



# Community UCC

*We're worth our words*

## e-Communigram

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

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### Letters from Leah

*"If you want to go fast, go alone; if you want to go far, go together."*

Community, we are going places. Have you noticed? While two years of pandemic life has changed how we do church together, it hasn't changed who we are as a community of faith at its core. Yes, of course, some things have changed, but so far, those changes have only happened to enhance our communal life, bolster our outreach to our neighbors, and deepen our commitments to justice, mission, and peace-making. We are going places – that's the image CUCC's leaders started with when we sat down to plan for our **All-Church Conversation** that will take place on **Sunday, May 22 at Hessel Park from 3:00pm – 5:00pm.**

The purpose of that conversation is to address, as a group, the structural changes in our budget due to the loss of income from a long-time renter. When we gather on May 22, we're going to talk about that and the possibilities in front of us. We imagined this as a moment to map out this journey we are on, together, as a church community and to dream about how we might get there. This journey imagery is not new to people of faith. We have many journey stories in scripture. From the Israelite's journey out of slavery to the apostles' journey to plant churches, God's people are always on the move. God is always sending us somewhere and Jesus is always asking us to follow. I, for one, am grateful that we are not in charge of the trip! God does the inviting and Christ leads the way. Whew.

I'm grateful, too, that we have plenty of stories of God's people going places because of famine and drought. Of course, we are experiencing a different kind of lack – not of food or water – but of financial resources. Still, thinking about these stories metaphorically reminds us that even in this moment, we are called to go where God leads. We will find sustenance, in fact, we may find more than what we need for this moment. We may find abundance overflowing! There is provision before there is need. Like the Israelites and the manna, we will need to be honest in our budgeting of what we need for today. Like Joseph's brothers, we will need to be humble and honest in asking for what we need. Like Ruth and Naomi, we will have to be savvy navigating this journey! Like the disciples who had given up and journeyed backwards, into their old lives, we will need to listen to the wisdom of Christ when Christ shows up in our midst so that we won't miss what abundance waits. Then, we will feast and, hopefully, once fed, we'll return again to lovingly follow.

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We are in good company, Community. We are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses who have also experienced a lack. But God. But God beckoned them beyond that lack to a place of abundance. We too are being beckoned beyond this present moment of lack to a place of abundance. Will we follow? Will we go? I hope you will join us at Hessel Park on May 22. Let's answer that question together.

Blessings,



Rev. Leah Robberts-Mosser



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## CUCC Grounds – Spring Cleanup



We are having a spring cleanup for the outside of the church on **Saturday May 14th** from **9am until noon**. Please go to the following sign-up genius if you are interested in participating: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0449a5af2ca1fb6-outside>

I only put up 10 sign-up slots and I know that a lot of them are full already but don't let that stop you. If you wish to participate, please feel free to either email me at [matthewlorenhart@gmail.com](mailto:matthewlorenhart@gmail.com) or text me at (217) 377 8762 or just go ahead and show up.

Thanks everyone, Matthew

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## Middle Ages BBQ

At CUCC there are social somewhere in the middle to smoker and have a couple non-alcoholic beverages of the sign-up genius) and

We are working on evening of adult

**Date:** Friday, May 6,

**Time:** 6:00pm-9:00pm

**Location:** The McClures

2614 Rachel Road, Champaign, IL 61822

**Signup at:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080C48ADAC2EABF49-middle>

**POSTPONED**

functions for students and retirees...it's time for those hang out! Join us for a backyard BBQ. We'll fire up the of home brews on tap, and we'll have water and other too. Bring a dish to share (please mention in the comments whatever else you might like to drink. Please sign-up

childcare for those with young kiddos, so you can have an conversation.

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**Special Note:** Watch for this event to be rescheduled at a future date and time when the plague (COVID) has left the house of McClure healthy and ready to host a BBQ.

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## Parish Nurse



Parish Nurse, Johnalene Radek, shares the following educational opportunities:

### Monthly Community Education Series

Register at <https://carle.org/events> to receive a Zoom link by email after registering.

Email [CommunityHealth@carle.com](mailto:CommunityHealth@carle.com) with questions.

