the summer camp [schedule](#) with tiered prices. If you have questions, contact Shirley in DuBois Center office.

Your CHURCH and Tiered Pricing

For many ISC churches, summer camp at DuBois Center is a piece of their year-round faith formation program. To encourage and support their families to attend, many pay a portion of the camp fee. We call this the "church share"; the portion paid by the family is the "family share." **How is this affected by Tiered Pricing?** Our new summer camp registration software can do a lot of cool things! However, when it comes to tiered pricing, there is one way that works the best and is easy for parents to understand. Churches are highly encouraged to determine a **set amount** of support per camper as opposed to a percentage amount, for example - \$250 for full-week campers; \$275 for horse campers and \$125 for part-week campers. In this scenario, the support provided by the church remains the same, no matter which tier is selected by a family. If you have questions about this, or would like assistance walking through this, contact Shirley at DuBois Center at dcinfo@DuBoisCenter.org or 618-787-2202.





CHHSM News

Council for Health and Human Service Ministries

Hoyleton Ministries presents its Awards Banquet on Fri, Feb 10 at the Four Points by Sheraton, 319 Fountains Pkwy, Fairview Heights. Doors open at 6 pm. RSVP by Feb 2 to Darla Rennegarbe at 618-688-4770 or email drennegarbe@hoyleton.org.



Great fun for a great cause! Neighborhood Houses' 7th Annual Trivia Night will be held on Sat, April 22 at the Sunset Hills Community Center, 3915 S. Lindbergh Boulevard, St. Louis. Doors open at 6 pm. Trivia Starts at 7 pm. Beer, wine, soda, and water provided. Feel free to bring snacks and adult beverages! VIP Table Sponsorship - \$350 per table includes one table of 10 players, display of logo and/or name at event, and priority seating; table service; special VIP party basket; two tickets per person for attendance prizes. Attendance cost 10-Person Table - \$300 per table. Sponsor a Round! - \$150 per round. 10 sponsorships available, display of logo and/or name at event. Sold out in 2015 and 2016! Click [here](#) to register. Click [here](#) for flyer.



The 36th Annual Rural Ministry Conference presented by Wartburg Theological Seminary will be on March 5-7, 2017 at the Best Western Plus Hotel, 3100 Dodge St, Dubuque, IA from 3 pm on March 5 to noon on March 7. Keynote speaker is Dr. Val Farmer; Bible study leader is Rev. Dr. Craig Nesson; Plenary speakers are Mary Swander and Jean Sullivan; Workshop leaders are Amy Larson, Rev. Dr. Martha Brunell, Carol Stufflebeam and Elan Hacker. Click [here](#) for more information.

LIFE at Eden Theological Seminary in St. Louis is a program that invites women and men to embrace lifelong learning and faith exploration. It challenges participants to become disciples, faithful witnesses to the gospel, and faithful members and leaders of the church. Each program consists of two courses, and participants may register for either course. There are no prerequisites. Other highlights include:



- Five regular session offerings each academic year
- Course topics range from Old Testament, New Testament, Evangelism, Ethics, and more
- Courses are taught by world-renowned Eden faculty instructors
- Six hours of theological engagement per session
- Worship, meals, and instruction included in registration (\$130 per person, \$140 with lodging)

Click [here](#) for more information and to register. Or contact Jill Schantz at jschantz@eden.edu or by calling 314-918-2554.

2017 LIFE Schedule

Feb. 17-18, 2017

Certificate: Shaping Faithful Worship: Worship and Sacrament, Rev. Dr. Christopher Grundy

Elective: Scripture studies, book of Matthew, Rev. Dr. Jeff Moore

Click [here](#) for February brochure.

March 10-11, 2017

Certificate: God Revealed in Scripture: Biblical Theology, Rev. Dr. J. Clint McCann

Elective: In our Midst: Ministry to those Struggling with Addiction, Rev. Peter Maffly-Kipp

Click [here](#) for March brochure.

