

Weekly Connection

For the Week of April 14, 2019 - April 20, 2019
Diverse Minds, Covenant Hearts, Made One in the Body of Christ



Smells and Memories

Beyond the scientific reasons, I have always thought there was something almost mystical about the way a certain smell can trigger vivid memories. For me, the smell that conjures up the most memories is the smell of birthday candles after they are blown out.

My grandmother's birthday was two days before mine. Growing up, my family always celebrated our birthdays together.

One cake (a cake she had baked herself).

One set of candles (which she always let me blow out as she told me every year, "Go ahead and blow them out, sweetie. You can have my wish too.")

To this day whenever someone blows out birthday candles and the smell waifs in the air...

I can see my Grandmother sitting beside me,

I can feel the touch of my Grandmother's arm around my shoulders,

I can feel the weight of the paper birthday crowns we wore,

I can hear my family purposefully singing "Happy Birthday" off key,

I can smell the sweetness of the cake and ice cream,

and I can taste frosting mixed with a bit of wax as my Grandmother gave me permission to lick the icing off the candles.

For the disciples, after Jesus' death, resurrection and ascension, I wonder what memories were triggered by the smell of bread and wine. To them, bread and wine were ordinary elements that would be forever transformed to memories of Christ's life, ministry, death and resurrection. The ordinary elements of bread and wine continue to be extraordinary reminders of what the great reformers of our faith describe as "tangible signs of God's invisible grace" for disciples of every time and generation.

As we move into holy week, as you partake in the sacrament of Holy Communion, I invite you to take in the aroma of the bread and wine. As you smell and taste the bread and wine, may it conjure up for you the Gospel stories, the covenantal promises of our God, and powerful reminders of the continued presence of Christ among us.

As you partake in the sacrament on Palm Sunday and during Holy Week services...

Can you smell the bread and wine Jesus served to the disciples as they shared their last meal together before his death?

Can you taste the suffering and sacrifice Jesus endured for our sake?

Can you see the disciples' faces of triumph and joy as they entered into Jerusalem, where the faces quickly turned to despair and grief?

Can you feel the tension, anxiety, and nervousness in the air of the upper room?

Can you hear the crowds excitedly shouting "Hosanna!" one day and then emphatically chanting "Crucify Him!" the next?

This is the invitation of Holy Week...to remember.

To remember the preparation before the departure.

To remember the despair before the joy.

To remember the betrayal before the recommitments of faith.

To remember the fear before the assurance.

To remember the hopelessness before the peace.

To remember the defeat before the victory.

To remember that Christ's presence and power will always have the last word.

In this Holy Week, I pray that you will breathe deep and remember to taste and experience how good the Lord is.

Blessings, Rev. Shana Johnson, Conference Minister

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Pray for...

Prayer list for April 14-20, 2019 Churches & Pastors

- Hookdale St. Peter's UCC, Rev. P. Jerry Bennett
- Hoyleton Zion Evangelical UCC

SHANA'S UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- April 14 Worship with my youngest daughter at her church for Palm Sunday at University of Tennessee
April 21 Leading Worship at Evangelical UCC, Highland
April 28 Worship at St. Paul UCC, Carlinville for Rev. Kevin Strope'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.



NEPAL 2015 Earthquakes

UCC Disaster Ministries pledged \$200,000 for construction of new, permanent, earthquake-resistant homes in Nepal. The UCC's last installment of \$50,000 was sent in 2018.

Thanks to careful stewardship, the funds will complete more than 50 homes for some of the most vulnerable survivors of the two powerful earthquakes

in 2015 that killed nearly 9,000 people and destroyed or damaged hundreds of thousands of homes. The work is in partnership with the Fuller Center for Housing.

In all, UCC Disaster Ministries has provided nearly \$390,000 for earthquake recovery in Nepal. In addition to houses, funds have gone for immediate response; long-term livelihood recovery; water, sanitation, and hygiene, and psychosocial care.

2018 Funding: \$50,000

What's next? UCC Disaster Ministries expects to complete its earthquake recovery efforts in 2019 with the construction of another 8-10 homes.

