



# Community UCC

*We're worth our words*

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## e-Communigram



### Letters from Leah

We've entered what is the hardest portion of the pandemic thus far: vaccines are here and we must wait. Let's be honest, friends, without a coordinated national plan for addressing the pandemic, local entities are doing the best they can with what they have to get shots in arms and that has left us all reeling. Information is inconsistent. Policies about who can get vaccinated when and where differ from state to state and county to county. Systems for sign up are hard to navigate. Issuing stickers to those who are being vaccinated so that they may encourage others, a positive method of reinforcement when it comes to voting, has brought up mixed feelings in the public. Some communities have historic reason to distrust governmental medical intervention. European friends tell me that their vaccine rollout is happening based on age only, while ours is based on age and risk factor, which are subjective. Again, without a centralized plan, this leads to lots of confusion and frustration. Moreover, the plan for vaccine rollout isn't set in stone— it is an organic thing based on many ever-changing factors. It will change as those factors change. That kind of uncertainty is hard to navigate when we are frustrated and afraid. We are frustrated. We are afraid. We are afraid for ourselves, our families, and our friends.

To put it simply, y'all, it's a mess and we are kind of a mess because of it.

So what do we do with that mess?

So what do we do when we get afraid?

What do we do when we are suddenly anxious, and that anxiety will not go away?

What can we do with our incredibly valid feelings of envy and jealousy?

What do we do when we get angry and our anger comes out at other people?

Really, how do we do this?

When the Israelites got afraid out in the wilderness with Moses, and they acted out of a scarcity mentality, they quarreled and complained. They wandered around (for 40 years!) in their anger and fear. When they were able to collect enough manna to get through the day, out of the fear that there wouldn't be enough for everyone, some of them hoarded it and it spoiled. We've already seen how decisions made out of fear, from a place of scarcity, hurt us in terms of the vaccine. We've also seen how anger can combust in communities. It will be many months before everyone is vaccinated. How might we shift our thinking away from scarcity survival to communal accountability and trust?

We can only do that if each of us tends to our own selves, controlling what we can – namely our own actions and reactions, while letting go of what is not within our control – namely, most everything else.

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So, let me ask these questions again, but more pointed and personally this time:

When you feel this mess overtake you, can you trust that God's love is larger than your fears?

What can you do when you feel afraid to name your fears specifically, then calm them each in turn?

What can you concretely do to meet your anxiety where it is and then slowly but surely regain your centered self?

How might you acknowledge your own feelings of envy and jealousy, while allowing gratitude to broaden your perspective?

How might you recognize your anger when it flares, and then use it to fuel yourself in positive ways rather than consuming ones?

What's your concrete plan for tending to the overwhelming feelings brought on by the pandemic?

If there was ever a time to use the practices of our faith to navigate life, dear ones, this is it. Trusting that God's love is bigger than our fears, naming that which possesses us, centering ourselves, practicing gratitude, using anger as fuel for reshaping the world, practicing peace and patience – these are all necessary tools in our pandemic toolkit. These spiritual practices help shape our living. It was true before the pandemic and it ought to be true now. In addition to these spiritual tools, practical tools also help shape mitigate our reactivity – journaling, phoning a friend, walking (or running, yoga, any kind of movement), getting good sleep, eating good food, daily engagement in prayer and meditation, helping others – all of these practical things need to be in our toolkit, too.

It is the hardest moment yet. This is true. But it is also true, as the song goes, that “trouble don't last always.” How we get through the trouble is what matters. That's what matter, right now, so that we might see that new tomorrow together.

In Lent, we're reminded that, again and again, suffering and brokenness find us. We doubt again, we lament again, we mess up again. Again and again, the story of Jesus on the cross repeats—every time lives are taken unjustly, every time the powerful choose corruption and violence, every time individuals forget how to love. With exacerbation we exclaim, “Again?! How long, O God?” And yet, in the midst of the motion blur chaos of our lives, God offers a sacred refrain: “I choose you, I love you, I will lead you to repair.” Again and again, God breaks the cycle and offers us a new way forward.

This theme provides a clear invitation in a time when much is unclear. Even if worshipping apart, we come to God again and again with our prayers, our dreams, our hopes, and our doubts. Even if from a distance, we will continue to be community to one another—especially when it's hard—by choosing each other over and over again. We will continue to love God with the same persistence God chooses and claims us. Our sub-theme, A Lenten Refrain, speaks to the ways God can make music of our lives. “Refrain” also reminds us that Lent is a season of abstaining from certain practices in order to take on new rhythms and habits.

