

# Weekly Connection

For the Week of September 3, 2017 - September 9, 2017  
Diverse Minds, Covenant Hearts, Made One in the Body of Christ



## A Message from UCC Disaster Ministries Zach Wolgemuth, Executive

Dear Friends,

I'm sure that all of you have been watching the news the past several days as Hurricane Harvey continued to strengthen and made landfall as a Category 4 Hurricane. Harvey was the first

Category 4 Hurricane to make landfall in the US since 2004 and the worst of Harvey's destruction is yet to come in the form of flooding, according to forecasters as it stalls over Texas dropping upwards of 40 inches of rain. Harvey's full impact is yet to be determined but history tells us that the need will extend beyond the capacity of local, state, federal government and that there will most definitely be a need for helping families recover after initial emergency response efforts have ceased. This is one of the main reasons the United Church of Christ continues to focus our efforts on recovery. We recognize that walking with families and communities is what we are called to do.

As we seek to live out our vision of "A just world for all" and our expression of how we do this through the 3 Great Loves (Love of Neighbor, Love of Children and Love of Creation), responding to those in need during a time of crisis/disaster is imperative. Please continue to pray for those along the Gulf Coast and let us also not grow weary or forget the countless others who continue to recover from disasters in the US or those in distant lands who have been impacted by landslides, floods, drought, etc.

We live in tumultuous times of uncertainty where hopelessness abounds and so as the United Church of Christ we have the honor, privilege and calling to be a beacon of hope by expressing our love of neighbor, child and nature. Therefore, I would like to offer up a few options for all of us to humbly respond.

- \* Pray! Continue to pray for survivors and responders.
- \* Give! Financial contributions following disasters allow for flexibility in responding to the need at hand. Donate [here](#).
- \* Volunteer! UCC Disaster Ministries holistic approach focuses on the long- term, families and communities that can't recover on their own. Sign up to volunteer [here](#).
- \* Collect items to assemble CWS cleanup buckets. Engage local businesses, friends, family and coworkers. Don't forget that UCC Disaster Ministries has matching grants to assist you. More [info](#).
- \* Stay informed! Continue to receive updates and important [information](#).
- \* Follow! Like us on [Facebook](#).

Lastly, I would like to simply share my deep appreciation for everyone of you and the tireless service done in the name of Christ and on behalf of the UCC. Your work continues to impact lives all over the world in countless communities where it had seemed that all hope was lost.

May God continue to bless you and your hearts for service.

**NOTE: You can also send donations to Illinois South Conference and we will send it along to help UCC Disaster Ministry give support to those in need.**

### What are we still carrying?

As I work with churches, I am often surprised by the stories I hear of the things they are still carrying from the past.

- Past hurts.
- Previous disappointments.
- Old grudges.
- Ancient animosities.

When I hear or sense deep bitterness or resentment in their stories, I often try to seek clarification about the full context of what happened, when it happened and

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### Pray for...

**Prayer list for  
Sept 3 - Sept 9, 2017  
Churches & Pastors**

- Evansville St. John UCC
- Fairview Heights St. John UCC, Rev. Rosemary Captain

why it happened. What has surprised me the most is that even when people can no longer recall all the details or the specifics of what happened, they still carry the pain as if it were a fresh wound. They have not been able to simply let it go and move on.

This reminds me of a beautiful Zen story about two monks, Tanzan and Ekido.

*Tanzan and Ekido...were walking along a country road that had become extremely muddy after heavy rains. Near a village, they came upon a young woman who was trying to cross the road, but the mud was so deep it would have ruined the silk kimono she was wearing. Tanzan at once picked her up and carried her to the other side.*

*The monks walked on in silence. Five hours later, as they were approaching the lodging temple, Ekido couldn't restrain himself any longer. "Why did you carry that girl across the road?" he asked. "We monks are not supposed to do things like that."*

*"I put the girl down hours ago," said Tanzan. "Are you still carrying her?"*

Even in the early church, I believe the apostle Paul saw situations in which people were still carrying and holding on to past hurts. In his letter to the church in Colossae, he writes this simple and profound challenge, "Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you." (Colossians 3: 13-14)

When we are able to forgive one another and let go of a grievance or when we are able to forgive as the Lord forgives, we are freed up to focus on the road ahead of us.