Each class will be held from 6pm to 6:30pm

**May 17** – Eating Healthy Made Simple

Kristina Adams-Smith, RD, LDN

**May 19 – 5pm – 9pm** Collaborate, Connect & Celebrate Family Caregiver Conference

Bloomington-Normal Marriott Hotel & Conference Center, 201 Broadway Normal, IL 61761

Join us for an educational event for families coping with memory loss, Alzheimer's disease and other dementia. Complimentary dinner provided! Registration is required at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/collaborate-connect-celebrate-family-caregiver-conference-tickets-278072982777>

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## Our Whole Lives Seeking Instructors

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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## News from the John Bandy Center for Spirituality and Faith

Many thanks to all those who came to help us celebrate the dedication and "grand opening" of the Center! We especially want to thank Pastor Leah for creating the dedication liturgy (as well as all her support along the way) and our Hospitality Team for the fun and delicious goodies to mark the day. If you have dropped in, you may also have noticed a beautiful photograph of sheep grazing in what appears to be a churchyard-- that is the work of our own Sue Osborne, and we are grateful for her gift.



The Center is open before and after the worship service on Sundays, as well as whenever the church office is open (please let Carla know you are in the building). Materials circulate for three weeks. Although there are no overdue fines, we ask that you be considerate of others who may be waiting for the materials you are using.



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While the library/resource center is part of the Center's mission, programming is also one of our interests. In May, we are offering Stroll for Your Soul and seeing if there might be enough interest for a Photography as Prayer group. Information is below.

**Stroll for Your Soul**

This is an annual resource from The Prayer Bench ministry, designed to get us up and moving as spring arrives. Every day for three weeks, you will receive an email with inspiration, encouragement, and prompts for reflection as you take your walk. (Samples of a past email are available on the table in the library.) This year's Stroll kicks off on May 14. If you would like to receive the emails, please sign up in the Center (library) or email Pastor Connie ([connie@community-ucc.org](mailto:connie@community-ucc.org)) by **May 9**. If you are part of the annual Prayer Bench subscription group, you don't need to do anything-- you will automatically be included.



Those who are interested in walking with others are invited to meet up 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!

**Photography as Prayer**



If you would be interested in being part of a group exploring how to use the free app Photography as Prayer, please sign up in the Center or let Pastor Connie know by May 14. The app provides daily inspiration for going out into the world to look deeply and prayerfully at our surroundings, as well as a place to store your photos and create your own personal prayer book. Once we know who might be interested in such a group, we will have an organizational meeting to determine when and how we want to meet and work together.

**Summer Reading Challenge**

We have a summer challenge for everyone! Will you each check out at least one book from the John Bandy Center for Spirituality and Faith or the Children's Library before September and let us know what you think about it? Give us a sentence or a paragraph and tell us why you liked it or not. We have some special forms for children's book reviews which involve drawing a picture and/or writing but using any paper will do. [Feel free to check the book out for 4 or 5 weeks if needed if it's long or you'll be away.] We want to showcase some books recommended by children and adults at CUCC!

Remember, "spirituality" and "faith" encompass many topics, including health and wellness and humor. We think everyone can find something at the Center that they like and/or learn from. We're still adding books, and you can access the titles in the collection online. - Patty Gropp



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## 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

April 11, 2022 -- Spring is in the air. Know how I know, besides the date on the calendar? Because we gave away a bunch of condoms tonight. The weather is warmer, and everyone is HAPPY.

People of all genders requested condoms this week. In addition to personal supplies like hand sanitizer, socks, soap, and menstruation products, through a partnership with Planned Parenthood, Jubilee has been able to offer condoms, and on occasion, lube.

Historically, sex has been a shameful thing in the eyes of the church. It's so good to affirm sex as a good thing while helping people stay healthy and be responsible. Tonight Jubilee Cafe CUCC served vegetarian or meat cowboy spaghetti (a BBQ pasta casserole) with a side of mixed vegetables. We sent 50 meat meals out the door and 9 vegetarian options plus 13 heated home meals. Guests had their choice of a choice of a housemade apple fritter bread pudding, cherry pie, or two kinds of muffins.

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Community UCC, Champaign, IL

### Jubilee Café Looking for Summer Volunteers

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](mailto:jubilee.cafe@community-ucc.org).

Sign up link: <https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/s/howSignUp/4090e45a5ae2caa8-volunteer12>



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Date	Hot Meals & Heat at Home
4/4/2022	80
4/11/2022	72
4/18/2022	80
4/25/2022	77
<b>Meals Served</b>	<b>309</b>

April 4, 2022 -- Tonight, Jubilee Cafe CUCC served 80 meals total: 66 green mole chicken with vegetables over rice, 5 vegan version of the same with our housemade vegan "chikin", and 9 heat at home meals. Guests had their choice of dessert, including our housemade Mexican chocolate bread pudding.

