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Letters from Leah

Dear Community,

"One of the hardest lessons to learn is to wait."

Over the last three months, I've revisited these words a lot....

...while I've waited for the seeds to spout in our Coronavirus garden

...while I've waited for my children to finish their distance learning

...while I've waited for the dishwasher to finish three times a day every day since mid-March

...while I've waited for that little loading indicator bar to move all the way to the right so I know we're finally livestreaming our Zoom worship service to Facebook

...while I've waited for the curve to flatten as I nightly check the COVID-19 tracker website

...while I've waited for police officers who murdered black people to be held accountable

...while I've waited on hold for my elected officials' office to pick up

...while I've counted my breath in daily meditation

...while I've waited for the fear to subside, the anger to transform, the momentum to regather....

I've waited. It's the hardest lesson to learn and I'm still learning.

These words, "One of the hardest lessons to learn is to wait," were spoken by my Great-Great Grandmother, Harriette Belle Browne on May 27, 1892, here in Champaign. Harriette was the valedictory speaker for commencement and the chosen speaker for Class Day, a celebration which happened a few days later.

As the pandemic has slowed down our life, and I've waited, and time has slowed, I've thought about the generations of my family who lived in Champaign-Urbana before me and am still a little flabbergasted by that fact. (If you've not heard me tell this story before, there are large swaths of my family's history that had been lost and forgotten. I didn't know I was from here until a few years after I had moved here. Amazing.)

I think about Harriet the most. I was born 101 years after her birth. We've lived our lives a century apart, and yet we walk the same streets. I think about her words often and everything she waited for in her pioneer life on the prairie in the late 1800s and early 1900s. She lived through wars, civil uprisings, pandemics. She buried children, and husbands. She waited in ways she never knew she would have to when she wrote those words as a teenager.

We have to wait in ways we never thought we'd have to either.

"One of the hardest lessons to learn is to wait." As we wait for news about curves, flattening or spiking, and movements, igniting or fizzling out, let us be patient. Let us not rush back into life too quickly. Be thoughtful and careful moving forward, friends. Wait for the right moment – this is a lesson we need to learn these days – our lives depend on it.

Blessings,



Rev. Leah Robberts-Mosser



Pastor Leah will be taking Vacation in July

Pastor Leah will be taking Wednesday, July 1, 2020 as a Vacation Day.

She will also be taking the week of July 6 -12 as vacation.

Enjoy your break Pastor Leah, you have worked hard during these past months learning to navigate and lead the congregation through the Covid-19 Pandemic

PBS "American Portrait: Central Illinois" Living Through Covid-19 Pandemic

If you missed the premiere of this documentary featuring Pastor Leah Robberts-Mosser, Community United Church of Christ, Jubilee Café, and the CUCC Choir or would like to watch it again, you're in luck. This documentary is now available for viewing on the WILL website at:

[https://video.will.illinois.edu/video/american-portraitl-central-illinois-](https://video.will.illinois.edu/video/american-portraitl-central-illinois-1mnu4l/?fbclid=IwAR3mul_0q0A76iN5U-jXe_-zFHVSi0opZv8XRnaQZ9Fj3Ffoc8xp7rl02uU)

[1mnu4l/?fbclid=IwAR3mul_0q0A76iN5U-jXe_-zFHVSi0opZv8XRnaQZ9Fj3Ffoc8xp7rl02uU](https://video.will.illinois.edu/video/american-portraitl-central-illinois-1mnu4l/?fbclid=IwAR3mul_0q0A76iN5U-jXe_-zFHVSi0opZv8XRnaQZ9Fj3Ffoc8xp7rl02uU). Due to this episode's popularity, WILL TV also will be re-airing this episode on Thursday, July 2, 2020 at 7:30PM followed by a Facebook Livestream Panel Discussion, featuring Pastor Leah Robberts-Mosser and all those who appear in the Living Through Covid-19 Pandemic docuseries. The Panel Discussion will be accessible at: https://www.facebook.com/WILLradiotvonline/?ref=page_internal.



