

# Weekly Connection

For the Week of November 11 - November 17, 2018  
Diverse Minds, Covenant Hearts, Made One in the Body of Christ



## The Amazing People of Illinois South Conference...

The Pana United In Faith Church members assembled 110 Hygiene Kits for Church World Services on Nov 3 after their worship service. They are grateful for the UCC matching grant program available to all UCC churches.

This is the fourth year UCC Disaster Ministries has offered the matching grants. The ministry funds participating and qualifying congregations up to \$250 per congregation on a first-come, first-served basis to the first 75 congregations that raise \$250 in cash and in-kind gifts for kits. United In Faith Church was one of those 75 churches.



Seventy-five youth and 12 youth leaders of Region 9 held an All Youth event this past weekend at Sky Zone in Fairview Heights. They are planning future events and mission projects.

A big shout out to the organizers of this event and to Region 9! This is a wonderful example of shared ministry in the Illinois South Conference.



**On Sunday, November 4, Rev. Michael Cassady was installed as Pastor and Teacher at Murphysboro St. Peter's UCC.** Pastors attending the installation (l to r in photo)

were Pastors P.K. Sunny, former pastor at St. Peter's in Murphysboro; John Holst, Zion UCC in Marion; Sam Foskey, member of Zion UCC in Marion; Kim Magwire, Church of the Good Shepherd in Carbondale; Michael Cassady, St. Peter's UCC in Murphysboro; Shana Johnson, ISC Conference Minister; Sam Rothemeyer, Interim Pastor; Rosemary Captain, St. John UCC in Fairview Heights



Rev. Cassady was honored with a stole given to the Conference from Rev. Howard Self's family to share with ISC pastors during their installations

## Important Links

[iscucc.org/](http://iscucc.org/)

[duboiscenter.org](http://duboiscenter.org)

[ucc.org](http://ucc.org)

[Back Bay Mission](#)

[CHHSM](#)

[Ecuador Partnership](#)

[Eden Theological Seminary](#)

[Deaconess Foundation](#)

[Deaconess Nurse Ministry](#)

[Emmaus Homes](#)

[Hitz Memorial Home](#)

[Hoyleton](#)

[Insurance Board](#)

[LIFE Program](#)

[Neighborhood Houses](#)

[New Athens Home](#)

[St. John's Community Care](#)

[St. Paul's Sr. Community](#)

[Uplands Village](#)

[UCC Campus Ministry](#)

[Uni-Pres Kindercottage](#)

[ISC Directory](#)

## Pray for...

**Prayer list for  
Nov 11 - Nov 17, 2018  
Churches & Pastors**

- Valmeyer St. John UCC,  
Rev. Elizabeth Terrill, Interim  
Pastor



On a chilly, overcast, November Saturday, Good Shepherd of Faith (GSOF) in E. St. Louis and Gateway Greening Giving Grove planted a community orchard and berry patch on the church grounds. This was the realization of Pastor Norma Patterson's dream of an orchard for the surrounding community. And, the culmination of over two years planning. The GSOF orchard has the distinction of being the first Giving Grove orchard in the Metro -East area and the first "stand alone" orchard not attached to an existing Gateway Greening Community garden.

Sometimes, everything just seems to fall together. Early this year, as Pastor Norma was getting the church grounds ready for planting an orchard, it was discovered that Gateway Greening had recently partnered with Giving Grove of Kansas City, MO to bring their community orchard program to St. Louis. Around the same time, Gateway Greening decided to expand their support for community gardening to Metro-East neighborhoods. Giving Grove has been successful for many years with planting urban community orchards.



In 2017 they planted over 2000 fruit and nut bearing plants across Kansas City. An average Giving Grove orchard produces over 3,500 pounds of fruit each year when the plants reach maturity.

The second amazing happenstance is Dean Gunderson, the Community Projects Manager. Dean grew up in Eden Church - Edwardsville and married Rev. Mike Krewson's daughter. He was particularly happy to plant this orchard.