Thuli Mijar's Story

Thuli Mijar, 69, is a single parent whose 34-year-old widowed daughter and four children live with her. The 2015 earthquakes destroyed their home. Their temporary shelter flooded when it rained and was freezing cold in winter. The two women work, but earn too little to build a new home.

Before being selected to receive a new house, Thuli Mijar said, "Even with all the problems we are living our life but when it is too much for my grandchildren ... I feel, 'Why I can't do anything for them?'"

Things took a turn for the better when the family qualified to receive a new home. Not only is it earthquake resistant, it increases personal security for this female-headed household and a healthy environment to live and rear the children - three girls and a boy.



Retired Pastor

- Rev. Ken and Jean Knobloch, Maeystown, IL

People with Life Concerns

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

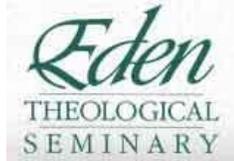


United Church of Christ Cornerstone Fund presents a webinar *How cool is your congregation? Learn 25 ways under \$25 to transform your church into a greener space* on Tues, April 23 at 2 pm EST (1 pm CST). This year, we

are sponsoring a year full of learning with free, one-hour webinars that are designed exclusively for clergy and lay leadership of United Church of Christ congregations and ministries. Topics will include expert discussion and information on a range of subjects, including church finances, building projects and renovations, and more! Pastors, church administrators, and lay leadership are invited to attend. Join us for a FREE interactive webinar for a discussion with Sarah Paulos, Program & Outreach Coordinator for Interfaith Power & Light. For more than a decade, Sarah has trained nearly 500 green teams at churches across the country to help them reduce their energy use as an act of faith. Click to [register](#).

Cleanup Buckets Needed

Recent back-to-back hurricanes have depleted Church World Service's inventory of Emergency Cleanup Buckets and other Kits. United Church of Christ Disaster Ministries is stepping up to help by offering \$250 matching grants to qualifying UCC congregations assembling these life-giving supplies. In 2018, 51 congregations received grants. Click [here](#) for full information including a video and downloadable factsheets.



Spring Convocation

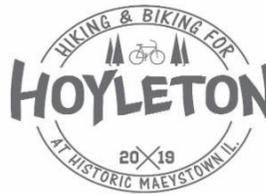
Eden Theological Seminary's Spring Convocation will be held in the Wehrle Chapel on the Eden Campus on April 23-24, 2019. This year's conversation will be Church Buildings: Blessings and Burdens.

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.

Region 2 Churches Present Hike and Bike to support Hoyleton Youth & Family Services on Sat, May 11 from 9 am - Noon at Maeystown St. John UCC. The earnings will provide an opportunity for the Hoyleton children to have a summer that looks like most children's summer: a trip to the Zoo, Six Flags and summer camp at our own DuBois Center.

Here's how you can help:

- T-shirt sponsor for \$100 or \$200.
- Quarter-mile-road sing sponsor sing for \$50.
- Register and walk or bike that day.
- Financial donation. Make check to Hoyleton Youth and Family Services with Hike and Bike in the memo.
- Hand out the [flyer](#) or bulletin [insert](#) at your church. Contact Rev. Patrick Poole at 618-458-6940 or pastorpoole123@gmail.com.



Saturday, MAY 11
9AM - Noon

REGISTER NOW!



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 ExeRate standards. Qualified applicants can find a full job description and application procedures on the [website](#).



The American Red Cross invites your church to host a blood drive. This summer, local faith-based groups are joining the American Red Cross effort nationwide to fill the gap of three letters taken for granted-A, B, and O-the blood types that often go missing from hospital shelves, leaving patient lives in jeopardy. Every two seconds, someone needs donated blood in order to survive childbirth, surgery, chronic illness, or unexpected trauma. For each blood donation, up to three lives can be saved! Click [here](#) to begin the process to host a blood drive.

St. John United Church of Christ in Collinsville is celebrating its 125th Anniversary!

To commemorate this special milestone, there will be a luncheon to celebrate on Sunday, April 28 at Noon in the church's Faith Hall. It will be catered by Ravanelli's Restaurant with homemade desserts! Tickets for the luncheon are available in the church office (618-344-2526) through April 21. There will be one worship service on April 28 at 9:30 am with special guest speakers Rev. Dr. David Greenhaw from Eden Theological Seminary and Pastor Emeritus Rev. Don Sabbert.