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Worship This Summer

UNRAVELED

SEEKING GOD WHEN OUR PLANS FALL APART

What happens when our world falls apart? How do we press onward when our tightly-knit plans unravel into loose threads? What do we become when our identity—or the path we're on—comes undone? What if all of this is not the end we fear it will be? In our unraveling, sometimes life surprises us with unexpected joy, love, and hope—with a new beginning we couldn't have imagined. Sometimes we need God to unravel us, for we long to be changed. From June 16-August 30, we'll explore 12 stories of unraveled shame, identity, fear, grief, dreams, and expectations. These are stories where God meets us in the spiraling, unraveling our plans—and us—into something new. This worship series seems right on time for us as we continue to navigate Coronatide.

To accompany this series, each household will receive a journal. If your household would like multiple journals so that people can have their own journal, please contact Carla in the office. We are grateful to [A Sanctified Art](#) for these resources! We invite you to complete this journal at the pace and order that suits you. May God meet us in the spiraling, unraveling our plans—and us—into something new!

Here's what you have to look forward to in the Unraveled series:

June 28 || MATTHEW 14:22-33 || Peter Sinks in the Water (Unraveled by Uncertainty)

July 5 || 2 SAMUEL 3:7; 21:1-14 || Rizpah Mourns Her Sons (Public Grief That Inspires Action)

July 12 || LUKE 19:1-10 || Zacchaeus the Wealthy Tax Collector (Radical Unraveling of Vocation)

July 19 || EXODUS 5:1-2; 7:8-23 || Pharaoh Hardens His Heart to Moses' Requests (When Humans Unravel God's Plans for Justice)

July 26 || ACTS 9:1-20 || The Conversion of Saul to Paul (Discovering a New Path)

August 2 || JEREMIAH 29:1-7 || Encouraging the Israelites in Exile to Plant Gardens & Build Houses (When Dreams Unravel)

August 9 || JOHN 4:1-29 || The Samaritan Woman at the Well (Unraveled Shame)

August 16 || JOHN 20:19-29 || Doubting Thomas (When the unimaginable Has Happened)

August 23 || EXODUS 1:22, 2:1-10 || Moses' Mother Gives Moses Up So He Can Live (When Our Plans for Our Children Unravel)

August 30 || JOB 28:12-28 || Job's Lament and Loss (Seeking Understanding When Everything Has Fallen Apart)

September 6 || MARK 5:1-20 || Jesus Heals Legion, a Man Possessed by Demons (The Unraveling of the Mind)

#wearitdontshareit

You have probably heard this tag line frequently on local TV and radio these last few months. It is the tagline for the Champaign-Urbana Public Health District. We are saying it here at CUCC too as we strongly encourage everyone to wear a mask when going out in public, when meeting others, like a friend, perhaps a friend from church for a walk or a picnic.



Absolutely everyone coming into the church building must wear a mask.

Wearing a face covering is a sign of love, love for ourselves and for our neighbors. Wearing a mask, social distancing by six feet, and staying home when we do not feel well is the only way to care for each other in this new normal we find ourselves living in.

Stay healthy, wash your hands often, wear your mask when going out in public, meeting others, and coming into the church building.

Illinois Conference United Church of Christ Minister Candidate

Saturday, June 27, 2020 pastors, delegates, board members, as well as the search committee will gather for the Annual Illinois Conference UCC Gathering by video. One of the items of business for those gathered will be considering the candidate the Search Committee is presenting as the next Conference Minister, the Rev. Molly Carlson. If approved by those gathered, the Rev. Carlson will become the next Conference Minister replacing Interim Conference Minister the Rev. Justo Gonzalez II.

Pastor Leah Robberts-Mosser and Commissioned Minister of Congregational Health, Linda Morgan are representing CUCC at this gathering and will participate in this decision-making process.



