



# Community UCC

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## e-Communigram

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*A Just Peace, Progressive, LGBTQ Open & Affirming Congregation*

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## Letters from Leah

What have you given up for Lent? Chocolate? Sweets? Your weekly Starbucks? I gave up a boy once for Lent. And while that was helpful to my 19-year-old self, it didn't really bring me any closer to God than I was before. Oh well.

The idea of denying ourselves something during the season leading up to Easter comes from Luke 9:23 (NRSV) where Jesus, in calling the disciples, says, "...If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me." Somehow, this call to put aside our own interests and live a self-sacrificial life in the footsteps of Christ got changed to 'don't drink soda for 40 days' -- seems like we lost the point somewhere along the line.

Is there a better way to do Lent? Yes, of course. Often on Ash Wednesday, you are invited to consider what you will give up, or let go of, so that you might pick up something new. Want more love? Set down your judgement and criticism for this season. Want more peace? Let go of malice for 40 days and perhaps there will be room for the peace you desire in your life. Are you seeking a deeper relationship with Christ? Yes? Then perhaps give up your biggest distraction and redirect yourself when it arises. If you want to pick up something new and your hands are full, you have to set something down in order to pick it up. It's true when you're cleaning house literally and spiritually.

This year, our Mission Team is inviting Community UCC to pick up something new, together, as a church – to retire US Medical Debt for individuals and families through RIP Medical Debt. Prayerfully, they have set a goal and over the course of Lent, by giving and inviting our personal networks to give as well, we hope to reach our financial goal. Maybe this is one way in which this old notion of giving up something for Lent can have new life and be renewed to more closely resemble the call from which it originated. What might you give up this Lenten season in order to redirect finances towards our RIP Medical Debt Campaign? We are all encourage to prayerfully consider what amount we might be able to give towards this campaign as a special financial gift, but we're also inviting each household to consider what you will deny yourself so that you might put the daily or weekly cost of that item in the Lenten offering jar you'll receive. What if you didn't buy yourself a soft drink every day at work, but took that money and deposited it in your jar each night after work? What if you said a prayer for people struggling with the weight of debt each day when you slipped those coins into the jar? Or, what if you family decided to not get take-out during Lent, but you cooked together instead, and when you gathered around the table, put the money you would've spent on take-out in the jar? How would this change your family and the lives of the families who will receive relief from your Lenten Self-Denial gift?

What will you give up for Lent? Chocolate? Sweets? Your weekly Starbucks? Whatever it is, put the money you would have spent on that thing in your Lenten Self-Denial jar as part of your Lenten practice this year. Do it and hold the people who will receive relief and release as a result, in the light of Christ as you do. May this be the fast we keep.

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Blessings,



Rev. Leah Robberts-Mosser



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## Moderator Musings

At our ministry team leadership retreat (over zoom...again...) we asked one another where we've recently seen light. I'm currently looking out my window watching the light reflect off the snow and refract off of ice hanging from the trees. I'm also noticing light in the afternoons as I start to prepare dinner. I see a lightness in us as we discuss lessening Covid cases, and willingness to add choir back to our chancel. And a light in Pastor Leah as she considers Ash Wednesday returning to a new normal. Light is coming!



As we wait on a new Sound and Ethical Practices leader to volunteer, we've restructured our Covid response team to the Moderator team, which thankfully includes a local medical worker. We will continue to make the best decisions we can for all of us with the local numbers and recommendations available.

May light continue to increase in all of our lives this season.

Warmly,  
Erin Ewoldt

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## Ashes to Go

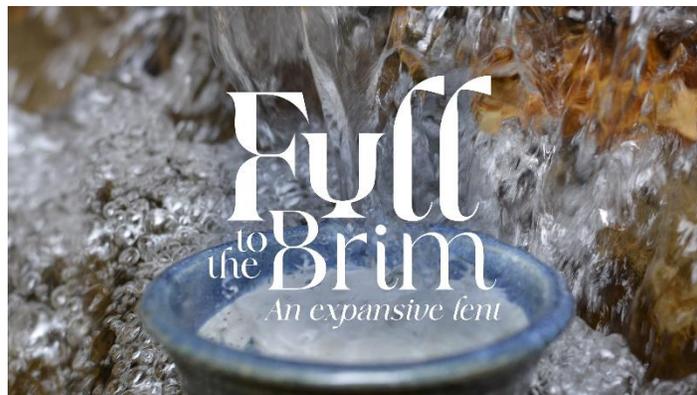
Lent begins Wednesday, March 2, 2022. Pastor Leah and Pastor Nate will offer communion and the imposition of ashes on the corner of Sixth Street and Daniel from 11:45am to 1:15pm.