Third amazing "miracle" was Gateway Greening covering the cost of all but \$48 which was granted to GSOF by ISC Hunger Action Fund. Gateway Greening will continue to support GSOF with orchard management training and loans of needed tools and equipment.

*Photos: top - Pastor Norma and Dean Gunderson with the Gateway Greening truck lower - The Planting Crew photo shows Pastor Norma (l) with Dean Gunderson, the Projects Manager for Gateway Greening Giving Grove, at her side.*

### Who's Ready to Get Some Jesus?

I knew it was going to be a wonderful worship experience when I pulled into the parking lot of the church I would be preaching at that morning and I heard the beautiful family in the minivan next to me having this conversation: "So *who's ready to get some Jesus this morning? Yay, I am!! Me too!!*"

Immediately, I thought, "*That will preach.*" However, more than just a cute sermon illustration, it got me thinking about how open and willing we really are to experience and meet Jesus.

Are we ready to receive Jesus when we attend worship? I don't mean are we ready to talk about Jesus, pray about Jesus, sing about Jesus or hear about Jesus. Yet, are we truly open, ready, and willing to experience and meet Jesus? And not the Jesus of our particular traditions or the Jesus that we have created in our own image.

- Waterloo St. Paul UCC, Rev. Michael (Sue) Southcombe, Transitional Pastor

### Retired Pastor

- Rev. Loren and Grace Windhorst, Vernon Hills, IL

### People with Life Concerns

- Pray for Rev. Nancy (Kevin Lee) Spier-Lee as she recovers from surgery. Rev. Spier-Lee recently retired as Pastor of Waterloo Zion UCC St. Joe and served on several ISC Teams. Cards may be sent to Rev. Nancy Spier-Lee 309 Kroeger Avenue Dupu IL 62239.

- 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.

Are we ready to receive the Jesus of the Synoptic Gospels (of Mark, Matthew, and Luke)?

The radical Jesus who challenged the status quo?

The Jesus who pressed against all societal customs and norms of who belonged and who did not or who should have power and who should not?

The Jesus who confused and confounded political and religious leaders as he confronted injustices and inequality in both systems?

Are we ready to receive the Jesus of John's Gospel?

The mystical Jesus?

The Jesus who is the eternal presence of the Divine, from the beginning of time and for all time?

The Jesus who offers us salvation, grace, and mercy for all?

Are we ready to receive the Jesus who continues to reveal himself to all of Creation and all of humanity?

Are we ready to receive the Jesus who will challenge us, disciple us, and keep us in check about what it really means to extend love, forgiveness, mercy and justice to ALL of God's children?

Are we ready to receive the Jesus who will amaze us, astonish us and leave us awe struck by what he can do through us if we risk and dare to trust and follow him?

*So who's ready to get some Jesus?*

**Are you?!**

Blessings, Rev. Shana Johnson, Conference Minister

### **SHANA'S UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

#### **November 11**

Participating in Rev. Michelle Torigian's installation service at St. Paul UCC, Belleville

#### **December 2**

Worship at Marine UCC, Marine

Participating in Rev. Andy Wilson's installation service at St. John's UCC, Smithton

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](mailto:sjohnson@iscucc.org). **This is your OCWM monies at work.**

**Tod Bolsinger, Keynote Speaker at ISC Annual Meeting, offered ISC a link where we can download a PDF of his presentation slides and have complimentary access to a new online resource from Fuller.** You can click [here](#) or go to Fuller.edu/CanoeingSlides to get started.

This resource, called "Leading in Uncharted Territory" was authored by Tod to help leaders take the next step in their development. "Leading in Uncharted Territory," which will be featured on the Fuller Leadership Platform in 2019, is available to anyone who attended the Annual Meeting where Tod spoke, and to their congregations. You may start using it for free!

**Church of the Good Shepherd will host a potluck dinner and presentation about Ecuador on Thursday, November 8 from 6-8 pm at Church of the Good Shepherd, 515 S Orchard Dr in Carbondale.** If you have questions about the trip or are interested in attending the trip to Ecuador, come to find out more. All attendees are asked to bring a covered dish. An informal dinner in their fellowship hall will be followed by a short presentation on the mission work in Ecuador. Everyone is welcome. Questions? Call Janet McCready at 618-559-1587.



