

Weekly Connection

For the Week of March 26, 2017 - April 1, 2017
Diverse Minds, Covenant Hearts, Made One in the Body of Christ

Bring a toy and/or send some treats to General Synod to benefit Best Friends Animal Society

Written by Connie Larkman

The General Synod of the United Church of Christ is taking on a service project this June in Baltimore to serve people's best friends.

"When Valerie and Lee asked us to help with the service projects, I proposed to the Local Arrangements Committee that we do projects to benefit people, the environment and animals.

I don't recall ever hearing about a service project for animals at Synod, so I thought it might be worth a try," said Jill White, chair of the Central Atlantic Conference Local Arrangements Committee. "I had originally contacted another program in Baltimore, but they are not a no-kill shelter. So, I went to Best Friends - a program based in Utah that my husband and I have supported for years. I was concerned about them not being Baltimore based, but they work with shelters in Baltimore so it seemed a great fit."

Best Friends Animal Society is the only national animal welfare organization focused exclusively on ending the killing of dogs and cats in America's shelters. An authority and leader in the no-kill movement, Best Friends runs the nation's largest no-kill sanctuary for companion animals, as well as lifesaving programs in partnership with rescue groups and shelters across the country.

If you are going to General Synod, you are being encouraged to support this service project for cats and dogs by donating toys and treats for the animals. Best Friends Animal Society will have representatives on site during the gathering, June 29 - July 4, to help collect and distribute items to shelter partners in the Baltimore area. They will also be accepting financial donations. Read [more](#).

ISC will take your toy or treats with us to General Synod if you send or bring them to the Highland Office at 1312 Broadway, Highland, IL 62249.



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Pray for...

Prayer list for
March 26 - April 1, 2017
Churches & Pastors

- O'Fallon UCC, Rev. Dr. Martha Thierheimer
- Ohlman St. Paul's UCC

Hoyleton Serves the Most Vulnerable Population

by Chris Cox, CEO & Director of Hoyleton Youth & Family Services

One of Hoyleton's values is the commitment to serve the most vulnerable members of our community. It is important for us to celebrate the many ways which this happens within our ministry.

Among all of the struggles our country is facing today, our Hispanic brothers and sisters may be the most threatened. Within the past four weeks, I am aware of nine families within Fairmont City that have been detained and are now awaiting a deportation hearing. Families are being split up and children are now being brought into the state childcare system. No matter our individual political beliefs or our personal view on immigration no one wants to see children traumatized and separated from their loved ones. Our team members in Puentes de Esperanza recognized weeks ago the importance of assisting this vulnerable population. To help them better understand their legal rights, they developed an assigned guardianship process. As part of a multi-agency provider and attorney initiative, we were able to conduct three seminars where 200 parents gained invaluable assistance in creating guardianship plans for their families in case something were to happen. As a direct result of our team members recognizing a threat to a vulnerable population, we were able to mobilize the needed resources to ensure children are safe. Our Puentes team is living out our organizational values.



Insurance Board Offers Free Webinars

Do you know the legal implications if your church wants to be a sanctuary church for at-risk immigrants?

Heather Kimmel, General Counsel for the United Church of Christ, addresses the

current interest of faith communities in operating as sanctuary churches, the legal risks, and ways churches can minister to undocumented persons. This information is relevant and timely for all UCC, Disciples of Christ (Christian Church), Presbyterian Church(USA) and Alliance of Baptist churches. Everyone is invited to attend.

Tues, April 18 at 2pm EST. Click [here](#) to find out more and to register.

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Upcoming Events at Eden Theological Seminary

LIFE at Eden: *"The Church is a Learning Community" or "The Sacrament of Baptism in our Lives Today"*

April 7-8, 2017

Eden Seminary campus or via videoconference

Choose between two sessions. "The Church is a Learning Community" with the Rev. Dr. Mai-Anh Le Tran or "The Sacrament of Baptism in our Spiritual Lives Today" with the Rev. Dr. Ginny Brown Daniel, MO Mid-South Conference Minister. Visit the [website](#) to learn more and to register.

Spring Convocation: Christian Faith and our Religious Neighbors

April 18-19, 2017

Speakers include Dr. Dale Bishop, Dr. Damayanthi Niles, and Dr. Paul Knitter

What does it mean to love our neighbors when our neighbors do not share our faith? How do Christians participate in a pluralistic religious world without denigrating the faith of others or denying our own? With "Christian Faith and Our Religious Neighbors" and in conjunction with the Armin and Shirley Limper Program in Christianity and World Religions, Eden Seminary brings together three leading scholars on Christianity and pluralism to consider these questions and re-imagine Christianity's relationship with other faiths. Visit www.eden.edu to learn more and to register.

