

# Weekly Connection

For the Week of March 31, 2019 - June 6, 2019  
Diverse Minds, Covenant Hearts, Made One in the Body of Christ

## **I Made You, I Love You, I Lost You, I Searched For You, I Found You and Now You Are Really Mine**

As the parable of the prodigal son comes up in the lectionary for this Sunday, I have been thinking about the ways we become lost and God seeks always to find us. This morning in my prayer time, I thought about a modern day parable I heard long ago. I do not remember the context in which I heard it nor if the original author was cited. Therefore, much like those who heard Jesus' parables, I encountered it through oral tradition and am passing the story on to you, filling in the details I remember with my own adaptations.

A little girl lived on a farm with her family in the plains. One spring the rains came. Torrential rains occurred quickly and often. The river began to rise and flood the land of many homesteads. During particularly heavy rains, the girl's family fled to safety in a nearby town where extended family lived. As she was packing, she put one of her most treasured possessions—a little rag doll—on the bed by her suitcase. She and her mother had made the doll from left over strips of quilting cloth. Every day she played with the doll and every night she tucked the doll in the bed beside her before she went to sleep.

In the panic and rush of getting everything ready to go before the floods reached the house, the little girl forgot to pack the doll. That night as the little girl crawled into an unfamiliar bed, for the first time since she made the doll, the little girl slept alone. All night she tossed and turned worried about her beloved doll that was left behind. Over the weekend, as the rains continued to fall and the flood waters continued to rise, all the little girl could think about was the one she loved so much.

When the little girl and her family returned home, she was devastated to find her rag doll was not in her room and was nowhere to be found. The flood had washed the little girl's doll away. From that moment, the little girl began to search for the doll everywhere she went. Quite a bit of time had passed when one day, while the little girl was with her family in town, she spotted her doll in the window. The rag doll was in the window display of a salvage store where items that had been found from the floods were being sold in order to help raise money for flood relief.

She rushed into the store, and to her delight, as she reached for the doll in the window display, she could see it was indeed her doll. The doll she had made. The doll she loved. The doll she had lost. The only problem was now her beloved doll had a price tag on it. Since she did not have money of her own, she begged her parents to allow her to do chores to save up enough money to buy her doll back.

Day after day, the little girl did chores around the home, around the farm in order to earn money. She got up early and stayed up late to do the chores, sacrificing her free time. Finally, she had earned enough to go back to the store and reclaim her doll. All the way home, the little girl hugged her beloved doll tightly soaking in the presence of the doll back in her arms. When the little girl got home, she gently cleaned up the doll, removing all the mud and debris that clung to the doll. She made the doll new clothes to replace those that had been torn and ripped from the storms. That night as the little girl tucked in her beloved creation beside her, the little girl whispered, "I made you. I love you. I lost you. I searched for you. I finally found you. And now you are really mine."

Imagine how our Creator feels when we become lost, when the storms of trouble, doubt or despair carried us from God's presence, when the brokenness, the dirt, the grime of this world and our own sinfulness stick to us. We think we will never see, experience or know the goodness, the forgiveness or the grace of God again. Imagine how the One who has created us searches for us when we are lost. Imagine how God seeks to restore us, reclaim us, and renew in us a right

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## Pray for...

### **Prayer list : Mar 24-30, 2019**

#### **Churches & Pastors**

- Hamel Immanuel UCC, Rev. Dr. Wayne (Donna) Dollgener, Interim Pastor
- Hecker Friedens UCC, Rev. Ivan (Vivian) Horn

relationship with our God, with others and with ourselves. We are never too far from God's reach. In the moments in which you feel lost and afraid, battered and torn, may you hear the Creator whispering to you, "I made you. I love you. I lost you. I searched for you. I finally found you. And now...you are really mine." Blessings, Rev. Shana Johnson, Conference Minister

### SHANA'S UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- March 31** Worship at St. Paul UCC, Belleville
- April 7** Worship at the Great Lakes Region of the UCC Planning Retreat at the Benedictine Center in Indianapolis
- April 14** Worship with my youngest daughter at her church for Palm Sunday at University of Tennessee
- April 21** Easter Worship at the church my husband is serving
- April 28** Worship at St. Paul UCC, Carlinville for Rev. Kevin Strobe's farewell service

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 date. You can also send her an email at [sjohnson@iscucc.org](mailto:sjohnson@iscucc.org).