St. John UCC will continue to celebrate throughout the year by recognizing the various organizations that continue to serve through their work and dedication by highlighting one group each month, beginning in May.



GIRLS who CAMP! - June 23-28

NEW this year - Girls Who Camp is designed for girls who have completed grades 5-8. Fun and adventure await as they learn more about God's creation, each other and girls who rock the world. This week, the Rustic Village is just for GIRLS - girls who play, girls who laugh, girls who run, girls who hike, girls who swim, girls who pray, girls who create, girls who sing, girls who build, and girls who... camp! Pick up a camp brochure at your UCC church or [download](#) one. To receive a brochure by mail, contact DuBois Center at dcinfo@DuBoisCenter.org or 618-787-2202.



LENTEN WORK DAY - April 13

RVSP by April 10

Stretch your muscles, get a little dirty and make a difference! A day of service is a wonderful way to begin preparations for Holy Week and Easter. There will be projects suitable for youth, adults and families. Specific tasks vary depending on the weather and the skills of the workers - carpentry, cleaning, painting, raking and more. A hearty lunch is provided. Check out and share this [flyer](#). **RSVP** by Wednesday, April 10 to dcinfo@DuBoisCenter.org or 618-787-2202. If this date doesn't work for you, join us for the Green DuBois Stewardship Day on Saturday, April 27.



Don't Delay;

Register Today!

Early Bird Deadline - April 10

Summer Adventures at DuBois Center are filling quickly - some already have waiting lists! There are still lots of great options available, but don't wait too long. Give your kids the gift of unplugged, joyful, low-tech fun this summer!

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL

As you prepare for the coming of Holy Week and Easter, we invite you to use the wonderful Lenten devotional created by Rev. Don Wagner with help from friends from DuBois Center and Green DuBois. Through inspiring messages and photos, this piece speaks to those who find comfort, wisdom and challenge in God's creation and word. With spring bursting out all over southern Illinois, this tool is even more timely. Click [here](#) to read or download this amazing resource in its entirety. For weekly segments, click [here](#). We hope this resource is a blessing to you during the coming weeks. Please feel free to share.



Catch the "I SPY" Quilt at the Quilt Show on April 27

This fun and intriguing quilt has been on the road visiting churches throughout the Illinois South Conference. It has now returned home to Mascoutah and will be featured at the



SUMMER CAMP Spread the Word!

There is still time to plan a Camp Sunday at your church, include information in your church bulletin or newsletter, and promote DuBois Center on your web site and outdoor church sign. Tools to assist can be found on our [website](#). There are ideas for camp promotion, inserts for bulletins or newsletters and the summer camp schedule. Please help us spread the word. Contact the DuBois Center office if you have questions or need assistance.



40th Annual St. John UCC Quilt Show on Sat, April 27. This is quite the event with over 200 quilts on display, demonstrations and a Bed Turning at 9:45 am. Each year, the Happy Quilters stitch and promote an amazing youth quilt to support DuBois Center. This year's "I SPY" treasure is based on the popular books of picture riddles. It is 70 x 80 inches of fun created from 120 different fabrics! Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. The church matches what the Happy Quilters raise, so each dollar you donate is two dollars for DuBois Center. If you can't catch it live, click [here](#) for tickets, then print and mail them to the church with a check payable to "Happy Quilters."



WHY CHURCH CAMP?

Because church camp is joyful fun! It is a sacred place. It is intensely relational and positive role models abound! Church camp is an integral part of the year-round faith formation efforts of many congregations. However, it is very different from VBS or Sunday School. Campers and leaders live, work, play and worship together from early morning until late into the evening. They grow together through shared experiences in God's amazing creation and form an intentional community. They hear our faith stories in new places and new ways, and find opportunities to share their own. The activities are fun, challenging and filled with opportunities to grow as part of a Christian community. Check out the 2019 Summer Adventures [brochure](#)

and learn more about DuBois Center's faith-building opportunities for all ages! Ready to register? Choose from [online](#) and [mail-in](#) registration.

