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Letter from the Moderator

Dear Friends,

Back in May the Church Life Board decided that we would make decisions about remote vs. sanctuary-based worship for three-month periods, in order to facilitate planning and to manage uncertainty in already uncertain times. We decided at that time to keep worshipping remotely through August and to revisit the decision at our July meeting.

We just held the July CLB meeting and had an extended discussion about what to do now. The national COVID picture is, you surely know, bleak. The local picture is, for the moment, significantly better. But August is going to bring fifty thousand students back to campus, which is likely to change the situation in ways that won't be evident until the first week of September.

With this in mind, the CLB decided to continue with remote worship through September, and to make a decision regarding October and November worship at our September meeting. We all long to return to the sanctuary and to be together on Sunday mornings. But we feel that local and national circumstances, the guidance of public health professionals, and concern for the health of the congregation and the broader community, make remote worship the right path to follow. Please contact me if you have any questions.

~ Jon Ebel
CLB Moderator

Letters from Leah

Everything old is new again, sadly. That's what I thought when I saw a Facebook Live broadcast from my friend Karma, who read Stonewall for our Children's Moment back in June, coming from in front of the Rogue Barber Co., in Champaign on Saturday, July 26. Karma was there with other local activists, many of whom are students, protesting the barber shop's "membership only" policy which allows them to pick and choose whose hair they will cut, and whose hair they will NOT cut. Specifically, Rogue Barber Co. is refusing to cut the hair of any "member of any violent extremist groups including but not limited to antifa and BLM," as stated in a Facebook thread. Elsewhere, the Rogue Barber Co. has also specified that they are a "traditional barbershop (not unisex)". When I tuned in to Karma's broadcast, Karma explained that a patron of the barber shop had just left the building, gotten into his truck, and instead of driving away from the group gathered in the street, drove into the crowd of protestors, running over a bicycle. Pastor Nate called me later in the day. He was there and saw the whole thing. Everything old is new again.

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In 1954, UI students were holding Champaign barber shops accountable for discrimination and racist practices. By mid-February of that year, both the Student-Community Human Relations Council, comprised of mostly women a source says, and the YMCA Racial Equality Committee had organized to push local barbers to provide services on a non-discriminatory basis. Professors, clergy, and other community members worked alongside students in this movement. Restaurants, bars, and theaters in Champaign-Urbana had been desegregated by this point – barber shops, however, had not. One action involved African American students going to barber shops, intentionally, as test cases. Pamphlets were written giving students instructions on how to engage in this kind of non-violent action. One account, from February 11, explains that when Don Stokes, an African American student, entered John’s barber Shop and requested a haircut, John Barthelmy told the student, “Sorry fellow, we’re closed,” and “We have to go to a funeral.” This was the excuse given to Stokes within the first half hour of the shop being opened on that Wednesday morning. An assistant in psychology, Tom Rowan, was waiting in the barber shop for his 8:30 haircut and witnessed the exchange. Additionally, a civil suit was filed by Robert Johnson against barber Lee Ingerwsen. Demonstrations and picketing was also planned. Negotiations and meetings between students and barbers were part of the actions as well. (You can read a collection of articles about this period in Champaign-Urbana history can be read at http://usd116.org/ProfDev/AHTC/lessons/Burrus10/barbershoparticles_red.pdf)

The News-Gazette reported on March 23 that “An agreement in accordance with the best interests of the University and the community” was reached wherein students agreed to cease picketing in front of the barber shops. Instead State’s Attorney General John J. Bresee would “seek a solution to the problem of discrimination in campus barbershops”. However, the discriminatory practices continued, and violence escalated. On April 27, 1954, Rev. Theodore E. Frank, pastor of First Congregational Church of Champaign, located at 6th and Daniel (yes – that’s our church) wrote to the State’s Attorney General recounting an experience he had that afternoon at John’s Barber Shop. Rev. Frank explains that he went to the barber shop with two men, Andrew Micahel and Phillip Young. The barber, John Barthelmy, approached the trio, and told one of them to leave, citing the “No loafings” sign on the wall and the fact that Michael’s hair had been cut yesterday. Rev. Frank then explains that when Barthelmy called him to his barber chair, he reminded Barthelmy that Young had entered the shop before he had. It was Young’s turn. The two exchanged words about whose turn it was, ending in Barthelmy’s incredulity. “Who says I have to cut his hair?” asked Barthelmy, who then grabbed Rev. Frank’s arm with both hands and pushed him towards the door and out on to the sidewalk. Rev. Frank’s letter states that he later found bruises on his upper right arm. This incident was later recounted in the May 13, 1954 edition of Jet Magazine, among other publications. (You can see a copy of the letter here): <https://usd116.org/ProfDev/AHTC/lessons/Jusko10/Theodore%20Frank%20affidavit.jpg>

The movement continued. “The demonstrations went on throughout the spring semester and resumed in the fall, finally concluding in November when the chairman of the human relations council announced that Negro students were now welcome at all campus barber shops. That was just one of the small advances made in arduous struggle for racial equality.” http://eblackcu.net/portal/archive/files/news-gazette_8f7a966af2.pdf And, sadly, this advance is no longer. Everything old is new again.....

