

Weekly Connection

For the Week of October 21 - October 27, 2018
Diverse Minds, Covenant Hearts, Made One in the Body of Christ

RENEWING MINDS

A SERIES OF PAYING ATTENTION TO OUR SPIRITUAL HEALTH

--written by Rev. Shana Johnson

"And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind..." (Romans 12:2)

This is the third installment of a series I created and entitled "Renewing Our Minds." Below is a sort of fact sheet that you might find as a pamphlet in the waiting room of a doctor's office or as a page on WebMD.

It is meant to be a tongue-in-cheek way of not only offering ourselves the grace and humor to be honest about our spiritual struggles, but also as a way to begin a wider conversation about those things that exist and we see in our personal lives and in the lives of our churches, yet rarely speak of openly. My hope in sharing this with you is to spark some reflection and conversation.

NID: A Growing Problem in the Church

NID, better known as "Not I Disorder," is a common condition in which children or adults have difficulty taking personal responsibility and sharing the work load of a community. In recent years church leaders are reporting a staggering increase of NID in local churches. Although about 80% of church members are thought to have NID, few are diagnosed with, or treated for, the condition. Unfortunately, the symptoms and conditions that accompany NID as it relates to the mission and ministry of the church can have frustrating, and at times devastating effects on the whole church family.

What causes NID?

Although the rapidly increasing pace of our modern life is thought to play a role in NID, other critical factors such as apathy, self-centeredness, fear of commitment, lack of ownership and a misunderstanding of the gospel itself may be at work, too.

Are you at Risk?

To determine if you are at risk for NID, consider the list of the most common symptoms of NID, as well as the self screen test we have provided below.

NID: Symptoms

The most common symptoms of NID include:

Avoidance of any personal responsibility for the work and direction of the church.

Convincing yourself that "someone else" will do it.

Sporadic attendance which leads to few opportunities to worship, learn and serve.

Minimal sharing of the resources that are available to you.

Operating under a "That doesn't apply to me" mentality.

Self diagnosis

You may have NID if:

The idea of membership makes you uncomfortable because you fear the responsibility that might go along with it.

You refuse to return phone calls or simply avoid speaking to persons who have asked you to help with certain projects or programs.

You openly complain or worry about the direction of the church or its

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Pray for...

Prayer list for Oct 21 - Oct 27, 2018

Churches & Pastors

- Saint Jacob UCC, Rev.

Nancy (Stephen) Gamache,
Interim Pastor

- Staunton St. Paul UCC, Rev.
Debbie Jo Atkins

ministry, but refuse to step forward to do the necessary work to bring about positive changes.

You are not willing to take the necessary actions needed to become a part of the solution. Remember that popular 1970's saying: *"If you're not part of the solution, you're part of the problem."*

If people really knew how little of your available resources you gave to the church; you would be embarrassed.

Prevention

Although this is not an instant cure for NID here are some simple ABCs of reducing the symptoms of "Not I Disorder."

Steps to managing NID

Step 1: Acknowledge.

Acknowledge all the ways you escape and avoid personal responsibility. Acknowledge the ways you make excuses and try to justify your lack of response and action to the call of Christ in your life. Acknowledge your need for spiritual growth in your life. Acknowledge how much God has done for you. Acknowledge that your stewardship and tithing is not a duty or obligation, but rather an act of gratitude to God.

Step 2: Breathe.

As soon as you experience a "Not I" thought--breathe. As soon as a "Not I" statement or excuse is uttered from your lips--Breathe. Breathe and honestly ask yourself why you are not willing to step forward and accept the cost of discipleship.

Step 3: Challenge.

Challenge yourself to be a true disciple of Christ who is willing to take up the cross and do the hard work. Challenge yourself to say yes. Challenge yourself to take action in big and small ways, and in being faithful in all things.

Blessings, Rev. Shana Johnson, Conference Minister

SHANA'S UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE

October 21

Preaching at St. John's UCC, Breese for their church anniversary celebration

October 27

Illinois South Conference Annual Meeting

October 28

Preaching at Zion UCC, Marion for their church anniversary celebration

If you would like our Conference Minister to participate in a worship service or special event at your church, please invite her. Please reach out to Rev. Johnson at the office at 618-654-2125 or her cell phone at 618-882-8247 with some possible dates. You can also send her an email at sjohnson@iscucc.org.

This is your OCWM monies at work.



The Amazing People of Illinois South Conference...