When booking their trips here to Champaign for Queering Faith 5.0, Rev. Sara Ator Wilcox and Rev. Ann Kansfield decided they wanted to stay to see Jubilee. So, they helped cook, prep, serve, distribute, and talk with guests. It was inspiring and humbling to have colleagues here. Both Wilcox and Kansfield's churches show up in the world in radically loving ways. I'm so grateful that our churches have spent time together during the pandemic. Reminding one another that we are not in this alone and that we are part of the Body of Christ TOGETHER is one of the ways we get thru this present moment that is so fraught. We have to keep showing up, not only because we are called to, but because that's how we help one another find our way thru.

Be good to one another. Keep showing up.

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Community UCC, Champaign, IL

## Upcoming One-Time Events

Mark your calendars for these CUCC events!

Sunday, May 1 – Tuesday, May 31



Sunday, May 1, 10:15am: Milestone Sunday

Sunday, May 1, 11:15am – 12:00pm: Kona Ice Truck in parking lot

Sunday, May 1, 11:30am: Newcomers Group Session 2

Thursday, May 5, 7:00am: Men's Breakfast at Urbana Garden Restaurant

Friday, May 6, 6:00pm-9:00pm: Middle Ages BBQ at The McClures (postponed due to COVID)

Sunday, May 8, 10:15am: Confirmation Sunday

Monday, May 9: Deadline to register for Stroll for Your Soul – contact Pr. Connie Bandy

Saturday, May 14, 9:00am – 12:00pm: Spring Clean-up

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

Tuesday, May 16-Friday, May 20: Pastor Leah at Festival of Homiletics in Denver

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

Thursday, May 19, 6:00pm- 8:00pm: Individuals Together Jazz in the Park at Heritage Park

Saturday, May 21, 8:30am-11:30am: Garage Sale at The Gropps

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

Sunday, May 22, 3:00pm – 5:00pm: All Congregation Conversation at Hessel Park

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

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

Tuesday, May 31, 9:00am: Articles for June Communigram due to Office Manager

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

\*\* Early June Events– be sure to mark your calendar:

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

Sunday, June 5, 10:15am: Worship in the Park at Ambucs Park

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



## Mission Ministry

Words can't even come close to expressing how grateful we are for the outpouring of generosity towards our RIP Medical debt campaign. Our expectations have been far exceeded. Just because the Lent season is over, it doesn't mean we've closed the campaign. If you'd still like to donate, there's still time! As of Tuesday, May 10, we've raised \$14,279.58. The campaign will remain open until **June 1**. You can still donate online at this link: <https://ripmedicaldebt.org/campaign/community-uccs-full-to-the-brim-lenten-campaign/>, as well as bringing in cash or a check to church. Of course, please be sure to indicate the money is for the campaign. **The deadline to bring in any money in person is Sunday, May 29** to ensure it gets sent along.



Community UCC  
RIP MEDICAL DEBT  
CAMPAIGN FOR LENT 2022  
**\$1 = \$100** OF DEBT ERASED!  
GIVE 1 = \$100 OF DEBT ERASED!



We invite the congregation to take our survey at this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GWRWZYR>. Please do so by **May 12**. This will help us figure out how to focus our efforts for the rest of the year, and possibly into next year. The list of organizations on this year's list is very similar to the list from our survey last year. You may notice a few organizations missing that you expected to see. Some of our recent work with them didn't quite go as we'd hoped. If you have any suggestions, please feel free to add them in at the bottom.

We'd like to give you a heads up about an upcoming offering that will kick off as we close our RIP Medical Debt campaign. We will collect money for the UCC next ask for the first two Sundays of June (June 5 and June 12). The funds raised support leadership development, new churches, and innovation in existing congregations. To learn more, please follow this link: <https://www.ucc.org/giving/ways-to-give/our-churchs-wider-mission/strengthen-the-church/>.



### Strengthen the Church Offering Overview

We traditionally celebrate the birth of the church on Pentecost Sunday, June 5, 2022, with this offering to **Strengthen the Church**. However, we encourage churches to choose a Sunday to receive the offering when you anticipate the greatest response. Churches may choose other Sundays: Mother's Day (May 8), the last day of Sunday School this spring, or a church anniversary.