**The Illinois Conference of Churches is partnering with Faith in Place (our official partner) to join them in their Advocacy Day on May 9 at the Capitol in Springfield.** We encourage you to ride one of their buses to be kinder to the environment, if the departure locations work for you. We will provide you some additional talking points and direct you to the offices of your senator and representatives. We will hold an interfaith prayer service to pray for our legislators as they make important decisions this year. Watch our website and the Faith in Place website for more details as they unfold. Click [here](#) for the whole newsletter.



### WEST VIRGINIA - Floods/Bridge Project

Ever since severe floods in 2016 washed away their small bridge across the creek in front of their home, an older West Virginia couple used an extension ladder to get out to the grocery store and doctor's office. Now, thanks to UCC Disaster Ministries' support, the couple can cross the creek safely on a simple, sturdy new bridge. It was the 50th completed in West Virginia in just over two years in an innovative project of the UCC and other members of W. Va. Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster.



**2018 Funding: \$5,000**

**What's next?** UCC Disaster Ministries will continue to support this recovery effort as funding becomes available.

### HURRICANE MICHAEL - Southeastern United States

Hurricane Michael slammed into the Florida panhandle on October 10. The winds and rain continued across Georgia, North Carolina and Virginia with widespread flooding. These areas had already been hit the previous month by Hurricane Florence. Michael killed at least 36 people and caused an estimated \$25 to \$38 billion in damage. "It looked like a war zone," UCC Disaster Ministries Executive Zach Wolgemuth said. He visited Panama City and Mexico Beach, Fla., a few days after the storm.



**What's next?** UCC Disaster Ministries will be supporting long-term recovery from Hurricane Michael, and has set up a 2018 Hurricane Fund to receive donations for that purpose.



### Retired Pastor

- Rev. Gustav and Suzanne Kuether, Belleville, IL

### People with Life Concerns

- Pray for the family of Rev. Bill Cummins as they mourn his death last Friday. Rev. Cummins is survived by his wife, Cynthia, and two daughters, one of whom, Cathy, is the wife of Rev. Robert Koch, pastor of St John UCC in New Athens. He was retired, but most recently served as Pastor of the St. Paul UCC in Okawville (the White Church). Visitation will be held from 2:00 - 4:00 pm on Sat, March 30 at Union United Methodist Church in Belleville. A memorial service will immediately follow. Cards may be sent to Cynthia at 1664 Lakepointe Estates Dr, O'Fallon IL 62269.

- Pray for Rev. Debbie Jo Atkins as she recuperates from surgery. Rev. Atkins is the Pastor at St. Paul UCC in Staunton. Cards may be sent to 339 North Franklin St, Staunton, IL 62088.

- Keep Viv (Rev. Ivan) Horn in your prayers as she recuperates from surgery. Viv is the wife of Rev. Horn, who serves as pastor for Hecker Friedens and is the ISC Secretary. Cards may be sent to Viv at 727 Gall Rd, Waterloo IL 62298.

- Please pray for Pastor Nancy (Scott) Shubert as she deals with some health issues.

Pastor Shubert serves Holy Ghost UCC in Darmstadt and Trinity UCC in Biddleborn. Cards may be sent to 12691 State Route 177, Okawville, IL 62271.

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

- Keep Marilyn (Rev. Paul) Thompson in your prayers as she deals with health issues. Rev. Thompson is retired, but

## Spring Convocation

Eden Theological Seminary's Spring Convocation will be held in the Wehrle Chapel on the Eden Campus on April 23-24, 2019. This year's conversation will be Church Buildings: Blessings and Burdens.

Speakers are Rev. Dr. David Greenhaw, President of Eden Theological Seminary; Rev. Dr. Patrick G. Duggan, Executive Director of the United Church of Christ Church Building & Loan Fund in Cleveland; and Dr. Robert Simon, Co-author of *Retired, Rehabbed, Reborn; The Adaptive Reuse of America's Derelict Religious Buildings and Schools*.

Cost is \$85 which includes lunch both days.

This event is open to anyone interested in the topic of what to do with our church buildings when a need for transition has been identified. To register, click [here](#).

**Eden Spring Newsletter:** Click [here](#) for the spring flyer of Eden events.



serves on the ISC Recruitment Committee. Cards may be sent to her at 910 Circle Drive, Red Bud, IL 62278.