When I recounted some of this history for Pastor Nate last Saturday, he sighed. ‘And here we are, 60 some years later, fighting the same thing.’ He’s right, of course. And yet I would say to you: don’t lose heart. Another old yet new thing is the commitment of people across our community, to “bend the arc of the universe towards justice.” Professors, clergy, and other community members are again working alongside students in this movement. I want to encourage you in the coming days to learn more about the history of racial justice in our community and discern what it is you are called to do during this moment in the movement.

Blessings,



Rev. Leah Robberts-Mosser
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Protestors respond to car driving through crowd

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. (WCIA)— People are writing a message they say deserves to be heard, Black Lives Matter. They're responding to the owner of the Rogue Barber Co. in Champaign, who announced a 'Members Only' Policy. In a Facebook comment, the company said it bans anyone who says they are a member of what he considers "violent extremist groups Antifa and Black Lives Matter." The policy drew protesters on Saturday, including campus minister Nate Brantingham. During the protest, he says he saw a man leave the barber shop and get into his truck.

"Was not accosted by any way by the protestors, went straight into his truck, backed out of the parking space that's there behind me. There were protestors there directing traffic that were asking him to turn around and head out that way since the majority of the protestors were over here for the protest," said Rev Nate Brantingham, Campus Minister at Community UCC Church. He drove right through the protesters. Police say no one was hurt. A spokesman with the department said they didn't have enough information Saturday to pursue the driver. A man on the scene said he filed a police report Sunday. "We're asking why haven't charges been proactively filed? Why isn't this a federal case? And why isn't this person identified yet when the police already saw the video," said Allan Axelrod. Protestors say they want more to be done sooner. "I think what it does is it sends a message intentional or not to protestors that their safety is not a concern to the police and that it's a welcome message to other protestors who might want to perpetuate harm to other protestors that they can do so without punity," said Rev Nate Brantingham. Police say they are looking into the incident and getting information from people there. Police say right now they are still early in the process of figuring out everything that happened, and the information they get will help determine the next steps.

See the news clip here: <https://www.wcia.com/news/protestors-respond-to-car-driving-through-crowd/>



Resources for you

On July 26, Pastor Leah preached about the conversion of Saul to Paul and spoke about Christian Piccolini's transformation from a white supremacist and neo-Nazi to a producer, author, and speaker countering racism and extremism. You can watch his Ted Talk, "My Descent into America's Neo-Nazi Movement And How I Got Out," here:

https://www.ted.com/talks/christian_piccolini_my_descent_into_america_s_neo_nazi_movement_and_how_i_got_out?language=en#t-194102

You may also want to watch Megan Phelps-Roper's Ted Talk about her transformation from a member of the Westboro Baptist Church to a writer and educator on bullying, extremism, and empathy. You can view her Ted Talk, "I Grew Up in the Westboro Baptist Church. Here is Why I Left," here:

https://www.ted.com/talks/megan_phelps_roper_i_grew_up_in_the_westboro_baptist_church_here_s_why_i_left

Lastly, during that sermon, Pastor Leah referred to Brene Brown's affirmation "I'm not here to be right, I'm here to get it right." You can listen to her powerful podcast episode on Shame and accountability here:

