Yesterday was a national holiday. It is actually a more recent holiday as the bill to recognize the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, as a federal holiday was not signed until 1983. Yet, even after President Ronald Reagan signed the bill, the action was not put into motion until three years later. Furthermore, it was not until 2000 that all 50 states recognized it, not only as a federal, but also a state holiday. In thinking about this reality, I find myself thinking about the deep truth of words once spoken by Rev. Theodore Parker from the pulpit. Rev. Parker was an ordained pastor, who was a vocal abolitionist in the 1850s. Rev. Parker, in offering hope to his congregation in which many members were also abolitionists, said this, "I do not pretend to understand the moral universe; the arc is a long one, my eye reaches but little ways; I cannot calculate the curve and complete the figure by the experience of sight; I can divine it by conscience. And from what I see I am sure it bends towards justice."

His words offer me hope as I often find myself frustrated that, as a people of God, we have not been able to further the work of equality for ALL of God's beloved.

Last fall, as I was in Birmingham with my colleagues visiting key historical landmarks of the Civil Rights movement, I wondered about the "moral universe." (I wrote a bit about this trip in a Weekly Connection article on December 3.)

I confess, as I wrestled with our nation's painful and sinful history of slavery, segregation, and continued patterns of racism, I questioned whether it was possible to make true lasting progress. For me, the narrative and reality of inequality and injustice in this country feels like the story of Sisyphus. This story in Greek mythology is one in which the main character, Sisyphus, sets out each day to push a boulder uphill only to watch it roll down hill again in the evening, knowing that the next day he would awake again with the task of pushing the boulder uphill again.

But unlike for Sisyphus (who was cursed to eternally repeat ineffective effort), I believe, with power and moral strength we are given by God, we can choose to continue to move forward to work to bring about God's justice. We also have the opportunity and obligation not to allow the movement of imagining and enacting the kingdom of God, like the boulder, to go backwards.

Yes, we have made great strides. There is still so much work to be done. In the coming weeks, I will be sharing messages from my Conference Minister colleagues and friends, summoning us as a people of God to be actively engaged in the continued work of dismantling racism and inequality in our churches, our communities, and in our world. I invite you to hear their stories, their passion and their messages of both challenge and hope. I also invite you to be in conversation with one another about how we might continue to push onward, trusting that even though the "arc of moral universe is long...it bends towards justice."

Blessings,
Rev. Shana Johnson, Conference Minister

Shana's 2020 Church Visits & Sunday Morning Schedule
As I am working on shaping up my 2020 worship schedule, I encourage you to reach out to me. I welcome an invitation to your church for a particular event, season in the life of the church, a special occasion or to offer a mission moment about the work of the Conference and current programs we are offering, which might benefit your leadership and your church. To contact me, you can email at sjohnson@iscucc.org or call me at the Conference office 618-654-2125.

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Pray for...
Prayer list for Jan 26 – Feb 1, 2020
Churches & Pastors
- Lebanon St. Paul UCC, Rev. Dr. Don (Nancy) Wagner
- Lenzburg St. Peter's UCC, Rev. Bob Coffey
It is also quite possible that if I do not hear from you, I will be reaching out to your pastor to invite myself to your church. One of the reasons I am committed to worshiping in local churches on a regular basis is that I deeply value the relationships and connections with the local churches in our Conference and the insight it offers to me about how we might support your ministries and uplift the work you are doing.

Day of Discipleship - Registration Open
This year, Day of Discipleship presents "Healthy & Whole Congregations," on Saturday, Feb 29 from 9:30 am - 2 pm at St. Paul UCC in Waterloo. Rev Dr. Sarah Lund, UCC Minister for Disabilities & Mental Health Justice, will be the keynote speaker, talking about how we can make our congregations welcoming to all. After the keynote, you can choose two workshops by other local experts who will give you suggestions and resources to help your congregations. To find out more about Day of Discipleship and Rev. Dr. Lund, click here or use this form to register and choose workshops you want to attend. To register online, click here.