**The Illinois Conference of Churches is embracing fund raising to underpin its income and continue its valuable ecumenical work and remain a communications conduit between Christian denominations. They have chosen the phenomenal talent of Chicago Bronze, a premier handbell choir featuring seven octaves of bells and five octaves of chimes, for a Christmas concert on Sat, Dec 8 at 7:30 pm.** The St. Julie Billiard Catholic Church of Tinley Park has donated their facility including their very unique and beautiful sanctuary. Please consider attending and/or making this your office Christmas party. Most of all they ask you to share this information with your congregations and clergy. Please pass the information on to friends and colleagues who may have the advantage of living closer to Tinley Park. Click [here](#) for a flyer.

**Winter Weekend 2019** is scheduled for January 19-21, 2019 (over the Martin Luther King Jr weekend). The event will take place at DuBois Center and the theme is "Speak Your Truth". The keynote speaker is Rev Trayce Potter who is the Minister for Youth and Young Adult Engagement for the UCC. The cost remains the same as last year at \$150 (early bird rate) or \$165 (late registrations) which includes lodging and meals. We plan to have the information and registration packet go out to the churches & youth leaders within the week, so watch your emails! We hope you will start to encourage your youth to attend this faith-filled and relationship-building event!

**The National Setting of the United Church of Christ is pleased to announce the availability of the 2017 Annual Report.** To manage costs, a very small print run is distributed on a limited basis. Click [here](#) to see a pdf of the report.

**The UCC Statistical Profile** is now available from the Center for Analytics, Research and Data (CARD). The data for all UCC churches will cover memberships and participation data; race/ethnicity by congregations; stewardship and finances; congregational statistics; ministerial statistics and financial statistics. You may view it as a pdf by clicking [here](#) or as a PowerPoint presentation to be used in your church [here](#). Please share it with the members of your congregations.

## DuBois Center News

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



### **GREEN DUBOIS - Stewardship Opportunity Saturday, Dec 1**

Join the team and make a difference! Removing invasive species is the priority for the day. They are insidious - "choking" out native plants and affecting tree reproduction essential for healthy woodlands. This is a great opportunity to move those muscles, meet and work with others who care about the environment, enhance beautiful native plants, rescue wildlife habitat, and help ensure the future of DuBois Center's wonderful woodlands. No special skills are needed. Dress for the weather and bring lopping shears - if you have them. Minimum Age: 16. Lunch will be provided. Please **RSVP** no later than **MONDAY, NOV 26**. For more information, contact DuBois

Center at 618-787-2202 or [dcinfo@DuBoisCenter.org](mailto:dcinfo@DuBoisCenter.org).



### **"THANK YOU" CHRISTMAS PARTY Rescheduled for March**

This annual event is traditionally our opportunity to say **THANK YOU!** Thank you for your prayers and support; your gifts of time, talent and treasure; and your partnership in our shared mission and ministry at

DuBois Center. This year we are certainly no less grateful, but we did take some extra time for reflection before sending out the invitations. Our lives are packed with holiday commitments... with family, church, friends, the crew from work, our social groups... We often have to choose between two, even three holiday gatherings on the same night. On top of that, it's DARK outside, the weather is often questionable and the roads to DuBois Center are not the best - even in the daylight. This year the Outdoor Ministries Team would like to give you a different kind of gift - the gift of time, the gift of one less place to be, one less present to wrap, a free moment to... breathe. We do hope you will join us in March when we celebrate spring, new life and YOU! Thank you for a great year, and watch this space for details in January.