In this season, we need rituals—both old and new—to remember and be transformed. Embodied practice builds muscle memory. Repetition helps retrain our neural pathways. We need the 46 days of Lent because this season shapes us into more faithful disciples. Join us this Lent as again and again, we bring all of who we are to God and trust that God will meet us, time and again, along the way. Each CUCC household is going to receive a Lent Kit, complete with supplies for Ash Wednesday worship, as well as a set of devotional cards, and a Lenten devotional booklet. Look for your kit to be delivered between February 11-February 17.

## LENT SCRIPTURES & THEMES

Feb 17 - Ash Wednesday, 6:30 PM (see Zoom Address Chart) – Matthew 6:1-21 & Isaiah 58:1-12

Theme: Again & Again: We're Invited In

Description: As Lent begins, we're invited in—to community, to this season, to our own spiritual journey, to true transformation. We're on this journey together, but we're invited to turn inward. Therefore, spiritual practices are not for show. Matthew 6 and Isaiah 58 remind us that performative acts (of piety and justice) are not the way.

1 -- February 21 - Mark 1:9-15

Theme: Again & Again: God Meets Us

Description: God meets Jesus at the water before he is tempted in the wilderness—this is important. First and foremost, God claims us. God meets us in the liminal space, at the water's edge, at the threshold of something new, and names us Beloved. God's covenant with all of creation reminds us that God meets us where we are—in the midst of our reluctance, doubt, eagerness, or weariness—and proclaims we are good.

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2 -- February 28 - Mark 8:31-9:8

Theme: Again & Again: We are Called to Listen

Description: Like the disciples, we are often stuck in the pattern of messing up over and over again. We cling to power, we climb the ladder, we memorialize and commercialize Christ's teachings rather than embodying them. However, we can't be trapped by shame, guilt, ignorance, or inaction. Humility is required for transformation. Again and again, we are called to listen—to God and to others.

3 -- March 7 - John 2:13-22

Theme: Again & Again, We are Shown the Way

Description: According to John, Jesus begins his ministry by showing more than telling. In the temple, Jesus disrupts and overturns the systems of corruption and profiteering taking place, but ultimately points us to the promise of restoration. Paul reminds the Corinthians (and us) that God's wisdom is more expansive than we can imagine. We are shown the way, even if God's way feels foolish, counter-cultural, disruptive, or uncomfortable.

4 -- March 14 - John 3:14-21

Theme: Again & Again, God Loves First

Description: After inviting Nicodemus to be born anew, Jesus tells him in John 3 that God so loved the world that God sent his son to restore it. Therefore, when we read John 3:16, we remember that Jesus is speaking in metaphor and poetry. Ultimately, love is where God begins and ends. This love, like grace, is a gift we do nothing to deserve. Again and again, love is our refrain. Before we act, think, or believe, can love be first for us too?

5 -- March 21 - John 12:20-33, dialogue with Lori Bievenour

Theme: Again & Again, We are Reformed

Description: We desire for God to write on our hearts so that God's law can re-shape and re-form us from the inside out. Reformation is a journey of letting the old fall away for something new to emerge, of returning to God's words over and over, of being drawn into the heart of God. This is the process of justification and sanctification; transformation must be internal and communal.

6 -- March 28 - Palm Sunday John 12:1-19

Theme: Again & Again, We Draw on Courage

Description: On Palm Sunday, we remember that Jesus' entry into Jerusalem was not a risk-free, palm party. It was a protest parade—a protest against those in power, a parade to prepare the way for a different kind of king. And this was all happening with plots to kill Lazarus (and Jesus) building in the background. We're reminded that the crowds were brave to show up that day, and that Jesus drew on courage to face his journey to the cross. The root of courage is "cour," meaning "heart." Courage is deep within us; drawing on courage is both internal and external. We often find it when we most need it, when everything else has been stripped away.

April 1 - Maundy Thursday, 6:30 PM (see Zoom Address Chart) - John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Theme: Again & Again, We are Held Together

Description: At this simple service of communion, we will reflect on the symbolism of foot washing, a practice of radical vulnerability, of being seen and known. Jesus loved the disciples "to the end." In this act, we remember that God holds all of our pain, vulnerability, doubts, and sufferings. As we venture toward the cross, we can lean into God's everlasting arms, knowing we are held.