Zion UCC, Hoyleton Assembles Clean-Up Buckets

Zion members and friends recently gathered in their Fellowship Hall to assemble 40 Church World Service Clean-Up buckets for distribution to those affected by disasters. On October 11, Pastor Bill and Patti Causer delivered the buckets to the CWS drop-off point at Immanuel UCC in Ferguson, MO.

Supplies were purchased at cost from members Kim and Gerard Restoff of Restoff's Hardware in Nashville. The buckets and lids were donated by Deli Star in Fayetteville. Since the 2017 Hurricanes, Zion has designated their weekly loose offering for Disaster Relief. This along with other direct donations made this effort possible. Disaster Ministries is an ongoing outreach mission for Zion.

- Stone Church St. Peter's UCC, Pastor Cherie (Michael) Stolze

Retired Pastor

- Rev. Jerry Bennett, Highland, IL

People with Life Concerns

- Please pray for the family of Debbie Kleiboeker as they mourn her death. Debbie was a long time member of Zion Evangelical UCC, the Church & Ministry Team (predecessor team to the Committee on Ministry), Conference Council, Conference Gatherings Team, and she was on the lay pulpit supply list. Cards may be sent to her daughter Heidi (Frank) Villasenor in care of the Hoyleton Zion Evangelical UCC, PO Box 206, Hoyleton, IL 62803.

- Keep Kyle Nuetzel (24) in your prayers as he continues rehabilitation at home. Kyle is the son of Kathy & Rev. Patrick Poole.

- Keep Rev. Paul and Marilyn Thompson in your prayers as each of them deals with health issues. Rev. Thompson is retired, but serves on the ISC Recruitment Committee. Cards may be sent to them at 910 Circle Drive, Red Bud, IL 62278.

- Pray for Pastor Tom (Marcia) Ellison who is recovering from surgery. Pastor Ellison is the pastor at St. Mark's UCC in DuBois and serves as ISC's Region 7 Convener. He has also served on several other teams as well as Conference Council. Cards may be sent to 11426 State Highway 37, Benton, IL 62812.

An Article about Brighton St. John UCC Appeared in the RiverBend.com News on October 12

Brighton Church to Host Positive and Affirming Service for LGBTQIA Residents

by Cory Davenport

Thursday was National Coming Out Day, a day when people are encouraged to "come out" about their gender and/or sexuality to friends, family and the world at large.

To encourage openness, safety, love and acceptance of LGBTQIA people in its congregation and the Riverbend area at large, St. John's United Church of Christ is hosting a special Open and Affirming worship service this Sunday, Oct. 14 at 10:15 a.m. The church has a history of being accepting to everyone of any demographics and voted overwhelmingly on Jan. 31, 2016, to approve a Covenant of Inclusivity, which officially articulates what the church was already doing by being open and inclusive to everyone.

Read the entire [article](#).



Join St. Peter's UCC in Murphysboro

For the installation of

Reverend Michael R. Cassady

Sunday, November 4, 2018

3 pm

St. Peter's United Church of Christ

1512 Spruce Street, Murphysboro, IL



No gifts please. A reception to follow the service. Pastors who wish to participate are asked to robe with a red stole and arrive one-half hour prior to service.



Eden Theological Seminary presents an interfaith event Speaker Series: Sh'MA: LISTEN featuring Rabbi Shai Held entitled Humanity in the Image of God: The Bible's Moral & Theological Revolution on Fri, Oct 19 at 10 am at Eden Theological Seminary in the Chapel. It is part of the Rabbi Arnold Asher Memorial Lecture Series in Honor of his 40th Yahrzeit.

The idea of being created in the image of God was found in the ancient world before the Bible took shape, but the Bible takes the idea and turns it on its head. By comparing the Biblical idea with its ancient Near Eastern counterparts, we'll begin to understand the Bible's revolutionary perspectives on human dignity, moral responsibility, and a sense of shared humanity. Along the way we'll also gain new perspectives on the Bible's view of humanity's relationship to the rest of the created world.

Light refreshments will be served.

RSVP: Marla at mullrich@jrcrstl.org, 314-442-3871

Collaborative Sponsors: Kol Rinah, Center for Jewish Learning, Jewish Community Relations Council, Saul Brodsky Jewish Community Library



The Current Situation - Hurricane Florence, Hurricane Michael Updated 10/12/2018

Hurricane Florence made landfall in the U.S. Carolinas Sept. 14, then lingered over the region, causing catastrophic flooding, including prolonged significant river flooding, to the Carolina coast and inland. More than 40 people in the Carolinas and Virginia were killed. The environmental and economic impacts of the storm's damage are vast.

