

OUR COMMUNITY



Sunday, September 18, 2022

Community United Church of Christ—

PRAYER & AWARENESSES

Ongoing Prayer Concerns

- We pray for an end to the gun violence across the United States and for healing and hope for those families torn apart by the 9 mass shootings during the weekend of September 9– 11 across 8 states where **9** people died and **29** people were injured.
- *Local Champaign-Urbana Gun Violence Victims*
 - Oscar D. Mallett
- Violence against our black, brown, and LGBTQ+ siblings
 - Aaron Lynch
 - Maddie Hofmann
 - Dede Ricks
 - Regina Mya Allen
 - Names from www.hrc.org
 - Donovan Lewis
- Residual trauma all black and brown people experience every time there is trauma against black and brown people in this country.

Prayer Requests shared in worship Sunday, September 11:

- **Cara Finnegan** prayers for my oldest sister, who was just diagnosed with COVID.
- **Kathy** prayers for Xiaoyi as he recovers from COVID.
- **Linda** prayers for Johnalene Radek who learned she is COVID positive this week.

Prayer Requests shared in worship Sunday, September 4:

- **Johnell** celebrating Laura's birthday today!
- **Jennifer Cromley** prayers of thanks that Catherine's medication side effects are manageable. Prayers for Kayla to recover quickly from COVID and without lasting effects
- **Kelly Tull** prayers for Darren Wolken who is recovering from COVID.
- **Nate** prayers for a student struggling with mental health this week.
- **Nate** prayers for another student struggling with untenable housing. May new options open up allowing for healthy living.
- **Ilsa** continued prayers for baby Melanie, who is improving but has not been released from the hospital yet.
- **Ilsa** prayers of joy for my grandmother, Connie, who will be 97 this week.
- **Kathy** prayers for safe travels for Larry and for a quick recovery for Daehyun from his current virus.

CUCC BY THE NUMBERS

7 folx gathered for Men's Breakfast at Urbana Family Garden Restaurant, **09/01**
36 adults, **6** kids, **0** Zoom Users **0** Facebook Users for a Total of **42** people/devices participated in worship on Sunday, **09/04**
64 meals were provided to our Jubilee Café guests by **10** volunteers on Monday, **09/05**
11 folx gathered for the Hallowing our Days Retreat, **09/10**
34 adults, **10** kids, **6** Zoom Users **7** Facebook Users for a Total of **57** people/devices participated in worship on Sunday, **09/11**
114 meals were provided to our Jubilee Café guests by **10** volunteers on Monday, **09/12**
8 people met for Pub Theology, **09/12**
4 people met for Photography as Prayer at Pekara, **9/14**
2 AA groups met in our space this week

NEWCOMERS GROUP STARTS TODAY

Join us for the CUCC Newcomers Group today following worship if you are new to Community United Church of Christ, wondering what our values and beliefs are based on, or interested in figuring out how you might plug-in to the church now that we're back to meeting in person. This is a four week session with the opportunity to join the congregation and become a member at the end our time together.

PHOTOGRAPHY AS PRAYER

Our Photography as Prayer group will be going to the Mabery Gelvin Gardens at Lake of the Woods, Mahomet, at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, September 28. Since the gardens are near the Museum of the Grand Prairie, we will meet in the museum parking lot. Our practice from the free Photography as Prayer app will be # 5, A Pile of Junk. The point of the practice is not to take amazing and beautiful pictures but instead to sharpen our ability to pay attention to our context-- the camera on your phone is fine for this! We invite you to come join us to share our experience with the practice and enjoy some good conversation!

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CUCC?

09/18, SUNDAY, CUCC Offices Closed

10:15am CUCC Sunday Hybrid Classic Worship, Rally Day
11:30am Newcomers Group Session 1
5:30pm-7:30pm Youth Jubilee Café Scavenger Hunt
8:00pm—9:00pm Manhattan AA Group (Parlor)

09/19, MONDAY

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 (Parlor)
7:15pm Pub Theology

09/20, TUESDAY

11:30am CUCC Retired "Cool Kids" Lunch Gathering at Hickory River at the Fields
6:30pm CLB Monthly Meeting

09/21 WEDNESDAY

12:00pm ITEMS FOR BULLETIN & WEEKLY EMAIL DUE (FOR 09/25/2022)

09/22, THURSDAY

6:00-8:00pm Parents Orientation for Our Whole Lives Sexuality Education (FH, P)
8:00pm-9:30pm Denver AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

09/23, FRIDAY

09/24, SATURDAY

6:00pm Individuals Together dinner at Billy Barooz

09/25, SUNDAY, CUCC Offices Closed

10:15am CUCC Sunday Hybrid Classic Worship
11:30am Newcomers Group Session 2
2:30pm Sidney Dairy Barn Bike/Drive/Kickball at Witt Park/Pizza in the Pavilion/Ice Cream Event
8:00pm—9:00pm Manhattan AA Group (Parlor)

09/26, MONDAY

9:00am Articles for October eCommuniGram 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 Café After Party (Parlor)
7:15pm Pub Theology

09/27, TUESDAY

Did you know that CUCC sends out a weekly email announcements and a monthly newsletter? If you would like to be added to the distribution list, email: info@community-ucc.org and ask to be added to the list!

