

Weekly Connection

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



Time Springs Forward on Sun, March 12!

Daylight saving time (DST) is observed in many countries around the world. In some countries, it is also called "summer time". When DST is not observed, it is called standard time, normal time or winter time. We observe it here too, so be sure to set your clocks forward on Sat, March 11 before going to sleep so that you wake up in time for church!!

"Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your hearts, with fasting, with weeping, and with sorrow; tear your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord your God, for he is merciful and compassionate, very patient, full of faithful love, and ready to forgive." - Joel 2:12-13, CEB

It was mid February in my first year at a new church. As I sat in my office creating the bulletin for Ash Wednesday, I realized I did not know their tradition of securing the ashes for this special service. I walked down the hallway to ask the church secretary about the ashes. Were there palm branches from the previous year that I could burn? Was there a special tradition around how and when they are burned and prepared? Or did the church simply order prepackaged palm ashes from a Christian bookstore or church supply distributor?

I will never forget the horror on her face and my subsequent shock to her response. "Oh Pastor, we don't do ashes!" Trying to make sense of this, I said, "So, the confessional tone of the service is only reflected in the liturgy?" Her response was simply, "Oh goodness, no Pastor. Don't you think all of that is a bit too depressing?" The next week, in trying to get my bearings, I asked just about everyone in the church about their Ash Wednesday traditions. From my conversations and looking back into the files, I realized the church secretary had been right. Their Ash Wednesday services of the past had consisted of celebrating the sacrament of Holy Communion, but did not include ashes or liturgies of confession. Not wanting to make a change the congregation might not fully understand, I decided that year was my first opportunity to explain why we celebrate Ash Wednesday.

The next year I introduced the imposition of ashes, giving permission for worshipers to participate in whatever way they felt comfortable by staying in their pews for silent prayer, receiving ashes on the back of their hand or in the sign of a cross on their forehead. I remember sitting in a worship committee planning meeting my fourth year there, and one of the new committee members asked if we would do the imposition of ashes again that year. The patriarch of the church who was also on the worship committee emphatically said, "Well, of course, we always have the ashes. The ashes are a symbol of our brokenness and need for God's restorative power for hope and healing."

In many ways, that "ash-less" Wednesday experience was a watershed moment for the congregation and me. Together, we realized how important it was to think about why we do the things we do. We spent time together studying and reflecting upon the history and rituals of Christian church. We even offered apologetics, written descriptions of the meaning behind the traditions and rituals we celebrated, and included them in the newsletter and bulletins. Most importantly, we spent a great deal of prayer and planning creating worship services throughout the liturgical year that might invite people into a place of honesty, which enabled them to fully receive God's grace and mercy.

As we begin a new Lenten season, I pray you will take some time learning about the rituals and deep symbolism of this season. When you more fully understand why we do what we do in the Church, it helps to more fully see how this applies to your own spiritual life. May your Lenten season be an opportunity for you to deepen your relationship with God. May it be a time for reflection and renewal. And may it be filled with moments of awe, wonder and transformation.

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Pray for...

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

- Midway St. John's UCC, Rev. Lori (Wayne) Schafer
- Murphysboro St. Peter's UCC, Pastor Rosemary

Blessings to you each on your Lenten journey. Shana

SHARING IN WORSHIP WITH YOU

A Note from Shana

My worship schedule for upcoming weeks:

March 12

Worshiping at St. Peter's UCC Stone Church

March 19

Worshiping at St. John's UCC, Midway

March 26

Worshiping at First Congregational, Dupo

April 2

Worshiping at Immanuel UCC, Hamel

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

Deadline for UCC Yearbook Statistics Approaches - March 8

Illinois South Conference churches have always had 90+% of the churches turning in their membership, attendance, financial and ministerial support information each year. We're hoping you will be one of those churches to do just that. **If you plan to do it online, the drop dead deadline is Wednesday, March 8.** After that, online will be locked. It is difficult to know who has done it online unless you send us a report or just a note to say it is done. Atta-girl or Atta-boy for those who have already sent their reports! If you haven't yet, we know you will soon. Thanks so much. Lynnette.