<https://brenebrown.com/podcast/brene-on-shame-and-accountability/>

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Worship This Summer

Pastor Leah on Vacation – Guest Preacher August 9

Pastor Leah will be on vacation beginning August 3. She will return to work on August 10. On August 9, January Simpson will be preaching live for CUCC in our Zoom and FB Live broadcast. You may remember January from the Baptism of Christ dialogue sermon a few years ago, wherein she and Pastor Leah told the story of January's baptism at Sister Louisa's Church of the Sofa and Ping Pong Emporium Bar in Atlanta, GA. The Spirit has moved in mysterious ways since January's baptism. She completed several units of Clinical Pastoral Education and became a Licensed Minister at Plymouth Congregational Church (UCC) in Fort Wayne, IN, where she is also taking the first steps to become a Member in Discernment. She says, "I'm excited to see where this path leads, and generally pretty baffled by it. These are interesting times to undertake such a journey." It is with gratitude and joy that January shares life with her wife Maggie, their cats Knucklehead and Chucklehead, and their dog Freckles. When she's not walking the dog, January can be found reading, cooking, telling someone way more than they wanted to know about Kierkegaard, or possibly watching the reboot of She-Ra. "Seriously," she says, "it's a great show." January does supply preaching and teaches adult education for her home church, as well as other UCC churches in the Indiana-Kentucky Conference. On August 9, she'll be preaching on the Woman at the Well.



New School Year Blessings –

Every August, we at CUCC do the *Blessing of the Backpacks* as a way to send everyone back to school. This year, with students, teachers, professors, and staff people going back to school in a variety of ways, we'll be blessing more than just backpacks. We'll do a blessing during worship on August 16 and send out stickers to anyone and everyone who wants one that week. The stickers from Illustrated Children's Ministry will be a great reminder that YOU ARE LOVED by god AND by your church family every time you see it. Stick it on your laptop or notebook, wherever you'll see it!



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:

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)

Pastor Leah will be taking Vacation in August



Pastor Leah will be taking the week of August 3 – 9 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

#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, sanitize their hands, and keep six feet apart.

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.

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*The Interfaith Alliance of
Champaign County
invites you to a Prayer Event
Sunday, August 16 at 3 pm*



Please join us on Zoom or on Facebook as we safely gather to pray for each other, our community and beyond during these difficult and strange times. We will also allow some time afterward to gather in conversation and will post the event on our Facebook page when it is completed.

Please spread the word!

<https://www.facebook.com/InterfaithCU>

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87300133863>

Moderator Musings

Of the many things that are different about attending church through Zoom, the one that has surprised me most is the increase in sharing of prayer concerns. There are, I'm pretty sure, more prayer requests every Sunday through Zoom and Facebook than would be written on cards or printed in the bulletin. Moreover, the number of prayer requests seems to be increasing from one week to the next. I'm just one data point, but I've entered a grand total of five prayer requests in all of the churches I have attended in my life. All five of those have come since April. Most recently I asked for prayers for my brother's mother-in-law. I had another request typed and ready to go - - for my foot, which broke while I was running last weekend - - but then erased it. I'm not sure why.

I wonder where this enhanced impulse to ask for prayers is coming from. Is it related directly to COVID? I don't think so. The number of prayers for those sick with the disease hasn't been especially high. Is it related indirectly to COVID? Perhaps. There is a tremendous amount of insecurity and anxiousness and awareness that we are not in control. These are the kinds of times and circumstances when more people feel more moved to pray. (You are probably aware of St. Jude, patron saint of lost and hopeless causes. There's a reason that he's so popular.)

These are plausible explanations. But I've also been wondering about the role that our being apart from one another might be playing. We miss gathering, being together and talking about the ups and downs of the past week and our concerns for the coming week. Those conversations are still possible, but they're harder to have, which, for me at least, makes community harder to feel.

Prayer as a practice is certainly about many things. One of those things is the calling into being of a community - - of angels, of saints, of congregants - - to hold us up. Perhaps in addition to sharing joys and concerns for loved ones and reporting (or almost reporting) running injuries, we are also saying, to and through Pastor Leah, that we love and care about this community and that we look forward to being together again.

Warm Regards,

~Jon



A Word of Thanks from Parish Associate Connie Bandy

I just want to thank everyone who participated in the drive-by birthday celebration for me on July 26th. You made my day so very special-- seeing your dear faces, even through car windows, was such a treat. I am touched by your thoughtfulness and can hardly wait until we can all be together once more, face to face (well, maybe behind masks, but you know what I mean!). With much gratitude and love,

Pastor Connie



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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 |



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Upcoming One-Time Events

Mark your calendars for these CUCC events!
 Saturday, August 1 -- Monday, August 31



Saturday, August 1: Recipes due to Peg Wade for Shelter-in-Place Cookbook

Saturday, August 1: Suggested Names for Shelter-in-Place Cookbook due to Peg Wade

Sunday, August 16: 3:00pm Interfaith Alliance of Champaign County Prayer Event by Zoom or Facebook Live

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87300133863> <https://www.facebook.com/InterfaithCU>