April 2 - Good Friday, 6:30 PM (see Zoom Address Chart) - John 19:1-30

Theme: Again & Again, We Find Ourselves Here

Description: Again and again, we find ourselves at the foot of the cross, at the pit of despair, in the face of death, in the grip of state-sanctioned violence. "Here" is an emotional place. "Here" is grief. "Here" is the reality of sin and brokenness. On Good Friday, we are called to sit in the silence of death, knowing that God is here.

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April 4 - EASTER (more Information will appear in your March Communigram)– Mark 16:1-8

Theme: Again & Again, The Sun Rises

Description: According to Mark, on the first day of the week, the women rise with the sun and buy spices to anoint Jesus' body. They are shocked to find the tomb empty and leave in fear and terror. Mark's resurrection story is less triumphant than the other Gospel testimonies (as scholars believe the remainder of Mark's gospel was a later addition). In Mark's version, we are reminded that Easter comes to us, again and again, even if we don't know what to make of God's resurrection ways. Again and again, the sun rises. And some days, that is enough.

### Celebrating Brian Clark's Ministry Among Us

With gratitude in our hearts for 6 years of service, we will gather on February 21 to wish Brian Clarke well as he leaves us and begins a new job at the University of Alabama. Brian's last Sunday will be February 14, but he has graciously allowed for us to continue using the wealth of videos he's made in the last year – we will be graced with Brian's talents well into the future.

On February 21, in worship, we will celebrate Brian Clarke. Would you like to offer a story, or a word about how Brian's music has impacted you? Please let Pastor Leah know. Choir, Kathy will be conspiring with you, so look at your email for information.

If you would like to contribute to a parting gift for Brian Clarke, you can mail a check to the church (write "Brian Clarke gift" in the memo line) or make a donation online. Go to [community-ucc.org](http://community-ucc.org) and click "donate" where you can use the "other payments" line at the bottom; please indicate "Brian Clarke gift" in the comments box.

Your Music Director Kathy Lee has already made plans for temporary coverage. She, Pastor Leah, and Personnel will work together, putting together a hiring team with congregational representation, as we search for a new keyboardist.

### Sebastian is celebrating a birthday AND the end of chemo!

On Sunday, February 21, CUCCers are invited to celebrate Sebastian Major's 20<sup>th</sup> birthday with a drive by celebration, and to join him on Zoom at 3 pm for a party. Details are forthcoming. Look for a special email with all the information.

Blessings,



Rev. Leah Robberts-Mosser



### **Moderator Musings**

While I hope that 2021 will be a much less exciting year than 2020 was, our community has a lot to look forward to. We don't know exactly when we'll return to the building, but we know that when we do, we'll see some of the results of the Deeply Rooted capital campaign, we'll continue to experience vibrant and meaningful worship, and we'll keep being the church for each other and our community.

Elizabeth

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## Newcomers Group

**Being Offered in February and March for those who would like to learn more about how the church works and what our values and beliefs are based on.**

Are you relatively new to Community United Church of Christ? Or maybe you've been attending for a while but would like to learn more about how the church works and what our values and beliefs are based on. Maybe you are interested in figuring out how you might plug-in to the church, especially once we are back to meeting in person again! Perhaps you are even thinking you might like to become an official member! If any of these things is true, then the CUCC Newcomer Group may be for you!

Although in more normal times, we meet in person, we think that these sessions could translate pretty well to zoom and hope you might agree! We would like to start off with an introductory session right after church on February 7th (meeting in a breakout room after the service), both so that we can put names with faces and also so that we can find out what you really want to learn about the church. Then we'd skip a week and get started with the following 4 sessions on February 21st, February 28th, March 7th, and March 14th. Sessions will most likely be right after church, on zoom, unless we find that is a big barrier to you. Read on to find out more about what is included, and then if you are interested, please send me your contact information so that I can be sure to keep you in the loop! You can e-mail me at [jeawa@comcast.net](mailto:jeawa@comcast.net) or text or call me at **217-840-0668**. (Feel free to leave a message, and I'll get back to you!)

### Session 1 - Sunday, February 7th - Introductions and Logistics

We will meet briefly right after zoom church in a breakout room. This meeting will be short (30-45 minutes) and will just be a chance to get ourselves organized, learn each other's names, and get ready to roll for the other sessions.

**Session 2 - Sunday, February 21st. - CUCC 101, UCC 101** - This meeting will be an opportunity to find out more about how the UCC is organized, what our core beliefs are, and something of our history. We will also look at the basic structure of our local church, CUCC, and answer questions you may have about the church. \*\*\*\* If you just want to find out about the church, you may **only want to attend this meeting**. If you would like to pursue getting more involved, or becoming a member of the church, proceed to sessions 3,4, and 5.