Reflections on Ash Wednesday - Wednesday, March

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by Anthony B. Robinson

One year, as the new pastor at First Church, I persuaded the Worship Committee to try an Ash Wednesday service. Since it was a new thing, we decided to sweeten the pot with a concert of African-American spirituals, by a noted local artist, following the service.

His concert got full-page publicity in both city papers.

When I got up to lead our first-ever Ash Wednesday service, the sanctuary was packed, mostly with people I

had never laid eyes on before. I panicked. "What in the world will they think of this . . . this long confession of sin . . . the imposition of the ashes? Will they think we've done a bait-and-switch, ashes instead of concert?" I offered a wordy explanation.

When the time came for the imposition of ashes I wasn't sure if anyone would come forward. To my astonishment, hundreds did. So many faces were open in hope and anticipation. So many eyes were tear-filled. We made the sign of the cross on forehead after forehead, saying only, "Turn away from your sins and believe the good news of the gospel." The sense of God's presence was palpable.

Why was that? For sure, I don't know. Touch? Mystery? Risk? Something old and ancient? Something new and strange? Maybe, in spite of all our denials and our attempts at self-justification, we do know we have sinned. And we long for mercy, for forgiveness.

So few words, repeated over and over, like a chant. "Turn away from your sins and believe the good news of the gospel." Sometimes our many words drown out God's Word. Often, too many words keep us stuck in our heads when our hearts long for God.

Let this day, this Ash Wednesday, be a day for fewer words all day long. Let it be a day for some stillness, for paying quiet attention to mystery, to beauty, to the sacred.



Captain
Retired Pastor
- Rev. Loren & Grace
Windhorst

People with Life Concerns

- The funeral service for the Rev. Dr. Marvin (Dorothea) Frederick Engelsdorfer will be held on Sat, March 11 at 11 am at St. Paul UCC, 115 W B St, Belleville, Illinois 62220.

There will be a visitation prior to the service at 10 am to 11 am. All clergy are invited to participate in a processional at the beginning of the funeral service. All clergy who wish to participate should plan to wear a robe and red stole. All robed clergy should plan to meet in the narthex of the church at 10:45 am to line up for the procession. Please continue to keep the Engelsdorfer family in your thoughts and prayers.

Cards may be sent to Dorothea at 122 Wild Rose Dr, Belleville, IL 62221.

- Please pray for Nancy (Rev. Robert) Tripp as she deals with serious health issues.

Cards may be sent to her at 9008 E South Circle Dr, Effingham, IL 62401.

- Keep Dorothy Edwards in your prayers as she deals with health issues. Dorothy is a member of the East St. Louis Good Shepherd of Faith and the mother of Pastor Norma Patterson.

- 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



Celebrating the installation of Rev. Rathman-Wingrove as Fieldon United Church of Christ as their new pastor and teacher.

Your OCWM (Our Church's Wider Mission) monies at work. Your support of OCWM helps fund the assistance local churches receive when searching for new pastors.

Save the Date!

Pastor Rosemary Captain will be ordained on Sunday, April 23, 2017 at 3 pm at St. Paul UCC in Lebanon.



DuBois Center News
A Ministry of Illinois South Conference
of the United Church of Christ

2017 Theme
Do It for the Vine
John 15:5-11 Connecting through Christ

Theme for 2017 - Do It for the Vine: Connecting through Christ John 15:5-11

In the story of the vine and the branches, we learn that we have two responsibilities: staying connected to the vine and bearing fruit. Join us this summer as we discover ways to do both! With daily scriptures to guide us, we will explore the vineyard and ways to experience God's love as we grow as branches. We'll practice seeing with our hearts, listening for God and reconnecting with Jesus, ourselves and friends at camp. It will be a grand adventure, grounded by deep roots and braced by our strong vine - Jesus Christ.