Festival of Faith Scheduled for February
**Festival of Faith 2020**, an event for 6th-8th graders and their chaperones, will take place on **February 15 - 16** (Saturday & Sunday) at DuBois Center. For a third year, we welcome Craig Bielke from St Paul UCC in Belleville as the event's leader and thank him for taking on this exciting but challenging responsibility! All are invited to worship, play, and experience God's great back yard at DuBois Center.
Please note the important date - **February 4** for paperwork/payment to the ISC office. The February 4 deadline allows us time to communicate back with chaperones, plan activities/discussions, and confirm housing placement and management of dietary issues. Here is the packet for planning and registration of your church's youth. For more information, click here.

National Youth Event (NYE) Registration Opens February 1
NYE is a spirited quadrennial event centered on faith, leadership, service, and social justice first inaugurated in 1980. It is celebrated as the largest denominational gathering for the United Church of Christ, with an expected attendance of 2,500.

The registration for National Youth Event is $375 per person, which includes event registration, housing and on campus meals. Additional items may be purchased at the time of registration, including the 2020 NYE t-shirt and/or sweatpants. Other swag items may be available as well. There are many gifted speakers at NYE. Click here to see them and read more about them. Get ready to experience NYE with your youth.

Planned Giving to Support Mission and Ministry Webinars
While a significant wealth transfer occurs (and will occur) in our country as our eldest generation passes, many congregations and ministries remain unprepared to promote planned giving options among their members.
Only 5% of people leave a charitable bequest even though nearly a third of people would if asked or invited to consider one. This webinar will equip congregational leaders to begin a planned giving program in their setting.
We'll begin by considering generosity as a spiritual practice and why donors would want to give a planned gift. Then we'll learn about the three varieties of planned gifts and develop a plan for offering these options.
Lastly, we'll review a checklist of good policies and steps necessary for successfully launching a planned giving program. Through this webinar, you will learn key concepts and create an actionable plan for your congregation or ministry.

Retired Pastors
- Rev. Louis Fluck, Marion, IL

People with Life Concerns
- Pray for the Rev. C.W. Lewis, father of Rev. Nancy Peebles, as he deals with some health issues. Rev. Lewis served as Interim Pastor in a few churches in the Illinois South Conference and resides now in Effingham. Rev. Peebles serves as the Pastor of Central City Zion UCC.
- Please keep Rev. David Beebe in your prayers as he has been hospitalized while dealing with some serious health issues. He has served as Intentional Interim for several churches in Illinois South Conference over the years. You may reach him by email or his home address at 1219 Flagstone Terrace, Lake St. Louis, MO 63367.
- Pray for Rev. E. John Schaller as he deals with health issues. Rev. Schaller is the father of Rev. Mary Schaller Blaufuss. Cards may be sent to 623 Hamacher St, Waterloo, IL 62298.
- Keep Pastor Matt (Laura) Friz in your prayers as he deals with health issues. Pastor Friz is the pastor at Floraville St. Paul UCC. Cards may be sent to 13 Josiah Ln, Millstadt IL 62260.
- Please pray for Revs. Lev and Linda Reynolds as they deal with Lev's health issues. Rev. Linda Reynolds is the former Associate Pastor for Belleville St. Paul UCC and both have served on several ISC teams. Cards may be sent to 2490 W Randolph St, St. Charles, MO 63301.
- Pray for Rev. Bob Coffey as he deals with some health issues. Rev. Coffey is serving as Pastor for St. Peter's UCC in Lenzburg. Cards may be sent to 6213 Jo Ann Dr, Belleville, IL 62223.
- Keep Marilyn (Rev. Paul) Thompson in your prayers as she deals with health issues.

