

OUR COMMUNITY



Sunday, September 12, 2021

Community United Church of Christ—CUCC, UCC Campus Ministry—UCC-CM

PRAYER & AWARENESSES

Ongoing Prayer Concerns

- Condolences to the Jan Paluska family and friends. Jan passed away last Sunday, September 5th.
- Condolences to the Becky Hanson family upon her death.
- Tysha, Osborne's daughter-in-law
- *Local Champaign-Urbana Gun Violence Victims*
- Violence against our black and brown siblings
 - Tierramarie Lewis
 - Pooh Johnson
- Residual trauma all black and brown people experience every time there is trauma against black and brown people in this country.
- **Kathy** prayers of healing for Sophie who is undergoing her second brain surgery this week and strength for Sophie's family while they support her.
- **Kathy** prayers for healing and safety for Elena's family.
- **Alison** prayers of patience for Leo and our family as his surgery has been postponed until September 22nd.
- **Connie** prayers for Theresa and her mother Penny, as they face some hard decisions about Penny's living arrangements due to penny's recurring debilitating health issue.
- **Jennifer** thanks for Catherine's good post-surgery follow-up, and prayers for clarity regarding one more treatment decision.
- **Cara** prayers for a friend who has received a challenging and unexpected diagnosis.
- **Kristin** prayers of thanksgiving and joy for my new job, which has refreshed me in so many ways. Thank you, God!
- **Nate** prayers for a coworker in Texas who is very sick with COVID. It looks like he is pulling through, but prayers for a swift recovery.
- **Lily** my best friend is getting married in a week! Prayers that the wedding goes smoothly and that it's a day of celebration
- **Tina** prayers for peace and love for my friend, Lee, for healing our friend Katherine and for comfort for all mourning the loss of our friend Donna.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CUCC?

09/12, SUNDAY, CUCC Offices Closed
10:15am CUCC Hybrid Classic Worship
10:15am Rally Day!
10:15am Confirmation Class
2:30pm CUCC's Annual Sidney Dairy Barn ride bikes/drive car/play kickball, eat pizza, eat Dairy Barn ice cream!
8:00pm—9:00pm Manhattan AA Group (Parlor)

09/13, MONDAY 2:00pm Jubilee Café Prep
5:00pm—6:30pm Jubilee Café
6:30pm—7:00pm Jubilee Café Clean-up
6:45pm—8:00pm UCC-CM Jubilee After Party (Campus Ministry Office, Parlor)
7:15pm Pub Theology resumes

09/14, TUESDAY
1:00pm Hollaback Training for Bystander Intervention to Stop Anti-LGBTQ+ Harassment (Online — Registration Required)

09/15, WEDNESDAY
12:00pm ITEMS FOR BULLETIN & WEEKLY EMAIL DUE (FOR 09/19)
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

09/16, THURSDAY
8:00pm-9:30pm Denver AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

09/17, FRIDAY

09/18, SATURDAY

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10:15am CUCC Hybrid Classic Worship
10:15am Pride Sunday with Love Offering for Uniting Pride Center with matching funds up to \$500 and Blessing of Pastor Leah's sabbatical
8:00pm—9:00pm Manhattan AA Group (Parlor)

09/20, MONDAY
2:00pm Jubilee Café Prep
5:00pm—6:30pm Jubilee Café
6:30pm—7:00pm Jubilee Café Clean-up
6:45pm—8:00pm UCC-CM Jubilee After Party (Campus Ministry Office)
7:15pm Pub Theology

09/21, TUESDAY
11:30am CUCC Retiree's Monthly Lunch Gathering at Houlihan's
6:30pm CLB Meeting

Did you know that CUCC sends out a weekly email announcements and a monthly newsletter? If you would like to be added to the distribution list, [email](mailto:info@community-ucc.org) : info@community-ucc.org and ask to be added to the list!

CUCC BY THE NUMBERS

35 adults, **2** kids, **8** Zoom Users, **1** Facebook Users for a Total of **46** people/devices connected who participated in worship on Sunday, **9/5**
52 hot meals were provided to our Jubilee Café guests by **12** volunteers on Monday, **9/6**
2 AA groups met in our space this week

TODAY IS RALLY DAY

Today is Rally Sunday.

We start with worship where we give the children Bibles and then dismissing them to the first Sunday School class of the year. The Confirmation Class is also meeting today for the first time.

This afternoon everyone is invited to join in the fun of the Annual Sidney Dairy Barn ride bikes/drive car/play kickball, eat pizza, eat Dairy Barn ice cream event.

2:30 p.m. Bikers meet Tom Ward at the southwest corner of the Urbana Meijer's parking lot (be sure to have a light or some type of reflector on your bike as it may be getting dark on the ride home).

4:00 p.m. Drivers and bikers meet up at Witt Park, 306 Witt Park Rd., in Sidney

4:15 p.m. Play a game of kickball in the park, play at the playground, or just relax, visit, and cheer on the kickball players.

5:00 p.m. Enjoy pizza, veggies, and drinks in the park pavilion. There will be a donation jar available.

