

Weekly Connection

For the Week of September 10, 2017 - September 16, 2017
 Diverse Minds, Covenant Hearts, Made One in the Body of Christ

The Amazing People of Illinois South Conference...

Exciting times at Friedens United Church of Christ in Irvington, IL!

For the past year the congregation has been studying and praying about how its buildings can better serve the needs of the community and congregation. This week they broke ground on a major renovation project that will increase their classroom space for youth and adult meetings/classes and make their buildings more accessible to all! This photo is a sketch of how it is planned to look when complete.



A program to help feed kids in the Highland School District closed out its first year by providing 3,905 free lunches in the 10 weeks without school. A member of Evangelical UCC in Highland, Missy Loyet, began planning for Loving United Neighbors Crushing Hunger (LUNCH) Bunch in February of this year. Other communities and churches got involved. Highland Hope, St. Paul Catholic Church, Mosaic, First Congregational Church

and Highland Community Church created 14 stations where 200 volunteers (accumulative) served kids under 18 years old without any formal registration or judgment. The Highland Rotary Club and St. Joseph's Hospital contributed generous contributions. St. Paul Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus allowed the groups to use their kitchens for lunch packing. Thank you for personifying the "Love of Neighbor and Love of Children."

The ISC Hunger Action Team is urging you to WEAR ORANGE on September 14, National Hunger Action Day.

September is Hunger Action Month, a nationwide campaign led by Feeding America, a nationwide coalition of Foodbanks and Food Pantries designed to mobilize the public to take action on the issue of hunger. The campaign brings attention to the reality of food insecurity in the United States and promotes ways for individuals to get involved in the movement to help end hunger. 15% of the people of Illinois are not certain they will have a meal today. 20% (one in five) Illinois children are affected. 14% of Illinois residents over the age of 60 are food insecure on any given day. These statistics are staggering, but the ISC Hunger Action Team believes hunger is solvable. You can help by mobilizing your community and congregation. We all have a role to play in getting food to our neighbors in need. Contact your local food pantry today.



What your \$10 gift buys at the store.



What your \$10 gift buys at the Food Bank.



Food Pantry Leaders within the Illinois South Conference area tell us that by using the St. Louis Area Foodbank, which serves southern Illinois, they can stretch donated dollars to buy huge amounts of food for a fraction of the retail cost. Donate to your local food pantry or to the ISC

Hunger Action Fund through your church or directly to ISC Office, 1312 Broadway, Highland, IL 62249.

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Pray for...

Prayer list for
Sept 10 - Sept 16, 2017
Churches & Pastors

- Farina Friedens UCC
- Floraville St. Paul UCC, Pastor Matt (Laura) Friz



Hurricane Harvey Disaster Relief ISC Plan from our Disaster Coordinator

Priscilla Self, our ISC Disaster Coordinator, is working with a number of ISC pastors and Hoyleton Youth & Family Services, to coordinate the assembly and distribution of the Church World Service buckets that will be used in the clean-up after Hurricane Harvey.

They are hoping you can ask

Retired Pastor

- Rev. Louis Fluck, Marion, IL

People with Life Concerns

- Pray for Rev. Bob and Nancy Tripp as they deal with health issues. Rev. Tripp is a member of the ISC Church & Ministry Church Committee. They are members of Pana United in Faith Church. Cards may be sent to 9008 E South Cir Dr, Effingham IL 62401.

your churches and members for the following:

- Donate fully assembled CWS buckets (list of specific items to put into the bucket is attached).
- Donate items to be put into the buckets (list of specific items to put into the bucket is attached).
- Send an email to Priscilla Self at pjj48@hotmail.com to let her know what you will be donating. Then we can coordinate what items we will have donated and what items we need to purchase to complete the list.
- **Make a monetary donation to help fill the buckets. Make the checks out and send to ISC and put "CWS bucket supplies" in the memo line.**
- Volunteers will be needed to assemble the buckets. We plan on having an assembly date within the next three weeks.
- Volunteers may be needed to load the truck with the buckets for delivery to Texas. Priscilla is working with UCC Disaster Ministries to find a drop-off location.

