



2026 APRIL NEWSLETTER

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Pastor Rosemary Captain

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Due to unforeseen circumstances, please check council notes for this month's information.

MEMBERS AND FRIENDS



APRIL BIRTHDAYS:

4/1 Trisann Underwood
4/2 Brenna Cohlmeier
4/11 Madison Brown

4/18 Tom Miller
4/24 Stacie Pickens
4/27 Becky Riess

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES:

4/26 Tiffani & Brad Eisenhauer



PRAYER LIST: Grandson Landon, Becky Ballard, Richard Ballard, Roger Ballard, Mary Lou and Urban Baum, Ronald Bopp, Nikki Chatman, GERALYN GAMMON, Sue Ganschinietz, Russ Hartmann, Lynne Knecht, Marilyn Paul, Pam and Syd Safriet, Yvonne Weber, and our beloved country.



SHUT – INS:

Becky Ballard
1211 Moreland Apt 12
Belleville IL 62223

Jeanette Brown
5904 Perrin Rd
Fairview Heights IL 62208



Jackie Canterbury
105 W Julie St Apt C
Shiloh IL 62269

Ivy Schneider
213 Merriweather Ln
Fairview Heights IL 62208

Yvone Weber
200 St Clair Dr
Fairview Heights IL 62208

APRIL USHERS

April 5 Tom & Jan Miller
April 12 Sue Williams, Nancy Eisenhauer
April 19 Lew Thomasino, Eileen Gammon
April 26 Ginny Ganschinietz, Sue Ganschinietz



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:

Palm Sunday, **March 29**
Maundy Thursday Service, **April 2 – There will be no service**
Easter Sunday, Service of Word and Sacrament **April 5** at 10 am



APRIL CIRCLE

If you still have rummage sale items; please bring as soon as possible so they may be priced. We are asking that the cutoff date for large donation items be March 29, 2026. Of course, if you have single items, you can still bring those in. Please tell everyone you know to visit our rummage sale on Saturday April 18th from 8 A.M. to 2 P.M. They never know what treasure may be found. MANY items will be priced \$1.00 or less.

Our next meeting will be April the 12th after church in the L-room. We will distribute money to different mission choices at this meeting. Since this is the last formal meeting, it was decided to once again have everyone bring a light luncheon item to share after our meeting.

Easter is April the 5th. I hope everyone is able to attend church.

May the miracle of Easter bring you peace, renewed faith, and comfort. Eileen Gammon, Co-Chair



THOUGHT TO PONDER:

A man is rich according to what he is, not according to what he has. The world's poorest person is one who has nothing but money. Carol Bulva

PENNIES FOR MISSION

Thank you for your donations:

January	DuBois Camp - <u>\$188.17</u>
February	Fairview Heights Food Pantry - <u>\$189.81</u>
March	One Great Hour of Sharing -
April	Uni-Pres Kindercottage -



As always mission work and your donations are important. Please continue to help and Spread the Love to All.

MUSICAL CELEBRATION

Dear Church Friends,

We are in the process of planning a musical celebration on **May 3, 2026, 2 PM** that showcases the power and joy of music as members from various congregations throughout the area come together on one special project. This will be our second year for this event, and we hope to involve more participants. This year the event will be held at Evangelical United Church of Christ in Highland.

Please let us know if you wish to join in the fun of presenting a musical selection such as a solo or instrumental piece.

Please also pass this on to your congregation so they are aware of this event and might want to attend the **free** concert. A love offering will be received to benefit the Hamel-Alhambra Ministerial Alliance and the Highland Area Ministries. Light refreshments will follow the concert.

You can contact me through the church or by calling 618-975-2704.

Joan Schuetz, Music Director, Evangelical United Church



THANK YOU

Thank you so much for faithfully walking alongside us and supporting Heifer International's mission. Your kindness reaches our neighbors in need around the world, reminding them that they're not alone. Your generosity shines especially bright during the Easter season, when we celebrate the hope and new life we've been given through Christ.