Please note the important date - February 4 - for the February 15th deadline for the National Youth Event registration. A copy of the National Youth Event registration form can be found here.
Preaching Generosity
It can be hard to talk about money. And yet Jesus spoke about it often, second only to the Kingdom of God. Join Rev. Andrew Warner (a Generosity Outreach of the United Church of Christ) to explore how to preach and teach about generosity and the use of our financial resources. Each webinar will focus on a specific liturgical season and a set of readings. We will plan out at least one preaching opportunity for teaching generosity as a spiritual practice.

Wednesday Feb. 26th - 2 pm Central
The Season of Lent: A Changed Life - Using the story of Nicodemus, we'll see how increasing generosity created change in his life. We'll look beyond the lectionary reading to consider the other two appearances of Nicodemus. The story will focus attention on what it means to experience change in our lives. Register here.

Monday April 20st - 2 pm Central
The Season of Easter: Beloved Community - The stories of Good Shepherd Sunday (May 3) speak to what it means to live generously in a community (Acts 2: 42-47, Ps. 23, and John 10: 1-10). This Sunday offers a chance to think broadly about the many forms of generosity and how it reinforces connections within a community. Register here.

For ISC Estate Planning Record, click here.

Ministers Also Deserve a Plate: Addressing the Economic Challenges Facing Ministers
Don’t miss this Bracke Lecture on Friday, February 7 from 10:30 am-12:30 pm at Eden Theological Seminary Wehrl Chapel
Rising theological education costs, reductions in scholarship funding, and lower-than-average pastoral salaries are just some of the factors leading to financial challenges among ministers today. Leading a church and managing educational debt along with other personal financial obligations can be overwhelming for ministers. In 2016, Eden Seminary in partnership with the Association of Theological Schools and the Lilly Endowment began a three-year project to help students reduce their educational debt through the Economics Challenges Facing Future Ministers (ECFFM) Initiative. Around the same time, the Pension Boards-United Church of Christ (PBUCC) launched the Ministers’ Financial Vitality Initiative (MFVI), intended to increase and improve financial wellness among UCC authorized ministers.
Although these combined efforts have been successful, it has become apparent that economic justice and financial vitality conversations with authorized ministers must occur earlier in their experience to be effective. As a result, the PBUCC and Eden are partnering in their efforts to connect some of this information to current students to plant a seed in their financial well-being.

About the Speaker
Rev. Darrell Goodwin serves the Iowa, Nebraska, and South Dakota Conferences as the Associate Conference Minister. Rev. Goodwin brings to this role over 20 years of experience in pastoral ministry and higher education. He has served as Pastor and Founder of Liberation United Church of Christ in Seattle (2007-2019) and Everett United Church of Christ (2017-2019). From 2006-2016, he served in several positions in higher education, including Associate Director of Multicultural Affairs and Dean of Students. Click here to register.

Attention Pastors:
You are invited to attend Introduction to A Better Way of Helping; Building Bridges Out of Poverty on March 14 from 9 am - noon at Zion UCC, 412 N 5th St, Burlington, IA.
All people deserve a chance to live sustainable lives. Sustainable lives lead to sustainable communities. This workshop will present an overview of how the Bridges Out of Poverty research is being implemented in the Building Bridges Initiative in Southeast Iowa and the successes being celebrated thus far. Poverty is sometimes thought of as a shortage of financial resources. Research by Ruby Payne, PhD suggests there are nine categories of resources which impact poverty. This workshop will introduce the nine categories of resources needed for sustainable living and overview how the Building Bridges Initiative helps families strengthen those resources.
If you did not grow up in poverty, you may be unaware of the "hidden rules" that govern many aspects of life for the poor. This workshop will help you see and understand the hidden rules and how they are different for poor, middle class, and wealthy communities.
This workshop will help Churches redesign programs to better serve the people you work with and increase the likelihood of families moving from welfare to sustainable lifestyles. To register, please call Zion UCC at 319-752-2305.
It's Time to Update Your Church’s Records with UCC
Here are more reasons why!
6. Reporting your church’s OCWM and special offerings giving allows conferences and the national setting to recognize and thank you for your support of the wider church and to encourage future support.
7. The trend of attendance gives you one way of tracking the ways in which you have an opportunity to "do church."
8. This information allows the UCC Center for Analytics, Research and Data (CARD) to conduct advanced statistical analyses that contribute to important research for all mainline denominations, like some of the research reported on CARD’s weekly blog.
9. For new and renewing churches that receive funding from the national setting, annual reporting helps to ensure continued financial support, as it is a requirement for churches that receive these grants.
10. For churches seeking loans through the Church Building & Loan Fund or Cornerstone Fund, annual statistics are viewed by these entities for verification and clarification of information provided in the loan application.
11. You’re creating a historical statistical record for your congregation that will long outlive current generations and that historians will be able to learn from in the future.
12. The data you provide contributes to the reporting of denominational trends in the annual UCC Statistical Profile, which tracks overall membership, ministerial compensation, and church finances over time.