Rev. Carlson was an easy consensus choice by the Search Committee. She brings a wealth of experience and focused energy to the various tasks of this work. We are arranging opportunities for a Zoom “Meet and Greets” in advance of the meeting. Molly is currently serving as an Interim Pastor. That congregation has generously offered to make the candidate available to us as early as August. We are blessed. Rev. Molly Carlson is a graduate of The College of Wooster with a BA in mathematics and Pacific School of Religion with a Master of Divinity. She has been ordained within the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) for 19 years and has held Ordained Ministerial Partner Standing with the United Church of Christ for the last eight years. Molly has served in a variety of contexts including local, regional, and national settings of the church. She has served as an interim minister, church planter, solo pastor, head of staff, and church consultant. Her ministry has taken her to Indiana, California, South Dakota, Oregon, and Tennessee.

Currently, Rev. Carlson is serving as Intentional Interim Minister at Eastwood Christian Church in Nashville, Tenn. Prior to this position, she completed her term as Designated Term Conference Minister for the Central Pacific Conference of the United Church of Christ. Molly is committed to lifelong learning and has recently completed training as a professional coach as well as with The Art of Hosting. She also completed all the requirements toward her D.Min. at Lexington Theological Seminary including a final project titled “Creating Church in a Postmodern Context.”

The following statement from Rev. Carlson’s ministerial profile speaks to the passion she brings to her work: “I have a passion for middle-judicatory ministry. It is the big picture and the details. It is leadership and community building. It is networking and recruiting. It is conflict management and corporate celebration. It is administration and proclamation. It is fund raising and event planning. It is being a pastor to pastors – and their families. It is supporting congregations in transition. It is equipping congregations to do more together than any can do alone. It is building a community of faith that celebrates, grieves, supports, encourages, and learns from one another. [...] I believe there is an urgent need for the progressive church and the good news of Jesus Christ for this time and place – in every church, in every community, in each and every one of our neighbors.”

Molly grew up as a preacher’s kid in northwest Indiana. She stayed in the Great Lakes Region for college and then in a management role with Ameritech (now, again, AT&T). She and Michael have been married for 23 years and are proud parents to teenagers Sierra and Adam. They have three dogs, a whole lot of books and are looking forward to making a home once again near the Great Lakes.

Ministry Opportunities at CUCC Volunteers Needed

CUCC Team	Opportunity	Contact	Contact Info	Online Sign-Up	Article
Worship Team	Edit Videos	Office Admin	Info@community-ucc.org		Page 7
Worship Team	Technical Help	Office Admin	infor@community-ucc.org		Page 7
Worship Team	Liturgist	Chase Skye Susan Pawlicki	chaseskye7@gmail.com spawlicki2@hotmail.com	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080a4fadaf2aa1fa7-liturgistsjuly	Page 7
Worship Team	Greeter	Chase Skye or Susan Pawlicki	chaseskye7@gmail.com spawlicki2@hotmail.com	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080a4fadaf2aa1fa7-greetersjuly	Page 7
Worship Team	Hymn Leaders & Other Music for Worship	Music Director Musician	music@community-ucc.org bclark87@gmail.com	https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1VRO-hpyuH5Exip52Jzr4JxOXsUJe1HZxzhefK7nlass/edit?usp=sharing	
Prayer Team	Team Member	Office Admin	Info@community-ucc.org		
Children's Ministry	Event Planner/Leader	Julie McClure	jemclure4@gmail.com		
Jubilee Café	Meal Prep, Cook, Clean-up	Johnell Bentz	johnell.bentz@gmail.com	https://tinyurl.com/JubileeCafe-Volunteer	Page 6
Grounds Team	Lawn Mowing	Matthew Hart	matthewlorenhart@gmail.com	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0449A5AF2CA1FB6-community	Page 10



Upcoming One-Time Events

Mark your calendars for these CUCC events!
Wednesday, July 1 – Friday, July 31



Tuesday June 30, 10:30am: Drive By and Wave Parade to Amber Glen, Clark Lindsey, and Meadowbrook

Wednesday, July 1: Pastor Leah on vacation

Thursday, July 2, 7:30pm: WILL TV re-airing PBS “American Portrait: Central Illinois” Living Through Covid-19 Pandemic featuring Pastor Leah Robberts-Mosser, CUCC, and Jubilee Café

Thursday, July 2, 8:00pm: WILL Facebook https://www.facebook.com/WILLradiotvonline/?ref=page_internal hosting a live panel discussion of the participants of the episode of “American Portrait: Central Illinois” Living Through Covid-19 Pandemic featuring Pastor Leah Robberts-Mosser as one of the panel members