CUCC SEPTEMBER RETIREE'S LUNCH GATHERING IS SEPT 20 AT HICKORY RIVER AT THE FIELDS

Our September Retiree's Lunch was going to be at Maize, but since they require everyone to be there before they will seat the group, we decided to try the new Hickory River at the Fields....so our September lunch will be next **Tuesday, September 20th, 11:30 a.m., at Hickory River at the Fields, 3514 Fields South Drive, Champaign. We plan to sit outside on their patio.** Here is a link to their menu: [Menu for Peoria, Illinois • Hickory River Smokehouse](#) Please let us know by this coming Sunday, September 18th if you will be joining us. Also please let us know if you need a ride. As always, we are happy to provide rides. We look forward to seeing you on the 20th. -Roger & Peg 217-369-0474 (Peg) 217-369-0475 (Roger)

AUTUMN RAMBLES FROM THE PRAYER BENCH

If you enjoyed *Stroll for Your Soul* in May, now it's time for **Autumn Rambles!** And if you weren't part of the Stroll group, it's not too late to join-- just send your email address to Pastor Connie (connie@community-ucc.org). There is no charge to join this group experience. The welcome email arrives on **Friday, September 23**, followed by an email each day for the next two weeks. Stroll participants should receive the Ramble emails automatically. Join Janice and Caroline as they walk the streets, beaches, woods, and bush and collect their favorite autumn signs & sightings and share their memories of Autumn. Look in on the hope this season lends them in their journey of faith. Use their ideas as a starting point for your own meanderings. Take a camera, a sketchbook, a journal or a basket for gathering as you ramble around your place. Ease into Autumn. Enjoy slowing. Ramble with pleasure and gather your own collection of autumn impressions, images and sensations to guide you on your path. Each day you'll receive a curated digital scrapbook page to inspire your ramble and set you off on your own autumn discoveries. *THIS RESOURCE IS A COLLABORATION BETWEEN KERERU PUBLISHING IN NEW ZEALAND AND THE PRAYER BENCH IN CANADA*

MOWING OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND AT CUCC

There are still many opportunities to mow and pick up around the church and 510 Daniel. A mower and trimmer are available at the church for your use or you can bring your own equipment from home if you wish. Sign-up for a week or two to mow the grass and pick up around the church at this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0449A5AF2CA1FB6-mowing> Contact Matthew Hart at (217) 377- 8762 or matthewlorenhart@gmail.com with questions.

MISSION MINISTRY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY PRIDE FEST PEACE TEAM

Uniting Pride (UP center) is offering a way to help out with this year's Pride Fest. They are creating a Peace Team, which is a group of volunteers who get training in de-escalation tactics to help keep Pride Fest safe for everyone. The training takes place from 12:00 - 4:00 pm on Saturday, September 17 and Sunday, September 18 via Zoom. The training is free if you sign up for a volunteer shift during Pride Fest. You can take the training without signing up for a shift, however, it is \$65. For more information (and a list of shifts to volunteer for), please visit <https://www.unitingpride.org/peaceteam>.

WORSHIP ASSISTANT OPPORTUNITIES FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER

The Worship Team is looking for worship assistants for September and October. The new sign-up forms are at the links below. Would you consider serving in one of these roles?

Liturgist: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080a4fadaf2aa1fa7-liturgist5>

Usher: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080a4fadaf2aa1fa7-usher4>

Greeter: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080a4fadaf2aa1fa7-greeter5>

IDENTITY TEAM NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

The Identity Team is looking for volunteers for the C-U Pride Fest. There are many ways to participate including cutting out hearts that will be handed out at the parade, marching (riding in the truck at the parade) and passing out the rainbow hearts), hosting the CUCC booth, helping setup or breakdown the booth, painting the prayer door before the pride fest, providing a truck for the parade (we have a truck — yeah!!).

Contact Keri Evans at kevans1984@yahoo.com with any questions or if you need help signing-up to volunteer.

Thank you in advance for volunteering and supporting CU Pride Fest 2022. Signup to volunteer by scanning the QR Code or at this link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4EAF928A5FBCF8-2022>



CUCC'S ANNUAL SIDNEY DAIRY BARN BIKE/DRIVE/KICKBALL AT WITT PARK/PIZZA IN THE PAVILION/ICE CREAM EVENT IS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Join us next Sunday, September 25 for CUCC's Annual Sidney Dairy Barn Bike/Drive/Kickball at Witt Park/Pizza in the Pavilion/Ice Cream Event. **2:30pm** Bikers meet Tom Ward at the southwest corner of the Urbana Meijers parking lot (be sure to have a light or some type of reflector on your bike as it may be getting dark on the ride home. Helmets are also recommended) **4:00 p.m.** Drivers and bikers meet up at Witt Park in Sidney (306 Witt Park Road, Sidney) **4:15 p.m.** Play a game of kickball, play at the playground or just relax, visit and cheer on the kickball folks. **5:00 p.m.** Enjoy pizza and veggies in the park pavilion **5:45 p.m.** Head to the Sidney Dairy Barn for ice cream and more visiting **At least by 6:30 p.m.** Bikers head back to Urbana

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, September 18, 10:15am: Hybrid Traditional Worship

Sunday, September 18, 11:30am: Newcomers Group Session 1

Sunday, September 18, 5:30-7:30pm: Youth Jubilee Café Scavenger Hunt

Tuesday, September 20, 11:30am: CUCC Retired "Cool Kids" Lunch Gathering at Maize, Champaign

Tuesday, September 20, 6:30pm: CLB Monthly Meeting

Thursday, September 22, 6:00pm-8:00pm: Parents Orientation for Our Whole Lives (OWL) Sexuality Training in Fellowship Hall

Saturday, September 24, 6:00pm: Individuals Together meet for dinner at Billy Barooz

Sunday, September 25, 11:30am: Newcomers Group Session 2

Sunday, September 25, 2:30pm—6:30pm: Sidney Dairy Barn Bike/Drive/Kickball/Pizza/Ice Cream Event

Monday, September 26, 9:00am: October eCommuniGram Articles Due

Tuesday, September 27, 6:00pm: UP Center Panel Discussion at The Spurlock Museum, Pastor Leah one of the panel members