Please decide who is responsible for this at your church. If it is not in your job description, please forward to the person responsible. Don't assume someone else will be doing it. If you choose not to enter the information online, just fill out the attached Yearbook Data Entry Worksheet at the end of the Church Instructions and send it to me. I will be happy to do it for you. I am also sending an additional copy by snail mail to all church offices.

Church Instructions
2018-2019 Data from Last Year's Report
Data Hub opened January 8 and will remain open until midnight on March 4, 2020. See the Instructions for how-to. Thanks.
Lynnette Schuepbach lschuepbach@iscucc.org

FLUFFY, FLUFFY PONIES!
With the deep chill we recently experienced, the horses at DuBois Center have certainly been enjoying their luxurious winter coats! This extra fur is super soft and GREAT for petting, but it also serves a crucial and practical function - it traps in heat to help protect against harsh winter weather. Horses are very social animals, and in order to maintain a healthy herd dynamic, our horses live outside year-round. We do bring them into the barn occasionally to groom them for rides and feed them. When the temperatures drop and the winds pick up, we also open the barn as a wind break. While living outdoors does help keep our horses mentally healthy, they do require some extra care when the cold and snow prevent them from grazing on grass. Staff and volunteers provide a steady stream of hay, and supplemental grain when the weather gets exceptionally bad. Some of our horses have even been known to gain weight over the winter!

Mark your calendars and join us for the first official STAR PARTY at DuBois Center. Celebrate the start of spring under the stars at camp! Green DuBois is hosting a Star Party from 7-10 pm on March 20 - the Spring Equinox. Festivities begin with a bonfire and snacks at Picnic Point. The big open playing

SUMMER JOBS
DuBois Center
Equestrian Program
Looking for a rewarding summer job working with children and horses? How about hands-on experience managing a trail ride program? Spending time with the horses is a highlight for many of our campers and great barn staff make all the difference! In addition to caring for our 20-horse herd, staff utilizes basic riding instruction and time "getting to
field in the Rustic Village will be our prime star gazing location. Trams will run from the toasty campfire to this area at 7:30 pm and 8:30 pm. Bring your own binoculars or view the sky with equipment provided by DuBois Center. This is a FREE Conference-wide, family-friendly event. Bring your friends and neighbors and dress warmly.

**WINTER PROJECTS:**
**Upholstery, Refinishing, Repairing**
If you like to work with your hands and have some spare time over the winter, DuBois Center has some indoor winter projects - maybe one just for you. Enjoy refinishing furniture? We have some wood-frame chairs in need of some TLC. Upholstery interest you more? We have two chairs that need attention - backs and seats only. Here's an interesting one... refinishing arrows. Removing and replacing damaged feathers takes time, patience and the right tools. We have a couple dozen that need attention. All three of these projects can be done in the comfort of your home or here at camp. For more information, contact DuBois Center at dcinfo@DuBoisCenter.org or 618-787-2202.