July 6-12: Pastor Leah out of office, on vacation

Tuesday, July 21, 6:30pm: Church Life Board Meeting,

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/976822985?pwd=U2dHSUVmYkFxeWZiRVdsVHo3c1Y2dz09>

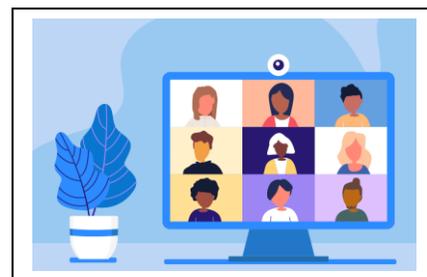
Meeting ID: 976 822 985

Password: 270198

Dial by your location: +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Tuesday, July 28, 4:00pm-5:00pm: Canteen Run, Kitchen

See the chart below for re-occurring events and Zoom meeting information. Be sure to check the CUCC Facebook page for updates.



Weekly Virtual Meetings and Events at CUCC

Event	Day	Time	Meeting ID	Password	Dates	Join Zoom Meeting	Dial by Your Location
Worship	Sun	10:15AM	391 847 803	788969	3/29-5/17	https://zoom.us/j/391847803?pwd=ZmNvaHJYZm1uUUQrdTNBd2NRZThDZz09	+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)
Youth Group (6 th -12 th grade)	Sun	1:30PM	402 056 418	578953		https://zoom.us/j/402056418?pwd=SkIXaFBUMIBZQ0lvNTFhVWVhWVhVVF0QT09	+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)
Pub Theology	Mon	7:00PM	268 502 509		3/30-5/18	https://zoom.us/j/268502509	+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)
Choir	Wed	7:00PM	326 389 912	854849	4/8-5/20	https://zoom.us/j/326389912?pwd=ZExZVWZgRkl4dFRvZEgrckVhVWVhVVF0QT09	+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)
CUCC Community Drop-In Hour	Thu	12PM (Noon)	947 196 457		3/19 - 5/21	https://zoom.us/j/947196457	+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

The **Tuesday Planning Drop-In Hour**, **Tuesday CUCC Community Drop-In Hour**, and the **Wednesday CUCC Kids Chat Room** are going on **hiatus for July**. Be sure to check the August eCommunigram for updates

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Jubilee Café

In order to follow social distancing rules, we have cut the number of volunteers. We have been fortunate to have a steady group of volunteers, but there are occasional openings. If you are healthy and under age 60, please sign up to volunteer here: <https://tinyurl.com/JubileeCafe-Volunteer> Other volunteer opportunities exist as well. Please contact Johnell Bentz, johnell.bentz@gmail.com, for more information.

~Johnell Bentz

The number of meals being served per week has decreased since the Shelter in Place order went into effect in mid-March, however as you can see, Jubilee Café is still serving many hungry people each week. And those who come to Jubilee Café are blessed not only by the food but also by the people there to greet and serve them each week.

Date	Austin's Place (Women's Shelter)	DREEM Driven to Reach Excellence & Academic Achievement for Males	Hot Meals & Heat at Home	Total Meals
6/1/2020	15	53	47	115
6/8/2020		53	41	94
6/15/2020		53	42	95
6/22/2020		52	42	94
Total Meals	15	211	172	398

Care Team

Meals

Things have been mostly quiet, but three family units provided three meals for a CUCC member during the first half of the year.

Cards

From January 1 to June 16 Peg sent 52 cards (Happy Birthday, Get Well, Sympathy, Thinking of You, etc.).

Prayer Shawls

Elena et al. continue to make the beautiful prayer shawls. This year's Milestone Sunday was conducted virtually so wrapping our celebrants in the shawls was postponed.

Conversation & Communion

An Ash Wednesday service at Clark-Lindsey Village was provided on February 26.

Driver's

Volunteers have been delivering Jubilee Cafe meals to two family units every Monday evening since March 23. The Unraveled Worship Series journals were delivered to local members over the past couple of weeks by nine volunteer drivers.