In order to move forward to a new future God has in store for us, sometimes it is important to first ask and answer honestly...What are we still carrying?

Blessings, Shana

### SHARING IN WORSHIP WITH YOU

A Note from Shana: My worship schedule for upcoming weeks:

#### September 10

Worshiping at St. Peter's UCC, Okawville celebrating 20 years of shared ministry between Pastor Jeff and the congregation

#### September 17

Preaching at Immanuel UCC, Carlyle for their 150th Anniversary

#### September 24

Preaching at St. John's UCC, Johannesburg for their 180th Anniversary and Preaching at Zion UCC, Addieville

I am currently planning my worship schedule for December 2017 into 2018. 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 date. You can also reach me at [sjohnson@iscucc.org](mailto:sjohnson@iscucc.org). I look forward to meeting you and sharing worship with you.

**Your OCWM monies at work.**



### Retired Pastor

- Revs. Pamela Smith and Earl Menchhofer, DuQuoin, IL

### People with Life Concerns

- Pray for Jeanne (Arnold) Meyer as she continues to recuperate. She is a member of Highland Evangelical UCC and the sister of Lynnette Schuepbach, ISC Communications Coordinator.

- Keep Lelynna (Rev. James) Langdoc in your prayers as she recovers from surgery. Rev. Langdoc is a former ISC Associate Conference Minister. Cards may be sent to Lelynna at 2032 Sifield Greens Way #28, Sun City Center, FL 33573.

- Pray for Rev. Dr. Douglas Anders as he continues treatment for ongoing illness. Douglas is currently the Supply Pastor for Belleville Concordia UCC. Cards may be sent to him at 2921 Moniteau, St Louis MO 63121.

- 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.

### Clergy Invited to HSHS St. Elizabeth's Hospital for Clergy Tours

**September 6, 2017 at 2 pm OR September 8, 2017 at 10 am**

All clergy are invited on either date to tour the new, state-of-the-art hospital and learn about the continuation of our healing ministry with Father James Deiters, Board of Directors Chairperson and Peg Sebastian, President and CEO.

Things to remember:

The tour will take approximately 45 minutes to an hour.

Wear comfortable shoes.

Enter the campus through Gate B off of Regency Park Drive.

Park in the parking lot in the front of the hospital and enter through the Main Entry.

The guided tours will begin promptly at the designated times.

For security purposes, all guests will be required to sign in and sign out.

**RSVP with selected date by September 1** to Tabitha Bailey at [tabitha.bailey@hshs.org](mailto:tabitha.bailey@hshs.org) or 217-347-1275.

## Annual Meeting Warm Up Event

### ***Chronicles of the UCC: History, Boundaries, Personalities, and Stories***

On October 20, 2017, there will be an opportunity for you to learn more about Illinois South Conference and the United Church of Christ from 9:30 am - 4 pm at St. John Evangelical UCC in Collinsville. Traditionally, this day of education was for the clergy, but this year it is open to everyone. There is much to learn...

1 pm - 4 pm

#### **Storytelling in Worship**

presented by Rev. Jim Bear Jacobs

9:30 am - 4 pm

#### **The Secret Lives of Pastors**

presented by Rev. Shana Johnson

9:30 am - 4 pm

#### **Understanding Personalities Through Enneagrams**

presented by Dr. Jill Baker

9:30 am - 4 pm

#### **History and Governance of UCC**

presented by Rev. Dr. Martha Brunell

The fee is \$35 for each of the four sessions. If you are interested in attending Rev. Jacob's half-day workshop, you can choose to sit in on one of the other sessions in the morning. Click [here](#) to download registration form.

Register [online](#). Lunch at noon.

## Pre-meeting Gatherings Will Explain Decisions to Be Made at Annual Meeting

**Sunday, September 17** at Salem UCC in Alhambra beginning at 3 pm. (Closest to Regions 3, 4, 5, but all are welcome.)

**Thursday, September 21** at St. Paul UCC in Columbia beginning at 7 pm. (Closest to Regions 2, 8, 9, but all are welcome.)

