

# OUR COMMUNITY



Sunday, January 9, 2022

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

## PRAYER & AWARENESSES

### Ongoing Prayer Concerns

- Wayne County Sheriff Deputy Sean Riley
- Bradley Police Office Sergeant Marlene Rittmanic
- *Local Champaign-Urbana Gun Violence Victims*
  - Trenton N. Jones
  - Jordan Atwater-Lewis
- Violence against our black and brown siblings
  - Amariyey Lei, also known as Myara
  - Valentina Orellana-Peralta
  - Ke'Yahonna Stone
- Residual trauma all black and brown people experience every time there is trauma against black and brown people in this country.
  
- **Kathy** prayers of safety for educators and students resuming school this week.
- **Jeanne** for teachers, students, and parents as schools attempt to open up this week amid lots of uncertainty due to COVID infection rates.
- **Jennifer Cromley** prayers for Catherine's brother John who is recovering from a mild case of COVID
- **Jeanne** for our health care workers who are once again spread very thin in order to provide care to those who need it.
  
- **Brin** thanks for a family who contracted Covid but who came thru asymptotically.
  
- **John Osborne** continued prayers for our son-in-law's father, who is recovering from multiple strokes. While doing better, this week both he and his wife tested positive for COVID.
  
- **Kathy** prayers for the Kasper family as they recover from breakthrough COVID cases and prayers that those still COVID negative stay that way.
  
- **Prayer Card** thanks for Bill being with us and leading with so much love and joy

## CUCC BY THE NUMBERS

36 adults, 1 kid, 7 Zoom Users, 4 Facebook Users for a Total of 48 people/devices participated in worship on Sunday, **01/02/2022**  
30 hot meals were provided to our Jubilee Café guests by 7 volunteers on Monday, **01/03**  
10 people met for Pub Theology, **01/03**  
10 men enjoyed breakfast, conversation & laughs on Zoom for the CUCC Men's Breakfast Gathering, **1/6**  
2 AA groups met in our space this week

## JUBILEE CAFÉ IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS

While the University students are away on break, we have several openings to help prepare and pack food or distribute food during our service hours., You can sign up for specific days and times on our Sign Up genius page, <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090e45a5ae2caa8-volunteer12>. Or email Jubilee Cafe at [jubilee-cafe@community-ucc.rog](mailto:jubilee-cafe@community-ucc.rog)

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!

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CUCC?

**1/09, SUNDAY, CUCC Offices Closed**  
**10:15am** CUCC Hybrid Classic Worship with baptism  
**10:15am** Youth 6th—12th grade will remain in worship to be with peers who are being baptized  
**11:30am—2:00pm** The Confirmation Workshop is POSTPONED. WE WILL NOT MEET TODAY.  
**8:00pm—9:00pm** Manhattan AA Group (Parlor)

**1/10, MONDAY**  
**9:00am** 2021 Annual Report reports due to Office Manager  
**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

### 1/11, TUESDAY

**1/12, WEDNESDAY**  
**12:00pm** ITEMS FOR BULLETIN & WEEKLY EMAIL DUE (FOR 01/16/2022 )  
**7:00pm** Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

### 1/13, THURSDAY

**12:00pm-3:00pm** UCC-CM (Campus Ministry Office Open House)  
**8:00pm-9:30pm** Denver AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

### 1/14, FRIDAY, CUCC Offices Closed

**5:00-11:00pm** UCC-CM (Entire Building)

### 01/15, SATURDAY

**01/16, SUNDAY, CUCC Offices Closed**  
**10:15am** CUCC Hybrid Classic Worship  
**10:15am** Youth 6th—12th grade are invited to participate in Sunday School (FH)  
**8:00pm—9:00pm** Manhattan AA Group (Parlor)

### 01/17, 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

### 01/18, TUESDAY

**11:30am** CUCC Retiree's Monthly Lunch Gathering  
**6:30pm** CLB Monthly Meeting

## PRAYER BENCH FOR 2022

The first Prayer Bench resource of 2022 will be making its way to your inbox on January 15, 2022. If you would like to receive this resource please contact Pastor Connie by **Wednesday, January 12, 2022** so she can add your name to the mailing list. This year all of the resources will be mailed directly from the Prayer Bench host (Janice) rather the resource being mailed to Pastor Connie and then she sending it out to the CUCC mail list. This means, the sooner you contact Pastor Connie about your desire to remain part of the Prayer Bench group, the better. If you would like to see is planned for 2022, here's a link to what will be available this year-- <https://prayerbench.ca/product/2021-group-subscription/>

Connie Bandy

## 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 L and xl coats, L and xl men's underwear, Gloves, Toothpaste, Soap, Shampoo or 2 in 1 shampoo/coditioner, Combs, Body wash, Deodorant, Washcloths, Tampons and pads, Can openers. Thank you!  
Email [jubilee.cafe@community-ucc.org](mailto:jubilee.cafe@community-ucc.org) with questions.

## COVID MITIGATIONS — IT MAY BE CHILLY IN THE SANCTUARY

Ventilation has been increased in the sanctuary by opening two windows in the parlor and having two fans blowing in fresh air. The ceiling fans are set to low to help move air around. A window is open in the west stairwell to allow exhaust air to escape. This makes the heating system work extra hard. The HVAC system wasn't designed to work with open windows. It may feel cooler in the sanctuary. Please dress accordingly. And wear your mask.

## DEDICATION AND OPENING OF THE JOHN BANDY CENTER FOR SPIRITUALITY AND FAITH & UNVEILING OF PARLOR UPDATES

Mark your calendar and plan to join the celebration on **Sunday, January 23** following worship. On January 23, the overhaul of the Parlor will be unveiled, and the John Bandy Center for Spirituality and Faith will be dedicated and opened.

So much work has gone into the Parlor including a new roof, repairs to plaster and woodwork, fresh paint, new carpeting, and beautiful furnishings. The new space is so much warmer and more welcoming, and we hope members can come to this event to see the enhancements.

If you have been waiting patiently for your chance to access those materials-- it's finally here! While we hope that the Center will eventually be a resource for the community at large, for now we are restricting use to members and friends of CUCC. This will give us the chance to discover what we haven't thought about that we need to fix before we open it up to a larger audience. We expect to be able to offer retreats and such in the future as pandemic protocols permit. For now, the Center will once again make on line materials from *The Prayer Bench* available to those who are interested. If you would like to sign up for those, please let Pastor Connie ([connie@community-ucc.prg](mailto:connie@community-ucc.prg)) know by **January 12th** so she can add you to the list.

## ANNUAL MEETING IS JANUARY 30, 2022

As many of you know, January is annual meeting time. We will gather on Sunday, January 30th, on Zoom at 1pm, which should give folks worshipping in person enough time to get online.

In addition to electing new officers at the meeting, the congregation also approves the budget for next year.

## SAVE THE DATE

**Monday, January 10:** 2021 Annual Report reports due to Office Manager

**Wednesday, January 12:** Deadline for letting Pastor Connie know if you wish to receive the Prayer Bench material

**Sunday, January 16, 10:15am:** 6th –12th grade youth invited to participate in Sunday School (FH)

**Sunday, January 23, 10:15am:** Confirmation Class in Fellowship Hall

**Sunday, January 23, 11:30am:** Dedication of The John Bandy Center for Spirituality and Faith & Unveiling of Parlor Updates

**Sunday, January 30, 10:15am:** Confirmation Class in Fellowship Hall

**Sunday, January 30, 1:00pm:** CUCC Annual Meeting by Zoom