Misc.

Peg and Randy coordinated Pastor Leah's drive-by birthday parade with at least 35 carloads of smiling CUCCers in attendance on June 5.

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Worship Ministry Team

The worship team wishes to thank all who have served as liturgists and greeters. We truly appreciate your service. The Worship Ministry Team is seeking Liturgists and Greeters for July and August. We would also like to find additional people to train to Edit Videos and provide Technical Help for Sunday worship. Please refer to the [Ministry Opportunities at CUCC](#) on page 4 for contact or signup information.

Liturgists

The liturgist leads the Call to Worship and reads the Scripture reading appointed for the day. This can be recorded or done live during online worship. Pastor Leah works with each Liturgist to ensure the Liturgist is comfortable and ready for Sunday's worship. Please refer to the [Ministry Opportunities at CUCC](#) on page 4 for contact or signup information.



Greeters

The role of the greeter is to welcome folks by name as they gather in the Zoom Room. Each greeter is provided with specific information needed to help them serve as the best greeter they can be. Please refer to the [Ministry Opportunities at CUCC](#) on page 5 for contact or signup information.

Video Editors and Technical Support of Worship

Signing onto Zoom or Facebook for worship on Sunday morning and seeing Pastor Leah lead worship so seamlessly may seem as though it is a simple process. Yet, there are many people working behind the scenes making worship the experience it is these days of alternate/virtual worship.

The Worship Team is looking to expand the team of people handling worship duties because when there is more than one person the load is lighter for everyone. So, if you know how to edit videos and would be willing to put a video together for worship contact the Worship Team. Or if you would like to help manage the technical aspect of the worship service, please see the [Ministry Opportunities at CUCC](#) Volunteers Needed for contact information. The Worship Team will train all who are willing to support this aspect of the worship service.

~ Chase Skye and Susan Pawlicki, Co-chairs, Worship Ministry

Newcomer to CUCC? Long-Time Attender?

Are you a relative newcomer to the CUCC family? Have you been coming for a while, and are deciding that you'd like to become more involved? Are you interested in learning more about the church, about the United Church of Christ, or about membership in the church? Have we got a deal for you!

My name is Jeanne Ward, and I am the person who facilitates our Newcomer Sessions a couple of times each year. These sessions have usually been a series of 4 weekly gatherings in which we cover the United Church of Christ as a denomination, Community United Church itself and the values and beliefs we represent, learning about ourselves and our spiritual gifts and values, and discovering ways in which those gifts and values meet the ministry of this congregation and the needs of the world. For those that choose to become members of the church, at the end of the 4 sessions, we have a New Member Sunday during a church service in which new members are joined with the church in membership.

Although this is a very strange time in the life of our congregation, we realize that there may be some of you out there who are ready to participate in these sessions now, even though we may need to have them in a different format from the usual! We certainly would love you to do so and would like to facilitate that process in the best way possible. We have also realized that some of you may not be local to the Champaign Urbana community, but this wouldn't need to be a barrier since we are becoming more skilled at being "together" in virtual ways. Would you please let me know if you are interested in learning more at this time? We can assess the needs and interests of the group and then will decide exactly the best way to proceed! I so look forward to getting to know each of you more directly in whatever way we might manage! Contact me at jeanneaward@gmail.com or call at 217-840-0668. (Feel free to leave a message if I don't get to my phone fast enough!).

~Jeanne Ward

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Community Building & Hospitality Team

Drive By and Wave Parade. Please join us in a *Drive-by and Wave Parade* as we support and remember our elders in two local facilities: Ruth Fisher, Clare Gropp, Becky Hanson, and Caryl Henkel. We have confirmed with Clark Lindsey, Meadowbrook, and Amber Glen that we can do the drive-by on **Tuesday, June 30th**.

Here are the details: We will plan to meet in the northwest corner of the Urbana Meijer Parking lot (2500 S. Philo Rd.) at **10:30 a.m.** that morning. Then we will parade to Amber Glen (right across from Meijer) at 10:45 a.m. to wave to Caryl (she will be inside, but she has a window that faces the parking lot). From there we will parade to Meadowbrook to wave to Ruth, Clare, and Becky at 11:00 a.m. They will all be sitting out front together under the overhang at Meadowbrook (6' apart of course).