Downloadable resources are available at [www.ucc.org/dc](https://www.ucc.org/dc).

- A Promotional Video by Rev. Karen Georgia Thompson, featuring an original poem that can also be used in worship as a Continuing Testament. The poem is also provided as a text document.
- Reflection Video by Rev. John Dorbauer on lessons learned from the pandemic. A text version of the reflection is also included.
- 4 STC Bulletin Inserts to share in a weekly email or as bulletin inserts
- STC Worship Testimonials Resource
- STC Logo and Poster
- STC Social Media Graphic

Offering Envelopes for your congregation can be ordered for free from  
UCC Resources at [uccresources.com](https://uccresources.com)

Your Mission Ministry Team Leaders,  
Kristy Brownfield and Jeanne Ward



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## Men's Breakfast

The Men of CUCC meet the first Thursday of each month for breakfast. Join us at 7:00am on May 4 for breakfast if you feel comfortable venturing out to eat. We'd love to see you in person. Anyone who identifies as a man is welcome.



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

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## CUCC Retirees Monthly Lunch Group

Here is our group of 17 gathered on April 19, 2022 as we celebrated Pat McQuillen's 94th birthday! (from left to right: Linda Vaughn, Pat McQuillen, Roger Wade, Mark Kuechler, Ann Marlow, Becky Sheridan, Ken Gilbert, Nancy Hill, Marilou Hinrichs, Jan Himes, Luke Gilbert, Ruth Gilbert, Doug Irwin, Peg Wade, Tom Ward, Joel Brotherton and Bill Lawser).

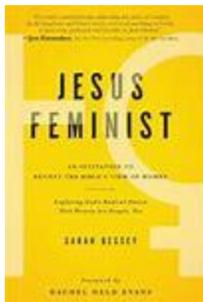


Join us at our next monthly gathering on Tuesday, May 17, 2022, at 11:30am at the Broadway Food Hall. Anyone who identifies as retired is welcome to join us for lunch. Contact Peg or Roger Wade if you would like to be added to our mailing list.



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## Pub Theology



The Monday night book group called Pub Theology is about to embark on a new book, *Jesus Feminist: An Invitation to Revisit the Bible's View of Women* by Sarah Bessey. The back of the book reads, "Sarah Bessey didn't ask for Jesus to come in and mess up all her ideas about a women's place in the world and in the church. But patriarchy, she came to learn, was not God's dream for humanity."

"Bessey engages critically with Scripture in this gentle and provocative love letter to the Church. Written with poetic rhythm, a prophetic voice, and a deeply biblical foundation, this loving yet fearless book urges today's Church to move beyond man-made restrictions and fully welcome women's diverse voices and experiences."

We meet on Monday evenings from 7:15-8:30, currently on Zoom. Maybe one of these days we'll get back to the new refurbished parlor. If you'd like to join us reading this book, purchase it from your favorite book seller and let me know...I'll add you to the mailing list to get reminders.

~Tom Ward

[wardt508@comcast.net](mailto:wardt508@comcast.net)

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## Individuals Together

Individuals Together is CUCC's social group for persons who live alone, for ANY reason-- either full time or part time. New members are always welcome! Contact Linda Morgan, FCN, at 217-649-3778 if you'd like to be added to our email list.

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.

~Linda Morgan



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## News from your Hospitality Team:

**Sunday, June 5th:** *Mark your Calendars:* 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

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## Care Team News



Peg Wade (**Card Ministry**) continues to send out holiday, birthday, sympathy, and other special occasion greeting cards to our members. She reports sending 10 cards in April for several occasions including Easter. If you would like to donate greeting cards (suitable for sending from the Care Team) or postage, please contact Peg ([peg.wade@comcast.net](mailto:peg.wade@comcast.net)).

Elena Kasper (**Prayer Shawl Ministry**) reports that she, her mother, and several other CUCC members have been busy replenishing our prayer shawl inventory throughout the Covid Pandemic. We will plan a blessing ceremony for the new shawls on a Sunday in the near future and some of the shawls will be given out on Milestone Sunday, May 1. Elena has plans to expand the maker part of the shawl ministry this year. She says, "We as the church support milestones in each other's journeys with the continued blessings of these symbols. The mission provides mental and physical reminders to those in our community, but there is so much to benefit from the creation aspect of this ministry as well! As we reach a more comfortable level of congregating in person, we are looking to extend the benefits to the process end by periodically gathering at the church to knit, assemble, crochet, sew etc. A yarn library will also be available to check out materials which will then be returned as shawls." Please watch for more information. Email Elena ([eakasper@gmail.com](mailto:eakasper@gmail.com)) if you want to inquire further about the Prayer Shawl Ministry.