April 7-8, 2017

Certificate: The Church is a Learning Community: Christian Education, Dr. Mai-Ahn Tran

Elective: The Sacrament of Baptism in our Spiritual Lives Today, Rev. Dr. Ginny Brown Daniel, Conference Minister, Missouri Mid-South Conference



Back Bay Mission Opens 2018 Mission Trip Calendar

Back Bay Mission's 2018 mission trip calendar is now open. You can reserve your mission trip week by emailing the Mission's volunteer coordinator at volunteercoordinator@thebackbaymission.org. The Mission accepts reservation requests only through email. The 2018 calendar is available on the Mission's [website](#).

Back Bay Mission is now accepting applications for the 2017 Shari Prestemon Social Justice Internship!

The Shari Prestemon Social Justice Internship provides people between the ages of 19 and 35 with a unique opportunity to participate in a 10-week summer program tailored to their interests. Drawing on the Mission's long

experience in community engagement and advocacy for justice, the internship will nurture participants' passion for social justice and develop their appreciation for the church's role in seeking social justice. Applications must be submitted by March 1. Notifications will be made by March 31. You can learn more about the internship and download an application on the Mission's [website](#).

CUPIDS, CONFECTIONS, CONVICTIONS

Love and murder are in the air at St. John's Community Care. With the anticipation of Valentine's Day we are preparing for our mystery production: "It's My Party and I'll Die If I Want To" Fundraiser. It will be held on Sunday, February 12, 2017 at Faith Hall - St. John Evangelical United Church of Christ. A fun afternoon filled with lots of surprises! Be prepared to laugh along while you enjoy the show, chocolate confections and decadent desserts. Doors open at 2:30 p.m. and the show starts at 3:00 p.m. Tickets will be available for purchase at St. John's Community Care, 222 Goethe Avenue. Tickets are \$25.00 each. Click [here](#) for a flyer. If you would like to make a donation of a restaurant gift card, bottle of wine (\$20 min.) or prize, please contact Missy at mathmer@stjohnscc.org.



Kindercottage continues to make plans for our April 1 "Night at the Improv" dinner theater featuring the Paper Slips Theater group. This lively and unique show appeals to people of all ages. You can save by buying 8 tickets, fill a table and have a wonderful multi-generational outing. Tickets are \$40 each, or save by purchasing 8 for \$300! Sponsorships are also available. Call 618-874-6505 for ordering information.

What's Happening at Illinois South Conference...



Blessing in Blocks

During February 4-13, 2017 a team of four people, representing two ISC congregations will be building our 10th building in Catamayo - Ecuador. Since there are so few ISC travelers' congregations represented in which we can raise money for building materials, we are hoping that people in the other ISC churches will become involved in the Blessings in Blocks program. We have taken around two hundred 3x5 cards with blessings for the family written on them to each of the building projects during the past 9 years. Some of the cards arrive at the Highland office with a check for building materials. While we are very pleased to have the cards and appreciate the thoughtfulness involved in sending them to the Highland office, this time we need a lot more of them to include checks for \$5, \$10 or \$20.

During recent trips we have asked the homebuyer family members to place the cards in the blocks as the blocks are handed to those who are building the wall. This seems to be very meaningful to our partner families. Perhaps it is impractical for you to go on one of these building trips. However, this is a way that you can have a very specific role in the success of this ministry. We would much prefer to have 300 people who would send a card with a check for \$10 than to have 30 people send a card with \$100. It really touches the families in Ecuador that hundreds of people who they will never meet want to be involved in helping to build their new home.

Please write a blessing on a 3 x 5 card and send it to the Conference office **by January 31**: Blessings in Blocks, Illinois South Conference, 1312 Broadway, Highland, IL 62249. Click [here](#) for bulletin insert.

Chili Cook Off to Benefit Kindercottage

Date: Sunday, February 19th, 11 am to 2 pm. Setup for contestants is 10:30 a.m.

Place: Fellowship Hall, Evangelical United Church of Christ, 2520 Popular, Highland, IL.

Cost: Entry for chefs, \$10. Guests: \$2 tasting kit, \$3 bowl, \$10 VIP bowl.

Purpose: Kindercottage is an important landmark Preschool that has been in East St. Louis for over 50 years. Brenda Crisp and staff need our aid now to replace monies lost from the State and Illinois South Conference's balancing its budget. Illinois South Conference challenges the churches to continue to donate directly to Kindercottage. Please help us publicize this event every way you can. We promise great food, great fun, and great mission.