**Sunday, September 24** at Church of the Good Shepherd in Carbondale beginning at 3 pm. (Closest to Regions 1, 6, 7, but all are welcome.)



### **Annual Meeting - One-Day Format - October 21, 2017**

The annual meeting has been changed to a one-day format and will be held at the Gateway Convention Center in Collinsville from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm.

#### **Keynote Speaker: Rev. Jim Bear Jacobs**

Click [here](#) for all delegate materials.

Click [here](#) to register online.

## Leadership Institute Events

**Pathways to Learning and Leadership** - online classes taught by UPSem professors and other experts in their fields. A variety of five-week classes will be offered throughout the year. If you are working on becoming a Commissioned Ruling Elder in your presbytery, check with the presbytery to see if the classes qualify toward that goal. If you just want to participate in the classes for your own edification, register soon - class sizes are limited! Each five-week class costs \$100. In September, classes on Biblical Interpretation (foundational course on Tuesdays, beginning September 12 from 7-9 pm EST) led by Dr. Carson Brisson, and Worship and Sacraments (on Thursdays, beginning September 7 from 7-9 pm EST), led by Dr. Rebecca Davis, will be offered. More information and registration can be found [here](#).

**Christian Education certification course in Polity, Program, and Mission** - This is a HYBRID course, with about 18 hours of work online at home, beginning on Sept 5, and 12 hours on campus in Richmond (October 3-5, 2017). While this course qualifies for those working on Christian Education certification, it is also open to anyone who is interested in learning about the government and structure of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Led by Rev. H. Carson Rhyne, Jr., General Presbyter/Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of the James. Cost: \$295. Click [here](#) for more information and registration.

**Seminary for a Day** - On September 23 in Richmond, Virginia, enjoy a day of workshops led by UPSem professors on a wide variety of topics, and two keynote addresses, one by Prof. Richard W. Voelz of UPSem on the topic "Conversation Forward: Preacher, Congregation, and Public in Divided Times," and one by Prof. Luke Powery of Duke Divinity School, entitled "The Gift of Tears," using Jeremiah and Jesus to illustrate the role of weeping as a vital Christian practice. The cost of the day, including a delicious lunch, is only \$25. Choose your workshops and register [here](#).

**Mission Possible: Embracing the task of strategic visioning** - October 9-12. This four-day workshop features Olanda Carr, Ministry Relations Officer for the Presbyterian Foundation. He and the participants will explore critically and statistically the state of today's mainline churches, who we are in relation to the larger church, and help develop a mission strategy for your congregation. For church administrators, this workshop will count for 1.8 CEUs toward your certification or retention requirements. Pastors, administrators, educators, and church members will come away with

practical strategies in leading your congregation. This event will take place on our Richmond campus. Cost: \$250 (\$195 for those who register by September 25), including lunch on Tuesday and Wednesday. Click [here](#) to register.

**Interim/Transitional Ministry training** - Week 1 takes place November 13-17 on our Richmond campus. For pastors interested in interim ministry and/or congregations in transition. The intense 30-hour course provides the basics for understanding interim ministry and transitional ministry. Led by Hart Edmonds, Laura Sherwood, and Ken McFayden, the curriculum for this course is unique and has been well-received since it was developed a few years ago. The cost for the week, which begins at 1 pm on Monday and ends before noon on Friday, is \$395, including lunch on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Registration is limited to 30, and we usually are filled to capacity, so [register](#) soon.

Campus housing is available on a first-come, first-serve basis for \$40 per night for a private room. If you desire to stay on campus for any of these events, do not delay in registering to ensure you get a room.



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### **MUSIC! MUSIC! MUSIC!** **Sunday, Oct 1 at Fall Festival**

Each year we are blessed to have a great line-up of local bands and musical groups at Fall Festival. This year is no exception. These groups, many of which return year after year, volunteer their time. Many of their members have a personal connection to DuBois Center and/or the UCC. So sound the trumpets and beat

the drums as we welcome and thank:

- 11 am Spirit Brass - a quintet with a wide repertoire of classic brass music
- 12:10 pm The Haneys - an uplifting Southern Gospel group seen often at local fairs
- 1:40 pm Faith Journey - the joy-filled praise band from St. Paul's UCC in Freeburg
- 3:10 pm Venedy Band - a perennial favorite, concert band Americana

Use this [flyer](#) to help spread the word about DuBois Center's annual Fall Festival on Sun, Oct 1 from 11 am - 5 pm.