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## Worship Ministry: LENT 2022 – Full to the Brim

This year, for the season of Lent, our theme is Full to the Brim. Our friends at A Sanctified Art remind us that, “The origins of Lent were that one was to leave their old life behind to fast and prepare to be baptized into a new way of living. In essence, this was a practice of stepping away from corrupt power, scarcity mentality, and empty rituals in order to live a more expansive and full life of faith. And so, our Lenten theme, Full to the Brim, is an invitation—into a radically different Lent, into a full life. It’s an invitation to be authentically who you are, to counter scarcity and injustice at every turn, to pour out even more grace wherever it is needed. When we allow ourselves to be filled to the brim with God’s lavish love, that love spills over. It reaches beyond ourselves; like water, it rushes and flows, touching everything in its path.”



In the 40 days of Lent, we will explore this theme in worship and in our own personal devotions:

### Worship in Lent looks like this:

- **Ash Wednesday** Worship will happen in person and online at 7:00 pm on March 2
- Sunday morning worship will happen in person and online at 10:15 am. We’ll look at these themes:
  - **March 6** – “Even in the desert” - Deuteronomy 26:1-11, Luke 4:1-13
  - **March 13** – “Under God's wing” - Psalm 27, Luke 13:31-35
  - **March 20** – “You are worthy” – Isaiah 55:1-9, Luke 13: 1-9
  - **March 27** – “Prodigal Love” – Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32, II Corinthians 5:6-21
  - **April 3** – “Brazen acts of beauty” – Isaiah 43: 16-21, John 12:1-8
  - **April 10**, Palm Sunday – “Even the Stones Cry Out” – Luke 19:28-40
- **Maundy Thursday** Prayer Stations in the sanctuary will be open starting at 5pm with communion at 6:30pm, **April 14**
- **Good Friday** Worship will happen in person and online at 7 pm, **April 15**
- **Easter Festival Worship** will happen in person and online at 10:15 am, **April 17**

Use the devotional booklet you received, either at worship or at home, as you journey through this devotional at your own pace. You will find scriptures, poems, art, reflections, and hymns that are filled with promises of God’s abundant and expansive grace. Some of the stories you will encounter include Jesus as a mother hen, a prodigal son welcomed home, a fig tree nurtured with care and hope, precious oil poured out lovingly and freely, and stones shouting out with praise. These sacred texts are brimming with a gospel of grace. We’ve done nothing to deserve or earn this grace, and yet, like water, it spills over. Full to the Brim reminds us to live fully—as we pursue justice and hope, or express grief and gratitude.

You also received devotional cards, either at worship or at home, for you to use in this season. There are different ways to use these cards. Here are a few ideas:

- Hang these cards up like garland, in order of their weeks. Review one reminder and one prayer each day.
- Put your weeks’ worth of cards by your bed at the start of the week. Each morning when you wake up, start your day with the daily reminder and prayer.
- Review the cards for the week at the beginning of the week. Pick the one card that resonates the most with you and put it somewhere where you will see it regularly—your bathroom mirror, car dashboard, etc. Use that card as a prayer prompt each day.
- Use these daily reminders as a journaling prompt for the season of Lent. Read the reminder and ask yourself—is this something I needed to hear? Why or why not? What emotions or memories does this reminder stir up in me?

Lastly, you received a Wellness Wheel Worksheet. We will discuss this tool in worship on the first Sunday of Lent. Completing it before then might be helpful.

Friends, this Lent, let us trust—fully—that we belong to God. Let us increase our capacity to receive and give grace. Let us discover the expansive life God dreams for us.

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## Mission Ministry Team Lenten Project

For Lent this year, we've got a project for all of us, including our friends and family. We are beginning a campaign with "RIP Medical Debt." They are a public charity [a New York based 501(C)(3)] organization which uses donors' funds to buy and then relieve medical debt. The national UCC worked with them at the end of last year.