We can wave, holler hello or whatever you wish, hold up signs (hi, we miss you, we love you, etc, etc.) but we CANNOT honk at the facilities. Also, PLEASE remain in your vehicles.

Mark your calendars; we hope you can join us if it fits into your schedule and help spread some cheer and CUCC love to our older members.

Let's Shower Sebastian with Cards: Sebastian Major could use lots of CUCC cheer as he is recovering at home. If you would like to send him a card, here is his address:

Sebastian Major
1304 Scottsdale Drive
Champaign, IL 61821

Thanks!
-Randy & Peg



CUCC Masks: QUESTION: Would you be interested in purchasing a CUCC mask?

We have a local printing company that would make the masks for us (it would probably be a simple screen print of a one color CUCC design on either white or black 3-ply cotton material). The cost would be somewhere around \$9.00 per mask.

At this point, we are just trying to see if there is enough interest in us purchasing a quantity of these masks; we are not ready to place the order yet.

Please watch for a *Doodle Poll* coming to your inbox next week to indicate your interest in purchasing a mask(s).



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CUCC Shelter-In-Place Cookbook.

Do you have a special recipe that maybe you finally got to try during this shelter-in-place time OR do you just have a favorite recipe that you would like to share? Well, we have a fun opportunity for you! We would love to have your recipe(s) included in our special CUCC Shelter-In-Place Cookbook. Please see the attached recipe template to use to submit your recipe(s). The categories we will use are: Appetizers, Beverages, Breads/Rolls, Breakfast/Brunch, Salads, Soups, Vegetables, Main Dishes (including meat, vegetarian, vegan, pasta, or seafood), Desserts and Miscellaneous. We will ask you to choose the category(ies) in which your recipe(s) should be included (on the recipe template).



Also, as an added bonus, we invite you to help us name this cookbook. We know there are a lot of creative minds out there, so let's see what you come up with. If you have an idea for the "Name the Cookbook" contest, please include it at the space provided at the bottom of the recipe template. If you have more than one idea, that is fine too, you can just list them all. The individual/couple/family who submits the title that is chosen (by a very distinguished panel of judges), will win a \$10 gift card.

The deadline to submit your recipe(s) and to enter the "Name the Cookbook" contest is **AUGUST 1ST**. We hope to have the cookbooks ready by the end of the summer, so let's have some fun and create a CUCC 2020 Shelter-In-Place Souvenir!!

CUCC SHELTER-IN-PLACE COOKBOOK

Please UNDERLINE the category in which you wish your recipe to be included:

Appetizers, Beverages, Breads/Rolls, Breakfast/Brunch, Salads, Soups, Vegetables, Main Dishes (including meat, vegetarian, vegan, pasta, seafood), Desserts, or Miscellaneous

Please return completed form(s) to: Peg Wade: peg.wade@comcast.net by **August 1st**

Title of Recipe:

From the Kitchen of:

Number of Servings:

Bake at: Degrees (if applicable)

Ingredients:

Steps to make dish:

BONUS: Would you like to enter the “Name the CUCC Shelter-In-Place” Cookbook contest? If so, please write in your entry(ies) here:

PLEASE EMAIL COMPLETED FORM (s) by **August 1st** To: Peg Wade at:
peg.wade@comcast.net

Thank you for participating and sharing your recipe(s) with CUCC!
-Randy Musser & Peg Wade, Community Building & Hospitality Co-Chairs

~ Randy Musser & Peg Wade

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Grass Mowing at CUCC

It is summertime and the grass has started to grow. I am looking for people that would be willing to mow at the church and I have created a Sign-Up Genius to make this process easier. Although you are signing up for a Saturday, please feel free to mow any day in the week following your sign-up date. All necessary training and equipment will be provided. You may contact me with any questions at (217) 377-8762. Please refer to the Ministry Opportunities at CUCC on page *n* to sign up.