Need to energize and revitalize your church's strategies for faithful generosity? Does your church find it hard to talk about money? UCC Church Building & Loan Fund would like to



make you aware of the Ecumenical Stewardship Center's (ESC) "Generosity transformed! your mission\*your ministry\*your money Conference, April 30 - May 3, 2019 in Indianapolis. For complete conference information and to register, visit [ESC's website](#). UCC Church Building & Loan Fund can help your church with stewardship and much more! For more information about all the services we offer, please contact Priscilla Bizer, Regional Mission Interpreter, [bizerp@ucc.org](mailto:bizerp@ucc.org).



## DuBois Center News

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



### THANK YOU Riechmann Bros!

It's a dream come true! Our NEW tractor arrived on Thursday. The ISC Property Committee has been searching for a "new to us" tractor for the past 18 months - checking in with dealers and local farmers, watching tractor sites online... and praying. A reliable tractor is crucial for our work at DuBois Center. It's used to move hay, grade roads, mow, haul downed trees and other heavy items, plow snow, give wagon and tram rides, pull vehicles out of the mud and more. Our 1991 International Harvester served camp well for most of the 27 years we owned it. Recently, though, it had become much less reliable with repairs becoming more critical and more costly. Thanks to the Riechmann family, DuBois Center is now the proud owner of a new John Deere tractor with a 65 hp engine, front-wheel drive and quick-releases for

all the attachments. Not only is it new, it is a significant upgrade. Much of the funding for this project came from the 2017 DuBois on Broadway fundraiser. However, the acquisition would not have been possible without the amazing deal we received from Riechmann Bros LLC and some underwriting from the family.

### THANK YOU PARTY - Sunday, April 28 - Save the Date

The annual DuBois Center THANK YOU Party, previously held during the Christmas holidays, is our opportunity to share our appreciation for your prayers and support; your gifts of time, talent and treasure; and your partnership in our shared mission and ministry at DuBois Center. Together we have touched countless lives over the past five decades with gifts of God's abundant love. Volunteers, staff, supporters and friends make it all happen. If you fit into any of these categories - then YOU are invited. Churches are encouraged to send representatives. Enjoy a yummy meal, take a nature hike, tour the grounds by tram or pontoon boat and see what's happening around camp. DuBois Center is beautiful in the spring, so don't miss this opportunity! Activities will begin at 2 pm, with dinner at 4:30pm. We'll conclude by 6 pm. Please RSVP to DuBois Center at [dcinfo@duboiscenter.org](mailto:dcinfo@duboiscenter.org) or 618-787-2202 by **Friday, April 19**.





### SUMMER JOBS - APPLY NOW!

Is this the year for more than just another summer job?

DuBois Center is searching for fun-loving and child-focused people with a heart for ministry to serve on our summer staff. Amazing memories + resume building skills = a summer to remember! Check out the Summer of Service [flyer](#) and consider whether serving outdoors with a dynamic team might be just the opportunity for you. Open positions include barn staff, cabin counselors and coordinators. Lifeguard certification is a plus. Questions? Contact Shirley at [email](#) or 618-787-2202. Application packets are available [online](#) or can be sent by mail upon request.

### WRANGLE & RIDE

**Final Deadline: March 30 for April 13 Event**

This first Wrangle & Ride of the season is history, and everyone had a great time! The deadline for the second one is THIS SATURDAY, March 30. There are still a couple of openings, but don't delay. Clover, Thunder and Zephyr are calling your name! This event is limited to the first 12 who register. Register [online](#) or by mail. For more details check out this [flyer](#) or contact DuBois Center at [dcinfo@DuBoisCenter.org](mailto:dcinfo@DuBoisCenter.org) or 618-787-2202.



### BLOCK PARTY! Sunday, May 5

We're having a Block Party in the Rustic Village and middle & high school youth groups are invited! Join DuBois Center staff and volunteers for an afternoon of fun, food, games, contests and music. One of the best parts - IT'S FREE.

