

# Weekly Announcements

## WORLD COMMUNION THIS WEEKEND

Your gifts to the World Communion fund enable national and international graduate students to change the world. Giving envelopes are in your bulletin.

## FLU SHOTS—OCTOBER 7

Matt Layman, Pharm.D, will give flu shots on Sunday, 9 to 10:45 am in the Alcove (across from the Nursery Room.) A \$10 donation is suggested unless you have your insurance card. Matt will submit the paperwork to your insurance company.

## EBOO PATEL—OCTOBER 9, 7PM

### ISU-CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

Eboo Patel's event is titled  
"Better Together: Bridging Interfaith Barriers".

Eboo is an author, speaker, educator and Interfaith leader. Some of the topics Eboo will discuss are:

"What will bring our divided communities back together",  
"What we are to make of other religions in our midst".

This program is co-sponsored by FUMC and the Parret Endowment for Religion, Culture and Arts.

## CHARGE CONFERENCE

October 14, 3pm, Colfax UMC

## PIZZA RANCH FUNDRAISER

Monday, October 15, 5-8pm

Normal First will receive 10% of all sales AND 100% of the tips. All proceeds will go to The Baby Fold.

Help is needed with this fundraiser. We need 6 people per shift to bus table. If you are able to help, contact Mary Stanton, [mestanton1@gmail.com](mailto:mestanton1@gmail.com) or 808-0102.

LEAF RAKING-NOV. 10, 9-12PM

The leaves are starting to turn, which means they will soon start to fall. If you need help raking your yard or wish to help others, please sign up in the Narthex or contact Brian Wills at [bpwills20@frontier.com](mailto:bpwills20@frontier.com).

NOISY OFFERING UPDATE

Thank you for continuing to help us reach our goal of \$6,500 to The Baby Fold. We are so grateful for your contribution of your coins and loose bills. To date, we have received \$6,115. The Pizza Ranch fundraiser on October 15 should complete our sponsorship.

WORLD FOOD DAY-OCTOBER 16

Food is a basic and fundamental human right. Yet in a world of nearly 7.7 billion people, 805 million people worldwide live with chronic hunger. World Food Day brings awareness of those who suffer from hunger and for the need to ensure food security and nutritious diets for all. On this day people around the world declare their commitment to eradicate worldwide hunger in our lifetime.

TRUNK OR TREAT/CHILI COOK OFF

October 28, 4-6pm

It's our 5th year!!

Come join the fun. Sign up at the Welcome Center.

This is an all ages event!

## WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

- 5:15-5:45 Meal for all, Fellowship Hall  
(Oct. 10-Chicken with sides and dessert)  
\$3/child; \$5/adult; \$15/family max
- 5:30-7:00 Youth Bible study, Room 302
- 5:45-6:45 Children's Music & Lesson  
K-2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>  
Childcare available
- Future Faith Book Study, Lounge  
Parenting/Phases Small Group, Room 53  
Women's Small Group, Room 201  
Early Men's Small Group-Room 303
- 7pm Later Men's Small Group-Room 303  
Chancel Choir

## BISHOP BEARD TO HOST MEETINGS

Bishop Frank J. Beard has announced he will host meetings throughout the IGRC discussing the three plans which have been offered as plans for A Way Forward with regard to the issues of human sexuality and unity.

There are 3 confirmed dates thus far:

Sunday, Nov. 11-Edwardsville St. Johns UMC, 4-6 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 12-Jacksonville Grace UMC, 4 to 6 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 17 -- Chatsworth UMC, 10 a.m. to noon

If you are interested in more information,  
please follow this link: [goo.gl/9vyxSM](http://goo.gl/9vyxSM)

## UMW COOKIE SALE

Please save the date for our Annual Cookie Sale. Our homemade Christmas cookies will be sold on Saturday, December 15th and Sunday, December 16th. Further info will come.

## ANNUAL WORK TRIP TO MMDC-OCT. 29

MMDC is a disaster relief facility. It is a caring ministry. It is a cooperating depot in the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) Supply Network. The campus provides opportunities for individuals and groups of all kinds to help provide disaster relief kits and resources as well as educational and medical supplies to those in need both locally and internationally. Volunteers are needed for this year's trip. Sign up at the Welcome Center. Meet at church BY 7:15 am, returning around 5:30pm. Trip will be taken using the church bus. Bring insurance card to assist in filling out required release form from the center. Wear closed toed shoes and bring a sack lunch, snacks will be provided. Prepare for a gratifying day with fellow church members. It's a great way to get to know each other!

## WHEELCHAIRS/CRUTCHES ARE NEEDED

Midwest Mission Distribution Center is partnering with the U.S. Navy Humanitarian Aid Mission aboard the USNS Comfort. They requested medical equipment including crutches, walkers, canes, orthopedic items, shower stools, commodes and wheelchairs. If you would like to find a home for any of these items, the U.S. Navy and the people of South America would appreciate your donations. The Missions Committee's annual trip to the center near Springfield is scheduled for **Monday, Oct. 29th** (sign up in the Welcome Center to go). We can take these items with us. For questions or to arrange a time to bring your item(s) to the church, please call Jo Ann Duncan at (309) 830-0558.

**Guest Wireless Info.**  
Wi-Fi Network FUMC-GUEST  
Password-normal1st

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