**CAMP BROCHURES**
**Place Your Order NOW!**
At DuBois Center, we are busy planning for Summer Camp 2020! Right now we are putting together our order for brochures. This year we are working especially hard to optimize our promotion, and you can help! Please let us know how many brochures you would like for your CHURCH. We would be happy to send one for every child in Sunday School! Or if stacks in the narthex and church office work best in your setting - great! Just let us know how many are needed. Please send your request to Julie at register@DuBoisCenter.org or call 618-357-1809. FYI - We will mail brochures directly to all 2018 and 2019 campers and retreat participants.

**Green DuBois Meeting**
The next Green DuBois team meeting is Fri, Jan 24 from 10:30 am-Noon at the Highland ISC office. We have several new projects to prepare for, including a Spring Star Party in March and the Nature Photography Retreat in May. If you can’t attend but would like to be added to the mailing list, send a request to greendubois@aol.com.

**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!

**The next LIFE Certificate Course will be on February 8 presented by Dr. Jill Baker on **Exploring the United Church of Christ: History and Polity of the UCC.** This course will explore the history and polity (structure and governance) of the United Church of Christ, seeking to provide an understanding of the organization, ministries, and mission commitments of the UCC in the past, and looking to the future on how the denomination's theological trajectories may continue to develop. This class is intended for people seeking licensing, dual standing or privilege of call. It is also appropriate for anyone wanting to learn more about the United Church of Christ who have no need for ministerial authorization. This LIFE course is a single day format. It will count as one credit in the LIFE program. Recommended Reading, *That We May All (Finally!) be One*, by Mary Susan Gast, Pilgrim Press, 2016. Available in the Eden Bookstore. Dr. Jill Baker is the Moderator of the IL South Conference and an ONA Consultant for the Illinois South Conference UCC, and a trainer in the Building an Inclusive Church curriculum. To register, contact Jill Schantz at ischantz@eden.edu or by calling 314-918-2554.
Two Ways Hitz Memorial Home Can Help Your Church
Hitz Memorial Home would like to share information about their mission to provide care for loved ones, by giving brochures and a DVD to all ISC churches that would like them. Also, if you are planning a dinner or event and would like disposable Hitz Memorial Home placemats, they can provide some for you. A small donation is accepted but not required. If you are interested in either of these opportunities, please contact Susan Tudor, Brooke Clark or Xandra Meffert at 618-488-2355.

Health & Human Service Sunday is January 26, 2020. CHHSM hopes that you will help them spread the word about the importance of local Health & Human Services on that day. To help you with preparations for worship, they have prepared liturgy for you to use. Click here to see what is available. Share your stories about your celebrations of Health & Human Services, and CHHSM will share them through social media.

Below, you’ll find a preview of Upcoming Continuing Education Events offered February through March 2020, through the Leadership Institute of Union Presbyterian Seminary. Visit our events page to view our full list.

Preaching the Old Testament: Engaging the Whole Canon for a Changing Church
February 17-19, 2020 - Richmond campus
This is an excellent opportunity to get a jump start on sermon preparation for Lent. Come join a community of learners led by faculty members, Dr. Samuel Adams (above left) and Dr. Richard Voelz (above right). Together, the group will explore the challenges and opportunities of preaching the Old Testament for a changing church. And as the Lenten season will soon follow this workshop, a dive into the Revised Common Lectionary’s Old Testament texts will occur for this day and time in the church’s life. For more information, click here. To register online, click here.

Pastoral Care & Mental Healthcare Workshop
March 3-4, 2020 - Richmond Campus
Early Registration Pricing ends February 3 - Register Now & Save!
This workshop is designed to be extremely practical, and participants will leave with resources and responses related to pastoral care and mental healthcare and illness. Case studies and resources will be shared as well, including time for questions and answers with Dr. Schweitzer (right), who has tremendous experience and knowledge in the field. Click here for more information. To register online, click here.