### **CAMP NURSES**

#### **Servants with Sunscreen**

Despite the falling leaves, it's never too early to think about summer. One setting for ministry at DuBois Center is our health center. Volunteer camp nurses, most of whom are RNs, are a vital piece of our summer camp program. Many find serving at DuBois Center to be a rewarding mission opportunity, one that is quite different from their regular job. Responsibilities include reviewing camper medical forms, conducting health screenings, receiving & administering medications, providing first aid & basic medical treatment, and documentation. But when you really get down to it, nurses spend most of their time removing ticks, soothing rashes, distributing medications and providing extra TLC for homesick and nervous campers. If you are an RN, please consider serving with us for a full or partial week. The living quarters do have AC and there is often time to join us for worship, explore the woods or just sit back and read a book. For more information, contact Shirley at DuBois Center at [email](mailto:email) or 618-787-2202.





### GIFT CERTIFICATES

Looking for a unique gift for someone special in your life? Hate crowded malls and overwhelming online sites?

**Gift Certificates** for DuBois Center camps, events and items in the camp store might be just the

answer to your shopping conundrum. Consider giving your child or grandchild the gift of a week at camp or your son and grandson a weekend together just for Fathers & Sons. Love your old camp t-shirts and sweatshirts? Share that love with all the grandkids, nieces and nephews. Certificates are available for any amount of \$10 or more. For more information contact DuBois Center at [dcinfo@DuBoisCenter.org](mailto:dcinfo@DuBoisCenter.org) or 618-787-2202.

### GOLF CART - YES!!

For over two years, a golf cart with four seats has been on our "Wish List." This past spring, gifts to our Vehicle Fund from St. Paul UCC Belleville turned this wish into a reality. Our "new to us" golf



cart looks great and runs like a dream. Summer camp nurses used it to check in with the villages, deliver medications and respond to situations throughout the grounds. Now when they need to transport someone, it's easy for a third person to ride along - in keeping with our "safe camp" procedures. We opted for an electric model. It's so quiet you can approach a campfire or closing circle without disrupting. A special THANKS to St. Paul UCC for their support!

**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 Community Care Upcoming Events

**Turkey Trot** - From now until Nov 14, walk in the St. John Evangelical UCC gym (Faith Hall), 307 W Clay in Collinsville from 7 am - 9 am or from 11 am - 1 pm. For every 10 miles walked your name will be added into a random drawing to win one of these terrific prizes! 1st Prize - Frozen Turkey 12-14 lbs; \* 2nd Prize -

Kruta's Pie; \* 3rd Prize - THE TURKEY TROPHY!! Along with dish soap, a hand towel and rubber gloves! Each participating walker will also have the opportunity to "adopt" a paper turkey and for every 5 miles walked you can add a feather to the turkey tail. The walker who is strutting their stuff with the most feathers at the end of the contest wins a \$25.00 gift card to Schnucks! If a tie occurs, a random drawing will be held to determine the winner. Winners will be announced on November 14. Click [here](#) for a flyer.

**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.

**Dine for a Cause at FIRE - N- SMOKE Wood-Fired Kitchen located at 914 Edwardsville Rd in Troy on Wed, Nov 7 from 4 pm - 9 pm.** 25% of your food purchase will be donated to support St. John's Community Care in Collinsville. You must present a coupon to your server for St. John's Community Care to receive credit. Click [here](#) for coupon. Dine in or Carry Out.



**The New Athens Home for the Aged is hosting a chicken and beer dance benefit on Sat, Nov 10 at the St. Clair County Event Center, 1550 E. State Route 15, Belleville, IL 62221.** Music will be provided by "Boulderdash," and the evening will also include a silent auction as well as a 50/50 drawing. The doors open at 5:30 pm; the meal begins at 6:30 pm; and the band will start playing at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$25 per person or \$40 a couple. All proceeds will benefit the New Athens Home for the Aged's roof fund. Contact 618-475-

2550 or [nahfta@juno.com](mailto:nahfta@juno.com).

**The New Athens Home for the Aged Auxiliary would like to thank all those who purchased tickets in this year's quilt drawing.** Your support for the Home and residents is appreciated!

**The LIFE (Lifelong Learner Institute of Faith Exploration)** program welcomes laity and clergy seeking to explore their Christian faith. Participants spend Saturday on campus in fellowship with others, taking either a certificate or an elective course, worshipping and eating together.