**Session 3 - Sunday, February 28th - Opportunities to Plug-In at CUCC** - Leaders from our Ministry Teams will come to this meeting to talk to you about their roles here at CUCC and opportunities for participation in the life and ministry of CUCC.

**Session 4 - Sunday, March 7th - How do Your Gifts and Talents Mesh with CUCC?** - Partners in Faith who are members of the church will be invited to this meeting to meet each of you and begin connecting with you. We will look at the spiritual gifts each of us brings to CUCC and talk about the values we have as individuals and as a community. We'll begin to look at ways to get connected to the church and its work.

**Session 5 - Sunday, March 14th - Committing to CUCC** - Partners in Faith who have been paired with you will again attend this meeting. We will share faith stories, discuss what a commitment to the church means, and answer your questions about membership. For those who have decided to join the church, plans will be made for a New Member Sunday.

We are so anxious to get to know more about you and to share our stories with each other! Looking forward to seeing you soon!  
~Jeanne Ward - Welcoming Committee



## News from the Center for Spirituality and Faith for 2021

We are excited to announce that we have again purchased a group subscription to the Prayer Bench resources so many of you used and enjoyed this past year. Unlike last year, however, limits on how many participants we can register have been lifted, and we now can make the resources available to all who are interested. How the resources will be distributed has also changed, giving us more flexibility in how and when we make them available (by email and/or with physical copies), so that we can tailor the offerings to fit better with the CUCC calendar.

In 2021, the following retreats and activities will be offered:



- January—A Winter Retreat (email)
- February—An Ash Wednesday retreat to help you prepare for a contemplative Lent
- March—Three “Praying the Scriptures” videos will be available for individual and small group use
- April—A Holy Week daily email to help reflect on the events of the week leading to the Crucifixion and on to Easter
- May/June—Stroll for Your Soul, a three-week program to help us get moving and paying attention to the world around us as warm weather returns
- September/October—Fall “Rambles” to help us reflect on the turning of the season (15 days)
- November/December—a small group study related to Advent, an Advent Prayers Retreat

If you would be interested in receiving the January Winter Retreat, please let the church office ([info@community-ucc.org](mailto:info@community-ucc.org)) or Pastor Connie ([connie@community-ucc.org](mailto:connie@community-ucc.org)) know by **January 10<sup>th</sup>**.

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## 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](mailto:johnell.bentz@gmail.com), for more information.

~Johnell Bentz

Date	Hot Meals & Heat at Home	Total Meals
1/4/2021	53	<b>53</b>
1/11/2021	42	<b>42</b>
1/18/2021	50	<b>50</b>
1/25/2021	51	<b>51</b>
<b>Meals Served This Month</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>196</b>

*January 25 Johnell writes -- In spite of vertical freezing rain coating our entrance and turning our menus into a mess of wet paper, we gave hot meals to 51 guests. You may recall one of our guests, Miss J. Tonight she rode her bicycle through the horrific weather to get her hot meal and pantry items.*

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## Upcoming One-Time Events

Mark your calendars for these CUCC events!

Monday, February 1 – Sunday, February 28

Thursday, February 4, 7:00am: Men's Breakfast

Sunday, February 7, 10:15am: Breakout Room during worship for Youth PreK – 5<sup>th</sup> grade

Sunday, February 7, 11:30am: Newcomers Group by Zoom following worship

Sunday, February 7, 1:30pm: Youth Group by Zoom

Wednesday, February 10: Deadline to sign-up for Pastor Connie's email Lenten Retreat

Wednesday, February 10, 7pm: Zoom Choir

Thursday, February 11, 9am – 3pm: Pick-up un-iced cupcakes for Valentine's Party

Thursday, February 11, 5pm – 6pm: Pick-up un-iced cupcakes for Valentine's Party

Friday, February 12, 6:30pm: CUCC All Church Zoom Valentine's Party 

Tuesday, February 16, 11:30am: Monthly Retirees' Luncheon by Zoom

Tuesday, February 16, 6:30pm: Church Life Board Meeting by Zoom

Wednesday, February 17, 6:30pm: Ash Wednesday

Sunday, February 21, 10:15am: Celebrating Organist Brian Clark

Sunday, February 21, 10:15am: Breakout Room during worship for Youth PreK – 5<sup>th</sup> grade

Sunday, February 21, 11:30am: Newcomers Group by Zoom following worship

Sunday, February 21, TBA: Drive-By to celebrate Sebastian Major's 20<sup>th</sup> Birthday and End of Chemo