Spring Commencement will be on May 19, 2017 at 7:30 pm at the Pilgrim United Church of Christ, 826 Union Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63108

Retired Pastor

- Rev. Elmer and Linda Bowman, Trenton, IL

People with Life Concerns

- 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.



LESSONS FROM THE WOMAN AT THE WELL

The way in which the story of the woman at the well is told in John 4: 1-42 causes me to wonder why the Samaritan woman was drawing water at the hottest part of the day.

Common sense would be that the best time of the day to draw water would be in the cool of the morning, not the heat of high noon. Something certainly the woman at the well would know. Perhaps previously, others had ostracized her or perhaps she had isolated herself out of fear and shame.

People often distance themselves when they need others the most. Think about how this often happens in the church. People go through difficult circumstances or they make

unfortunate decisions that create difficult situations and they distance themselves.

They come late and leave early. They sit in the back row and avoid conversation.

Before you know it, they seem to drift off and disappear. They are afraid to be seen. They are afraid to admit the heavy weight of fear, shame, and guilt that they are carrying.

I believe the woman who came to draw water from the well that day was carrying a story she feared no one would receive or understand. She was afraid to be seen as she really was. What if people really knew her? What if people really knew her past decisions, choices, and series of unfortunate events? Could anyone ever accept her?

This fear is a fear that, if we are honest with ourselves, we all carry. What if people knew _____?-- and you can fill in the blank.

What if people knew...

You are bad with money.
You are bad at relationships.
You struggle with addiction.
You struggle with depression.
You lose your temper too often.
You lose jobs too often.
You disappoint others.
You disappoint yourself.
What if people knew?

Along with her water jar, perhaps this also is what the woman carries with her when she encounters Jesus.

After asking her for a drink of water, Jesus assures her HE can offer her the living water, water that will quench a thirst she has spent a lifetime seeking. Yet, the shame she has been trying to hide rises up from the pit of her stomach and turns into the burning sensation of shame in her throat when Jesus says to her, "Go call your husband, and come back." She can no longer hide. Then she looks at Jesus and something beautiful, something miraculous, something transforming happens. Jesus sees her and she senses that he accepts her and will not judge her. She feels safe. Safe to be herself.

Safe to reveal her truth. "I have no husband." As soon as she says it aloud, something changes, something shifts. The past no longer has power over her because the way in which Jesus receives her truth.

Without judgment or condemnation, Jesus acknowledges her with,

"You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!"

Jesus offers her the gift we all need...we all long for...for which we thirst.

He creates a safe place for her to be honest, open and vulnerable. Then, when she reveals her truth, he offers her unconditional love, grace, and extravagant welcome.

Jesus models in that moment what he calls us to model and live out in the church.

The mission of the church of Jesus Christ is to seek to offer safe places where people can be honest, open, and vulnerable. Places where the transforming love, grace and extravagant welcome of Christ is practiced and can be received by all who walk through our doors.

May we be like the Samaritan woman. May we first have the courage to tell the truth, to be honest with ourselves and with God. Then may we accept the powerful truth that Jesus sees us completely, knows us fully, and forgives us freely. May we receive Christ's gift of overflowing grace. Finally, may we follow her example and share the good news and the gift of Christ's transforming love, grace, and extravagant welcome with all. Blessing, Shana

SHARING IN WORSHIP WITH YOU

A Note from Shana

My worship schedule for upcoming weeks:

March 26

Worshiping at First Congregational, Dupo

April 2

Worshiping at Immanuel UCC, Hamel

April 5 - Wednesday

Preaching at St. John UCC, New Athens

April 9

Worshiping at St. John Evangelical UCC, Collinsville to welcome Rev. Dr. Marvin Morgan

April 15 - Saturday

Preaching at Region 8 Easter Vigil Service, St. Paul, Lebanon

I am currently planning my worship schedule for July 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

Send Your Yearbook Info to Lynnette TODAY!

Online yearbook entry for churches is locked, but still open for the Conference. Send your information to lschuepbach@iscucc.org or 1312 Broadway, Highland, IL 62249 and Lynnette will enter it for you. 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.