Marilou Hinrichs (**Healing Music Ministry and Visitor Ministry**) reports that in April she and Linda Morgan visited two of our church family members at Clark-Lindsey. With this visit they brought familiar Lent and Easter hymns and songs. As experienced before, one person sang along and was inspired to conversation. The other visibly calmed as the music played. The use of headphones is clearly helpful, both as an adaptive device for the hearing impaired, but also as a way to provide an immersive and transporting music experience. Ruth Fisher, as always, enjoyed hearing news about the church and asked that we pass along this message: "Church has always been so important to me." The Music Ministry is one way for us to keep an important connection between her and her long-time church community, but music isn't the only way for us to connect with our "at

home" members. If you would be interested in making a connection (through a visit, call or card) with another church member who can no longer get out to church services or activities, please contact Marilou ([mhmail@comcast.net](mailto:mhmail@comcast.net)) and we'll help make a connection for you.

John Osborne (**Drivers Ministry**) and Jennifer Robbennolt (Meals Ministry) reported no new activity this month, but both of these ministries can always use additional volunteers. If you would be willing to give someone an occasional ride to a church service or event, a doctor's appointment, etc., please contact John ([iamozzie99@yahoo.com](mailto:iamozzie99@yahoo.com)). He will try to match up driver locations with needs, so be sure to tell him where you live. If you would be willing to make an occasional meal for an individual or family after a surgery, birth, illness, etc., contact Jennifer ([jrobbenn@illinois.edu](mailto:jrobbenn@illinois.edu)) and she'll add you to the Meal Train contact list. If a need arises, you will be contacted by Jennifer. She'll let you know any special details (dietary needs/allergies, times, number of people, etc.) and you can sign up through the Meal Train interface for a day that is convenient for you. Within Meal Train you can see what meals others are bringing and make your choices accordingly.



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## Worship Ministry: Opportunities to Serve as Liturgists, Greeters, and Ushers Abound



### Get Involved in Worship

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 Cowsert.

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

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-greeter3>

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-ushers2>

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.



## May 2022 Worship Assistants

	May 1	May 8	May 15	May 22	May 29
<b>Liturgist</b>	Brin Schuler		Susan Pawlicki	Tom Ward	
<b>Usher</b>	Johnalene Radek	Tom Ward	Elizabeth Shack		
<b>Greeter</b>			Patty Gropp		

## Notes From Your Music Director



Thank you for all of your support and cooperation in our glorious Easter celebrations, especially those who joined us in choir for the first time. New choir members are still welcome at any time for Wednesday 7PM and 9:30 Sunday morning rehearsals. We expect all singers to be fully vaccinated.



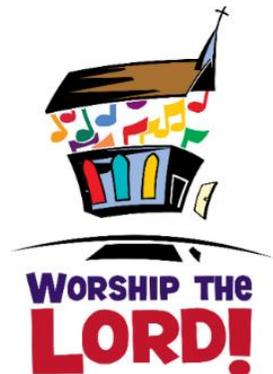
**Summer Music:** As some of you know, our choir and my role as Music Director pause from mid-May to mid-August each year. I am looking for volunteers to offer anthems this summer while our choir is on break. All ages and ability levels are welcome to offer instrumental or vocal music at CUCC this summer. Participation is more important than perfection, and songs do not need to be sacred in nature to be appreciated in our services. I encourage you to think outside the box and offer something!

If you would like to contribute to a musical offering this summer, please sign up in the parlor after Sunday services or at this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10COD4BAEAF22A0FBC43-summer>. If you would like to collaborate with our pianist Aaron Ames email him at [piano.ames@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:music@community-ucc.org).

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

Hello CUCC families!

It really seems like the school year has flown by. Spending time with your kids over the course of these months has been a wonderful experience. They are smart, curious, funny, and we've had some really interesting conversations about scripture, what it means to be loved by God, and how we can reflect God's love to other people. As we move into summer, Sunday School will be a bit more relaxed. We'll be taking a break from using a curriculum, and most Sundays kids will stay in worship, with some activity options at the back tables. Once a month we'll walk to the quad for some outdoor activities. Watch the weekly emails for more information about when those "outdoor Sundays" will happen.