5: 45 p.m. Go to the Sidney Dairy Barn for ice cream you can purchase and more visiting

MANY CUCC VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR 2021 CU PRIDE FEST—SEPTEMBER 25TH

Again, this year, CUCC will be well represented at CU's Pride Fest. We only have a couple weeks to get the volunteers together! We will march in the parade and hand out rainbow hearts. We will have our booth with the ever-popular prayer door. We have lots of opportunities for you to serve at Pride, including: haul CUCC items to the event on Saturday morning; set-up the vendor booth; work at the vendor booth in 2-hour shifts; explain the prayer door to people as they pass-by; walk/ride in the parade; help tear-down the booth and pack-up; haul materials back to the church and set-up the prayer door in the Sanctuary.

Here is a rough schedule for CUCC volunteers on Saturday the 25th:

- 10:30 am - Meet at CUCC west entrance to collect and haul all of the items to the CUCC booth location (more information to come) in Urbana. We will need someone with a truck or big SUV to help haul the prayer door.
- 10:45/11:00 am - Set-up booth.
- 12:00 to 6:00 pm- Vendor Fair.
- 2:00 pm - Parade vehicle/driver and person to help wrangle all of the parade volunteers, will meet in CUCC's parade spot to help everyone get organized (more info on parade position to come). We need someone to volunteer the use of/maybe drive their truck for people to ride in for the parade.
- 3:00 pm - Pride Parade in Urbana (details here: <https://www.unitingpride.org/parade-21>).
- 4:00-5:00 pm - Biblical Self Defense with Rev. Leah and Pastor Nate@Vendor Fair (more info to come).
- 6:00 pm - Tear down booth and haul back to CUCC. We will need someone with a truck or big SUV to help haul the prayer door.
- 6:30/45 pm- Set-up the prayer door in Sanctuary.

The Identity Team is in charge of the volunteer sign-ups via SignUpGenius. Here is the link to volunteer: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4eafa928a5fbcf8-2021> You can also email or text Keri Evans at kevans1984@yahoo.com 217-714-4760 with any questions or if you need assistance signing-up to volunteer.

PHOTO/VIDEO/AUDIO RELEASE FOR CHILDREN

We have photo/video/audio release forms for children at the back of the sanctuary and request that each parent/guardian complete a release form for their child(ren) and return it to the church office so we have a record of your decision regarding use of your child(ren) in photo/video/audio clips by the church in digital and print distribution. We also ask young people 18 –20 years of age to complete a photo/video/audio release form and return it to the church office. Thanks!

HYMN—SING POSSIBILITY

Singing hymns together is a type of group worship that many of us have missed during the pandemic. If there is interest, CUCC may offer occasional outdoor hymn-sings before or after our traditional worship services. Please complete the following quick survey to share your favorite hymns with us and your level of interest in a hymn-sing: <https://forms.gle/EiYAns7sDHAq9w8P9>

MISSION MINISTRY TEAM SEEKING VOLUNTEERS FOR INTERFERENCE TRAINING

Hello from your Mission Team! The Uniting Pride Center in C-U has asked that members of our church consider helping them by acting as interference “when we have people protesting our events in the name of Christianity.” At a recent event a man was trying to handout propaganda and harass the attendees about their ‘sinful lifestyles.’ One of UP’s employee’s and a couple of their board members were able to corral this man into just talking to them for a very long time, protecting the performers and participants, but missing the event. If there were others, like members of a church community who were able to run interference and talk to people like this man with some authority at our events, it would be a very big help to us.

As your Mission Team we are intrigued by this idea and think it might offer a way to show that we are “worth our words” as our logo says. If you are interested in possibly helping with this type of thing periodically (and possibly at the upcoming PRIDE celebration in late September), please let us know. We want to offer people some training before putting church members in this situation, and one possibility is offered by a group called Hollaback! They offer a free 1-hour online training that enables bystanders to intervene when they see harassment. We strongly encourage you to sign up if you are able. They give the training regularly, and the next training will be **Tuesday, September 14 at 1:00pm** CST. You must register to participate at [BYSTANDER INTERVENTION TO STOP LGBTQIA+ HARASSMENT | Hollaback! Together We Have the Power to End Harassment \(ihollaback.org\)](https://www.hollaback.org/). We hope to have several folks trained to meet these needs when they come up. We look forward to more conversation about this!

SAVE THE DATE

Monday, September 13, 7:15pm, Pub Theology begins reading *The Bible With and Without Jesus: How Jews and Christians Read the Same Stories Differently* by Amy-Jill Levine and Marc Zvi Brettler

Tuesday, September 14, 1:00pm, Hollaback Training Online for Bystander Intervention to Stop LGBTQIA+ Harassment (registration required)

Sunday, September 19, Pride Sunday with Love Offering for the Uniting Pride Center (UPCenter), with matching funds available up to \$500 and Blessing of Pastor Leah’s sabbatical

Friday, September 24—Sunday, September 26, C-U Pride Fest, more details — and sign ups — to come!

Tuesday, September 21, 11:30 am, Retiree’s Lunch in outside patio at Houlihan’s

Saturday, September 25, Pastor Leah’s last day of work

Sunday, September 26, Stewardship Sunday

Monday, September 27, October eCommunigram articles due to Office Manager

Thursday, September 30, Sabbatical Guest Pastor Rev. Bill Lawser begins ministry with CUCC!

Sunday, October 10, Memorial for CUCC member Becky Hanson, Meadowbrook Park, Garden Pavilion, with Rev. Connie Bandy