Priscilla, ISC and Hoyleton Youth & Family Services are working on a centralized location to donate your items and/or complete buckets and we will get that information to you as soon as possible. Please watch www.iscucc.org for more details as they become available.

- The goal is to collect 200-500 (or more) buckets through our combined effort.
- It has been estimated that between 500,000 and 700,000 people will have partial to complete damage to their homes in the Texas Gulf Coast area.
- The UCC Disaster Ministries foresees working in this region for 5 years or more to help with recovery and rebuilding.

Information from UCC

The UCC is part of response networks you see on the news and those you don't see. UCC Disaster Ministries is already gearing up for our long-term recovery work in the region and your contributions for Harvey survivors means providing community support for holistic recovery, repairing house and home for families and children and restoring dignity for the most vulnerable who have lost everything in the wake of this catastrophic event.

GIVE generously to support Harvey relief and recovery efforts.

#1 Gifts may be made to Illinois South Conference through your church marked for "Hurricane Harvey." It will be forwarded to UCC Wider Church Ministries.

#2 Donations may also be sent by mail to Wider Church Ministries, Financial Services - 6th Floor, 700 Prospect Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44115.

#3 Click [here](#) to donate online.

VOLUNTEER TO ASSEMBLE CLEANUP BUCKETS. UCC Disaster Ministries is offering \$250 matching grants to congregations assembling CWS Emergency Cleanup Buckets. In an emergency like Harvey with widespread, severe flooding, the demand for buckets will be high - CWS distributed 8,000 buckets after Hurricane Matthew - but CWS has only 1,800 buckets currently in stock! ISC is coordinating a drop off point for for Cleanup Buckets (click [here](#) for bucket contents), Hygiene Kits and School Kits soon. See more about the matching grant [here](#).

PRAY IN YOUR CHURCH

[Resources](#) and a Hurricane Harvey Bulletin [Insert](#)

RAISE MONEY

Hold a yard sale, barbeque or bake sale and contribute the money raised to Harvey recovery. We know of no need for in-kind donations, especially clothes. We will notify you if that need changes.

Another Opportunity to Support Victims of Hurricane Harvey

Stories from the Retirement Housing Foundation's 16 affordable communities in Texas have been trickling in. In this time of great need, RHF encourage a you to consider a donation to the relief efforts with support to the organization of your choice.

RHF is partnering with the United Church of Christ's Emergency USA Fund for Hurricane Harvey Relief, a special fund designated to specifically help the communities and residents impacted by this storm. 100% of the donations received will go directly to efforts supporting essential on-the-ground relief efforts.

For those who choose to respond with a tax-deductible gift through RHF, donations received through September 30, 2017 will be matched up to a grand total of \$50,000 and sent through the Emergency USA Fund. (So if they receive \$50,000, RHF will respond with \$100,000 in total aid.)

To participate in this matching opportunity, you can make your gift online or mail your check payable to RHF Charitable Foundation, noting "Hurricane Harvey" on the memo line and send to:

RHF - Disaster Relief, 911 North Studebaker Road, Long Beach, CA 90815

ISC congregations are invited to participate. RHF's matching gift will be in effect through September 30th. Donations received after that date will not be eligible for a match.

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 Schwab 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. I look forward to meeting you and sharing worship with you. **Your OCWM monies at work.**

A Boundary Training has been scheduled for Wednesday, November 8 at Zion UCC, New Baden. Notices have been sent to those pastors who are due for their renewal of this training in 2017, so check your emails. The training will be conducted by Rev. Shana Johnson. For any of you who are out of the area and/or plan on taking a boundary training through another conference, please mail/email the certificate of completion to the office. Click [here](#) for the registration form.



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.

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.

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.

Attention ISC Church Delegates!!

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.)



Show the world that ISC is the home of Superman AND SUPER PEOPLE!!

The group identity shirts that ISC delegates wore at General Synod drew so much attention that the Conference Gatherings Team thought others within the Conference may enjoy "shouting" the same story.