Playology Recreation Workshop
March 14, 2020 - Richmond campus
Early Registration Pricing ends February 15 - Register Now & Save!
Playology is chock-full of interactive training and practical resources to integrate recreation and play into your ministry context. Participants choose two workshop choices, led by experienced leaders and practitioners from the annual Arts, Recreation, and Worship Conference (ARW). Click here for the event flyer. For more information, click here. To register online, click here.

Dawe Lecture
March 16, 2020 - Richmond campus
Save the date for the 2020 Dawe Lecture, when Dr. Roger Gench (right) will present his lecture titled, Cruciform Mindfulness. The lecture, free and open to the public, will take place in Watts Chapel, with reception to follow.

Pathways Online Courses
Pathways online series is led by faculty of Union Presbyterian Seminary and are open to all and are designed to enhance the knowledge and discipleship of church and community members and help with the education of those desiring to become Commissioned Ruling Elders in the Presbyterian Church (USA).

February Courses:
Mission & Evangelism - Pathways online course
Led by Dr. John Vest, former Visiting Professor
Mondays, February 24 - March 23, 2020 (5 Online Class Meetings)
Memory Cafe to be held monthly at Senior Services Plus, Inc., 2603 N Rodgers Ave, Alton on the 3rd Wednesday of each month throughout the year. Memory problems should not keep you at home. Join us for an afternoon of conversation and activities to start your day off right. It will be led by a professional who understands the challenges memory loss causes, both for the person directly and their loved one. No charge to attend. Registration is requested. Attend as many cafes as you wish. A care partner must attend with individuals experiencing memory loss. For more information, contact Jane Morgan at jmorgan@seniorservicesplus.org or 618-465-3298, ext. 144.

Memory Cafe, A Winter Wonderland, will be held at the Main Street Community Center, 1003 N Main St., Edwardsville, Illinois 62025 on the second Thursday of every month from 10 am - 11:30 am. No charge to attend. Registration is requested. For more information on this location, contact 618-656-0300 or info@mainstcc.org.

A third Memory Cafe is at the Collinsville Senior Citizen Center, 420 E Main St, Collinsville, IL 62234 on the first Thursday of every month from 10 am - 11:30 am. No charge to attend. Registration is requested. For more information on this location, contact 618-344-7787.

All three Memory Cafes are sponsored by St. John’s Community Care in Collinsville.

What's Happening at Illinois South Conference...

Who Leads Your Church?
The Illinois South Conference is the association of churches which is here to help you find information and resources for all of the areas of its members’ churches. In order to get this information to the right leaders of your church, we need to update our information as to your leadership. Here is a form we would like you to fill out after your yearly elections so that we will send financial information to Treasurers and music information to your musicians, etc. Please help us to keep current and funnel information to the right people. We are sending as an excel file and a pdf. Both are fill-able on your computer or can be printed to write the information in. 2020 Church Leaders excel pdf

Emergency Readiness
For any of you that attended the 2019 Annual Meeting, one of the items that remains in our thoughts was when one of our delegates passed out during the meeting. That was obviously not a part of his, nor our, agenda for the day. Delegates expressed concern over the way the event was handled and the ISC staff and planning team felt unprepared for this medical emergency. Thankfully we had a trained EMS worker, nurses, and medical staff on site, but we hadn’t planned for the event. We all know that accidents, medical emergencies, and disasters can happen at any time, to any of us, but we don’t think it actually will happen to us. Since the Annual Meeting, staff and the planning team have had several discussions about how to be better prepared for such issues. We would like to invite those with a background in emergency readiness to join us in being prepared for such issues (which we pray will not happen) at future Conference gatherings. If you are interested in sharing your thoughts, plans, and time, please let Christy Pursell know at cpursell@iscucc.org. We will most likely develop a plan through emails, conference calls, and/or Zoom gatherings.