Medical debt is purchased in bundled portfolios from the secondary debt market and health care providers to relieve thousands of individuals at one time. To qualify to have debt relieved, someone must meet one of two qualifications:

- earning at or less than 2x the federal poverty level
- have debts that are 5% or more of annual income

Since 2014, RIP Medical Debt has been able to eradicate \$5,622,210,509 for over 3,181,782 individuals and families. We have the opportunity to add to those numbers.

Good news – it doesn't take much to make an impact. On average, for every \$1 donation, \$100 of medical debt is purchased and relieved! So, we are setting our sights on raising **\$8,000**, which could relieve about \$800,000 in medical debt! The Mission team will match donations of up to **\$2,500** from our reserve funds, as well as contributions from a CUCC family.

Based on availability of debt, our campaign is not able to focus solely on debt in Illinois. We are able to help out some in Illinois, and the rest will go toward nationally available debt. Unfortunately, RIP Medical Debt has access to only a small percentage of the total debt in the country, and it's difficult to predict what debt they will have access to.

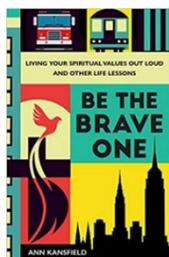
Once we reach the end of the campaign, we will receive a report outlining where we abolished debt and for how many individuals. Letters will also be sent to those individuals to let them know their debt has been abolished.

Our campaign will last from Ash Wednesday, March 2 through Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022. We have decorated jars available for each household to collect a donation or have as a reminder. You can pick up your household's jar at church on Sunday, February 27; Ash Wednesday, March 2; Sunday, March 6; or at the church during office hours Monday through Thursday, 9am – 3pm. Jars can also be delivered to your house by reaching out to Jeanne Ward at [jeawa@comcast.net](mailto:jeawa@comcast.net), Kristy Brownfield at [klmel04@gmail.com](mailto:klmel04@gmail.com), or Carla at the office at [info@community-ucc.org](mailto:info@community-ucc.org) to arrange delivery.



## Queering Faith 5.0

QUEERING FAITH 5.0 is April 1st with Rev. Ann Kansfield, a friend of CUCC, amazing storyteller, and queer pioneer in NYC as the first (openly) out fire department chaplain, among many other firsts. Her book, *Be the Brave One*, is for sale by Campus Ministry with all proceeds going to support our ministry.



A Zoom chat with Rev. Ann Kansfield was the way Pub Theology finished their reading of her book, *Be the Brave One*.

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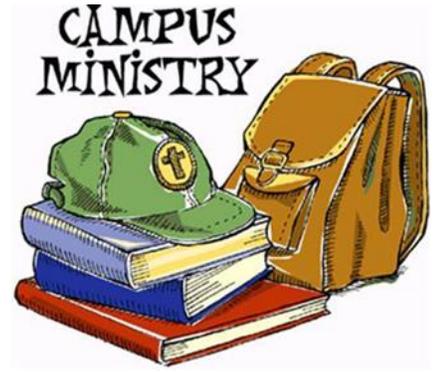
## Campus Ministry

UCC Campus Ministry has some exciting things coming up and we are looking forward to an amazing close of the semester with our church family. First of note, QUEERING FAITH 5.0 is April 1st. See Pastor Nate or Ilsa Kantola for a copy of her book, *Be the Brave One*. All proceeds go to support our ministry.

Next, we really do miss hanging out with families and going to homes after worship but consider underwriting a Sunday lunch so we can feed the students and have a good time safely. I know it is less fun, but it is critical time, and we could use some help covering it.

Lastly, in our last Deconstructing Christianity conversation which was a blend of three different Inclusive Campus Ministries, we got to talking about ways that our churches are doing it right in terms of loving our neighbors, and CUCC got a LOT of love from the students. You all walk the walk, and the community knows it. We are blessed to worship and work with you, and your support means the world to the students and our community. Thank you for all you do. -Nate Brantingham

-Rev. Nate Brantingham  
(He, Him, His)  
Director of Campus Ministry  
UCF at Community UCC  
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## Covid Resource and Volunteer opportunity

Do you know anyone quarantined with Covid who could use grocery assistance? Restoration Urban Ministries can deliver groceries to anyone who is quarantined with Covid and lives in Champaign County. The groceries are pantry staples available from their food bank and will be left on the person's porch. These deliveries can be made Monday-Friday. If you know someone who is in need of this service, call 217-355-2662 to request this free food delivery.