Two ISC Delegates, Pastor Norma Patterson (left) and Verna Steinkamp (right) are modeling the shirts. Karen Gaines (another ISC Delegate) designed the shirts. See how she cleverly added the I and C to the Superman logo? And on the back it reads, "Illinois South Conference Home of Superman and Super People. We thank David Henerfauth, a member of the Conference Gatherings Team for getting it onto the shirts for us. If you are interested in having one of the shirts, click [here](#) for the order form or place the order form in your church bulletin!! Cost is \$20 per shirt.

DuBois Center News

A Ministry of Illinois South Conference
of the United Church of Christ



And LABOR they did!

A special thanks to all those who committed part of their Labor Day weekend to enhancing the facilities at DuBois Center! Workers removed and dismantled the Oak Lodge dock and adjacent deck, and then assembled and installed a new modular dock and wooden deck. As with any project, there were challenges along the way. Ask about the tools that were swallowed up by the lake, the old, rusty poles that clung tight to the sludgy lake bottom or the missing dock pieces. All added a bit of frustration and adventure to the project. RJ Morgan and the property committee took the lead on this project, and were ably assisted by a number of volunteers from throughout the Conference. Check-out our Facebook and next week's edition of Weekly Connection for additional photos and details.



Volunteers Are Needed - Fall Festival on October 1.

Each year Fall Festival is brought to you - live - by scores of volunteers! Volunteers make this event happen. If you would like to help make this year's Fall Festival a success, consider volunteering for a couple of hours or the whole day! Greet guests, take tickets, prep and serve food, walk horses, paint faces or manage a shop; there are so many ways to help! Contact DuBois Center at 618-787-2202 or dcinfo@duboiscenter.org to sign-up. We'll see you on October 1st!



These are the work areas and type of expected duties where we still have vacancies:

OUTSIDE:

- Soda stands (on Oak Lodge patio, by food court, and barn)-Chair, Clerk,
- The "Sweet Shop" by Roadside Cottage - Clerk or Cashier
- Kids' Korner by the chapel-Supervise or work at a craft table or Collect Tickets
- Hayride Ticket Collectors
- Horse Arena -walking in a circle holding on to a horse so a young rider can enjoy the ride
- Pontoon Boat Drivers
- Parking Lot Attendants

INSIDE of Oak Lodge:

- Working in the kitchen to serve Oak Lodge Café meals or Cashier
- Selling Tickets for the 3 beautiful handmade quilts
- Chairing , Cashiering, or Clerking in the Upscale Resale Shop
- Chairing, Cashiering, or Clerking for the Silent Auction

If willing to volunteer for 1 hour or more, please contact Norma Borgmann at 618-533-1658 or 618-292-4617 as soon as possible, preferably before 9/28, so schedules can be prepared. Thanks.

Donations sought:

- Snacks (i.e. cookies, cakes, pies, candies, etc.) for "Sweet Shop" (indicate nuts, raisins)
- Unique items for the Silent Auction (i.e. items in a basket)
- Upscale Resale Items for the Shoppe that are clean and new/hardly used-\$5.00 value
- Cash to defray Fall Festival expenses

If you need help to deliver Silent Auction and/or Upscale Resale Shoppe items, Norma will be at the 3 Pre-Annual Meetings (Alhambra Salem UCC on 9/17, Columbia St. Paul UCC on 9/21, and Carbondale Church of the Good Shepherd on 9/24) to accept them and take them to DuBois Center. Or contact Norma at 618-533-1658 or 618-292-4617 if items need to be picked up at a church and/or home. (Please remember we are only looking for items that can be easily carried back to the vehicles on the parking lot).

As a reminder, the "Closing Time" for Silent Auction is 3:30 pm; for Upscale Resale Shoppe is 4:00 pm; and the 3 Quilts Drawing is 4:30 pm. We are intentionally staggering the closing times at these Oak Lodge attractions for faster check-out times. Here is hoping that we will have a full display on the tables.



Volunteer BEFORE Fall Festival

There are lots of ways to help make Fall Festival a success in September!

- Promote Fall Festival - EVERYWHERE!
- Sell quilt drawing [tickets](#).
- Display one of the [quilts](#) at your church or event.
- Get a group together to bake some sweet [treats](#).
- Donate items to the Silent [Auction](#) or Upscale Resale [Shoppe](#).