Sunday, February 21, 3:00PM: Sebastian Major Zoom Birthday Party

Wednesday, February 24, 7pm: Zoom Choir

Sunday, February 28, 11:30am: Newcomers Group by Zoom following worship

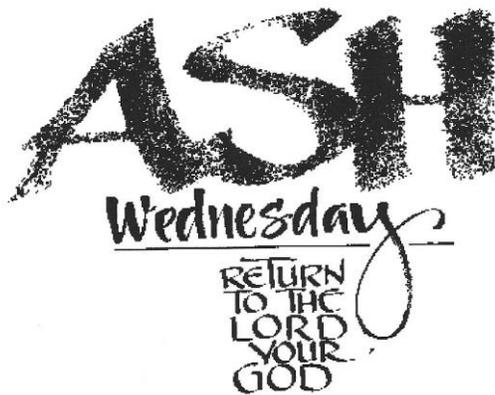
*See the chart below for re-occurring events and Zoom meeting information. Be sure to check the CUCC Facebook page for updates.*

## Weekly Zoom Meetings and Events at CUCC

Event	Day	Time	Meeting ID	Passcode	Join Zoom Meeting	Dial by Your Location
Worship	Sun	10:15AM	391 847 803	788969	<a href="https://zoom.us/j/391847803?pwd=ZmNvaHJYZm1uUUQrdTNBd2NRZThDZz09">https://zoom.us/j/391847803?pwd=ZmNvaHJYZm1uUUQrdTNBd2NRZThDZz09</a>	+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)
Youth Group (6 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> grade)	Sun	1:30PM	402 056 418	578953	<a href="https://zoom.us/j/402056418?pwd=SkIXaFBUMIBZQ0lvNTFUNVhWeVF0QT09">https://zoom.us/j/402056418?pwd=SkIXaFBUMIBZQ0lvNTFUNVhWeVF0QT09</a>	+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)
Evening Worship & Other Gatherings	Any	6:30PM	847 5319 7334	675757	<a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84753197334?pwd=ZENQVDNjY0RQMWxNVXRjd2w3WDFVZz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84753197334?pwd=ZENQVDNjY0RQMWxNVXRjd2w3WDFVZz09</a>	+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)
Pub Theology	Mon	7:15PM	954 5707 0801	902078	<a href="https://illinois.zoom.us/j/95457070801?pwd=WmlBN3AyVkFiTFBDUUtLMjNuZ0t4Zz09">https://illinois.zoom.us/j/95457070801?pwd=WmlBN3AyVkFiTFBDUUtLMjNuZ0t4Zz09</a>	+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)
Choir	Wed	7:00PM	326 389 912	854849	<a href="https://zoom.us/j/326389912?pwd=ZExZVWZqRkl4dFRvZEgrckVmQkY2Zz09">https://zoom.us/j/326389912?pwd=ZExZVWZqRkl4dFRvZEgrckVmQkY2Zz09</a>	+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)
CUCC Community Drop-In Hour	Thu	12PM (Noon)	947 196 457	735760	<a href="https://zoom.us/j/947196457">https://zoom.us/j/947196457</a>	+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

## Monthly Zoom Meetings and Events at CUCC

Men's Breakfast	Monthly 1st Thu	7:00AM	829 1216 9514	636040	<a href="https://illinois.zoom.us/j/82912169514?pwd=NE9OR1dNaE9nOGZldTINUnR1SjlVUT09">https://illinois.zoom.us/j/82912169514?pwd=NE9OR1dNaE9nOGZldTINUnR1SjlVUT09</a>	+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)
CUCC Retirees' Luncheon	Monthly 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tue	11:30AM	935 3696 7862	103227	<a href="https://illinois.zoom.us/j/93536967862?pwd=VndIN0Nab1FVcG5VWUdRWTViV">https://illinois.zoom.us/j/93536967862?pwd=VndIN0Nab1FVcG5VWUdRWTViV</a>	+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)



## Pub Theology

The Monday evening Pub Theology group will be wrapping up their discussion of Caste: *The Origins of Our Discontents* by Isabel Wilkerson February 8, 2021.

Monday, February 15, 2021 the group moves onto their next book, *Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again* written by Rachel Held Evans.

