

OCTOBER 2021

# THE VOICE

Official Newsletter of  
Friedens United Church of Christ

Pastor Tarrah is being installed as our Associate Pastor on Sunday, October 10. We hope you all will join us in celebrating her call to ministry through this installation. She was ordained pending a call as our Association so finally, we will install her in that position and celebrate the addition to our ministry staff. Join us for lunch after SS followed by her installation.

Also, I have asked the council if I may work primarily from home through the end of the year as Mark and I process his diagnosis of Progressive Supranuclear Palsy (PSP). My hours will be 4-5 flex hours Monday-Friday and then 3-4 hours on Sunday. This won't feel much different to most of you but in order to be transparent, I wanted to let you know. Mark and I both plan to continue to work and celebrate life with you as our church family. We are blessed to have your continued love and support. You are loved right back!



**New Series  
for October!**

Whether you travel far away or see your local surroundings as if for the first time, pilgrimage has long been a spiritual

practice, and “journey” a deeply-felt metaphor for our spiritual lives. “Quest” comes from the Latin root meaning “ask, seek.” This four week worship series will encourage us to open ourselves more fully to the curiosity and wonder, reflection and transformation that travelers—not merely tourists—experience when they choose to immerse themselves in soul-widening adventures.



### TRAVEL AS A SPIRITUAL ACT

A 4-week worship series  
for widening our perspectives and  
loving our neighbors

# QUEST



**Sunday, October 10th: Leaving Home:** What must we do to embark into the unknown? Exodus 13:17-21

**Sunday, October 17th: The Encounter:** How can we shift our perception, redefining "strangers" as "friends we have not yet met"? John 4:7-40

**Sunday, October 24th: The Reflection:** How can deeper reflection about our own hesitation to connect to the wider human family free us to explore more possibilities for a better world? Revelation 21:22-26

**Sunday, October 31st: All Saints Day**

**"Returning Home:"** Bring a picture of a loved one to add to our worship this day. After church we will have a pumpkin decorating party to celebrate the saints.



# IT'S FALLY'ALL!

**"Trunk or Treat" is Friday, October 29th!** Come at 4:30pm to park and set-up. Bring LOTS of candy to hand out from your vehicle. Candy donations will be needed as well as lots of decorated cars!



**DuBois Fall Festival is on Sunday, October 3rd from 11am-5pm.** There are more than 40 crafters, food trucks, horseback riding, crafts and homemade goodies in the sweet shop! For more information visit [duboiscenter.org](http://duboiscenter.org).





# World Communion Sunday is on Sunday, October 3rd.

Come for worship at 10am and see how we will celebrate Communion with other Christians around the world.



**On Sunday, October 3rd, we will be collecting an offering for Neighbors in Need.** This offering will support UCC programs that are focused on feeding hungry children. For more information, visit [www.ucc.org/nin](http://www.ucc.org/nin). We have been blessed to receive a grant from this offering before!





# Free Workshop

**ISC is offering FREE virtual  
worships on October 14th at  
6pm & 7pm.**

The church will open at 5:30pm for anyone that would like to attend these virtual workshops together.

**6pm - Lifting the Shame: How Churches Can Break the Silence about Mental Health.** *Presented by Dr. Sarah Lund, Director of Mental Health and Disabilities UCC*

**7pm - Reimagining Our Collective Missional Call**  
*Presented by Rev. Kristina Lizardy-Hajbi, Director of the Office of Professional Formation and Term Assistant Professor of Leadership and Formation at Iliff School of Theology*





# SPECIAL OFFERING

## DONATIONS FOR ISC CLERGY ASSISTANCE FUND

### Mission Offering for Annual Meeting 2021

The past year and a half has been a struggle in several ways for many of us. Covid and the Delta Variant, social isolation, and fear and anxiety over how to deal with the pandemic have hit us all, although perhaps in different ways. No matter what statistics you look at, the prevalence of mental health issues has increased, suicidal ideation has increased, there is still an unmet need for mental health treatment, people need mental health services, and there aren't enough mental health providers. These issues know no boundaries when it comes to lay or clergy.