### **DOCK WORK DAYS - Saturday & Monday, Sept 2 & 4**

The Oak Lodge dock is a significant piece of the DuBois Center landscape. Pontoon boats depart from it taking guests on tours and summer campers to the Rustic Village. It's a great spot for fishing or to just sit and contemplate God's amazing creation. However, it has seen better days. This coming weekend - Labor Day weekend - the ISC Property Committee plans to remove and replace it. On Saturday, the aging structure will be detached and floated across the lake where it will be dismantled. On Monday, a new modular dock will be assembled and secured in place. The group also hopes to replace the deck leading up to the dock. **VOLUNTEERS** are needed! Join Rev. RJ Morgan, pastor and former contractor, for one or both days and bring a friend! For more information or to volunteer, contact us at [dcinfo@DuBoisCenter.org](mailto:dcinfo@DuBoisCenter.org) or 618-787-2202.



### **FALL FESTIVAL 2017**

#### **Sunday, October 1**

The annual DuBois Center Fall Festival is just around the corner. This is the Center's largest friend and fund raising event of the year. Please help us spread the word! Use the logo below and this [flyer](#). Both can be inserted into your bulletins and newsletters. You can also feature the event on your web site, outdoor signage, and in PowerPoints and emails. The logo is in JPEG format, so just "right click" on it and save it in your files for future use.



### **JOB OPPORTUNITY:**

#### **Nature's Classroom Instructor**

Are you a substitute teacher, active retiree or someone with a flexible schedule? Do you enjoy the outdoors and have experience working with youth or as a teacher? Nature's Classroom Instructors are needed from September 20 through October. Work with school groups (grades 5-8) that stay overnight at the Center. Provide a fun and supportive environment, while teaching about predator-prey interactions, night life in the woods, cultural differences, erosion, teamwork and other engaging topics. Our instructors teach the classes, and lead campfires and other evening activities. Parent chaperones supervise recreation, dining tables and cabin times. Training is provided, as are meals and overnight accommodations during Nature's Classroom





### Fall Activities Brochure

Hot off the presses and soon to be delivered to churches and homes near you is our Fall Activities [Brochure](#). Make time to take in the beauty of the season at DuBois Center. From work days to

retreats and our annual Fall Festival, there's something for everyone! Click [here](#) for the retreat registration form.

- Sept 22-23 ISC Confirmation [Retreat](#)
- Sept 25 1st Day of Nature's [Classroom](#)
- Sept 29 & 30 Fall Festival Work Days
- October 1 Fall [Festival](#)
- Oct 13-15 Mother-Daughter [Retreat](#)
- Nov 4 Service Saturday
- Nov 11 Wrangle & Ride
- Dec 2 Annual "Thank You Christmas Party"

sessions. Click [here](#) for a program brochure or [here](#) for position description. Then contact DuBois Center office at 618-787-2202 or [shirley.director@DuBoisCenter.org](mailto:shirley.director@DuBoisCenter.org).



### WRANGLE & RIDE

#### Saturday, Nov. 11 - Save the Date

Join our equestrian team on Saturday, November 11 from 9am-5pm for a day with the DuBois Center herd! Wrangle & Ride is a one-day event for youth and adults age 12 and up. Spend a horse intensive day - grooming, tacking, riding and enjoying other horse related activities. The cost for this event is \$60 with lunch included. Register by October 21 and save \$5. Final deadline is October 29. For more time in the saddle, this event is limited to the first 12 who register! SAVE THE DATE and watch for reservation materials. For more information, contact DuBois Center at 618-787-2202 or [dcinfo@duboiscenter.org](mailto:dcinfo@duboiscenter.org).



### Mother & Daughter Retreat October 13-15

School, sports, band, clubs and church programs are all picking up steam, making quality family time even more difficult to schedule.