- Make it a CHURCH EVENT! Promote attendance and/or volunteering as a church or church group event. Thanks in advance for your support of DuBois Center and our annual Fall Festival!



HELP PROMOTE

Fall Festival & DuBois Center

The DuBois Center's 41th Annual Fall Festival is just around the corner and your help is needed to spread the word! Date: Sunday, October 1. Time: 11am - 5pm. There will be food, music, craft booths, hayrides, horses, boat tours, kidz kraits and more - something for the whole family! Here's what you can do to help promote:

- Post [flyers](#) at your church and in community.

UPSCALE RESALE SHOPPE

Fall Festival - Oak Lodge - 10/1/2017

Donations must have a value of at least \$5.00, clean, new or nearly new, easily carried, and appealing to potential customers.

Suggestions but not limited to;

- Handbags, totes, weekender luggage, etc.
- Jewelry, scarves, etc.
- Indoor décor, art pieces, baskets, wall hangings, etc.
- Outdoor décor, signs, motifs, decorative planters, etc.
- Holiday décor, signs, wreaths, etc.
- Bagged Christmas & Birthday Presents (ready for quick sale).

For more information regarding donations, contact Norma Borgmann at nborgmann1658@charter.net or 618-292-4617 before 9/27/17.

Click [here](#) for the poster.

- Print this as a bulletin [insert](#) or handout.
 - Make announcements during services.
 - Promote the event on your church's outdoor SIGN BOARD.
 - Submit information to your local community newspaper or newsletter.
 - Make it a CHURCH EVENT! Promote attendance; volunteering as a church group.
- Thanks for your support of DuBois Center and our annual Fall Festival!



WRANGLE & RIDE
Saturday, Nov. 11

Let's hit the trails! Join our equestrian team on Saturday, November 11 from 9am - 5pm for a day with the DuBois Center herd! Wrangle & Ride is designed for adults and youth age 12 and up. Spend a horse intensive day - grooming, tacking, riding and enjoying other horse-related activities, all while experiencing God and creation in the great outdoors. The cost is \$60 with lunch included. Register by October 21 and save \$5. Final deadline is October 29, but don't delay - space is limited. For more time in the saddle, this event is limited to the first 12 who register! [Online](#) registration is now open. For more information or to register by mail, check out this [flyer](#) or contact DuBois Center at 618-787-2202 or dcinfo@DuBoisCenter.org.

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 to work with school groups (grades 5-8) that stay overnight at the Center. They also 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 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.



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...

This is a warm and friendly invitation to retired pastors and spouses in Illinois South Conference to join in good conversation and fellowship over a lunch meal on Thursday, September 28 at 11:30 am at the Red Apple Restaurant in Maryville on IL 159. Our Pastors Fellowship normally meets on the 4th Thursday noon of the fall, winter and spring months as an intentional way of keeping closely connected with friends and colleagues. We welcome newcomers as well as familiar faces from last year. To make reservations, please email or telephone Herb & Bennie Schafale at herbenne@wisperhome.com or 618-476-3925 no later than September 26.



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 or 618-654-2125. Click [here](#) for the full packet. [Here](#) if you need the DCFS fillable form.

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.

Contact Tabitha Bailey at tabitha.bailey@hshs.org or 217-347-1275 to see if space is still available.

Job Opportunity

St. John UCC, Mascoutah seeks a keyboard/piano accompanist for their Choir and vocal ensembles. It is a part-time position that would work with their Director of Music, Christina Kruger. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings (September through mid-May) and two or three Sundays per month (both services). Contact St. John at office@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.

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 1

On Sept 30, the 2nd Annual Oktoberfest at Zion UCC's east lawn in Marion will run from 11 am-3 pm. Great German meal with live music by the German Waterloo Band. Adults \$12, Families \$30 (2 adults/kids under 12). German, Belgium and domestic beer available by separate ticket. Castle bounce house and games for the kids. Raffle with 4 great prizes, too.

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 - 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

Region 8

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

Region 3

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

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.

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

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](#).

Matthew Smith & Indelible Grace Concert on 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 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.