This year's Annual Meeting offering will be going to the ISC Clergy Assistance Fund where funds will be used to aid and assist clergy. In 2021, this fund has been used heavily as clergy have needed counseling and spiritual direction services for themselves and their families.

The use of these funds is granted and approved by the Conference Minister.

The assistance provided to the clergy of ISC not only assists the clergy, but also provides a healthier church as our leaders get the care and support they need to care for their members.

- **Prior to Annual Meeting, ask your Church Council** to seek contributions from your congregation in support of the ISC Clergy Assistance Fund.
- **Write a check** payable to Illinois South Conference.
- **In the memo line** acknowledge Annual Meeting Offering or ISC Clergy Assistance Fund
- **Send the check** to Illinois South Conference, 1312 Broadway, Highland, IL 62249.

## "Footprints"

"Footprints" is what we call our time with our youngest children to learn about God and the love of Jesus.

*"Direct my footsteps according to Your Word." – Psalm 119:133*

This time is held immediately following worship (11 am) in the children's classroom in the educational wing. Thank you to everyone that has stepped up to lead this ministry!

## Confirmation

Confirmands will meet with Pastor Stacy immediately following worship. Confirmands will join the church on Palm Sunday 2022.

## Adult Spiritual Formation

**October 3** we continue the topic, "Why it is so hard to be Christian today" after worship in the gathering area.

**Sunday, October 10th and Oct. 24th a new topic will be offered: *Discovering your Spiritual Gifts through the Enneagram*.** Lindsay Helpingstine and Pastor Tarrah will be leading these classes. We begin immediately following worship in the gathering area. Hope you will join us!

**No classes meet on October 17th while we are hosting the Food Pantry.**



## Daily Devotionals

Has spending time with God become something that is on your bucket list instead of an essential part of your daily "to-do" list? Join Pastor Tarrah Mon-Fri at 7am via Zoom to get into the rhythm of this daily spiritual practice. Devotionals will be recorded and made available via Facebook, email and our website. Open to all! Invite your friends to join us!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85841581116>



**Peace Camp is back for the 2021-2022 school year with the students from Irvington Grade School!**

**October 18th is the date this month due to the school schedule. Volunteers needed!**

Thanks to everyone who donated to or filled the 20 Border Backpacks





**Sunday, October 10th**  
**Luncheon 12:30pm-1:30pm**  
**Installation service 2pm**

The day is almost upon us for our Associate Pastor, Rev. Tarrah Vaupel, to be officially installed in our church. Installation is a worship service, celebration and ceremony where a pastor enters into an official promise (covenant) with the congregation to walk alongside and support any needs of the Friedens community with Christian love and care. If you are interested in helping with the luncheon or the celebration, please reach out to a member of the council.

Please mark your calendars and plan on joining us for this special occasion in the life of the church!





## **Irvington UCC Food Pantry Proxy Request**

To help us fulfill our mission of helping to feed those hungry in Washington County, the Irvington UCC Food Pantry asks YOU to help those in Washington County who are unable to go to the food pantry in Irvington to pick up food. A simple proxy form can be completed by the person needing food (the recipient) designating another as their delivery person.

On a Sat or Sun food distribution day, the delivery person comes to Irvington Food Pantry & presents the proxy form (signed by both recipient and the delivery person) to the volunteer worker. Then the food is loaded into the delivery person's vehicle to take to the recipient.

To receive USDA food, recipients monthly gross income cannot exceed the State of Illinois Department of Human guidelines (\$2,658 for a fam of 1, \$4,039 for a fam of 4, for example.) If over guideline, donated food will be provided.

Proxy forms are available from our church's representative, Sonya Germann, or are available in church office. A new form must be completed each time food is delivered. Please consider helping those in need of food through a proxy delivery.