STOP! You are invited to breathe, slow down and spend quality time with the girls and women in your life at DuBois Center's annual Mother-Daughter Retreat. Engaging activities, inspiring God Time, great fellowship, meals without cooking - all are part of this weekend escape. Participate in everything or choose a more relaxed weekend, perhaps with board games, knitting or leisurely strolls. Either way, the focus of this retreat is on building relationships and making memories with loved ones! All generations and groupings are welcome: mothers and daughters, grandmothers and granddaughters, aunts and nieces! Register by Friday, Sept 21 and save \$10 per person. Early Bird Rates: \$106 for adults, \$90 for 12-17 years olds, and \$80 for 4-11 year olds. There is an additional charge for horseback riding. Registration is now open. Check out this [flyer](#) and RSVP form or go to [www.DuBoisCenter.org](http://www.DuBoisCenter.org) and register online.

**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!



## CHHSM News

Council for Health and Human Service Ministries

St. John's support groups provide opportunities for families and friends caring for an aging loved one to discuss their concerns and uncertainties, as well as find resources to help regain a sense of balance and hope. We also provide information about helpful coping techniques and resources to make your job as caregiver a little less stressful. The sessions allow you to listen and discuss common issues with the group, leaving you with more understanding and a sense that you are not alone. There is no charge to attend.

#### Family Caregiver Support Group- Collinsville

Wednesday, Sept 6, 5:30 pm - 7 pm. This support group is intended for family caregivers caring for loved ones with any type of disability. Join us for a light complimentary dinner. Sessions are held the 2nd Wednesday of every month. Complimentary care for loved ones is available with a reservation. Call 618-344-5008.

#### Alzheimer's Support Group- Collinsville

Tuesday, Sept 5, 1:30 pm - 3 pm. Join others dealing with dementia and memory loss. Sessions are held the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Complimentary care for loved ones available with reservation. Call 618-344-5008.



## What's Happening at Illinois South Conference...



Winter Weekend 2018 packets have been emailed to each of the churches and youth leaders. The event will take place on January 13-15, 2018 at DuBois Center. The theme for this year is "Seeing Clearly: No conflict between faith and science" (it's a re-do of WW17 that was cancelled due to weather). We hope you will share this packet with your senior high youth and encourage them to attend this faith-filled and relationship-building event! If you would like the packet in hard-copy format, let us know at [cpursell@iscucc.org](mailto:cpursell@iscucc.org) or 618-654-2125. Click [here](#) for the full packet. [Here](#) if you need the DCFS fillable form.

### Matthew Smith & Indelible Grace Concert - September 29

Matthew Smith & Indelible Grace will perform at 6:30 pm on Fri, Sept 29 at St. Paul's UCC in Freeburg. Matthew Smith is a Nashville-based singer-songwriter who writes brand new melodies to centuries-old hymn texts, helping guide people into emotionally honest worship. His latest album is QuietHymns. Click [here](#) for more information.

**Following the evening's worship concert, Matthew Smith will lead a seminar on hymn writing** in the church sanctuary. The seminar is open to the public, and it will be of special interest to musicians. The seminar will begin at 8:15 pm.

Tickets are \$10 in advance (buy 4 get 5th ticket free) or \$12 at the door. Purchases may be made by credit/debit card by calling the church office at 618-539-3262.



### Illinois Conference of Churches Annual Assembly - Open to ALL!

You are invited to the Annual Assembly with a theme of "United in Christ: Reconciliation and Commemoration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation." Martin Marty is the speaker, but note his presentation will be pre-recorded. Each judicatory may have two voting delegates, but all are welcome to attend, please forward this to colleagues. Seminary and college students are especially welcome with a rate of \$10. Click [here](#) for the flyer.

Early bird registration ends Sept 1. The room block at the hotel ends Sept 15. You can register online or via paper and pay either online, by mailing a check or paying at the door. Click [here](#) for a registration form.

Dinner is scheduled for Thursday, Sept 21 at 6:30 pm at Destihl, 318 Towanda Ave, Normal (NOT at their new second location!!!). Starting this year, the dinner is open to all. Each person will pay for their own meal. RSVP by 4 pm that day with an email to [laurie@illinoisconferenceofchurches.org](mailto:laurie@illinoisconferenceofchurches.org) and a subject heading of DINNER. When you arrive, ask for the Illinois Conference of Churches table.