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



To celebrate National Prevention Week 2019, Hoyleton Youth & Family Services is offering presentations to raise awareness around substance use trends in Southern Illinois and how to keep families and communities safe. Hoyleton will provide all participants with safe medication disposal bags as well as resources for

those struggling with substance use and abuse. Presentations can be offered in Clinton, Monroe, St. Clair, and Washington Counties. If you're interested in a presentation, please contact Tasha at nmorrow@hoyleton.org or 618-688-4769.

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.



Langenberg Leadership Forum

Leadership for the Common Good

The Walker Institute presents its **Langenberg Leadership Form: Leadership for the Common Good with the subject, *The Contours of Ethical Leadership in a Secular***

World, on Tues, April 16 from 7:30 am - 9:00 am Eden Theological Seminary, Schroer Commons in Webster

Groves, MO. The April breakfast features Dennis Lower, the President and CEO of Cortex Innovation Community.



Mr. Lower has a unique perspective on faith and business that you don't want to miss.

The Contours of Ethical Leadership in a Secular World will include:

- Experiences that have shaped his faith journey.
- How religious dualism has unwittingly contributed to polarization in our society - the objectification and dismissal of the "Other".
- The importance of being centered - internal validation, authenticity, and self-actualization.
- The importance of presence in leadership (and everything else) - "Be Here Now".
- The care and feeding of your soul - embracing beauty, creativity, imagination, and humor to remain forever young.

This free event includes a light breakfast at no cost. [Registration](#) is required.

Winner! Winner! Chicken Dinner!

Dine for a cause at Collinsville Ravenelli's on Wed, May 1 from 4 pm - 9 pm as a fundraiser for St. John's Community Care. 25% of every customer's bill that night will benefit St. John's Community Care. You must have this [coupon](#) to qualify.



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 Wednesdays, May 8, 15, 22, 29 - June 5, 12 from 10 am - Noon at St. John UCC, 307 W Clay St, Collinsville in the West Conference Room. For more information or to register, call 618-344-5008. Download a [flyer](#). Click [here](#) for St. John's Community Care's spring newsletter.

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

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.

Alternate Care Site Planning Workshop

Many times our churches are called upon to shelter people during and after a disaster. Knowing the mechanics of opening, running and closing down a shelter are key to caring for our communities in times of need. The Regional Healthcare coalition, HOPE, (Healthcare Organizations Preparing for Emergencies) has two training sessions available to educate churches (and other organizations) on running shelters and other alternate care sites.

The first is on sheltering during and after a disaster. The training will explain everything a church will need to know about what is involved in sheltering. The date is June 7 at the Gateway Regional Medical Center in Granite City from 8:30 am - 3:30 pm. Registration is at 8:00 am. The pastor, a staff member, or key lay people are welcome to attend. The pastor is not required to attend with lay people. Sheltering [flyer](#).

The second training is for facilities that have a working agreement to be an alternative care site for a healthcare facility. This only applies to a few locations but is included. The date for that training is June 6 from 8:30 am - 3:30 pm at the Gateway Regional Medical Center in Granite City. Healthcare site [flyer](#). For more information, contact Lee French, Preparedness Coordinator, Memorial Hospital Belleville, 618-257-5242 or lee.french@bjc.org.

Interim Ministry 2 Class Offered starting at 4 pm at St. John UCC in Collinsville (West Rm)

Interim Ministry 2 consists of a five-day classroom experience, plus approximately six months of individual fieldwork, including monthly conference calls. This particular class will be offered in the following format: ● 3 days, May 2-4 (Pt 1) ● and 2 days, May 17-18 (Pt 2) ● the fieldwork conference calls will begin about 30 days after completion of Part 2, using Zoom Video Conferencing.

Interim Ministry 2 allows participants to practice and hone newly acquired skills, and equips trained traditional interim ministers to lead a congregation through a systematic assessment of its pastoral needs and congregational goals by looking closely at five areas of a healthy congregation, referred to as Focus Points: heritage, mission, leadership,

connections, future.

Those who meet the course requirements receive a certificate of completion as an Intentional Interim Minister, issued by the Center for Congregational Health.