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Meet Our Summer Staff

Meet Rachel Kinzinger, one of our 2017 Village Coordinators! From New Athens, IL, she is an active member of St. John's UCC and has served on the Board of Christian Ed there. Rachel is no stranger to DuBois Center. She has been coming to summer camp since 2002- first as a camper, then a CIT, a counselor beginning in 2011 and a coordinator since 2014. Rachel also works at DuBois Center during the spring and fall seasons- hosting guest groups, cleaning, working kitchen shifts and assisting in the office. When asked why she keeps coming back, Rachel stated: "DuBois Center has always been a special place to me... camp was a place where I felt comfortable, accepted and loved. It has always been the place that has felt like home to me." Rachel is excited to be returning to camp in 2017 so that she can answer to 'Sparkle,' get lifeguard tan lines and help campers and staff make great memories. When not at camp, Rachel is a Special Education teacher. She is currently serving in a one-year position in an early childhood special education classroom near Olney, IL. In her free time, she enjoys swimming, watching Netflix and hammocking.



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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.



**CIT - Counselors in Training
(completed grades 10-12)**

CIT is a great opportunity for young people who are interested in developing their leadership skills, working with younger children, and having a great time at DuBois Center! The skills gained will help them to grow as positive Christian leaders, manage problematic behavior, create a safe, fun environment, and teach basic camp skills. The program functions much like a "lab school" with discussion, training, practice and evaluation sessions. CIT is scheduled for June 25-30, at the same time as three sessions for children who have completed grades 1-5. This means there will be lots of opportunities to engage with younger campers in supervised settings. NOTE: A special application is required - in addition to the Camp Registration Form. Previous camp experience IS NOT required. Click [here](#) for a CIT flyer to post in your church. The CIT application packet is available [online](#) or by contacting the DuBois Center office at dcinfo@DuBoisCenter.org.

Here's a Thought! Pastors and Christian Educators: Who in your congregation might benefit from this type of Christian leadership training experience?

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Upcoming Events

March

- 25 Service Saturday
- 31 - April 2 Father & Son Retreat

April

- 2 Sunday Funday
- 5 Summer Camp: Early Bird Deadline
- 22 Wrangle & Ride
- Service Saturday
- 30 Sunday Funday

May

- 12 DuBois on Broadway
- 31 Summer Staff Training Begins

June

- 11 1st Day of Summer Camp

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DuBois Center is your OCWM (Our Church's Wider Mission) monies at work. When you or your congregation gives to OCWM, you are directly supporting the work of DuBois, a Camp and Retreat Center of the Illinois South Conference of the United Church of Christ. Thank you for your ongoing support of OCWM!

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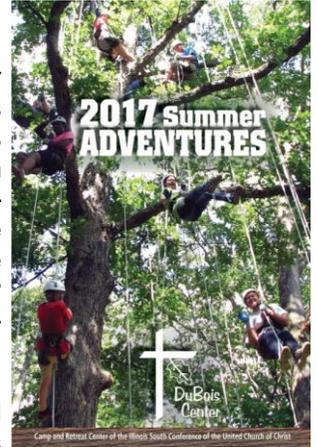
Did you get yours?

Brochures, posters and other helpful promotional materials were mailed to local churches two weeks ago. If your church has not received their packet - first, check around for a white USPS mailing box or large manila envelope. No luck? Contact DuBois Center at 618-787-2202

or dcinfo@DuBoisCenter.org.

Also let us know if you would like to receive additional copies of any of the items in the packet.

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EARLY BIRDS!

It's time to **THINK SUMMER** and catch the savings! Register for DuBois Center Summer Adventures by **Wed, April 5** and save \$20 on full-week sessions and \$10 on part-week sessions. Completed registration (online or by mail) and non-refundable deposit required.



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FATHER-SON RETREAT

Early Bird Deadline - March 10

The annual DuBois Center Father - Son Retreat is just around the corner! Quality time together, cool activities, "fellow"-ship with dads and lads of all ages, with opportunities to explore God's love and work among us woven

throughout the day. For more information, check out this [flyer](#) and reservation form, or register [online](#) today.

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Wrangle & Ride - April 22

Corral your friends for a horse intensive day at DuBois Center! Wrangle & Ride is for pony enthusiasts 12 years and older. Groom, tack, ride and enjoy horse-themed activities with other horse lovers! The cost is \$60 (or \$55 if registered by the early bird deadline) and lunch is included. To ensure more time in the saddle, space is limited to the first 12 who register. Register by mail or [online](#) now! Click [here](#) for more information or contact DuBois Center at dcinfo@duboiscenter.org or 618-787-2202.