Hurricane Michael slammed into the Florida panhandle on October 10 as a Category 4 hurricane with winds of 155 mph. The winds and rain continued across Georgia and the Carolinas with widespread flooding. These areas had already been hit last month by Hurricane Florence.

Photo: Kathy Coy stands among what is left of her home after Hurricane Michael destroyed it on October 11, 2018 in Panama City, Florida. She said she was in the home when it was blown apart and is thankful to be alive.



The UCC's Response

UCC Disaster Ministries continues to monitor the situation unfolding with Hurricanes Florence and Michael in communications with FEMA, National VOAD, partners, UCC Conferences and Conference Disaster Coordinators.

The widespread impact from Florence, Mangkhut, Michael and other storms has prompted UCC Disaster Ministries to establish a 2018 Hurricane Relief response that will allow us to expand our current capacities and respond through our established networks and partners in the threatened regions, states and territories. Click [here](#) for bulletin insert.

UCC Disaster Ministries is encouraging continued prayer for all the families, individuals, first responders and emergency management staff in the region and urges all in the hurricane's path to heed all local and regional warnings.

If you are in a threatened or affected area, have family and friends there, or are planning to visit a threatened or affected area, please heed the local and regional warnings being issued.

Photo: Flooding in Georgetown, SC.



The Insurance Board presents a FREE webinar: Social Media for Churches on Mon, Oct 22 at 1 pm (CST). Social Media Guidelines: Make sure social media is working for your church and not against it. Guest presenter is Ryan Wakefield from SocialChurch.co. To register, click [here](#).

Free Community Sings with Alice Parker & Paul Vasile will have 3 dates - Wed, Oct 24 at 7 pm at Eden Theological Seminary Wehrli Chapel; Thurs, Oct 25 at 7:30 pm at First Congregational Church of Webster Groves; and Fri, Oct 26 at 7:30 pm at Eden Theological Seminary Wehrli Chapel. Join the celebrated composer, teacher, and song leader, Alice Parker, and Eden Seminary's Director of Music, Paul Vasile, as we lift our voices in song, experience music from a range of traditions, cultures, and styles. Open to the public. All are welcome whether you read music or catch the music by ear. Click [here](#) to find out more.

DuBois Center News

The Camp and Retreat Center of the Illinois South Conference of the United Church of Christ



MOTHER-DAUGHTER RETREAT

What a difference a week can make! The temperatures fell from near record highs for Fall Festival to 30 degrees cooler for our Mother-Daughter Retreat. It may have been chilly, but weather did not deter the generations of women who played, prayed, laughed, sang, used their creative juices, rode horses, shot arrows, tried new yoga poses, snapped photos and even canoed together! The 2018 Mother-Daughter Retreat is now history, but the memories most certainly are not. Here are just some of the highlights noted on the end-of-event evaluations:

- Fellowship with other mothers and daughters
- Canoeing, the 1:1 time in God's beautiful nature was a memory of a lifetime
- Every moment was special - snuggling & being together

- The photo scavenger hunt
- Coffee on the porch in the morning
- Snuggling under a blanket on the hayride
- Fun weekend away from life where we can spend quality time together

Start planning NOW for 2019. DuBois Center sponsors three great family retreats: Father-Son in the spring, Rainbow Camp in August and Mother-Daughter in October.



FALL WORK DAY - November 3

Stretch your muscles! Breathe fresh fall air! Hang out with friends and lend a helping hand! Youth and adult fellowship groups, families, individuals - everyone is invited to our annual fall work day. Projects vary, depending on the skills of those involved and the weather. Preparations for winter, stacking wood, raking leaves, cleaning and painting are on the list, as are a variety of skilled labor projects. The work may not be glamorous, but it really does make a BIG DIFFERENCE! Click [here](#) for a flyer to post and share and [here](#) for a typical Work Day schedule.



Please let us know in advance if you plan to attend and if any of your group members have special skills. We want to be sure to have appropriate projects and a hot lunch ready for you! Contact DuBois Center at dcinfo@DuBoisCenter.org or 618-787-2202.



WRANGLE & RIDE - FULL - Our Wrangle & Ride day scheduled for Sat, Nov 3 is FULL with a wait list. Next year, watch Weekly Connection and the DuBois Center Facebook for spring dates. Or, contact DuBois Center to schedule a ride for a group of six or more. Contact dcinfo@DuBoisCenter.org or 618-787-2202

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CHHSM News

Council for Health and Human Service Ministries



St. John's Community Care Upcoming Events

Savvy Caregiver Training sessions provide tools to family members who are caring for an individual with dementia/memory loss who is living at home, either alone or with family.