Because of you, countless families are building stronger, more sustainable futures. I pray that your church community feels the richness of God's love this season and all throughout the year. We are truly grateful for your support!

With peace and goodwill,
Christy Moore, Senior Vice President of Marketing



CHOIR

We are just about finished with another season of choir offerings. We will sing twice in April and finish our season on Pentecost in May. Thanks to all of our choir members who have been so faithful!

COUNCIL

Holy Week is this week! We will **not** have a communion service on Thursday, April 2 (Maundy Thursday). Easter is on April 5!!!

TIME TO CELEBRATE!!!

The new St. John was established in January of 1951. January is a cold time to ask folks to gather and celebrate 75 years of service to the Fairview Heights and surrounding area. So... we will celebrate in the heat of summer! Plan on joining us for worship on Sunday, August 9, followed by a reception at church. We are trying to contact as many past members as we can. If you know anyone who went to St. John in the past, please let them know and let us know their email addresses. Also, if you or a family member were confirmed at St. John, we have lists of confirmands by year. If you can help find email addresses for anyone, we would appreciate it. We hope to see many old friends and make some new friends on August 9!

We have more hearing assist devices coming, so anyone who needs help hearing will have access to a headset device. Nancy Eisenhower



ILLINOIS SOUTH CONFERENCE (ISC) "PRISON MINISTRY"

The Justice and Mission Team of our ISC has a resource suggesting items to donate to libraries in prison facilities located within the ISC's geographical area.

Here is the list of items suggested:

- Large print Bibles

- Hymnals
- Reference Books
- Devotional books
- Books regarding faith, marriage, divorce, forgiveness, hope, love, suffering, etc.
- Printed material for other faith traditions, as Qurans or Tanakh
- Books written in Spanish

The IL Department of Corrections has a particular protocol regarding items that are given. Everything will need to be pre-approved. Once they are approved, the plan is to deliver them to one or more facilities, depending what is donated and where the needs are.

- The items cannot have any highlighting or hand-writing in them.
- New or used in good condition.
- Especially **large print** items for individuals who do not see well and/or are in a setting with poor lighting.

There is a box in the Narthex for donations. If questions see or call Judy Schmitt, 618-978-1947.



45rd ANNUAL ST John UCC - QUILT SHOW – APRIL 11, 2026
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

St John United Church of Christ – 55 W Church St Mascoutah IL 62258 Admission: \$3.00

Featuring:

- 200+ quilts on display of all sizes
- Hand Quilted and Machine Quilted
- Queen size and Baby Quilts for sale
- **9:30 am** Bed Turning - Featuring quilts by Highland Quilt boxers

PRESENTATION OF QUILTS OF VALOR

Demonstrations 11:30 am – **ALL STARS**

Lunch Available – Homemade Pie, White Elephant Sale and Bake Sale

We invite everyone to exhibit quilts or wall hangings in our show. Please bring display items to St John UCC on Friday, April 10 between 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

April

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 APRIL FOOL'S DAY	2 MAUDY THURSDAY – No service	3 GOOD FRIDAY	4
5 Service of Word & Communion 10 am Fellowship time after worship HAPPY EASTER!	6	7	8 Church Council Meeting at 7 pm via Zoom	9 Quilters 10-2 pm AA Meeting	10	11 45 th Annual Quilt Show 9 am – 3 pm
12 Service of Word 10 am Last Circle meeting until fall	13	14	15	16 Quilters 9 - 3 pm Bible Study 6:30 pm AA Meeting	17	18 RUMMAGE SALE 8 AM – 2 PM
19 Service of Word 10 am	20	21	22 Earth Day	23 Sew Day Quilters 9 - 3 pm Bible Study 6:30 pm	24	25
26 Choir rehearsal 9 am Service of Word 10 am Choir sings at service	27	28	29	30		