Restoration Urban Ministries would also welcome volunteers to help with this important food ministry. You may call 217-355-2662 to volunteer.



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## Krannert Art Museum Reckless Law, Shameless Order: An Intimate Experience of Incarceration

The Krannert Art Museum (KAM) is currently hosting a special exhibit entitled RECKLESS LAW, SHAMELESS ORDER: AN INTIMATE EXPERIENCE OF INCARCERATION. It's there through April 2. David and I were so moved and challenged by the work in this collection, all made by formerly incarcerated people.

I would like to invite CUCCers (and anyone who wants to join us) to go together and see the exhibit. KAM is open Tuesday–Saturday, 10 am–4 pm with special hours on Thursdays when they're open until 8 pm, when classes are in session.

The link below is a Doodle Poll inviting you to indicate which day and time works best for you to join a group of CUCCers to tour the exhibit together. The choices are Saturday, March 5 at 10am or Thursday, March 10 at 5:45pm.

[https://doodle.com/poll/nffemh7irgyhvpug?utm\\_source=poll&utm\\_medium=link](https://doodle.com/poll/nffemh7irgyhvpug?utm_source=poll&utm_medium=link)



Here's some info about the exhibit:

"Around the world, millions of people are held in prisons, jails, detention centers, camps, and other sites of confinement. In fact, thousands of carceral spaces permeate contemporary life. The economics, spatial planning, and logic of punishment shape our everyday lives, even if we have not had direct experience with police, courts, ICE agents, detention centers, jails, or prisons.

Through transnational dialogues facilitated by art and art-based workshops, formerly incarcerated artists engaged in intimate conversations and collaboratively collected created artifacts and objects desired during imprisonment or those that kept them connected to their outside life; created installations of banned smells, videos of pervasive surveillance, and they shared their experience of time and space with artworks that could be seen only in the mirror in

another installation with embedded related soundscapes. This collection along with artists' individual artworks are displayed in this exhibition."

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## Newcomers Group

We'll be holding a Newcomer's Class soon and would like to invite anyone interested in learning more about Community UCC as well as the United Church of Christ denomination. We'll present a series of four classes (either virtual or in person, depending on circumstances) during which we'll share information and get to know one another. Perfect time to ask all those questions about church that always come up. If you're interested or know someone who is, please contact John Osborne at [iamozzie99@yahoo.com](mailto:iamozzie99@yahoo.com) or Sue Osborne at [suelathedoula@gmail.com](mailto:suelathedoula@gmail.com).



## Updating Breeze

In 2018, CUCC migrated the church data to the Breeze Church Management Software database believing this software would allow us to maintain communications more efficiently than ever before and help future proof our membership data and to stay in contact with each other maintaining our covenant of community as then clerk, Joshua Smith wrote.

Many of you participated in the data collection and transfer to Breeze. However, there has never been a solid plan for implementing new members and friends into Breeze. They have just been added by Breeze admins so the data about these new folks is only what the admins were able to collect when the new folks made a financial donation or asked to be added to CUCC's phone list.

Breeze has many functions that we are not even using that could be used including tracking worship attendance. Currently we have several people who manually record those who attend any given worship service.

During the Lenten Season, we are asking you to update your Breeze data for **yourself and every member of your household (only include children that reside with you and are school age)**.

### To access Breeze:

- Go to CUCC's web page [community-ucc.org](http://community-ucc.org) and click the "Breeze Login" button at the top of the page. That will take you to the Breeze login page.
- Enter your username and password to access your Breeze data.
- If you do not remember your password, click the "Forgot Password" link, and enter the email that you think Breeze would know about. If that email address is associated with your login, you'll get an email letting you change your password. (And *maybe* create a new login if you hadn't responded to an earlier invitation?) It will be from domain [breezechms.com](http://breezechms.com), so check your spam/junk folder if you don't see it. Note that if Breeze doesn't recognize that email it won't tell you, and no link will be sent.
- If you get the email, great, you can use it to recover your account.
- If you don't see a password reset email, we'll need to send you a new invitation. Send an email to [who@where](mailto:who@where) and we'll have Breeze (re)send an invitation to you.

