

OUR COMMUNITY



Sunday, November 28, 2021

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

PRAYER & AWARENESSES

Ongoing Prayer Concerns

- Peg and Roger are excited to report that Noa Elizabeth Wade passed her 3 tests and came home on November 16. They went up on Wednesday to meet her and help out for a few days.
- Tysha, Osborne's daughter-in-law
- *Local Champaign-Urbana Gun Violence Victims*
- Violence against our black and brown siblings
 - Jenny De Leon
 - Angel Naira
- Residual trauma all black and brown people experience every time there is trauma against black and brown people in this country.

- **Tina Cowsert** My cousin's husband Marcus fell down the stairs and broke both his fibula and tibia in several places. He has surgery Friday, 11/19 to have a rod inserted into his leg and pins to hold it all in place. His wife (my cousin) is pregnant and due in February, since he's a big guy, she can't help lift him and shift him around. Prayers appreciated.
- **Jennifer Cromley** Prayers of thanks that my twin brother Seth is recovering quickly from a breakthrough case of COVID
- **Jeanne Ward** prayers of Thanksgiving for church members willing to volunteer their time to take care of needs for others with joy and energy
- **Alison Anders** Prayers of comfort and courage for my student Ima.
- **Connie** prayers of thanks that my sister Judy is home and recovering after a scary medical emergency this week
- **Linda Morgan** continuing prayers for Randy grieving the death of his spouse.
- **Janice Hiland** friend Sharon with eye cancer is in need of our prayers for healing. And friend Denise's brother Bob has just been diagnosed with bladder cancer. The family is also working thru other health issues. All in the family need our prayers for healing and support.
- **Kathy** prayers for safe travels for those who are visiting friends and family. Prayers also for comfort and love for those who are celebrating Thanksgiving without loved ones.

CUCC BY THE NUMBERS

47 adults, **10** kids, **5** Zoom Users, **8** Facebook Users for a Total of **70** people/devices participated in worship on Sunday, **11/21**
17 volunteers help decorate the church while enjoying Christmas music and visiting with each other, **11/21**
37 hot meals were provided to our Jubilee Café guests by **11** volunteers on Monday, **11/22**
10 people met for Pub Theology, **11/22**
2 AA groups met in our space this week

LAST DAY TO ORDER POINSETTIAS

Today is the deadline to place your order for Poinsettias that will beautify the sanctuary for Christmas Eve worship. Please fill out and submit the order form found in the worship bulletin along with your payment and note if you will donate or pick-up your poinsettia(s) following worship. Poinsettias are being purchased from County Market this year so checks should be made payable to CUCC with POINSETTIAS noted on the memo line. Payment must be included with your order or poinsettias requested will not be ordered.

JUBILEE CAFÉ IN NEED OF WINTER ITEMS TO SUPPORT OUR GUESTS

As winter quickly approaches Jubilee Cafe needs a few things to help our guests. If you can donate any of these items, please drop them by the church Monday – Thursday 9am – 3pm or Sunday when you come for worship (leave in church office) Items needed include new or freshly laundered winter coats, XL coats, leggings and tights, XL sweatpants that can be worn over other pants, hand warmers, warm winter hats, warm gloves, warm socks. Thank you! Email jubilee.cafe@community-ucc.org with questions.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CUCC?

11/28, SUNDAY, CUCC Offices Closed
10:15am CUCC Hybrid Classic Worship
10:15am All 6th – 12th graders invited to attend Sunday School (FH)
8:00pm—9:00pm Manhattan AA Group (Parlor)

11/29, 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

11/30, TUESDAY

12/1, WEDNESDAY
12:00pm ITEMS FOR BULLETIN & WEEKLY EMAIL DUE (FOR 12/5)
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

12/2, THURSDAY
7:00am Men's Breakfast at Urbana Garden Restaurant
12:00pm-3:00pm UCC-CM (Campus Ministry Office Open House)
8:00pm-9:30pm Denver AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

12/3, FRIDAY, CUCC Offices Closed
5:00-11:00pm UCC-CM (Entire Building)

12/4, SATURDAY

12/5, SUNDAY, CUCC Offices Closed
10:15am CUCC Hybrid Classic Worship
8:00pm—9:00pm Manhattan AA Group (Parlor)

12/6, MONDAY
2:00pm Jubilee Café Prep
5:00pm—6:30pm Jubilee Café
6:30pm—7:00pm Jubilee Café Clean-up
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12/7, TUESDAY

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: info@community-ucc.org](mailto:info@community-ucc.org) and ask to be added to the list!