**Date/Time**

Date - 11/10/2018 from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Join us for the next LIFE at Eden, "How Do We Live Our Faith." Again this month, this is a Saturday only event at Eden Theological Seminary.

**Certificate Course - Church History**

**Dr. Adam Ployd**

How can we cover 2000 years of church history in one day? Come find out as we use two biblical questions as our guides: "Who do you say that I am?" and "What must I do to be saved?" The answers may surprise you!

Dr. Ployd approaches the study of history not simply as facts about the past, but as a resource for our current and future ministries as a way to broaden our theological imaginations. "We are able to take a journey in our faith alongside those who have come before us and learn from them."

**Recommended Reading:** *Church History: An Essential Guide*, Justo Gonzalez, (Abingdon, 1996).

**About Dr. Adam Ployd**

Dr. Ployd is an Assistant Professor of Church History and Historical Theology, Eden Seminary and a commissioned Deacon and member of the West Virginia Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church (UMC).

**Elective Course**

**Mindfulness and the Mind of Christ: Exploring intersections between Buddhism and Christianity**

**Rev. Bill Perman**

This course will explore where and how Buddhist thought and practice shed light on the life and teachings of Jesus and St. Paul. For instance, how can the Buddhist concept of No-Self (anatman) help us understand Jesus' demand that his disciples deny themselves? How does the Buddhist understanding of interbeing help us more deeply experience Paul's understanding of the church as the Body of Christ? Because Buddhism is more concerned with practice than with ideas, we will take time to practice walking, sitting, guided and deep relaxation meditation. We will also attend the Saturday morning gathering of the Midwest Moon Sangha which meets each week on the campus of Eden Seminary.

**Recommended Reading:** *Living Buddha, Living Christ* by Thich Nhat Hahn and Thich Nhat Hahn's Five Mindfulness Trainings (various versions are available on the internet)

**About Rev. Bill Perman**

Rev. Bill Perman is the pastor of First Presbyterian Church of St. Louis in University City. Bill is married to Deborah Krause who teaches NT at Eden Seminary. Bill is also a member of the Midwest Moon Sangha, a Sangha (church) practicing in the tradition of Thich Nhat Hanh.

**Location**

Eden Theological Seminary, 475 East Lockwood Ave, Webster Groves, Missouri 63119

**For More Information Contact**

Jill Schantz, Phone: 314-918-2554 E-Mail: [jschantz@eden.edu](mailto:jschantz@eden.edu)

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



United Church of Christ

**Job Opportunities**

UCC Disaster Ministry has two full-time positions to fill.

\* Disaster Recovery [Specialist](#) - Send Resume and Cover letter to Rev. Dr. Edward Davis at [edavis@soc-ucc.org](mailto:edavis@soc-ucc.org).

\* [Construction](#) Manager - Send Resume and Cover letter to Matt Hopson [mhopson@setcdc.org](mailto:mhopson@setcdc.org).

Note that both of these positions will be working directly with UCC Disaster Ministries and our partners.

**Climate Justice Sermon Campaign**

On October 29th, what has been called "the trial of the century" by some news outlets across the country will begin. Twenty-one children and youth have sued the federal government over its role in causing climate change and violating their rights to life, liberty, and property, while also failing to protect essential public resources. One of the plaintiffs is Kiran Oommen who is the son of a UCC pastor. (The lawsuit is non-partisan, having been initiated against the previous administration and continued against the current one.)

The UCC Council for Climate Justice has spearheaded a sermon campaign with over 20 organizations of different

faiths participating. Pastors are invited to make a pledge to deliver a sermon in solidarity with these children and youth at some point in the coming months. Youth that would like to preach are especially encouraged to participate as well. The trial will likely last until January, so there is plenty of time to plan. You can learn more about the case and sign-up to preach by scrolling down this page: [www.eachgeneration.org](http://www.eachgeneration.org). Anyone who commits to preach is asked to send a copy of your sermon to Brooks Berndt, the UCC Minister for Environmental Justice. He can be reached at [berndtb@ucc.org](mailto:berndtb@ucc.org). He will be posting sermons on the UCC website.