Tuesday, August 18, 11:30am: Monthly Retirees' Luncheon Meeting by Zoom

Tuesday, August 18, 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, August 25, 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 Zoom Meetings and Events at CUCC

| Event | Day | Time | Meeting ID | Passcode | Dates | Join Zoom Meeting | Dial by Your Location |
|-----------------------------|-----|-------------|---------------|----------|-----------|---|---------------------------------|
| Worship | Sun | 10:15AM | 391 847 803 | 788969 | 7/5-12/27 | https://zoom.us/j/391847803?pwd=ZmNvaHJYZm1uUUQrdTNBd2NRZThDZz09 | +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago) |
| Pub Theology | Mon | 7:00PM | 954 5707 0801 | 902078 | | https://illinois.zoom.us/j/95457070801?pwd=WmlBN3AyVkFiTFBDUUtLMjNuZ0t4Zz09 | +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago) |
| CUCC Community Drop-In Hour | Thu | 12PM (Noon) | 947 196 457 | 735760 | 7/9-12/31 | https://zoom.us/j/947196457 | +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago) |

The **Tuesday Planning Drop-In Hour**, **Tuesday CUCC Community Drop-In Hour**, the **Wednesday CUCC Kids Chat Room**, and the **Youth Group (6th-12th grade)** are going on **hiatus for August**. Be sure to check the September eCommunigram for updates.

Monthly Zoom Meetings and Events at CUCC

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|-----------------|------------------------|--------|---------------|--------|----------|---|---------------------------------|
| Men's Breakfast | Monthly 1st Thu | 7:00AM | 989 7544 0361 | 328404 | 7/2-12/3 | https://illinois.zoom.us/j/98975440361?pwd=UDlyMXFKU3ozVmN2M0tUL1ZJehVUT09 | +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago) |
|-----------------|------------------------|--------|---------------|--------|----------|---|---------------------------------|

Jubilee Café

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.

IMPORTANT COVID-19 INFORMATION:

- If you have recently been around large groups (classes, social events, protests, etc,) please delay volunteering at Jubilee Cafe until you know you do not have COVID-19.
- If you have not consistently worn a mask in public, please **DO NOT** sign up to volunteer at Jubilee Cafe.

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 |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|----------------|
| 6/29/2020 | 0 | 53 | 30 | 83 |
| 7/6/2020 | 0 | 0 | 31 | 31 |
| 7/12/2020 | 0 | 0 | 51 | 51 |
| 7/19/2020 | 0 | 0 | 42 | 42 |
| 7/27/2020 | 0 | 0 | 53 | 53 |
| Total Meals | 0 | 53 | 207 | 260 |



Some of the sights from Jubilee Café throughout the month of July. One week, a volunteer made cards for all of the guests that said "Stay Well!" letting the guests know they were thought of and cared for. Paul is holding the biggest head of Napa cabbage you've ever seen according to Pastor Leah.

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Pub Theology

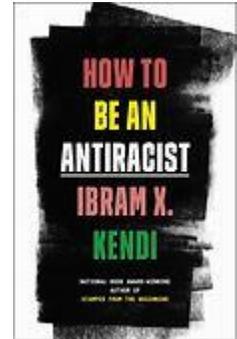
The book discussion group we call **Pub Theology** is presently discussing *How to Be An Antiracist* by Ibram X. Kendi. This is currently on the NYT Best Seller list and is being talked about all over television too.

Praised as “the most courageous book to date on the problem of race in the Western mind” (New York Times), Kendi’s groundbreaking work has provided a major new counterpoint in the national conversation about race in America and resonates in this, our collective moment of reckoning.

Pub Theology meets at 7:15pm Mondays. Find Pub Theology Zoom here.

If you would like to be added to the Pub Theology mailing list, email Tom Ward at wardt508@comcast.net and he will add you to the list. Anyone is free to join us.

