

OUR COMMUNITY



Sunday, May 15, 2022

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

PRAYER & AWARENESSES

Ongoing Prayer Concerns

- Bob and Sue Scaggs as they relocate to Nebraska and transition from living independently. Prayers also for their children as they become caregivers for their parents.
- *Local Champaign-Urbana Gun Violence Victims*
- Violence against our black, brown, and LGBTQ+ siblings
 - Ariyanna Mitchell
- Residual trauma all black and brown people experience every time there is trauma against black and brown people in this country.
- **Marilou** prayer of thanks for the life of Alvera Hill (Nancy's mother) and prayers of comfort for her family as they mourn her passing.
- **Kathy** prayers of thanksgiving for those who support and love our children and youth, mothers, aunts, grandparents, and confirmand sponsors.
- **Kristin Pitlik** Kristin and husband Taylor want to thank everyone for get-well wishes and prayers this week as we recover from COVID! Thank you!
- **Kathy** prayers for women's health care providers who continue to offer the best care they can.
- **David** prayers of joy for great scores on SATs. And also, prayers for those that have stress and anxiety about undesirable scores
- **Pastor Leah** it is finals week, so we lift up our campus ministry students and all of the students at the university who are doing their best. It is stressful, and dear ones know that we are holding you in the light.

CUCC BY THE NUMBERS

83 adults, **8** kids, **12** Zoom Users **3** Facebook Users for a Total of **106** people/devices participated in worship on Sunday, **05/08**
66 meals were provided to our Jubilee Café guests by **10** volunteers on Monday, **05/09**
13 people met for Pub Theology, **05/09**
2 AA groups met in our space this week

PASTORAL SUPPORT MAY 16-20

Pastor Connie Bandy will be on call for pastoral emergencies May 16-20 while Pastor Leah Robberts-Mosser is attending the Festival of Homiletics.

INDIVIDUALS TOGETHER

Individuals Together will be gathering for a "Jazz in the Park" concert by the Chip McNeil quartet on **Thursday May 19**. It will be at Heritage Park at 2101 W. Bradley Ave in Champaign (near Parkland College) from 6-8 PM. If you live alone for any reason, either part-time or full-time, you are welcome to join us for any or all of our activities. Bring snacks and lawn chairs and enjoy this evening concert with us. Contact Linda Morgan, Commissioned Minister of Health at 217-649-3778, if you'd like to be added to our email list.

SHARING OUR COVID STORIES TODAY AFTER WORSHIP

After two years of fear and frustration, we are now meeting in person again, but with uncertainty about the future. Please join the CUCC Health and Wellness Committee in the parlor after church on **May 15** for healthy snacks and discussion. We will discuss how we survived the isolation of lock downs and what we see in the future. *Health and Wellness Committee*

QUESTIONS TO GUIDE THE DISCUSSION

- How did you adapt to the pandemic? Was your faith a factor in your response?
- What has been the biggest challenge for you? What was your biggest success?
- What was a positive thing that surprised you during the pandemic?
- What "normal" thing would you most like to do? What changed that you don't want to see return?

ARTICLES FOR JUNE COMMUNIGRAM DUE MAY 23

Articles for the June Communigram are due Monday, May 23. Corrections will be accepted following the CLB meeting if updates are required. We would like to publish on June 2nd and the Memorial Day Holiday makes for a short work week the last week of May.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CUCC?

05/15, SUNDAY, CUCC Offices Closed

10:15am CUCC Sunday Hybrid Classic Worship with Confirmation
11:30am: Newcomers Group, Session 3, (FH)
11:30am: Health & Wellness Team Sharing Our Covid Stories (P)
8:00pm—9:00pm Manhattan AA Group (Parlor)

05/16, MONDAY

2:00pm Jubilee Café Prep
4:00pm Deadline to Register for Stroll for Your Soul
5:00pm—6:30pm Jubilee Café
6:30pm—7:00pm Jubilee Café Clean-up
6:30pm—8:30pm UCC-CM Jubilee After Party (Campus Ministry Office)
7:15pm Pub Theology

05/17, TUESDAY

11:30am CUCC Retiree's Monthly Lunch Gathering at Broadway Food Hall

05/18, WEDNESDAY

12:00pm ITEMS FOR BULLETIN & WEEKLY EMAIL DUE (FOR 05/22/2022)

05/19, THURSDAY

6:00pm-8:00pm Individuals Together Jazz Concert in the Park at Heritage Park
8:00pm-9:30pm Denver AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

05/20, FRIDAY, CUCC Offices Closed

5:30pm-7:00pm UCC-CM Office Hours

05/21, SATURDAY

8:30am—11:30am Garage Sale at Gropp's

05/22, SUNDAY, CUCC Offices Closed

10:15am CUCC Sunday Hybrid Classic Worship
3:00pm-5:00pm All Congregation Conversation at Hessel Park
8:00pm—9:00pm Manhattan AA Group (Parlor)

05/23, MONDAY

9:00am Articles for June Communigram Due
2:00pm Jubilee Café Prep
5:00pm—6:30pm Jubilee Café
6:30pm—7:00pm Jubilee Café Clean-up
6:30pm—8:30pm UCC-CM Jubilee After Party
7:15pm Pub Theology

05/24, TUESDAY

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

JOHN BANDY CENTER STROLL FOR YOUR SOUL IS UNDERWAY AND THERE ARE OPPORTUNITIES TO WALK WITH OTHERS

For those participating in the Stroll for Your Soul program offered by the John Bandy Center, there are opportunities to walk with others and discuss the emails following the walks in **Mattis Park in Champaign** (just off Devonshire, between Prospect and Neil) on **Saturdays, May 21 and 28 and June 4 at 9:30 a.m.** Weather permitting, we will meet on the west side of the park, near the Little Free Library, take a stroll around the lake and then chat for a bit about the emails and our response to them. We look forward to seeing you there! Contact Pastor Connie Bandy with questions.