Each session will be comprised of six two-hour sessions. The classes will be held on Tuesdays, October 30, November 6, 13, 20, 27, December 4 from 2 pm - 4 pm at the Cambridge House of Maryville. For more information or to register, call 618-344-5008. Download [poster](#).

The Basics: Memory Loss, Dementia & Alzheimer's Disease will be presented by the Alzheimer's Association on Tues, Oct 23 from 6 pm - 7 pm at University Pointe II Center in Edwardsville. If you or someone you know is affected by Alzheimer's disease or dementia, it's time to learn the facts. This program provides information on detection, causes and risk factors, stages of the disease, treatment and more. It is hosted in collaboration with St. John's Community Care. Registration is requested. Call St. John's Community Care at 618-344-5008.

Alzheimer's Association in partnership with St. John's Community Care will hold an educational program called "Effective Communication Strategies" on Wed, Nov 14 from 5:30 pm - 7 pm at St. John's Community Care in Collinsville. Communication is more than just talking and listening - it's also about sending and receiving messages through attitude, tone of voice, facial expressions and body language. As people with Alzheimer's disease and other demintias progress in their journey and ability to use words is lost, families need new ways to connect. The program is free and open to the public, but registration is required. Call 618-344-5008 to make a reservation. Click [here](#) for a flyer.

While all people should consider getting a flu vaccine, it's especially important for certain groups of people, including children, adults over 65, people who have a chronic medical condition like diabetes or heart disease and those who work with children and older adults.



Deaconess Nurse Ministry is once again collaborating with Mercy Hospital to provide free flu shots to low-income adults who cannot afford them. Their nurses gave out 700 flu shots in 2017, and they anticipate that number to grow this year. The Deaconess nursing team will work in their various food pantries and outreach centers across the St. Louis region to distribute the vaccine.

Mercy donated the vaccine at no cost and offered other support in this effort. Many donors have provided financial help to purchase needed supplies, like band-aids, needles, alcohol wipes and sharp containers. If you would like to contribute to this worthwhile cause, click [here](#).

What's Happening at Illinois South Conference...

The Green DuBois Team will meet again on Oct. 29, from 6:30-8pm in Oak Lodge at DuBois Center.

The team is starting to work on three branches of the Green DuBois plan:

The Flowering branch- come see what we have, promoting the ecological biodiversity of the camp

The Woody Branch- taking care of what we've got, forest management and invasive species removal

The Leafy Branch- how well we fit with our environment, adding to our ecological sustainability

The September meeting generated a lot of ideas for each branch of the program. This meeting will have time for the whole group to hone our direction and decide on next steps, and a short time for each branch to meet and get to know each other.

Worried about making a time commitment to Green DuBois? You can be as involved as you care to be: lead a single wildflower walk in spring; help on an invasive species work day; install rain barrels; maintain a pollinator garden; or lead one of the branches. If you are interested in the outdoors, environmental education, science, scouting, birds, plants, animals, gardening, forestry, or many other kinds of naturalist activities, come join the team. We need people interested in supporting Green DuBois at all levels, including organizing and promoting the program as a whole.

If you would like more information, notes from the last meeting, or a copy of the forest management plan, please contact Jill Baker at jabaker5@aol.com.



Zion UCC in New Baden has a few items that they wish to sell after building their new building. They have 11 padded church pews in good shape for sale for \$150 each or best offer. They measure 12.75 feet long and 2 feet wide. They are oak with a padded seat. The pews can be purchased as a group or individually. If anyone has any questions, they can contact Leanne at 217-260-5770.



The ISC Pastor/Spouse Fellowship wants to have a good turn-out of folks on Thurs, Oct 26 for its monthly gathering. Getting together at 11:30 am at the Red Apple Restaurant in Maryville (right on IL 159), sharing in lively and interesting conversation, and eating lunch together is the agenda for that day. Hopefully more of our "regulars" will be able to come on Oct. 26. Please let us know if you plan to come by contacting Herb & Bennie Schafale at herbenne@wisperhome.com or 618-476-3925 no later than Monday evening, Oct 22 so we can call in how many are coming.

Free! Free! Free!

One set of 4-door cabinets could help you get organized and the mess out of view. They are already down from the wall and ready to be hauled away.