Gender Neutral Restrooms
As of January 1, 2020, all public spaces will be prohibited from having signs outside of one-person public restrooms which designate the bathroom as gender specific. This means all one-person bathrooms in public spaces (including churches and camps) must be labeled as gender neutral. (Bathrooms with multiple stalls can still be designated gender specific.)

The language of the bill, which was unanimously approved in the Senate and by a 109-5 vote in the House in the spring of 2019, reads, “every single-occupancy restroom in a place of public accommodation or public building shall be identified as all-gender and designated for use by no more than one person at a time or for family or assisted use.”

In the Conference, we have recently ordered signs for our single occupancy restrooms at the Conference office and at DuBois Center. Above is the picture of the signs we will be using which also includes Braille, making the signs ADA compliant as well.

We strongly encourage churches to follow our lead. If you want information on how to get the signs we have purchased for our Conference public spaces, please feel free to contact Christy Pursell at cpursell@iscucc.org.
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<td>Several choirs from Region 2 of Illinois South Conference are joining together to present the Region 2 Choral Festival on Sunday, February 9 at Waterloo St. Paul UCC at 3 pm. The church’s address is 200 N. Main St., Waterloo, IL 62298. Some of the choirs will perform separately and then join together for a mass choir performance. There is no charge to attend. A free-will offering will be taken and the proceeds given to OCWM. All are welcome to attend to hear the marvelous music from joined voices. Please note that I-255 will be closed between I-55 and I-64 after February 2.</td>
<td>Alhambra Salem UCC will host its 72nd Annual Sausage Supper on Sat, Jan 25 from 2:30 pm - 8 pm. All you can eat menu includes fresh homemade pork sausage, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, bread, applesauce, dessert, coffee and milk. Advanced sausage orders available as link or bulk sausage, backbones, or ribs by contacting 618-488-3733 or <a href="mailto:ooey5@agtelco.com">ooey5@agtelco.com</a>. Pick up is Thurs, Jan 23 from 10 am - 6 pm or Sat, Jan 25 from 9 am - ？ Adults $10; Children 5 - 10 $5; Children 4 and under Free. All carry outs for adult price.</td>
<td>Belleville Christ UCC will hold its 41st Annual Wurstmart on Sun, January 26 from 11 am - 4 pm. All you can eat! Pork sausage, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, green beans, applesauce, dessert, and coffee or tea. Adults $11; Children ages 6-9 $5; Children under 5 Free! Carry outs available!</td>
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<td>Troy Friedens UCC will hold its Trivia Night on Fri, Jan 24 beginning at 6:30 pm. Light snacks &amp; drinks are provided, or you can bring your own. Child care available. Cost is $10 per person. Team of 8 for $80. Individuals can join other teams. Proceeds go to the Friedens Youth Group. Call 618-667-6535.</td>
<td>St. Jacob UCC will sponsor the Strawberry Festival on Sunday, May 17 from 10 am - 3 pm at Town Park in St. Jacob. Music, crafts, jump houses, entertainment for kids. Hot dogs, brats, pork burgers, strawberry desserts. Berry Bike Ride sign up here.</td>
<td>Belleville Concordia UCC will hold its Youth Pancake &amp; Sausage Breakfast on Sat, Feb 29 at 7600 IL Rte 163 in Belleville from 7 am - 10 am. There will be two kinds of pancakes - Buttermilk &amp; Oatmeal. Adults $8; Children 5 - 12 years $5; and Children under 5 Free.</td>
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<td>Okawville St. Peter’s UCC will hold its Wurst Markt on Sun, Feb 9 in their educational building from 3 pm - 7 pm. All you can eat pork sausage, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, green beans, applesauce, pie or dessert and drink. Adults $11; Children 5 - 12 years $5; Children 5 and under Free. All carry outs $11. Place meat/sausage orders by Feb 4 to 618-243-5354.</td>
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