### To update your data:

- Click on your name (ex. Carla Rush) to access your Profile and data.
- On the Profile screen you will see 7 headers in bold type – Main, Family, Church Relationship, Education and Work, Communication, Spiritual Gifts, and Membership Status.
  - By hovering over the Header (ex. Communication) a blue banner appears with the words "click to edit section".
  - Clicking on the "click to edit section" brings up a list of items that you can now update or input data. In the Communication section it asks for Phone, Cell, Work, Email, Address
  - When finished inputting data/updating be sure to scroll back up to the Communication header and click "save" to update the data just entered.
- Each section works the same – hover over the header and the blue banner appears with the words "click to edit section" appear.
- The most important sections to update/input data to are: **Communication, Main, Family.**
- It would be helpful if you could update all 7 sections of your profile as time permits. You can always save your data and return when time permits. No need to do all of the work at one time.

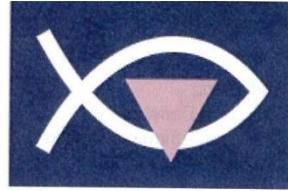
### Important:

- Please contact Carla at the church office at [info@community-ucc.org](mailto:info@community-ucc.org) or 271-344-5091 if you encounter any problems while accessing or updating your Breeze data.

Happy Breezing, all.

## Open and Affirming Coalition 50th Anniversary National Gathering

**OPEN AND AFFIRMING  
COALITION**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



February 17, 2022

Coalition 50th Anniversary National Gathering in August!



Dear Open and Affirming family!

Fifty years ago, in 1972, a courageous and visionary band of queer leaders in the United Church of their Christ (with their straight allies) founded the "UCC Gay Caucus," the forerunner of the Open and Affirming Coalition of the United Church of Christ.

Earlier that year, the Golden Gate Association in California ordained Bill Johnson—the first openly gay man to be authorized for ministry in an historic Protestant denomination.

This year's National ONA Gathering will celebrate this milestone in our beloved church. We'll celebrate the past 50 years and the extraordinary growth in our movement from small beginnings, honor our elders, and learn from each other the ways our movement needs to expand its vision at the beginning of our second half-century.

Join us on Zoom August 5, 6, 7 for this once-in-a-lifetime event. Events will be scheduled in the evenings, enabling Hawai'i and western time zones to participate. We'll announce registration in the spring, but in the meantime please mark these dates on your calendar!

As with National Gatherings in the past, there will be soul-expanding worship and mind-expanding keynotes. I'm looking forward to seeing each of you!

With every blessing,

Andy Lang  
Executive Director  
Open and Affirming Coalition  
United Church of Christ

PLEASE GIVE

Please note: besides online gifts at [www.openandaffirming.org/donationpage](http://www.openandaffirming.org/donationpage), any envelope postmarked today will count as a tax-deductible contribution in 2021. Remember to use this mailing address: ONA Coalition, 700 Prospect Ave., Cleveland, OH 44115.

## 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
2/7/2022	81
2/14/2022	79
2/21/2022	83
<b>Meals Served</b>	<b>243</b>

1/31/2022 -- The Snowpacalypse is on its way! Snow is fun for many of us, not so much so for our guests who don't have warm, safe places to stay. At Jubilee Cafe CUCC we handed out hand warmers by the bunches to many of our guests, being sure to load up our guests who don't have a permanent address. In our pre-meal volunteering tonight, when I asked what people hoped for, our hopes focused on the safety and wellbeing of our most vulnerable guests. Tonight, we served gravy studded with turkey, carrots, corn, potatoes, green beans, and peas and biscuits. There was also a vegetarian version. We served 57 hot meals. Guests had their choice of chocolate layer mousse cake or house made pineapple, ginger crumble. As you are safe and warm in the coming days, say a prayer for them, would you? And send a donation to your local soup kitchen or shelter. They need the support.

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Jubilee Café is featuring specific items we need in our new "Items of the Week".