Approximate size: 3.5 feet tall by 5.6 feet wide by 16 inches deep. Shelves come with it but have been removed for easy transportation.



The Ecuador Partnership Committee is planning another Habitat build to Catamayo in February 2019. Catamayo is in the Loja province of Ecuador (see the map). A masonry style home will be built. The total cost of the trip is \$2,200 and donations for materials will be needed from congregations and people who may not be able to make the trip. A \$100 deposit is due December 1; \$1,000 due on January 1; and \$1,100 on February 1. Plan to attend two orientation meetings as the date gets closer. Contact Janet McCready at 618-559-1587 or janetmc1229@gmail.com. Click [here](#) for a flyer.

UCC's Office of Philanthropy, Technology, Information and Communications (OPTIC) is presenting the second in a series of free online discussions on Tues, October 30 from 6 pm - 7 pm CST.

It will feature pastors who share how they are leading their churches toward meeting financial and membership goals. Questions will also be taken.

Participation is free and on a first-come, first-served basis as we have a limited capacity. Click [here](#) to register. You will be provided with a dial-in number when we receive your registration. Latecomers will be placed on a wait list and notified if any slots open up.

Region 1

DuQuoin St. John's UCC will hold its Sausage Supper on Sat, Nov 3 from 4 pm - 7 pm. Dinners and pre-

Region 5

Exhale, the youth group of Staunton St. Paul UCC, will hold its 3rd Annual Haunted House at

Region 8

Zion UCC in New Baden will sponsor the Festival of Trees on Nov 15 - 18.

ordered raw sausage available. Raw sausage pickup on Thurs, Nov 1 and Sat, Nov 3. \$5/pound = 4 links. Contact 618-542-3431.

Region 2

Waterloo St. Paul UCC will hold a Free Concert on Sun, Oct 21 at 2 pm entitled "Simply Patsy" starring Mary Pfeifer. She sings Patsy Cline's greatest hits and tells stories about Patsy and her life. A free-will offering will be taken. For more information, contact the church at 618-939-7123.

Red Bud St. Peter UCC will host a Trivia Night on Sat, Nov 3 at Ratzkeller Banquet Hall in Red Bud. Doors open at 6:30 pm and play from 7 pm - 10 pm. Music by Pamela & A Piano will be from 10 pm - 11 pm. \$80 per table of 6 - 8 players includes 5 trivia mulligans. More mulligans available for purchase. Cash prizes. Silent auction. 50/50 raffle and attendance prizes. Bring your own snacks (some provided). No outside beverages allowed. Contact Pamela at plwegs@gmail.com or 618-977-1947. Walk ins welcome. Proceeds go to the church's educational building remodel project.

Region 3

St. John Evangelical UCC in Collinsville will hold its Wurst-Markt on Thurs, Oct 18 from 11 am - 7 pm. Buffet-style menu includes pork sausage, sauerkraut, butter beans, peas, mashed potatoes & gravy, applesauce, bread, pie, coffee, tea or milk. Adults \$11; Children 6-12 years \$5; Children 5 and under Free. Raw sausage orders available for \$3.50 per pound. To order, call 618-344-2526 by Oct 12. Pick up on Oct 17 from 11 am - 6 pm. Christmas Bazaar.

On Oct 21, St. John UCC in Granite City will have its annual Sausage Dinner and Bazaar from 11:30 am - 6 pm. Menu includes: sausage, mashed potatoes with

the church on Sat, Oct 27 from 4 pm - 10 pm. Kids and adults welcome. Don't forget your costume. Cost \$5. Proceeds go to the Exhale summer mission trip.

Marine UCC will hold its Family Style Pork Sausage Dinner on Sun, Nov 4 from 11 am - 5:30 pm. Menu includes homemade pork sausage, mashed potatoes & gravy, applesauce, green beans, corn, sauerkraut, homemade pie. Adults \$10; Children 4 - 10 years \$4; Children 3 & under Free. Farmer's Market for fresh sausage, ribs, and backbone, jellies, crafts, baked goods. Raffles.

Troy Friedens UCC will have its 17th Annual Fall Quilt & Art Show on Sat, Nov 10 from 10 am - 3 pm. Quilt display. Art Work. Crafts. Bake sale. Holiday Market, Many vendors. 50/50 and raffles. Admission \$2 which includes coffee and cookies. Lunch available for purchase. If you would like to display a quilt or artwork, contact Gloria at 618-830-6628 or Vicki at 618-667-3161.