The Website Is Coming Back!! Every day, more things are being added. Check it out first to find the answer to questions that may come up. www.iscucc.org. Let Lynnette know if something is incorrect and send an email to lschuepbach@iscucc.org.
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DuBois Center News

A Ministry of Illinois South Conference
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VOLUNTEERS are the HEART

Volunteers are the heart of strong and healthy Outdoor Ministry programs. At DuBois Center, they serve throughout the year on committees and teams, at the barn, in the office, on work projects, leading retreats and raising funds. During the summer, there are a variety of ways to be involved and make a difference in the lives of the young people we serve. Join us for a few hours on a Sunday afternoon, a couple days during the week or a

full week of camp. Volunteers work hand in hand with paid summer staff to provide our fun, engaging and faith-filled program. For more information contact DuBois Center at dcinfo@DuBoisCenter.org or 618-787-2202. Volunteer applications are available [online](#).

Summer Volunteer Options:

- Cabin Counselor
- Barn Helper
- Photographer
- Chaplain
- Nurse
- Activity Leader
- Sunday Welcome Team

If you, or someone you know, would like to volunteer, but is only 15 or 16, consider the [CIT](#) (Counselor in Training) [program](#), June 25-30.

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MEET our SUMMER STAFF

Welcome, Ryan Goetter, to our 2017 team! This will be his third season on summer staff. Ryan grew up near Collinsville IL, an avid member of his high school band and active member of St. John Evangelical UCC. He attended summer camp at DuBois Center for many years, including our C.I.T. (Counselors in Training) program in 2013. While in high school, Ryan volunteered as a teacher for 4-H groups. That experience has proven to be valuable as DuBois Center began partnering with 4-H of Southern Illinois for their summer camp program. This summer, Ryan will be coordinating our staff team for that endeavor. In addition to serving as a Counselor/Activity Specialist for DuBois Center, Ryan also counsels for Camp Phoenix, the summer camp for the Episcopal Dioceses of Missouri.

Ryan is a student at Missouri State University where he studies Instrumental Music Education. This has given him even more experience working with youth through practicum credit hours. On campus, Ryan works in the business office of the medical clinic and is actively involved in Lambda Chi Alpha. He is the Director for Drug and Alcohol Awareness for the MSU chapter of FLSA (Fraternity and Sorority Leaders of Social Awareness). Ryan is passionate about summer camp - from the magical "escape from the real world" to the wacky songs and the spirit-filled worship circles. The wonderful, often off-beat, interactions with campers and the enduring friendships with fellow staff members - he loves it all!





Wrangle & Ride - Saturday, April 22
Early Bird Deadline - April 1

Register for this horse-loving day by April 1 and pay the Early Bird rate. Then join other horse enthusiasts (12 years to adult) on April 22 for some good ol' horsin' around! This event is limited to the first 12 who register -

which means more time in the saddle for everyone! Check out this flyer for more information. Register by mail only. **Your OCWM (Our Church's Wider Mission) monies at work.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

March
25 Service [Saturday](#)
31 - April 2 Father & Son Retreat/full

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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EARLY BIRD DEADLINE Wednesday, April 5

Snow, rain, freezing temps, heat wave... the weather may be unpredictable, but we definitely know that it's time to **THINK SUMMER!** The Early Bird Deadline for DuBois Center 2017 Summer Adventures is just around the corner! Save \$20 on full-week sessions and \$10 on

part-week sessions. Completed registration (online or by mail) and non-refundable deposit are required for this discount. View the brochure [online](#) or [download](#) it along with a registration [form](#). You may also contact DuBois Center at dcinfo@DuBoisCenter.org or 618-787-2202 to receive these by mail.

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RECYCLE your GOLF CART

Planning to replace your golf cart this spring? Have one that is just taking up space? DuBois Center is in need of a 4-seat golf cart - gas or electric. Currently our nurses use a gator with two seats to respond to situations and deliver medication. If a camper needs to be transported back to the health center for treatment, there is no room for a third person. Renting a golf cart for the summer is very expensive, so we are exploring other options. You can help with this critical need and, perhaps, save some on your taxes. Donations are tax-deductible. Contact Shirley at dcinfo@DuBoisCenter.org or 618-787-2202 for more information.