**Feb 21-27** Washcloths to include in hygiene kits or Hot Hands

**Feb 28-Mar 6** menstruation pads and tampons or deodorant

**Mar 7-13** toothpaste (large/small) or soap/body wash

**Mar 14-20** deodorant or sunscreen

**Mar 21-27** menstruation pads and tampons or washcloths

Donations can be dropped off at:

805 S. 6<sup>th</sup>, Champaign, IL 61820

Monday through Thursday 9-3.

1/24/2022 -- It's 17 degrees in Champaign, but the food was warm and good, so good the scent wafted all the way down Green Street....tandoori chicken or tofu, rice, and masala green beans. Desserts included turtle cheesecake, apple pie, chocolate muffins, and pecan pie.

Jubilee Cafe CUCC sent 55 meat and 15 vegetarian meals out the door, plus 11 heat at homes. On such a cold night, I hope our warm, good food keeps folks warm on a night like this. I hope our warm thoughts and care sustain folks long after their meal is gone.

It snowed last week. We got 9 inches of snow last week, maybe more. Working with our guests at Jubilee has made me think differently about snow. For starters, what do our guests who sleep on the streets do when it is this cold and snowy. How do you sleep in the snow? Where do you sleep in the snow? When you rely on community services, how do you even get there? For those of us who drive cars, it's easy to get complacent about clearing sidewalks. But, friends, I have to tell you -- when you and I don't clear our sidewalks, the folks who walk everywhere and use public transportation end up walking in the street. I used to be one of those people who would wonder why someone was walking in the street. Folks walk in the street because they have to.

We've not done a good job at caring for the common good these days. Maybe we could start here: clear your sidewalks. It's one way to love your poor neighbors. And, please, reach out to the organizations in your community that help keep people warm, fed, clothed, and housed these days. They need your support.

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## Upcoming One-Time Events

Mark your calendars for these CUCC events!

Tuesday, March 1 – Thursday, March 31



Wednesday, March 2, 7:00pm: Ash Wednesday Worship

Thursday, March 3, 7:00am: Men's Breakfast

Sunday, March 6, 12:15pm – 2:00pm: Confirmation Workshop for Confirmands and Sponsors in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, March 13, 10:15am: Confirmation Class in Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, March 15, 11:30am: CUCC Retiree's Monthly Lunch Gathering location TBD

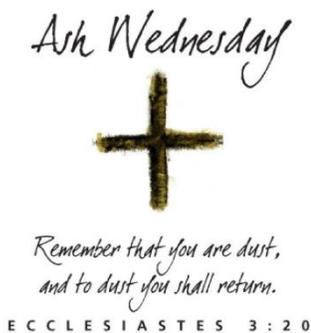
Tuesday, March 15, 6:30pm: CUCC CLB Meeting

Sunday, March 20, 10:15am: Youth Sunday School (6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade) following the Children's Moment in Fellowship Hall

Monday, March 21, 9:00am: Articles for April Communigram due to Office Manager

Sunday, March 27, 10:15am: Confirmation Class in Fellowship Hall

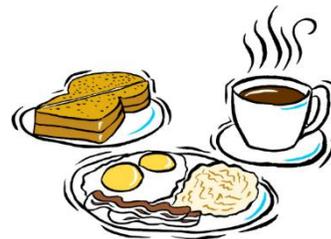
*Be sure to check the CUCC Facebook page for updates.*



## Men's Breakfast

All men/those identifying as men are invited to the Men's Breakfast on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00AM. Our next gathering is Thursday, March 3. It will be great to see everyone.

~Tom Ward  
[wardt508@comcast.net](mailto:wardt508@comcast.net)



## CUCC Retirees Monthly Lunch Group

Hi friends,

Eleven people enjoyed lunch, conversation and working a jigsaw puzzle together over Zoom for the CUCC Retiree's February Luncheon on February 15.

The Retiree's Monthly Lunch Group will meet on Tuesday, March 15th, 11:30 am. The location is yet to be determined, but hopefully we will be able to gather at a restaurant - join us!

Thanks!  
 -Roger & Peg

## Worship Ministry: Liturgists, Greeters, Ushers Needed

The Worship Ministry Team is seeking Liturgists, Greeters, and Ushers for February and March 2022. Volunteer for one or all three of positions by accessing the Sign-Up Genius Links below or speak to one of the Worship Co-Chairs, Susan Pawlicki or Tina Cowser.