Instructors for the course:

Rev. Dr. Marvin L. Morgan, Certified IIM and Church Consultant, Faculty, CCH and also D. Min. Faculty, Interdenominational Theo. Cntr, ATL GA

Rev. Dr. Les Robinson, CCH Faculty (retired), Associate D. Min. Faculty, ITC, Manager, Interim Ministry Resources and IIM Curriculum Editor

For additional information, and/or to register by phone, please contact:

Rev. Dr. Marvin L. Morgan - Faculty - (404) 550-2842

Rev. Dr. Heather Arcovitch - Course Coordinator - (203) 687-9172 [Register for this course](#)

What's Happening at Illinois South Conference...



Metro East Hunger Relief & Food Pantry Managers and Volunteers are invited to connect, share and learn on Wed, April 24 from 2 pm - 4 pm at 1 Regency Plaza, Suite 200 in Collinsville. Allison Hoshide from Hoyleton Youth and Family Services will provide information about their Mental First Aid Class and other help that is available to those experiencing a mental health problem. AgeSmart will offer a

variety of services to help older adults remain independent in their homes and communities. They will also tell about a detailed resource and community guide that they will have on hand for you to share with your clients. Attendees may share with the group any updates and flyers they may have. For more information, contact Amy Funk at 618-344-4230 or amyfunk@illinois.edu. This material is funded by the USDA's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), University of Illinois Extension, United States Department of Agriculture, Local Extension Councils Cooperating. Click [here](#) for a flyer.

Is your church interested in joining the growing Messy Church movement? If so, take advantage of a regional training opportunity this spring. Join us for the Getting Started in Messy Church Training that will take place at St. Paul UCC- Waterloo on Saturday, May 18th from 9 am until 3:30. Rev. Roberta Egli, the Executive Director of Messy Church USA will be leading the training which will give all present an introduction into Messy Church core values and practices.

The cost for the training is \$150 per team (1 to 5 people, \$25 per additional person) which includes training supplies, one copy of *Get Messy* magazine, one *Messy Church* book, lunch, and morning hospitality. Pre-Registration is required and can be completed by clicking [here](#). Check out this [flyer](#).



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.

There will be a Spring Sing Along at the historic Zion Church, 1838 Baldwin Road in New Athens on Sun, April 28 at 2 pm. The church was formerly a Methodist church that was organized in 1846 and built in 1868 by early pioneers from Switzerland. The pump organ is working and will be played by Sondra Meyer. Talks will be given by Cathy Janik, a direct descendant of one of the original founders and Reba Jones. Ladies from New Athens Methodist church and friends will lead the singing. For further information, contact Linda at 618-475-2010 or Karen at 618-475-3616.

Region 2

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. Everyone is welcome.

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 or 618-520-0185.

Region 8

St. Paul UCC in Lebanon presents Lenten Study as part of their Wednesday evening service.
- 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

Region 4

Brighton St. John's UCC will hold Friday Fish Fry on 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

Highland Evangelical UCC will host its Feed the Need Dinner Auction on Sat, April 13 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 12454 State Rte. 143 in Highland. Doors open at 5 pm and dinner will be served at 6 pm. Tickets are \$25 per person. Contact 618-654-7459 to purchase tickets. Proceeds to go to Highland Area Christian Services Ministry (HACSM), Highland Community School Angel Fund, and Kids Hope USA as well as other church ministries.

Region 5 Wednesday Evening Lenten Service?

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

- April 10- Immanuel UCC, Hamel. All are welcome.

Marine UCC will hold a Trivia Night on Sat, April 27 beginning at 7 pm. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Cost is \$12 per person up to 8 players per table or \$96 per table. Please contact 618-887-4465 for reservations. If after office hours, leave your name, phone number, and the number of people attending the event. All proceeds benefit Hoyleton Youth & Family Services.

Salem UCC in Alhambra: Easter season schedule.

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

study will begin with a light soup, fruit & veggie supper from 5:00-6:00pm with the studies following from 6:00-7:45 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.

Mascoutah St. John UCC will hold a Quilt Show on April 27 from 9 am - 2 pm at the church. A bed turning at 9:45 am. Demonstrations from 10:45 am - 12:45 pm. 200+ quilts on display. Lunch available. Items for sale. Admission \$3.

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.