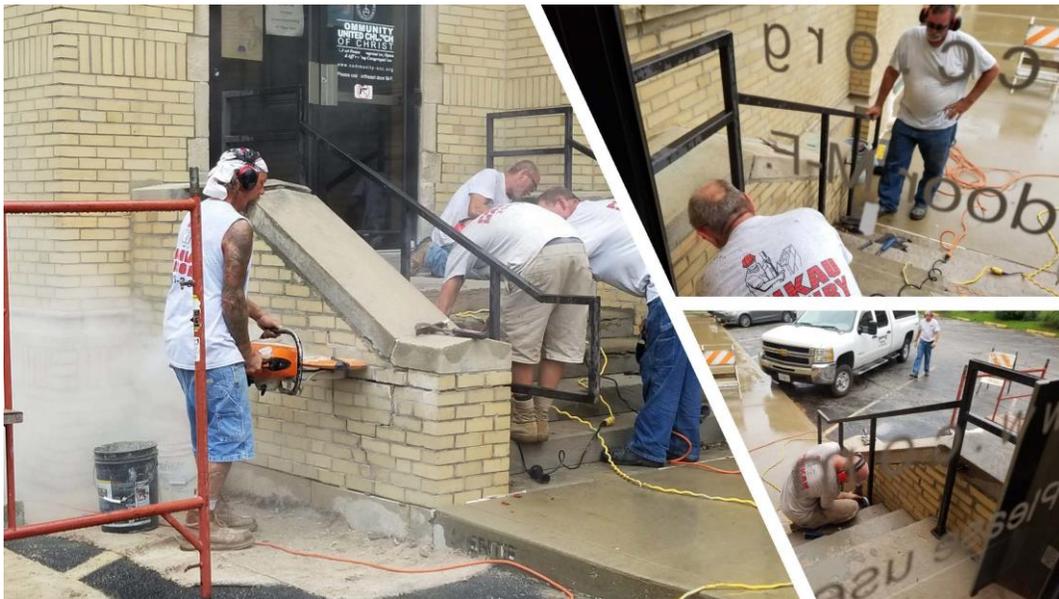
~Tom Ward



Capital Improvement Update

Masonry Work Begins

The stairs and entry on the parking lot side of the building may be out of commission for an extended period. The wall on the lot-side of the steps will be pulled down and the limestone steps lifted. In a perfect world, the support area underneath is in good shape and the limestone blocks can be flipped 180 degrees and we again have steps with a clean, uncracked lip. Otherwise, they may have to rebuild the supports and / or order new limestone.



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Community Building & Hospitality Team

Monthly Retirees Lunch

We had 9 attendees at our first monthly retiree's zoom lunch on Tuesday, July 21st. We had great conversation & laughs and decided to plan on having monthly zoom lunches - the 3rd Tuesday of the month, 11:30 a.m. - like we use to have out at restaurants.



So - mark **Tuesday, August 18, 11:30 a.m.** on your calendars (anyone is welcome to join us). A zoom link will be sent out prior to the lunch.

~ Peg Wade & Randy Musser

CUCC Mask Update

We took a poll to judge interest in ordering CUCC masks. Since we needed to order masks in boxes of 25 and only received affirmative responses from twelve folks, we decided that we would not proceed with this project at this time. Thank you to all those that responded.



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



Children and Family Ministry

Attention students and educators! Whether you are headed to preschool or college or anywhere in between, either to teach or to learn, we want to bless your school year. School is going to look different this year, and I know that families and educators are beginning the year with much more anxiety than usual, it's certainly that way in our house. We aren't able to meet in person to do our typical *Blessing of the Backpacks*, but as we've done with so many things these past few months, we will adapt. During the service on **August 16th** Pastor Leah will be offering a unique blessing for this new school year, so plan to join us for worship via Zoom or Facebook Live at 10:15AM that day.

~Julie McClure

Youth Group

Our youth has continued to meet virtually over the month of July. We participated in a couple of the NYE 2020 online events. The one that we enjoyed most was "Creativity and Justice in Quarantine."

We had an opportunity to hear Ms. Bryant share her story. Ms. Bryant is a social justice activist and she started very young. She shared that no one can be too young to engage in social justice. She encouraged individuals who are engaged in social justice to take care of themselves. We listened to Zyanna Bryant describe what a just world would look like. She said - no prisons, no borders, no misgendering.

We also had an opportunity to listen to Refresh Collective - a hip hop group. They use their music as a way to help others. Chris Murray stated that the "Creator created us to be creative - there is room for us to use our gifts and talents and be creative. If we have a passion to do something, pursue it." He shared an example of serving a meal to individuals who need it - that it goes way beyond the meal. When we have a love for others and for services, these meals can be transformed into the finest gifts. This reminded me of the gifts that we share at Jubilee Cafe. It isn't just about food - it's about connection and caring for one another.

We are taking a break from virtual youth group for the next few weeks. We would like to hear from youth and families as to how we can best plan the next few months together.

It looks like we will be gathering remotely for a while, so I would like your feedback as to how we can best serve your youth and family during this time. If you have a 6th grader - 12th grader, would you please take a few minutes to fill out this survey? We want to encourage guardians and youth to fill out this survey. I am excited to receive your feedback.



The link to the survey is [CUCC Youth and Family Survey](#)

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