JUBILEE CAFÉ IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS THIS SUMMER

Jubilee Cafe is looking for volunteers this summer. You can sign up to help set up and package to go meals from 3:30-6:30 or help distribute food and clean up from 4:30-7:30.

Volunteers should be 18 or older, wearing a mask is required.

Questions: contact Johnell Bentz, jubilee.cafe@community-ucc.org. Sign up link: <https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/4090e45a5ae2caa8-volunteer12>

THE GROPPS ARE HOSTING A GARAGE SALE TO SUPPORT CUCC

Patty and Bill Gropp are hosting a Garage Sale on May 21, 2022 8:30am to 11:30am, Half-price at 11! (Set-up starts at 7:45am) at 404 W. Pennsylvania Ave, Urbana, IL 61801. Proceeds from sales goes to CUCC Campus Ministry, Jubilee Café and miscellaneous other CUCC projects.

Please call Patty to lend tables, drop off items (no clothes), or volunteer to help at 217-722-2587 have tables Patty can borrow for the sale.

ALL CONGREGATION CONVERSATION AT HESSEL PARK SUNDAY, MAY 22

We are looking for your creative ideas, input, and inspiration! Now that we no longer have another church renting space every Sunday, we have a structural change to our budget. We are looking forward to meeting together in a fun, creative space to come up with ideas on how we can fill that hole. Come to Hessel Park Pavilion on **Sunday, May 22**, between **3-5pm** for treats, collaboration, and idea stations. And we have not forgotten the kids, there will be activities for them during the time that the parents are deep in conversation. More details to come in the May Communigram.

WORSHIP IN THE PARK SUNDAY, JUNE 5

Sunday, June 5: In cooperation with the Worship Team, we will be having an outdoor worship service at the Ambucs Park, Jean Driscoll Pavilion, at 10:15 a.m. Immediately following the service, we will have a Food Truck in the parking lot where you can purchase lunch, and then we will have Bingo with lots of prizes (for all ages) **until 2:00 p.m.** Hopefully we will have a beautiful day to be outdoors worshipping and enjoying each other's company while eating and bingo-ing!

Randy Musser & Peg Wade, Hospitality Co-Chairs

MANY OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND TO SERVE IN WORSHIP

The Worship Ministry Team is in need of Liturgists, Greeters, and Ushers for the months of May and June. Check openings available on the Sign-up Geniuses below against your calendar then sign-up for one or more of the openings. The Worship Ministry Team would greatly appreciate your help in filling these spaces.

Liturgist: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080a4fadaf2aa1fa7-liturgist3>

Greeter: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080a4fadaf2aa1fa7-greeter3>

Usher: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080a4fadaf2aa1fa7-ushers2>

SUMMER MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES

This Sunday is our final service with choir providing music until we resume in the fall. I need volunteers to offer anthems this summer while choir is on break. All ages and ability levels are welcome to offer instrumental or vocal music. Participation is more important than perfection, and songs do not need to be sacred to be appreciated in our services. Please think outside the box and offer something! You may sign up in the parlor after Sunday services or at this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4BAEAF22A0FBC43-summer>. If you will collaborate with our pianist Aaron Ames (piano.ames@gmail.com) or someone else in the congregation, please get in touch with them ASAP. Out of courtesy to Aaron, you must get sheet music to him at least a week before your Sunday anthem. Please contact me with questions: music@community-ucc.org.

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, May 15, 10:15am: Hybrid worship: Confirmation Sunday Two

Sunday, May 15, 11:30am: Newcomers Group Session 3, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, May 15, 11:30am: Health and Wellness Team Sharing Our Covid Stories, Parlor

Tuesday, May 17, 11:30am: CUCC Retiree's Monthly Lunch Gathering at Broadway Food Hall

Saturday, May 21, 8:30am-11:30am: Garage Sale at Gropp's to Support CUCC Campus Ministry, Jubilee Café, and other projects

Saturday, May 21, 9:30am: Stroll for Your Soul at Mattis Park

Sunday, May 22, 3:00pm-5:00pm: All Church Conversation hosted by CLB at Hessel Park Pavilion

Monday, May 23, 9:00am: Articles for June Communigram due

Tuesday, May 24, 6:30pm: CLB Meeting

Saturday, May 28, 9:30am: Stroll for Your Soul at Mattis Park

Sunday, May 29, 11:30am: Newcomers Group Session 4

Tuesday, May 31: 4:30pm: Pastoral Relations Meeting

Saturday, June 4, 9:30am: Stroll for Your Soul at Mattis Park

Sunday, June 5, 10:15am-2:00pm: Hybrid Worship in the Park at Ambucs Park, Food Truck, Bingo for everyone