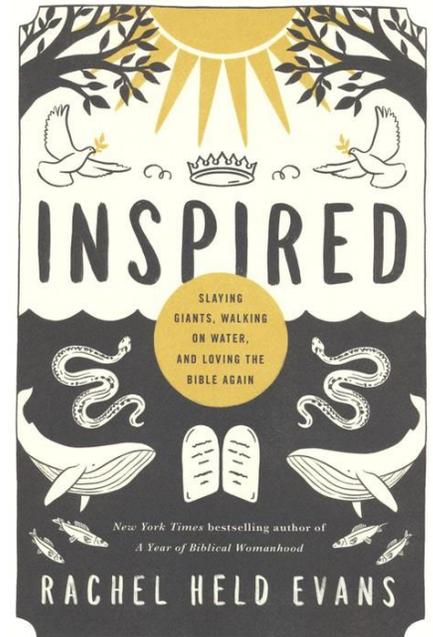
If the Bible isn't a science book or an instruction manual, then what is it? What do people mean when they say the Bible is *inspired*? When Rachel Held Evans found herself asking these questions, she began a quest to better understand what the Bible is and how it is meant to be read. What she discovered changed her and it will change you too.

Undaunted by the Bible's most difficult passages, Evans wrestles through the process of doubting, imagining, and debating Scripture's mysteries. The Bible, she discovers, is not a static work but a living, breathing, captivating, and confounding book that is able to equip us to join God's loving and redemptive work in the world.

Pub Theology starts at 7:15pm and runs until about 8:30.

If you'd like to join us, email Tom Ward ( [wardt508@comcast.net](mailto:wardt508@comcast.net)) and he will add you to the Zoom meeting announcement.

~Tom Ward



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## Retiree's Zoom Lunch

The CUCC's Retiree's December Zoom Lunch will be **Tuesday, February 16th, 11:30 a.m.** Watch for a zoom link for the lunch coming soon. We hope you will join us for fellowship, sharing, laughs and lunch.

-Roger & Peg



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## CUCC All Church Zoom Valentine's Party

*Mark your Calendars...you won't want to miss this event...*

### CUCC All Church Zoom Valentine's Party

Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m.



*This will be an interactive event for all ages*

- “Name that Tune” –have fun guessing the name of the love songs and singing the lyrics throughout the evening
  - Cupcake decorating demo with Phoebe Gerstenecker
    - Decorate your own cupcakes
  - A special recipe demo from the kitchen of Anna Barnes
    - Play a Valentine game

#### The Hospitality Team will provide:

- Cupcakes (you can pick up un-iced cupcakes in the church lobby on **Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup>** during the day from 9:00 a.m-3:00 p.m. in the office or from 5:00-6:00 p.m. in the church lobby, **OR** if you wish you can make your own at home)
- The love song tunes for you to guess

#### You will want to provide:

- Icing and decorations of your choosing for your cupcakes
- Cupcakes (either from church on Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup> or make your own)
- Paper and pen or pencil

*Chelsey and David Gerstenecker will be our hosts for the evening!*



*Join us for fun, music, decorating and laughs!*

## Construction Update

The painters have been busy painting in the sanctuary throughout month of January. They have completed their work in the sanctuary and are now beginning their work in the entry ways. These pictures from my phone do not do the new paint job justice. I tell you; you are in for a real treat when you step into the freshly painted sanctuary. It is bright and beautiful. Sneak peeks are welcome on Thursdays when I am in the office, masks required. ~ Carla



Daniel Street Entry Way

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## Children and Family Ministry

Hi families!

Due to the success of our breakout rooms during worship, I'm going to start offering two breakout sessions a month! In February, we will do the 7th and 21st. On the 7th, we will begin a service project. State Senator Scott Bennett is asking for handmade valentines that his office will distribute to long term care facilities in the community. We will begin this project together during worship, then I will collect them the following week to drop off. Be on the lookout for an email from me the week before with some preparation instructions.

I hope to see many faces at the CUCC Virtual Valentine's Party on February 12th! There will be plenty of ways for kids to participate in the fun.

~Julie McClure



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## Youth Group

The Zoom meeting information is below.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/402056418?pwd=SkIXaFBUMIBZQ0lvNTFUNVhWeVF0QT09>

Meeting ID: 402 056 418

Password: 578953

One tap mobile

+13126266799,,402056418# US (Chicago)

~ Jessica Smiley, Director of Youth Ministries



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Contact CUCC:

805 S. Sixth Street, Champaign, IL. 61820 | 217-344-5091 | [www.community-ucc.org](http://www.community-ucc.org) | email: [info@community-ucc.org](mailto:info@community-ucc.org)

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday | 9am - 3pm