Thanks again,
Matthew Hart
Grounds Chair - Community UCC

Building Update

There's been some work on a couple of building projects in the past month.

Our planned masonry work included some repairs/rebuilding to the chimney at 510 Daniel, the house we own just west of our church building. The work at 510 Daniel was completed this past month. We needed to prioritize that work over some other projects because the chimney was losing stones and becoming something of a hazard.



We're planning for the masonry work on the main church building to begin in early August. Some of that work may be delayed due to competition for space with the construction across the street. With 6th Street down to one lane already, adding a lift to do work on the east side of our 4-story tower may be a challenge.

We've also had conversations with paving companies about some options for the parking lot. Our hope is to be able to eliminate concrete parking bumpers that deteriorate quickly and look messy. We would potentially put in a mound similar to a speed bump down the entire far west edge of the parking lot in place of the bumpers. Space numbers and "Reserved" would be painted on the lot surface rather than on bumpers.

More roofing work is also scheduled to start in the coming days.

Feel free to reach out to Grant Robbennolt (grantrobbennolt@hotmail.com) with any questions.

~ Grant Robbennolt

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Individual's Together

We celebrated the first day of summer with a record setting turnout on Saturday, June 21, 2020. Ten persons (plus Keri's dog, Zoey) met in Witt Park in Sidney for a "bring your own lunch" picnic in the park. We enjoyed visiting and catching up and topped it off with a trip to the Dairy Barn for ice cream treats and a special guided tour of the Moo Thru drive-through, by owner, Dennis Riggs.

If you are a person who lives alone, either full-time or part time, and would like to be on our mailing list for future activities, please contact Linda Morgan at 217-649-3778. We look forward to having you join us.

~ Linda Morgan



Planting Deep Roots

CUCC families!

The tree we purchased through "Our Children Planting Deep Roots" Giving Campaign (the Sunday School children's collection to give back to the environment, as part of the Deeply Rooted Campaign) has been planted!



The tree is a White Oak tree, and it lives in Sunset Ridge Park at 3907 Boulder Ridge Drive. There will be a plaque installed in about 6-8 weeks.

We encourage you (and any CUCC'er) to go check it out and take a photo with it then send it to us.

Thank you for your generous giving!

~ Lance Larkin, Julie McClure



Children's Ministry

Hi CUCC families! As I prepare for the next few months, I'll be looking for input from you to see what you'd like Christian Ed to look like as we find ways to connect outside the church building. Watch your inboxes for a survey next week!

~Julie McClure

Youth Group

The youth and I met most Sundays in June. We have played games, participated in the first NYE event **LOVING YOUR NEIGHBOR IN QUARANTINE**, and had fun checking in with each other. I appreciate the youths' patience and flexibility as we continue to try new things as we connect virtually.

We will continue to meet (by Zoom) weekly in July at 1:30 p.m. on Sundays. I am going to reach out to caregivers about additional ways we may connect outside of Zoom Meetings.

~ Jessica Smiley

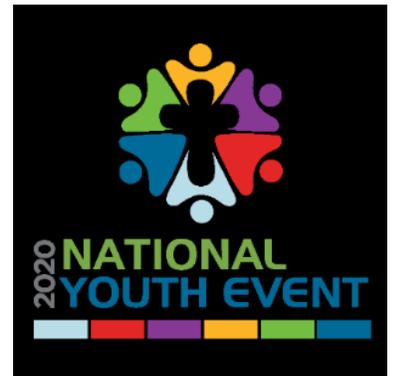
National Youth Event 2020

Due to the unforeseeable impact of COVID19 on the health, social, and physical distancing behaviors of the world, National Youth Event (NYE) at Purdue University scheduled for July 22-25, 2020 has been postponed until **June 27-30, 2022**.

Many of the original NYE presenters are excited to be able to put together meaningful content that will be shared via the web and will include live chat features during and after each premier.

On June 28th NYE will feature a video of **CREATIVITY AND JUSTICE IN QUARANTINE**.

Please hold July 24-25 for a culminating interactive experience around **UNITE THROUGH THE EXTRAORDINARY!** More details and registration are soon to come and will be found on the [NYE website](#)



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