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Buddy to Buddy Mission Experience - July 5 - 7

It's all about relationships - honest, peer to peer relations. During this close-to-home mission experience, teens encounter God as they participate together with young people from the Hoyleton Children's Home. They swim, create cool crafts and play games - together. Buddies walk side by side with their biblical "neighbors" and learn first-hand about acceptance and respect. Daily reflections and prayer times focus on diversity, justice and our role as Christians. Registration is by church group. Click [here](#) to learn more or contact the DuBois Center office at 618-787-2202 or dcinfo@DuBoisCenter.org.

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CHHSM News

Council for Health and Human Service Ministries

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.



United Church of Christ Scholarship online applications open until March 1, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. EDT. Apply now!



Ministry Education Scholarships

The UCC has a wealth of scholarships for individuals in the denomination who are engaged in education, leadership, and ministry.

Scholarships are currently available in the following areas:

[Ministry Education Scholarships](#) -

Application closes March 1

Scholarships for those preparing for ministry in the UCC and for support for ministers in financial or personal crisis.

[Leadership Development Scholarships](#) -

Application closes March 1

Scholarships that help to support UCC undergraduate students, future seminary professors, African-American laywomen, and gifted persons with disabilities, among others.

Our online Scholarship application process is safe, secure, and user-friendly!

[The Genesis Fund](#)

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Application closes March 15

The Genesis Fund will accept applications for faith-based projects that are innovative or experimental, represent a new initiative in Christian mission, or that may be deemed controversial. Funds are available for domestic and international projects. UCC local churches, associations, conferences, national bodies, UCC-related institutions, and overseas/global partner UCC churches are eligible to apply. Questions? Email: scholarships@ucc.org

LIFE at Eden Theological Seminary in St. Louis is a program that invites women and men to embrace lifelong learning and faith exploration.

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](#)

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! - Applications due March 1

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. You can learn more about the internship and download an application on the Mission's [website](#).



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...



O'Fallon UCC has roughly 25 used choir robes that they are looking to donate to someone who would use them. The robes are mostly in good condition and roughly 20+ years old. They are free for the taking. Please contact Director of Music, Phil Wilhelm via email at dr.phil@charter.net to work out the details.

Free Choir Music:

Hoyleton Zion Evangelical UCC has several copies of a few songs that they have used and are now ready to let go. There are about 12-20 copies of each song. If you would be interested in using the music, contact Priscilla at 618-318-0083 or pjj48@hotmail.com by March 13.

Job Opportunity:

Friendly, outgoing church congregation is seeking a part time secretary, 20 hours per week, 8 am to Noon, Monday through Friday. Must be proficient in Office software, Word and Excel.

Duties include assisting the Pastor with daily tasks, preparing a monthly newsletter, weekly bulletin, answering phones, opening mail, monitoring church email, compiling monthly board reports, along with quarterly congregational meeting materials and annual conference reports, as well as managing other congregational needs. Please send resume to Rev. Douglas J. Seagle at Friedens United Church of Christ, 207 E. Center Street, Troy, IL, 62294 or call 618-667-6325.

Job Opportunity:

Evangelical UCC in Highland is looking for a teacher's aide for their Wee Care Day Care. Please contact Karin at 618-654-6647 for more information.

Job Opportunity: St. John UCC in Granite City is currently seeking a part-time Church Office Financial Secretary to work two five-hour days for a total of 10 hours a week. The pay will be within the range of \$12-13 per hour.

Duties: Prepares checks for payroll and bills; enters weekly contributions to an accounting system; maintains payroll and tax records; prepares quarterly tax reports; prepares Annual Giving Reports

To apply, send resume with a cover letter to: St. John UCC, 2901 Nameoki Rd, Granite City, IL 62040. ATTN: Personnel Committee or to stjohnucc2901gc@yahoo.com. No phone calls please. Reply by March 1.