Contact: Lynn Beil, Missy Loyet, or Kay Ahaus at 618- 520-1790 or kayahaus@yahoo.com

Sponsor of the event is the Mission Board of Evangelical United Church of Christ. Click [here](#) for a flyer.

Region 2

BUNCO NIGHT - February 4

SAVE THE DATE - Join Region 2 for an evening of fun and fellowship. This fun dice game is so easy to learn, anyone can play! Doors open at St. Paul UCC in Columbia at 6:30 pm on Sat, Feb 4; the game will begin at 7

Region 5

Job Opportunities: Evangelical UCC in Highland is looking for 2 full time teachers for their Wee Care Day Care. Interested candidates must have 60 hours from an accredited college including 6 hours of child care courses. Benefits available include

Region 7

St. Peter's UCC in Okawville will hold its WURST MARKT on Sun, Feb 12 at their Educational Building from 3 pm - 7 pm. All you can eat pork sausage, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, green beans, applesauce, pie or dessert and drink.

pm. Cost is \$10 per person. 50/50 drawing and silent auction. Snacks and soda available for purchase. All proceeds go to support DuBois Center. Check out this [flyer](#). Advance tickets are available.

Region 3

Job Opportunity: St. John Evangelical United Church of Christ in Collinsville, IL is looking for a person to lead the music program for our Sunday school children (services at 9 am and 10:30 am) and teach a short Sunday school lesson to children in the 10:30 session. Hours are 8 am to 11:30 am on Sunday mornings throughout the school year. Pay rate is \$10/hour. Contact Christy at 618-420-2608 or wsp13@sbcglobal.net.

Region 5

Friedens UCC in Troy will hold its Sausage & Kraut Dinner on Sun, March 12 from 11:30 am - 5:30 pm. Menu includes buffet style grilled pork sausage, sauerkraut, green beans, mashed potatoes & gravy, applesauce, coffee, tea, & dessert. Dine-In - Adults: \$10; Children 5-10 yrs. \$5; 4 yrs & under free. Carry-Outs & Curb Service \$10. Call 618-667-6535 for Curbside Service.

health, vision, and dental insurance; paid vacation, sick time and holidays. Please contact Karin at 618-654-6647 for more information.

St John UCC in Breese will be holding their omelet breakfast on Sun, Feb 19 from 7:30 am until 12 pm.

All you can eat including omelets, pancakes, bacon, sausage and drink. Adults \$8; children 4-11 \$4; and children 3 and under are free. For more information, call 618-526-4319.

Summerfield Lions Club presents its 4th Annual Trivia Night to benefit St John UCC in Summerfield on Sat, April 8. Doors open at 6 pm and play starts at 7 pm. Silent auction, 50/50 raffle, bake sale, and lunch available. Drinks must be purchased there. Cost is \$100 per table with a max of 10 per table. Contact Mindy Schiefer at 618-444-2852 or Barb Baer at 618-795-0746.

Evangelical UCC in Highland will hold a Chili Cookoff on Sun, Feb 19 from 11 am - 2 pm. Prize for the best entry. Proceeds go to Uni-Pres Kindercottage. Help them feed the children of East St. Louis.

Adults (13 & up) \$11; Children (6-12) \$5; Children 5 and under - Free. All carry outs \$11. (4 links of sausage per carry out) Place meat/sausage orders by Feb 5, to Melinda Albers at 618-243-5354.

Region 8

Trenton St. John UCC will hold its first annual drive-thru chili dinner on Sat, Feb 18 from 11 am to 3 pm - or until the chili is gone. Hot and regular chili will be available for \$5 per quart. Call 618-224-9828 for questions/information.

Sat, April 22, 2017 from 9 am - 2 pm, St John UCC in Mascoutah will hold its 38th Annual Quilt Show with 200+ quilts. Bed turning at 9:45 am; quilting demonstrations at 10:45 am, 11:30 am, 12:15 pm and 1 pm. Items for sale. Raffle prize drawing for the youth quilt, "Secret Life of Pets" with all proceeds donated to DuBois Center. Raffle tickets available at the quilt show. Attendance prizes awarded. Lunch available. \$3 admission. Contact Kay Ostrom at ostromdk@charter.net or 618-566-8776.