The St. Louis Association and  
Epiphany United Church of Christ, St. Louis, Missouri  
Invite you to the  
Service of Installation for  
**Rev. Kris Avise-Rouse**

Sunday, November 18, 2018 at 3:00 pm  
Epiphany UCC, 2911 McNair Ave, St. Louis, Missouri 63118

The Rev. Dr. Heather Arcovitch will be preaching during this celebration of new ministry for Rev. Avise-Rouse. Clergy who wish to participate in the opening processional are invited to wear their robes and vestments. Clergy are asked to arrive by 2:30 pm. Red is the color of the day. An offering will be received during the service and will be dedicated to Joint Neighborhood Ministry. All are invited to a time of fellowship following the Service of Installation.



In a spirit of celebration,

Illinois South Conference of the United Church of Christ  
in covenant with

**St. Paul United Church of Christ**

invites you to a

Service of Installation

for

**Rev. Michelle Torigian**

Sunday, November 11, 2018

3 pm

St. Paul United Church of Christ, 115 West B Street, Belleville, Illinois

Reception to follow in Activity Center. RSVP to 618-233-3303 or [tkehopper@stpaulucc.org](mailto:tkehopper@stpaulucc.org) as soon as possible. Pastors are asked to robe with their favorite red stole and to arrive at 2:30 pm to join in the procession.

### Region 3

#### SAVE THE DATE

St. John Evangelical UCC in Collinsville will host a VBS Showcase on Friday, January 4, 2019 from Noon-2 pm. A free lunch will be served at Noon! Come take a look at the VBS starter kits for 2019, co-ordinate possibly sharing VBS decorations, and share ideas. A Group Publishing representative will be present to introduce Group's VBS curriculum. Cokesbury is sending four curriculum kits to review. RSVP to Dana at 618-344-2526.

### Region 5

**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.

**Grantfork UCC will hold its 49th Annual Family Style Sausage Supper on Sat, Nov 10 from 3 pm - 8 pm.** Menu includes homemade pork sausage, mashed potatoes & milk gravy, applesauce, green beans, corn, sauerkraut, homemade pie. Adults \$10; Children 6 - 12 years \$5; Children 5 & under Free.

### Region 7

**Zion UCC in Addieville will hold its 69th Annual Wurst Markt on Wed, Nov 14 at the Addieville Community Club at 4 pm.** All you can eat buffet style menu includes pork sausage, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, peas, applesauce, desserts and coffee. Adults \$10; Children \$5. Adult only carryouts. Advance sausage sales only. Call 618-424-7816.

### Region 8

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

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,

### Region 4

**St. John UCC in Wood River will hold its Chili Dinner on Thurs, Nov 8 from 4 pm - 7 pm.** All you can eat. Menu includes Chili,

dessert and drink. Adults \$7; Children 6 - 10 \$4; Children 5 and under Free (Eat in only). Ala carte Hot dog \$1. Carry-outs available.

---

**St. John's UCC of Brighton will hold its Fall Fish Fry and Gift Sale on Fri, Nov 16 from 11 am- 6 pm.**

Menu includes Buffalo and White Fish sandwiches, Pulled Pork sandwiches and various sides and desserts. Deliveries during the lunch hour available for businesses and schools in the Brighton Area. Gift sale includes handmade items, jellies, salsa and various baked goods. Dine in or carry out. 618-372-3737.

Carry-Outs are available for \$10. Packaged Sausage and Fried Sausage are available for sale. Raffle. Country Corner with homemade goodies.

---

**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](#).

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.

---

**Lenzburg, St. Peter UCC will hold its Pancake and Sausage Breakfast with Sunday School Craft and Bake Sale on Sat, Nov 10 from 6 am to Noon.**

Menu includes whole hog sausage, "made from scratch" pancakes. Fresh meat available. Church is handicapped accessible. Questions? Call the church at 618-475-2557.