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Service Saturday THIS SATURDAY - March 25

Spring is here! Are you ready to get outdoors and stretch your muscles? Then join us this Saturday, March 25! Check out this [flyer](#) for details. Depending on the weather, projects will include carpentry work in the rustic village, cleaning at Oak Lodge - inside and outside, leaf and shrub removal, racking wood and painting. Call DuBois Center at 618-787-2202 to let us know you are attending and if you or someone in your group has a specific skill set. If this date doesn't work for you or your group, join us on April 22 or call to set up

an alternative date. Permission [forms](#) and [waivers](#) are needed for all attendees.



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



The St. Louis Association Women UCC is having their annual Spring Pilgrimage on Monday, April 24, 2017 and would love for you to attend! Join the ladies at Neighborhood Houses' Early Childhood Education Center at Caroline Mission and help with a variety of volunteer work, enjoy some delicious lunch, and end the morning with a worship service. Click [here](#) for more information and how to register. Please contact Nancy Remmert at 314-522-3718 with any questions. Reservations are due by April 14, 2017.

Deaconess Nurse Ministry has been selected as one of four St. Louis nonprofit health organizations to benefit from the proceeds raised at the very popular Signature Foundation Golf Tournament. The tournament will be held on April 24th, and we invite you to register for this fun and charitable outing.



When: Monday, April 24th, 2017

Where: Whitmoor Country Club - 1100 Whitmoor Drive St. Charles, MO

Cost: \$300 per golfer

Volunteer Request: Not playing? That's ok! We're in need of volunteers to help out at our booth and on the course. Please contact [Rev. Donna Smith - Pupillo](#), DNM Executive Director, to learn more. For more information and to register to play, click [here](#).



SPRING CLEANING DAY AT KINDERCOTTAGE

We invite you to join us on April 29 with your gloves, mops, buckets, rags, lawnmowers, trimmers, aprons and a sack lunch. We'll work from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm. April brings new birth, fresh air, warmer weather and hopefully not too many showers. The building needs freshness and we'll give it that by cleaning windows, walls, floors, and bathrooms. Outdoors we'll pick-up, trim and cut. Do you have a paper shredder? There is a storage room with files needing to be cleaned, organized and files shredded. If you have a shredder, please bring it with you. Gather your mission groups, men's and women's fellowship members, confirmands and all others wanting to help.

What's Happening at Illinois South Conference...

Equality Illinois presents EqualityCon 2017 on May 6, 2017 in Springfield, IL at the State House Inn. It is a one-day conference in Springfield bringing together the state's LGBTQ community with allies, progressive advocates, civic leaders and community groups. Speakers and panel discussions will cover a wide range of topics including adoption by LGBTQ parents, updating legal documents for transgender Illinoisans, LGBTQ rights in the schools, and much more. To learn more and to register, click [here](#).



The Grantfork UCC Mission and Membership committee will be hosting a 145th church anniversary coffee and cake hour after worship at 10:15 am on April 2. We cordially invite all of the past confirmands of the church to attend the service and plan to recognize them during worship. Please spread the word to any confirmands that you may know. We will be treated to a special performance of the children's choir as well. Contact the church office at 618- 675-2595 with any questions.

The United Church of Christ Musicians Association National Biennial Conference will be on July 9 - 12, 2017 in Boston, Massachusetts.

The conference will nurture, invigorate, and inspire. Housing, workshops, and conference rehearsals will be held at Simmons College, located in the Fenway neighborhood, steps away from the historic Museum of Fine Arts and Fenway Park. Each night, attendees will experience one of Boston's historic churches in neighborhoods rich with the story of our nation, and led by a variety of ministers, musicians, and musical styles: The United Parish in Brookline, First Church in Cambridge, Old North Church in the North End, and Back Bay's Old South Church. Registration fees for UCMA members is \$375 by April 15 (\$425 for non-members) and \$425 after April 15 (\$475 for non-members). Daily registration is \$135. For more information and registration, click [here](#) or call Susan DeSelms at 617-277-6860, ext. 3.





The Faith Family of St. Paul United Church of Christ, Lebanon,
In Covenant with
The Illinois South Conference
Of the
United Church of Christ

Rejoices in inviting you to celebrate the
The Rite of Ordination into Christian Ministry
In the life of

ROSEMARY LORENZ CAPTAIN

Sunday, April 23, 2017, 3:00 p.m.

In the worship home of

St. Paul United Church of Christ, 123 East Dee Street

Dinner after by Reservation Only \$10/person

Call 618-537-4991 no later than April 17

The gift of your presence is all that Rosemary requests.

Should you desire to make a gift, please do so to:

DuBois Center.