### Job Opportunities

**Congratulations** to Darlene Warning, who is retiring as Office Manager for St. John UCC, Mascoutah after 34 years of service.

**St. John UCC in Mascoutah is looking for a full-time Office Manager** to fill that position. The position description is on the church website [www.saintjohnucc.org](http://www.saintjohnucc.org).

**St. John UCC, Mascoutah seeks a part-time Director of Music**, which involves directing and accompanying the Chancel Choir and other ensembles and soloists as well as being Director of Handbell Choir. The position description is on the church website [www.saintjohnucc.org](http://www.saintjohnucc.org)

### Printer/Copier Available

St. John Evangelical UCC in Collinsville has an old printer/copier that works but needs a new home. It is a Cannon ImageRUNNER 3570. If anyone is interested, contact Amy Rhymer at 618-344-2526 or [office@stjohnucc.org](mailto:office@stjohnucc.org).

### The Insurance Board offers free Webinars

Here's what's happening soon...

#### Keeping Ministries Safe: 5 Things Churches Can Do

Wednesday, September 13, 2017 - 2 pm to 3 pm (Eastern Time) - More information [here](#).

#### How to Avoid Background Screening Litigation

Wednesday, October 11, 2017 - 2 pm to 3 pm (Eastern Time) - More information [here](#).

### Region 3

**St. Peter UCC in Granite City will hold their 1st Quarter Auction on Sat, Sept 16.** It's a

### Region 5

**The Evangelical UCC in Highland will hold its Chicken Dinner on Sun, Sept 17 from 11 am - 4:30 pm in the dining room and 11 am**

### Region 8

**St. John UCC in Mascoutah will hold a Rummage Sale on Sept 30 from 8 am until 12 pm.** No prices given. Free-Will Donation Only! All

fast-passed auction where you bid on items using quarters instead of large sums of money. Bring a roll of quarters and bid 1 to 4 quarters on a wide variety of items or buy an "ALL IN" paddle and leave your roll of quarters at home. Doors open at 5 pm; auction starts at 6 pm. Cost at the door is \$15 per FIRST paddle; \$25 per FIRST "ALL IN" paddle; and \$10 per SECOND paddle. CASH ONLY NO CHECKS.

#### Region 4

**Fieldon UCC will host its Annual Fall Supper on Sat, Sept 23 from 4 pm - 8 pm.** All you can eat family-style deep fried buffalo fish & tender roast beef, whole potatoes in brown beef gravy, slaw with homemade dressing, green beans with bacon, homemade potato salad, homemade applesauce, relish tray, homemade pies & cakes, coffee and tea. Adults \$12; Children 6 - 12 years \$6; Children 5 and under FREE. Quilt raffle and country store.

**- 5 pm for carry outs.** Adults \$10; Children 4 - 11 years \$5; Children 3 and under Free. All carry outs \$10.

#### Region 6

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**Immanuel United Church of Christ in Carlyle will celebrate its 150th anniversary on Sunday, September 17** at the church. All are invited.

#### Region 7

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**St. Peter's United Church of Christ in Okawville requests you save Sun, Sept 10** to attend the celebration of the 20th anniversary of shared ministry with their pastor, Rev. Jeff Schwab. There will be a special worship service starting at 10 am with a potluck meal at 11:30 am in their fellowship hall. All are invited to attend and help celebrate this wonderful occasion.

proceeds benefit the Mascoutah Food Pantry! Any questions, call Rachael 618-719-9702.

**The 31st Annual Biddleborn Schlachtfest / Wurstmarkt will be held on Sun, Sept 10 at Trinity UCC in Marissa from 11 am - 4 pm.** Menu includes grilled pork sausage, mashed potatoes, sauerkraut, green beans, corn, applesauce, milk gravy, homemade applebutter, and homemade dessert. Adults \$12; Children 6-12 years \$6; Children 5 and under Free. Carry outs available. Country Store. Quilt Raffle. Games. Entertainment by The Ainad Brass Band at 12 pm and The Venedy Band at 2 pm. Free Kids' Corner. Discount coupon at website. Click [here](#).