## Get Involved in Worship

**Liturgist:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080a4fadaf2aa1fa7-liturgist2>

The liturgist leads portions of the worship service including reading the scripture lesson. All information is sent ahead of time so there is time to practice before the worship service.

**Greeter:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080a4fadaf2aa1fa7-greeter2>

The role of the greeter is to welcome folks as they arrive for the worship service and assist them in finding their way around the building.

**Usher:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080a4fadaf2aa1fa7-usher2>

The usher escorts folks into the sanctuary and ensure they are seated socially distanced from the group sitting in the pew in front and behind them. Directions are provided. Ushers also count and record the physical number of people attending a worship service.



## March 2022 Worship Assistants

	March 6	March 13	March 20	March 27
<b>Liturgist</b>	Grant Robbenolt	Brin Schuler		
<b>Usher</b>	College Students	Tom Ward	Elizabeth Shack	
<b>Greeter</b>	College Students	Tina Cowser		

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## NOTES FROM YOUR MUSIC DIRECTOR

In the month of February, choir offered several anthems by Black composers in honor of Black History Month. We are looking forward to sharing special music with you for Ash Wednesday and the Lenten season.

If you'd like to join us at choir, we rehearse Wednesdays 7-8PM and then from 9:30-10AM Sunday morning to prepare for Sunday's service. We will continue to sing masked and distanced. If you have questions about COVID-safety and singing or would like to share musical ideas or offerings, please contact me.

### TEXT CLARITY WITH MASKS

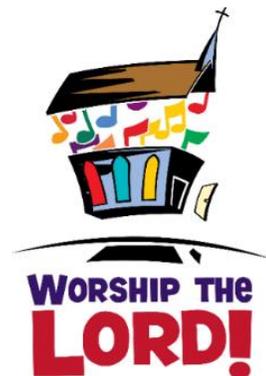
I have heard feedback from many of you about the difficulty of discerning text with masks during hymns and anthems. Leah and I prayerfully select hymns and anthems each week whose text we feel supports the service, so it is important to us that you know what we are saying! We are working hard to be understood, but you can support us by following along with the text of each hymn and anthem either in your bulletin or hymnal. Even if you don't enjoy singing, please take the time to ponder the words we offer, as they are usually scripture or poetry meant to further your worship experience.

### APPRECIATION

As always, I am so thankful to our Sound Team who have made our music accessible for those worshipping outside the sanctuary. THANK YOU!

Sincerely,

Kathy Lee, Music Director, *she / her / hers*  
[music@community-ucc.org](mailto:music@community-ucc.org) | 203-605-3830



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## Children and Family Ministry

Hi CUCC families!

We've had some great discussions in Sunday School lately, about topics ranging from baptism to The Beatitudes, and the kids did an amazing job creating valentines for Jubilee Cafe guests. Beginning in March, we will be shifting away from our usual curriculum to follow along with the Lent series from A Sanctified Art that the church as a whole will be doing. You'll be receiving children's lessons for this, and those will be what we utilize for Sunday School from week to week.



We are in need of some more folks who are willing to be shepherds for Sunday School. No preparation is needed, you just sign up and show up and hang out with our amazing kiddos! If you are interested, or want to know more about the role, email Julie at [jemclure@gmail.com](mailto:jemclure@gmail.com).

We now have a co-chair for Children and Family Ministry: Alison Anders! Alison is interested in exploring the possibility of introducing the OWL curriculum for our kids. Here is more info about that:

Our Whole Lives is a sexual education curriculum designed for children and adults that helps participants make informed and responsible decisions about their relationships, sexual health, and behavior. With a holistic approach, Our Whole Lives provides accurate, developmentally appropriate information about a range of topics, including relationships, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, sexual health, and cultural influences on sexuality. Many UCC Churches teach this curriculum and becoming an OWL instructor requires training. If you're interested in exploring the possibility of getting training to teach OWL at CUCC or want to have input into which age groups, we would like to focus on please contact Alison Anders at [amanders@illinois.edu](mailto:amanders@illinois.edu) or 206-719-5651. We need several instructors with a variety of genders/orientations if we are going to offer this curriculum at CUCC.