All clergy who attend are encouraged to robe with RED stole. Click [here](#) for invitation.

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

Salem UCC, Alhambra is looking to fill the position of Office Coordinator. The ideal candidate will be proficient with Word, Excel, and social media. This person must also possess excellent grammar and editing skills. The Office Coordinator must be able to professionally interact with the public as the Office Coordinator is the "face" of Salem Church. The position consists of a flexible 24 hour work week and a competitive salary conditional on experience. To apply, please forward your resume to salemuccalh@gmail.com. If you have any questions regarding this position, please call Pastor Jerry at 618-488-3215.

Job Opportunity:

Deaconess Nurse Ministry is looking for person that is passionate about compassionate healthcare for all to work 24 hours with donors and events. Send resume to dpupillo@faithnurses.org.

Region 2

St. Peter UCC in Red Bud will have a "Fish Fry" on Fri, March 24 from 4 pm - 7 pm. Menu includes jumbo cod, catfish cutups and chicken strips, German potato salad, American potato salad, stewed tomatoes, macaroni and cheese, baked beans, slaw, and French fries. Eat in or carry out.

Christ UCC in Dupo will hold its Chicken & Dumpling Dinner on Sun, March 26 from 11:30 am - 3:00 pm. Adults - \$9.50; Children 5 to 12 yrs. - \$4; Under 5 yrs. - Free. Dinner Includes: green beans, carrots, cole slaw, bread and dessert. Carry outs available. Call 286-4211 for deliveries!

Region 4

St. John's UCC of Midway will be holding an All You Can Eat Chicken Dinner on Sun, March 26 from 11

Region 4

St. John's UCC in Brighton will hold their annual Friday Fish Fry - March 24, 31, and April 7. 11 am - 6 pm. Dine in or Carry out. Lunchtime deliveries to businesses and schools are also available. Call church for details 618-372-3737.

Region 5

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.

Region 6

Carlinville St. Paul UCC will hold a Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner on Sun, March 26 from 11 am - 1 pm. Menu is homemade spaghetti and meatballs, side salad, applesauce, garlic bread, beverages, and homemade desserts. Sponsored by St. Paul's R & R Committee and the Senior and Junior Youth Groups. Adults \$8; Children 6 and under \$4. Carryouts available at adult price.

Region 8

The Congregations and Pastors of Region 8 of the Illinois South Conference of the United Church of Christ invite everyone to attend the Region 8 Easter Vigil Service of Word & Sacrament on Holy Sat, April 15 at 7:00 pm at St. Paul UCC in Lebanon. Rev. Shana Johnson, Designated Conference Minister of the

am until 3 pm at the Moose Lodge, 7371 Marine Road, Edwardsville, IL (about 1 mile east of Edwardsville on Rt. 143). Menu includes fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, seasoned green beans, corn, dinner salad, bread, tea and coffee. Adults \$9; Children 2 years to 12 years old \$4. Tickets can be purchased at the door. Carry outs available. Delicious homemade pies and desserts will also be available for purchase at the dinner. Contact the church at 618-377-9288.

St. John UCC in Wood River will have their annual "All You Can Eat" Lenten Fish Fries on Friday, March 24, 31, and April 7 from 4 - 7 pm. Dinners include White Fish or Swai fillets, choice of 2 sides (potato salad, cole slaw and baked beans), white or rye bread, choice of dessert and a beverage. Adults \$9, Children 6-10 yrs \$5; and Children under 5 yrs free (dine-in only). Visa and Mastercard accepted, handicap accessible, carry-outs available.

Marine UCC will host the 16th annual Trivia Night benefiting Hoyleton Youth & Family Services on Sat, April 29. Challenging trivia, door prizes and more. Cost \$12 per person, 8 players to a table, \$96 for a team/table. Prizes will be awarded to the 1st and 2nd place winning teams.

If you can't attend, buy a raffle ticket for an Amazon Echo, Instax Mini 8 Camera with film or a Kindle Fire 16GB tablet. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20. Sponsored by Stop-N-Go Mart of Marine, Voigt Services, Troy Towing & Storage, Marine Coin Company, Millie's Diner and M&M Service Company. Contact 618-887-4465 to reserve a table for trivia or purchase raffle tickets.

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.

ISC, will be the guest preacher for this wonderful service. Allow this Easter Vigil Service to transform the darkness of Good Friday into the Resurrection Joy of an Empty Tomb! Everyone is welcome here!

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.