Exhale Youth Group at Alhambra will hold a Turkeyfest on Nov 18 from 11 am - 12:30 pm. Menu of turkey, mashed potatoes & gravy, dressing, green beans, and dessert. Adults \$8 (\$10 at the door); Children under 10 \$4 (\$5 at the door).

Exhale Youth Group at Staunton St. Paul UCC will hold a Craft Fair & Vendor Sale on Sat, Dec 1 from 9 am - 3 pm. Great for Christmas shopping. Bake sale. Vendors and crafters wanted. Contact 618-520-0185 or [email](mailto:).

Region 7

Hoyleton Zion Evangelical UCC presents "Brett Gibbs and Friends in Concert" on Sun, October 21 at 2 pm. Refreshments will follow in Fellowship Hall. It will show the versatility & capabilities of Zion UCC's NEW Allen organ. Friends of Brett Gibbs features Chris Gregg on saxophone, Polly Launay on violin, and Marcia

On Nov 15 at 7 pm, you may attend a holiday decorating demonstration by the design team of Grimm & Gorly florist. \$10 admission fee includes demonstration, snacks, sneak peak of the trees and 1 raffle ticket.

The Christmas Swirl & Sip is Nov 16 from 7 pm - 9 pm.

Nov 16 is a Kid's Movie & Pajama Party from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm.

Breakfast with Santa happens on Nov 17 from 9 am - 11 am.

Nov 17 from 10 am - 4 pm North Pole Shoppes, Vendor & Craft Fair.

Nov 17 from 9 am - 11 am Enjoy Breakfast with Santa.

Experience the Make & Take Bakery on Nov 18 from 10 am - 2 pm.

Region 9

O'Fallon UCC will hold its WurstMarkt on Thurs, Oct 18 from 3:30 pm - 7:30 pm. Menu includes pork sausage, mashed potatoes, gravy, sauerkraut, country green beans, applesauce, beverage and dessert. Butcher Shop for raw and cooked pork sausage, liver sausage, ribs, back bone and tenderloin. Crafts and Country Store. Adults \$10; Kids 4-12 \$6; Kids 3 and under Free. Dine-in, carry-outs and drive-thru are available.

The 7th Annual Halloween Trivia Spooktacular will be held at Belleville Trinity UCC on Sat, Oct 20. Doors open 5:15 pm; play starts at 6 pm. Family-friendly. Bring your favorite spooky snacks. Beer & wine permitted but not served. Costume contests. Rounds for kids. Reservations in advance: \$5 + 2 food items for adults; Children 12 and under admitted for 2 food items. At the door reservations: Adults \$10; Children 12 & under \$5. Proceeds benefit the Belleville Community Interfaith Food Pantry. Contact 618-233-2941 or click [here](http://).

Concordia UCC in Belleville is holding a Trivia Night on October 20 at The Quail Club on

gravy, green beans, applesauce bread, sauerkraut, desserts and drinks. Country Store stocked with crafts, homemade food, jewelry, antiques. Handmade quilt and afghan raffles. Contact the church office at 618-877-6060.

Region 4

Godfrey Congregational Church will hold a Fall Rummage Sale on Fri, Oct 19 from 8 am - 2 pm and Sat, Oct 20 from 8 am - 1 pm. Proceeds go to their Missions and General Funds. Contact 618-466-3640.

Henson on handbells. For more info, contact Rev. Bill Causer at bcauser39@gmail.com or 618-670-6697. Click [here](#) for a flyer.

Friedens UCC in Irvington is hosting a Friday Night Hymn sing on Fri, Nov 2 at 7 pm. They invite any groups who would like to come and lead some music to please join them. You may call the church office to be included in the fun! Call 618-249-8445.

Concordia Church Road in Belleville. Trivia begins at 7 pm and doors open at 6:30. \$15 a person which includes Mulligans and Survivor Round. Sweet Shop and Silent Auction. Walk ins are welcome. Cash bar. Bring snacks.

Belleville St. Paul UCC will host a Spooktacular on Sat Oct 27 from 10:30 am - Noon. Kids come in costume for the Trunk or Treat outside, then go inside for lunch, games and fun Halloween activities. Crafts. Face painting. Photo booth. Costume parade. Trunks are needed as well as candy donations.

Christ UCC in Belleville will feature *Sould Out Quartet* on Sat, Oct 27. The meal will be at 5:30 pm and the concert at 6:00 pm. A free will offering will be taken. For more information about the group, click [here](#).