
CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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Week of November 30, 2017

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Spirit of Christmas Gifts

Have you brought your Spirit of Christmas gift to the church? It MUST BE in by this Sunday, December 3. This project is being coordinated by Jan Ritzel for this church.

Bread and Soup Advent Book Study, Tuesdays, 6-8 pm, at COGS

Exploring Joan Chittister's book *Radical Spirit: 12 Ways to Live a Free and Authentic Life*.

- December 5: Chapters 4-6 – Endure the Pains of Development, Acknowledge Faults and Strip Away the Masks and Be Content with Less than the Best
- December 12: Chapters 6-9 – Let Go of a False Sense of Self, Preserve Tradition, Learn from the Community and Listen.
- December 19: Chapters 10-12 – Never Ridicule Anyone of Anything, Speak Kindly and Be Serene, Stay Calm

See Kim Magwire to obtain a copy of this book. See attached flyer.

The UCC's Christmas Fund Offering

The Christmas Fund sponsored by the United Church of Christ provides direct financial assistance to retired and active United Church of Christ authorized ministers and lay employees and their surviving spouses, including pension and health premium supplementation, emergency assistance, and Christmas thank-you checks. A ministry of the Pension Boards, the offering will be received on Sunday, December 17.

Invitation from Gaia House

You are invited to Holiday Dinner at Gaia House Interfaith Center on December 10, 6pm.

- Come together to celebrate with our community.
 - International and Interfaith Tasting Menu
 - Learn about the changes at Gaia House Interfaith Center
 - FREE EVENT: RSVP on Facebook or by emailing board@ourgaiahouse.org
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Alternative Gift Fair

This year's Alternative Gift Fair will be held at the Carbondale Civic Center on Sunday, December 3, 2-5 pm. The fair offers shoppers a choice of holiday gifts with a deeper meaning with the opportunity to help the environment and wildlife and provide meals and shelter for people in need, or help an orphaned child with the chance to attend school.

Approximately 25 local and worldwide organizations will be represented, selling handmade crafts, fair trade coffee and chocolate and original art. Shoppers may also adopt a wild animal that needs rehabilitation or help the homeless.

In addition, live musicians will entertain people as they shop around and look at what the nonprofit organizations have to offer.

A donation of one non-perishable food item is requested but not required for admission. Donations will benefit Southern Illinois food assistance programs.

Spiritual Needs

Kim Magwire is available on her cell phone and will be at the church on Monday 9:00-11:00 am and 6:00-8:00 pm. Jason Eisele and Terry Moore are also available and can be contacted on their cell phones.

Justice Fact

One in five (19 per cent) lesbian, gay and bi employees have experienced verbal bullying from leagues, customers or service users because of their sexual orientation in the last five years.

-Stonewall



Sunday, December 3

10:00 am: Adult Sunday School
 Discussion: "Four for Four: Passages That Appear in All Four
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 Meditation

11:00 am: Worship: Jason Eisele preaching;

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December Birthdays

4 Dennis Leitner

6 Isaiah Gallivan

10 Kelley Hessian

11 Ralph Tate

16 Floyd Jonathan Stewart

24 Joey Magwire-Newcomb

28 Courtney Payne

29 Janet McCready



CHURCH SCHEDULE—CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<http://www.goodshepherd-ucc.org/calendar.html>

Consult the online calendar as you plan, and notify Tramell to add an event.

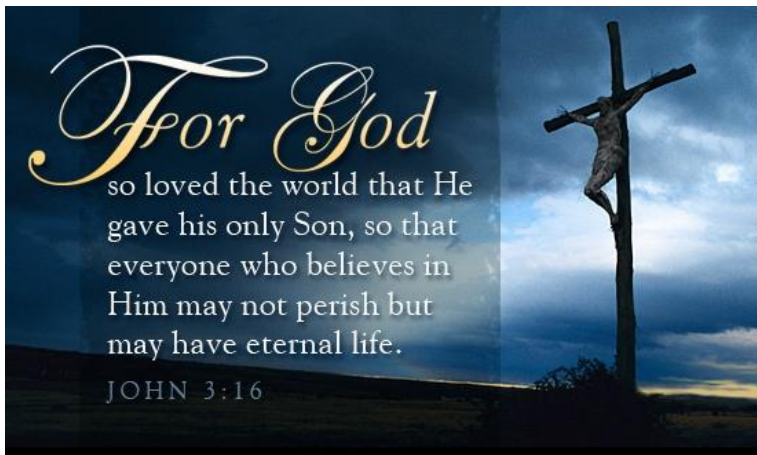
CALENDAR of Events

Sunday, December 3: Jason Eisele preaching, first Sunday of Advent.

Tuesday, December 5, 6:00 pm: Bread and Soup Advent Book Study: Exploring Joan Chittister's book *Radical Spirit: 12 Ways to Live a Free and Authentic Life*

Tuesday, December 12, 6:00pm: Council Meeting

Sunday, December 24, 7:00pm: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, reception follows.



Church office hours for Tramell Malone, Administrative Assistant

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Tuesday: 5pm to 8pm

Thursday: 5pm to 8pm

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