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## Youth Group



Our youth have enjoyed spending time together during Youth Sunday School and Confirmation classes. We had our first Confirmation workshop in February and the youth had an opportunity to identify some of their gifts and values. We have spent a great deal of time learning more about baptism, confirmation, parables, and progressive points of Christianity.



### Below is our schedule for March:

**March 6th:** Youth are invited to participate in worship

Following the worship service, Confirmands and Sponsors are invited to grab a bite to eat independently and then return to the CUCC Fellowship Hall at 12:15 p.m. for the **Confirmation Workshop**. We will conclude the workshop at 2 p.m.

**March 13:** Confirmation Class starting at 10:15 a.m. in the CUCC Fellowship Hall

**March 20:** Youth Sunday School (6th -12th grade) following the Children's moment

**March 27:** Confirmation Class starting at 10:15 a.m. in the CUCC Fellowship Hall

It is always a joy to spend time with the youth and I am looking forward to our events in March. Feel free to reach out if you have any questions.

Take care,  
Jessica

## Ministry Volunteer Opportunities at CUCC

CUCC Team	Opportunity	Contact	Contact Info	Online Sign-Up
<b>Worship Team</b>	Technical Help	Office Admin	<a href="mailto:infor@community-ucc.org">infor@community-ucc.org</a>	
<b>Worship Team</b>	Liturgist	Susan Pawlicki or Tina Cowsert	<a href="mailto:spawlicki2@hotmail.com">spawlicki2@hotmail.com</a> <a href="mailto:tcowsert@illinois.edu">tcowsert@illinois.edu</a>	<a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080a4fadaf2aa1fa7-liturgist2">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080a4fadaf2aa1fa7-liturgist2</a>
<b>Worship Team</b>	Greeter	Susan Pawlicki or Tina Cowsert	<a href="mailto:spawlicki2@hotmail.com">spawlicki2@hotmail.com</a> <a href="mailto:tcowsert@illinois.edu">tcowsert@illinois.edu</a>	<a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080a4fadaf2aa1fa7-greeter2">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080a4fadaf2aa1fa7-greeter2</a>
<b>Worship Team</b>	Usher	Susan Pawlicki or Tina Cowsert	<a href="mailto:spawlicki2@hotmail.com">spawlicki2@hotmail.com</a> <a href="mailto:tcowsert@illinois.edu">tcowsert@illinois.edu</a>	<a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080a4fadaf2aa1fa7-usher2">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080a4fadaf2aa1fa7-usher2</a>
<b>Worship Team</b>	Hymn Leaders & Other Music for Worship	Music Director	<a href="mailto:music@community-ucc.org">music@community-ucc.org</a>	<a href="https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1VRO-hpyuH5Ekip52Jzr4JxOXsUJe1HZxzhefK7nlass/edit?usp=sharing">https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1VRO-hpyuH5Ekip52Jzr4JxOXsUJe1HZxzhefK7nlass/edit?usp=sharing</a>
<b>Prayer Team</b>	Team Member	Office Admin	<a href="mailto:Info@community-ucc.org">Info@community-ucc.org</a>	
<b>Children's Ministry</b>	Event Planner/Leader	Julie McClure	<a href="mailto:jemclure4@gmail.com">jemclure4@gmail.com</a>	
<b>Jubilee Café</b>	Meal Prep, Cook, Clean-up	Johnell Bentz	<a href="mailto:johnell.bentz@gmail.com">johnell.bentz@gmail.com</a>	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/JubileeCafe-Volunteer">https://tinyurl.com/JubileeCafe-Volunteer</a>



## 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)
Daytime Meeting	Any	Anytime	815 146 054	697698	<a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/815146054?pwd=UmMwdW01ZFhmV0hpZmxrRWNIUmhwdz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/815146054?pwd=UmMwdW01ZFhmV0hpZmxrRWNIUmhwdz09</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=SklXaFBUMIBZQ0lvNTFUNVhWeVF0QT09">https://zoom.us/j/402056418?pwd=SklXaFBUMIBZQ0lvNTFUNVhWeVF0QT09</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=Wm1BN3AyVkFITFBDUUtLMjNuZ0t4Zz09">https://illinois.zoom.us/j/95457070801?pwd=Wm1BN3AyVkFITFBDUUtLMjNuZ0t4Zz09</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)

## 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)



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