Job Opportunity: St. John UCC in Granite City is currently seeking a part-time Church Office Clerical Secretary to work three six-hour days for a total of 18 hours a week. The pay will be within the range of \$12-13 per hour.

Duties: Answer phone calls and take messages; maintains and files all correspondence; types all correspondence, reports and etc.; maintains and distributes all incoming mail; monitors and orders supplies as needed; oversees maintenance of office equipment.

To apply, send resume and cover letter to: St. John UCC, 2901 Nameoki Road, Granite City, Illinois 62040. Attn: Personnel Committee or to stjohnucc2901gc@yahoo.com. No phone calls please. Reply by March 1.

Region 1

Region 5

Region 8

Zion UCC in Marion hosts its fourth annual trivia night March 11 starting at 6 pm. Proceeds this year

Immanuel UCC in Hamel will host its Family Style Chicken Dinner on Sun, March 19 from 11:30 am - 5:30

Friedens UCC of Marissa will host a Women's Pre-Lent Breakfast the Sat, Feb 25 at 8:30 am. Starting with

will support several members who are joining the IL South trip to Ecuador in July. Tickets are \$10 each or \$75 for a table, and will be available at the door. March 11 is Johnny Appleseed Day, so apple desserts are planned along with other food available for sale.

Region 2

St. John UCC in Valmeyer will hold Fish Fries on Ash Wednesday, March 1, and Fri, March 10 from 4 pm - 8 pm with carryouts available at 3:30 pm. Enjoy cod cut-ups, homemade German potato salad, slaw, macaroni and cheese, fries and desserts. Serving will be held in the fellowship hall.

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.

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.

pm. Adults \$10; Children 6 - 9 \$5; Carry outs \$10. Quilt raffle. Church is located 1-1/2 miles south of Hamel, 5838 Staunton Rd, Edwardsville.

The Salem UCC, Alhambra Mission/Stewardship Committee will be hold a Mission To Go Barbecue on Sat, March 25 from 11 am-3 pm. Dinner includes: barbecued pork steak, homemade potato salad, homemade cole slaw, homemade pork/beans, bread, and dessert. Proceeds support the Tosagua, Ecuador Mission Trip on July 8-17 and the Exhale Youth Mission Trip. Carry Out; Drive Through; Dine in.

St. Paul UCC in Staunton will hold a Trivia Night on March 4 at the Staunton Country Club. Doors open at 6 pm and play begins at 7 pm. Teams up to 8 people. \$15 per person includes unlimited water, soda and popcorn. Call 618-635-2386 to reserve a table.

St. Paul UCC in Staunton will hold a Pancake Breakfast (Chris Cakes, Pancakes with an attitude) on Sun, March 5 from 11:30 am - 1:30 pm at the church, 225 S Laurel St, Staunton. \$10/person.

SAVE THE DATE!!

Saturday, April 29, Marine UCC Trivia Night benefiting Hoyleton Youth & Family Services. Mark your calendars, more details to come!

Region 8

Trinity UCC Biddleborn will hold its Chili and Soup Dinner on Sun, March 12 from 10:30 am - 2 pm. Menu includes chili and vegetable soups, hot dogs, dessert, and beverages. Larger quantities of soup and chili are available for sale. Free will donation will be taken.

a brief service in the sanctuary, the ladies from area churches will gather for a free breakfast and fellowship. It is an ecumenical event and welcomes all women.

Friedens UCC in Marissa will host their Wurstmarkt on Sat, March 18 from 3 pm - 7 pm. Menu is grilled whole hog sausage, homemade mashed potatoes, corn, green beans, sauerkraut, applesauce, milk gravy, drink and dessert. Adults \$10; Children \$5. Country store, handmade craft items, Handicapped accessible. Carryouts available.

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 618-566-8776 or ostromdk@charter.net.

Region 9

The Belleville St. Paul UCC Fine Arts Committee presents Spring Forward Dance on Sun, March 12 from 3 pm - 5 pm. Relax with the vocals of Bob Artime. Music, light refreshments, friends. Tickets are \$10 per person and can be purchased on Sundays or at the church office 618-233-3303. Proceeds benefit music scholarships.