We'll roast hot dogs and make s'mores, meet some of the horses, and explore the Rustic Village. Whether you are a DuBois Center camper or not, you're invited! Load up right after church, grab some lunch and head to camp. We'll be on the move from 1-4 pm, but arrive when you can. Youth must be accompanied by adult chaperones or parents. RSVP by Monday, April 29 - we need to stock the coolers and send you permission forms. For more information check out this [flyer](#), to RSVP contact DuBois Center at [dcinfo@DuBoisCenter.org](mailto:dcinfo@DuBoisCenter.org) or 618-787-2202.

### CAMPS for Younger Children

Children who have completed grades 1-3 are often looking for ways to experience life like the "big kids." Parents are looking for opportunities for their children to gain self-confidence, critical social skills and a greater awareness of God's world. At DuBois Center, we have five part-week sessions designed with this in mind. Shorter sessions and smaller group sizes are ideal for this age group. Their time is filled with new adventures under the watchful eyes of caring, safety-conscious leaders.



Despite the length of these sessions, there is still time to ride a horse, explore the creek, swim in the lake and make lots of new friends. This summer choose from Boy Meets Camp, Camp Quest, Discovery Camp or Girl Power. Check out page 8 of the camp [brochure](#)



online for details or pick one up in your church office. To have information sent by mail, contact DuBois Center at [email](#) or 618-787-2202. Ready to register? Click [here](#).



### PLUMBING SKILLS?

Do you or does someone you know have plumbing skills extraordinaire?

DuBois Center periodically has projects that require skilled volunteer assistance in this area. Currently, the bathrooms in Hickory Lodge are at the top of our priority list. The old shower fixtures are leaking; some need to be replaced, others need to be removed and capped. For more information contact Shirley at 618-787-2202 or [dcinfo@DuBoisCenter.org](mailto:dcinfo@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

**Surviving Caregiving Conference will be held on April 27 from 9:30 am - 2:30 pm at St. John UCC Faith Hall in Collinsville.** Attendees will learn about resources and techniques to help them on their caregiving journey.

Speakers include Heidi Dodd, speaking on *Legal & Financial Issues*; Lynette Strode, speaking on *Coping Techniques & Tricks That Make Daily Living Manageable*; and Greg Kyrouac, speaking on *Dementia Disease Progression & Care Strategies*. Attendees will receive a resource packet. Continental breakfast and box lunch provided. Complimentary care available at St. John's Adult Day Center during the conference hours. Pre-registration for the adult day service is required at 618-344-5008. Event is free but registration is required at 618-222-2561. The event is sponsored by St. John's Community Care, Hospice of Southern Illinois Inc, and AgeSmart Community Resources. Click [here](#) for a flyer.



**St. John's Community Care presents Brain Wave held on Wednesdays and Fridays and continues for 10 weeks. First class will be held on Wednesday, April 3 from 10 am - 2 pm.** Brain Wave is open to people experiencing early memory loss. This group provides a safe, positive, strength-based environment where participants will learn, share, and engage together with an expert. Benefits of the class include education about memory loss, meaningful activities that build upon strengths and abilities, fun peer support, skill building and mentally challenging activities. Outcomes for participants may yield decreased depression, decreased anxiety in social settings, stabilized cognitive functioning and increased coping skills. To register or to schedule an assessment appointment, call 618-344-5008 by March 20. The curriculum was developed by the University of Wisconsin. Click [here](#) for a flyer.

**St. John's Community Care Presents Savvy Caregiver Training.** The 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 Mondays, April 1, 8, 15, 22 from 2 pm - 4 pm at Meridian Village, 27 Auerbach Place, Glen Carbon, IL 62034 in the Media Room on the 3rd floor of the Evergreen Building. Thanks to a grant, the sessions are offered without charge and complimentary care is available nearby for the person with dementia at St. John's Community Care's Edwardsville Adult Day Center (1015 B Century Drive, Edwardsville). For more information or to register, call 618-344-5008. Download a [flyer](#).

**St. John's Community Care and the Alzheimers Association will offer Cardinals Reminiscence League on the 3rd Thursday of each month from 10:30 am - 12 pm at University Pointe II Center in Edwardsville.** The Cardinals Reminiscence League is open to people with memory loss who would like to share memories about the Cardinals baseball team, learn about the team's history, and support the current team. New fans and those who would like to socialize and learn more are welcome. Session dates are April 18, May 16, June 20, July 18, August 15, September 19 and October 17. All sessions are free. Call 618-656-7090 to learn more and reserve your seat. Click [here](#) for a flyer.