We will continue to meet for regular Sunday School through May. May 8th will be a "kids in worship" day, as it's Confirmation Sunday. We'd love for the younger ones to see what that process is all about.

Julie and Alison

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### Congratulations to all who completed Confirmation Class

	Confirmands	Sponsors
<b>May 8</b>	Isaac Ewoldt	David Willcox
	Miranda Issaacs	Laura Stevens
	JJ Lee	Randy Ewoldt
	Kaleb Kasper	Johnalene Radek
	Camille Kloster	Jessica Smiley
	Chloe Robberts-Mosser	Johnell Bentz
	Oscar Tomkins	Tom Ward
<b>May 15</b>	Emmalyn Radek	Jeanne Ward



### Congratulations to the CUCC High School Graduates

<b>Matthew Isaacs</b>	After graduating from Urbana High School, Matthew will be pursuing a degree in Economics at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
<b>Madeleine Keenan</b>	Madeleine is graduating from Uni High School in May. She is planning to attend college in the fall — she is still deciding which school she will be attending.
<b>Ellison Radek</b>	After graduating from Champaign Centennial High School, Ellison will be attending the University of Illinois Chicago where she will be entering a master's track program in the College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs for Community Development and Public Administration with hopes of law school to follow. Her passion for Social Justice is contagious and we are excited to see her continue to grow her passion on a broader level.
<b>Erin Smith</b>	Upon graduating from University Laboratory High School in Urbana, Erin will be heading off to college in the fall — she is still deciding which school she will be attending.



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## Congratulations to the CUCC College/Grad School Graduates

<b>Mary Anderson</b>	Mary is graduating with a 3.6 GPA and magna <i>cum laude</i> honors with a BA in Liberal Studies from Arizona State University twenty-nine years after she would have traditionally graduated. Mary is a lifelong CUCCer and we celebrate Mary's accomplishment with her Mom and Step-Dad, Caryl and Kent Henkel.
<b>Victoria Chusin</b>	Victoria is graduating from the Gies College of Business at the University of Illinois Champaign Urbana with a Bachelor of Sciences in Information Systems and Operations Management and will be working in for KPMG.
<b>Lily Holmes</b>	Lily is graduating from the Illinois School of Architecture with a master's in architecture. She is working at the Farnsworth Group in Peoria fulltime.
<b>Harrison Price</b>	After graduating from the iSchool at UIUC with a Master of Science in Library and Information Science, Harrison plans to take a year away from academics to PhD programs while remaining in the area.
<b>Dale Robbenolt</b>	Dale is graduating from the University of Illinois and will be starting a Ph.D. program in Civil Engineering at the University of Texas at Austin with a specific focus on social factors in transportation and emerging transit modes.
<b>Jake Robbenolt</b>	Jake is graduating from the University of Minnesota and will be starting a Ph.D. program in Civil Engineering at the University of Texas at Austin with a specific focus on transportation network analysis and intelligent transportation systems.
<b>Laura Wadleigh</b>	Laura is graduating from Grainger College of Engineering at UIUC with a PhD in Physics. Following graduation, Laura will be seeking employment in the field for quantum computing.
<b>Robert Wiggins</b>	Robert is graduating from Grainger College of Engineering with a BS in Civil Engineering. He will be interning in Denver with the RockSol Consulting Group then returning to UIUC for Grad School.



## 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-liturgist3">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080a4fadaf2aa1fa7-liturgist3</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-greeter3">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080a4fadaf2aa1fa7-greeter3</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-ushers2">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080a4fadaf2aa1fa7-ushers2</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-hpyuH5Exp52Jzr4JxOXsUJe1HZxzhefK7nlass/edit?usp=sharing">https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1VRO-hpyuH5Exp52Jzr4JxOXsUJe1HZxzhefK7nlass/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>



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## 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=UmMwdW01ZFVmV0hpZmxrRWNIUmhwdz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/815146054?pwd=UmMwdW01ZFVmV0hpZmxrRWNIUmhwdz09</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=WmIBN3AyVkFiTFBDUUtLMjNuZ0t4Zz09">https://illinois.zoom.us/j/95457070801?pwd=WmIBN3AyVkFiTFBDUUtLMjNuZ0t4Zz09</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=VndIN0Nab1FVcG5VWUdRWTIV">https://illinois.zoom.us/j/93536967862?pwd=VndIN0Nab1FVcG5VWUdRWTIV</a>	+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)



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