UPDATE TO CUCC COVID GUIDELINES

After reviewing current guidelines, the Church Life Board approved some changes to our covid protocol. Here are the major changes:

- We are still requiring masks and social distancing. However, households who associate outside of church can sit together.
- Post-worship socializing can take place inside, with masks. We will not be serving coffee yet.

Beginning Sunday, December 5:

- Worship may include short responsive congregational prayers.
- The choir can begin singing during worship, and the congregation can sing the final hymn.

The full guidelines will be included with the December newsletter. If you have questions or concerns, please bring them to any CLB member.

ADVENT REFLECTIONS AND PRACTICES

Pastor Connie, Sue Osborne, and their friend Barbara England invite you to join them on their blog, Spirit on the Prairie (www.blogspot.spiritontheprairie.com) during Advent for reflections on "Heart Songs," looking at the various canticles (songs) in the first few chapters of the Gospel of Luke. A new post will go up each Sunday and on Christmas featuring photography by Sue, reflections from Connie, and practices created and curated by Barbara. We hope to provide a variety of materials that speak to the topic in different ways, so that you can create your own Advent practice. That might be a quick check-in once a week or several visits over the course of the week, sampling different resources. You don't need to sign up, and there's no charge-- this is our gift of love. We do hope that you will comment and interact with others who do so that this becomes even more of a collaboration!

CUCC RETIREE'S MONTHLY LUNCH GATHERING FOR DECEMBER

Hi friends,

We wanted to give you a heads up. At our November Retiree's lunch last week, we decided to move our December lunch up a week to the 2nd Tuesday in December, December 14th. We felt this might be better than trying to get together the week of Christmas.

We will send out another reminder note with the exact location a week prior to our lunch. We have been checking with several restaurants to find availability and good parking, so we will keep you posted on which one will work the best.

In the meantime, we wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving!

Thanks!

-Roger & Peg

LOOKING AHEAD: BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

January 9, 2022 is the day the church rejoices in God's blessings. We recall and celebrate our adoption as God's children, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and the promised company of almighty God when we "pass through the waters, the rivers, the fire." *words from ELCA SundayandSeasons*

The sacrament of baptism is an outward and visible sign of the grace of God. Through baptism a person is joined with the universal church, the body of Christ. In baptism, God works in us the power of forgiveness, the renewal of the spirit, and the knowledge of the call to be God's people always. [About Baptism - United Church of Christ \(ucc.org\)](http://www.ucc.org)

If anyone is interested in being baptized or having someone in their family baptized by Pastor Leah Robberts-Mosser on Sunday, January 9, please contact Carla in the church office at 217-344-5091 or by email at info@community-ucc.org

SAVE THE DATE

Thursday, December 2, 7:00am: Men's Breakfast at Urbana Garden Restaurant

Saturday, December 11, 2:00-4:00pm: CUCC Christmas Cookie Exchange

Sunday, December 12, 10:15am: Confirmation Class in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, December 12, 6:30pm: Longest Night Worship Service

Tuesday, December 14, 11:30am: CUCC Retiree's Monthly Luncheon Gathering

Sunday, December 19, 10:15am: All 6th-12th graders invited to participate in Sunday School in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, December 19, 11:30am-2:00pm: Youth Group Christmas Party

Monday, December 20, 9:00am: Articles for January eCommunigram due to Office Manager

Friday, December 24, 6:30pm: Christmas Eve worship