**Deaconess Nurse Ministry is teaming up with Panera Fundraising in April to raise money for their programs.** On April 18, from 4 pm - 8 pm at the St. Louis Bread Company location in Bridgeton, Missouri, all proceeds from sales will benefit Deaconess Nurse Ministry. Click [here](#) for a flyer. All proceeds will benefit Deaconess Nurse Ministry.

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

**O'Fallon UCC is looking for the DVD component of Finding I Am by Lysa TerKurst.** If anyone in the Conference is willing to loan it to them for a Bible study, please contact Sarah Koester at 618-973-6732 or [sarahjimkoester@gmail.com](mailto:sarahjimkoester@gmail.com).

### **Job Opportunity: Uni-Pres Kindercottage Director**

Uni-Pres Kindercottage is a child development center located in East St. Louis Illinois. It is a joint mission between the Presbyterian Church USA and the United Church of Christ.

We are announcing the search for a Director of the center. Interested applicants must meet DCFS licensing standards and ExeleRate standards. Qualified applicants can find a full job description and application procedures on the [website](#).

**HELP!!** Uni-Pres Kindercottage is preparing a video of the last 50 years of ministry at the day care center in East St. Louis--the old location and our current building. If you have pictures, especially pictures including Brenda Crisp in them, please get them to Kindercottage. You can e-mail digital copies to [brenai\\_91605@yahoo.com](mailto:brenai_91605@yahoo.com). And please save the date, June 29, for a fabulous "Golden Gala" celebrating 50 years of ministry and looking forward to the future. A twice a century party you don't want to miss!!

**Job Opportunity:** St. Paul Mother's Day Out, a mission of St. Paul UCC in Belleville, is searching for a new Program Director to lead the educational program for children from two - five years of age. The program strives to provide a caring and enriching environment for children to develop and grow socially, emotionally, intellectually and physically. If you or someone you know would be interested in applying for the position to help lead this mission, please submit your cover letter and resume by April 5 to [mdodirectorsearch@stpaulucc.org](mailto:mdodirectorsearch@stpaulucc.org).

**Job Opportunity - Part-time Custodian:** Salem United Church of Christ, Alhambra has a part-time custodian vacancy beginning May 1, 2019. The position requires 18-20 hours per week including Sunday morning worship time. If interested, contact (618)488-3215 or [salemuccalh@gmail.com](mailto:salemuccalh@gmail.com).

## Region 2

**Dupo Christ UCC will hold its All You Can Eat Chicken & Dumpling Dinner on Sun, March 31 from 11:30 am - 3 pm.** Dinner includes Green beans, carrots, cole slaw, bread and dessert. Adults \$10; Children 5 - 12 years \$4; Children under 5 years FREE. Carry outs available. Call 618-286-4211 for deliveries.

**Waterloo Zion UCC St. Joe Christian Education will hold a Chicken and Dumpling Dinner fundraiser on April 6 at the Monroe Co. Fairgrounds from 5 pm to 7 pm.** Menu will include Chicken and Dumplings, salad, corn, mashed potatoes, dinner roll and dessert. Adults \$8; Children 4 - 11 years \$5; Children 3 and under free. One quart jar of chicken and dumplings for \$8. Silent Auction, 50/50 Raffle, Lottery Ticket Drawing. Music by "Pick N An A Grin N" from 6 pm - 8 pm.

**Christ UCC in Dupo will hold a Rock & Roll Bingo and Silent Auction on Fri, April 5 at the Dupo Sugar Loaf Township Community Building, 240 S 5th Street in Dupo.** It's bingo with songs instead of numbers. Doors open at 6:30 pm and bingo starts at 7 pm. Cost is \$10 per person. Bring your own food and drink.

**Hecker Friedens UCC will hold its 2019 GOOD FRIDAY Fish Fry on April 19 from 4 pm - 7 pm.** Eat in or Carry Outs. Menu includes, fried cod, chicken strips, French fries, potato salad, cole slaw, stewed tomatoes, macaroni & cheese, pie, cake and drinks. Good Friday Worship follows at 7:30 pm.

## Region 4

**Brighton St. John's UCC will hold Friday Fish Fries on March 29 - April 12 from 11 am - 6 pm.** Menu includes river fish (Buffalo) and white fish with choice of bread or pulled pork sandwich, brats or hot dogs. Sides include baked beans, green beans, potato salad, coleslaw, or mac and cheese and desserts of pies, cakes, brownies etc. Cost for sandwich only \$5; full meal \$10 (includes 2 sides, dessert and soda). Dine in or Carry out. Delivery to businesses and schools at lunch. Order ahead at 618-372-3737.

## Region 5

### Region 5 Wednesday Evening Lenten Service?

Each Wednesday, services travel to a different location and begin at 7 pm with refreshments following.

- March 27- St. Paul UCC, Edwardsville
  - April 3- Grantfork UCC, Grantfork
  - April 10- Immanuel UCC, Hamel.
- All are welcome.

**Staunton St. Paul UCC's Youth Group, Exhale, is hosting a dress sale on Sat, April 6 from 9 am - 5 pm.** All sorts of dresses, shoes, jewelry, etc will be available. Everyone is invited to shop. All proceeds will go to support the Exhale Mission Trips.

**On Saturday, April 6, 2019, 7:30 p.m., St. Paul UCC, Lebanon, will host a concert from the sixth season of Heartland Community Chorus.** The chorus is made up of singers from the local area including Highland and surrounding communities. The theme for this

## Region 5

**Alhambra Salem UCC Exhale (Youth Group) will hold a Trivia Night at Salem UCC in Alhambra on Sat, April 13 beginning at 6 pm.** \$10 per person with up to 10 per table. 50/50. Bring your own snacks. Proceeds go toward their summer mission trip. Contact Becca at [rjbraundmeier@gmail.com](mailto:rjbraundmeier@gmail.com) or 618-520-0185.

## Region 8

**St. Paul UCC in Lebanon presents Lenten Studies as part of their Wednesday evening services.**

- Wednesday, March 27: Debbie & Shane Stinson will lead this study and conversation on LGBTQ and Gender Issues, 6:00 pm, Fellowship Hall, Biblical text: Luke 10:25

- Wednesday, April 3: Brenda Crisp, Director of Uni-Pres Kindercottage will lead this study and discussion on Poverty, 6:00 pm, Fellowship Hall, Biblical text: Mark 14:7

- Wednesday, April 10: Elizabeth George will lead this study and discussion on the #MeToo Movement, 6:00 pm, Fellowship Hall, Biblical text: John 4:1-42

For those who are interested in sharing a meal, each Wednesday's study will begin with a light soup, fruit & veggie supper from 5:00-6:15 pm with the studies following from 6:15-7:45 pm. All are welcome!

**Zion UCC in New Baden will hold a Fish Dinner on April 19 from 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm.** Dinner includes cod tail or catfish, mac and cheese, fries or chips, cole slaw and dessert. Dine in or carry out. All are welcome.

Everyone is welcome.

### Region 3

**St. John UCC in Collinsville presents JAZZ\*125\* - Live on Friday, March 29 at 7:00 pm.** The evening features Dr. Dwight [Andrews](#) of Atlanta, GA and Cliff Aerie and The Oikos [Ensemble](#) of Webster Groves, MO. Tickets are \$50 per person. Contact 618-344-2526 or [email](#).

concert is "Sing Me to Heaven". Mark your calendar now.

**Salem UCC in Alhambra announces its Easter season schedule.**

**April 3, April 10** - 7:00 pm Lent Worship

**Thurs, April 18** - 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Living Last Supper

**Fri, April 19** - 7:00 pm Good Friday Tenebrae Service

**Sat, April 20** - 10:00 am Easter Egg Hunt

**Sun, April 21** - 6:30 am Sunrise Service; 8:00 am Easter Service; 10:00 am Easter Service

Contact 618-488-3215 or [salemuccalh@gmail.com](mailto:salemuccalh@gmail.com)

### Region 9

**St. Paul UCC in Belleville will hold a Bunny Breakfast on Sat, April 20 from 10 am - Noon in their Activities Center.** No charge to attend. Breakfast, egg hunts, games, and a visit with the Easter Bunny. All are welcome.

**O'Fallon UCC will hold its Trivia Night, "Trivia Around the World" on Sat, March 30.** Trivia begins at 6 pm and doors open at 5:30 pm. Team tables of 8 may be reserved by calling 618-632-3496 or [email](#). The cost per team table is \$120. Teams are welcome to bring their own food and alcohol. Soda and bottled water available for purchase for \$1.