

OUR COMMUNITY



Sunday, November 13, 2022

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

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 7 mass shootings during the weekend of Nov 4-6 across 6 states where **10** people died and **28** people were injured. God we pray all weapons be turned into plowshares.
- *Local Champaign-Urbana Gun Violence Victims*
 - Nizeri Carter
- Violence against our black, brown, and LGBTQ+ siblings
 - Tiffany Banks
 - Names from www.hrc.org
- 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, November 6

- **Jennifer Cromley** prayers for the soul of Delores who died October 29 and for Keil, Jen, Erik, and Sophie who are grieving her passing
- **Peg Wade** continued prayers of peace and comfort for Randy Musser. Randy is now at Liberty Village in Freeport, IL, closer to his family, as he continues in hospice care.
- **Emma Mize** prayers of healing for my Nana :)
- **Grant Robbenolt** prayers for my mother and sister who are recovering together from COVID.
- **Tom Ward** celebrate Jeanne's Medicare birthday tomorrow (Nov. 7)!
- **Kathy** prayers for our nation as we vote in new leaders on Tuesday.
- **Sarah** prayers for our struggling students right now they are especially overwhelmed and fatigued, especially Antonio.
- **Rico** prayers for the family, friends, and girlfriend of Zoom, the 18-year-old who just got shot.
- **Dennis and Rico** prayers of joy, excited to share with you that we celebrated our 16th year of marriage on November 1st. Rena and Abbey are officially married, and the wedding was amazing.
- **Leah** Randy Musser moved from local hospice care to hospice care closer to his children. We continue to hold Randy in the light of God's love as he makes his way into the boundless arms of God.

CUCC BY THE NUMBERS

50 adults, **10** kids, **5** Zoom Users, **3** Facebook Users for a Total of **68** people/devices participated in worship on Sunday, **11/06**

112 meals were provided to our Jubilee Café guests by **10** volunteers on Monday, **11/07**

5 people met for Pub Theology, **11/07**

2 AA groups met in our space this week

SHOP FOR JUBILEE CAFÉ THANKSGIVING DINNER

It's no secret that food prices are up. Feeding 90 to 120 people each week, we know this all too well at Jubilee Cafe. So this Thanksgiving, we're looking for a little help. While cash is always appreciated, we thought it might be more fun for you to join us in shopping for our holiday meal. Between now and November 17th, if you are able, please consider picking up any of the following:

- 15-pound or larger turkeys (need 4 more)
- 4-pound block Soyboy tofu (need 2)
- cranberries (need 10 more bags)
- frozen green beans (20 pounds)
- Apple pie 8 or 9 inch (need 6)
- Pecan pie 8 or 9 inch (need 6)
- Costco Pumpkin pie (need 3)

Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050849A9A62DA5F58-shop>

You can make arrangements for drop off with Anna Barnes at (217) 355-6279

Thank you so much!!!

—Johnell Bentz

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CUCC?

11/13, SUNDAY, CUCC Offices Closed

10:15am CUCC Sunday Hybrid Classic Worship Commitment Sunday

11:30am-3:15pm OWL Class

5:00pm Newcomers Group Session 4

8:00PM—9:00PM MANHATTAN AA GROUP (Parlor)

11/14, 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

11/15, TUESDAY

11:30am CUCC Retiree's Monthly Lunch Gathering at El Rancho Grande II in Savoy

6:30PM CUCC CLB Monthly Meeting

11/16, WEDNESDAY

12:00pm ITEMS FOR BULLETIN & WEEKLY EMAIL DUE (FOR 11/20/2022)

11/17, THURSDAY

8:00pm-9:30pm Denver AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

11/18, FRIDAY

6:00pm-9:00pm Private Event in Fellowship Hall

11/19, SATURDAY

11/20, SUNDAY, CUCC Offices Closed

10:15am CUCC Sunday Hybrid Classic Worship Commitment Sunday

11:30am Jointly Sponsored Coffee Hour Celebrating Stewardship Results

11:30am Decorating Church for Christmas

8:00pm—9:00pm Manhattan AA Group (Parlor)

11/21, MONDAY

2:00pm Jubilee Café Prep

5:00pm—6:30pm Jubilee Café In Person

6:30pm—7:00pm Jubilee Café Clean-up

6:30pm—8:30pm UCC-CM Jubilee Café After Party (Parlor)

7:15pm Pub Theology

11/22, 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!

JUBILEE CAFÉ RETURNING TO IN PERSON DINING MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Jubilee Cafe is going back to in person dining on **Monday, November 14**. We are very excited to welcome our guests back inside on Monday nights. Many volunteers, **no age restrictions**, are needed to make this work. Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050849a9a62da5f58-volunteer> Questions, contact Johnell at johnell.bentz@gmail.com

WORSHIP ASSISTANT OPPORTUNITIES FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

The Worship Team is seeking worship assistants for November and December. Would you consider serving in one of these roles?

Liturgist: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080a4fadaf2aa1fa7-liturgist6>

Usher: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080a4fadaf2aa1fa7-usher5>

Greeter: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080a4fadaf2aa1fa7-greeter6>

NEWCOMERS GROUP FALL SESSION

The Newcomers Group is now underway. If you have questions or are interested in joining the Newcomers Group contact John Osborne at jamozzie99@yahoo.com or text him at 217-841-8070.

Classes meet in the Fellowship as follows:

11/13 - 5 pm - Session 4 - Wrap up, questions, and where do you go from here.

WE'RE LAUNCHING A LITTLE BOOK EXCHANGE!

You've probably seen the Little Free Libraries around town where you can take a book and/or leave a book, depending on your interest. Just a few days ago, we realized this was something we could do not just for CUCCers who love to read but also something that might be fun for those who come to Jubilee Cafe and other activities in the church. **We would love to be able to launch this as Jubilee Cafe moves back indoors on November 14th. That means we need to hustle! Campus Ministry has volunteered to repair and paint a set of shelves for this, but we need books for all ages and interests, too.** Those shelves will be located downstairs near the kitchen, so that they are especially convenient for our Jubilee Cafe friends. If you have books you would like to contribute to the start up, please bring them to the church and leave them in the designated box outside the sanctuary as soon as possible. Please remember that we don't have infinite shelf space, however-- we are a congregation of readers and can easily not just fill the shelves but also overwhelm the available storage space and the exchange caretakers! And we will need ongoing donations as books are taken if this is going to be a success, of course, so this is a continuing opportunity. We are exploring the possibility of registering as an official Little Free Library, but we need a special name for this new resource. We also need people who are willing to help care for the little book exchange, restocking and keeping an eye on the shelves and removing books that don't go out after a couple of months and that sort of thing (any books not taken away after a few weeks will be donated, likely to Books for Prisoners or Orphans Treasure Box for their ReStart program). If you would like to help or have name suggestions, please let Pastor Connie know, either by email (connie@community-ucc.org) or when you see her.

This book exchange is sponsored by The John Bandy Center for Spirituality and Faith.

CUCC RETIREE'S LUNCH IS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Our November Retiree's lunch will be next **Tuesday, November 15th, 11:30 a.m. at El Rancho Grande II, 505 Commerce Drive, Savoy (next door to Industrial Donuts)**. Here is a link to their menu: [ElRanchoGrande Savoy menu 220617.indd \(optimaplatfrom.com\)](#) Please let us know by this coming Sunday, November 13th if you will be joining us. Also please let us know if you need a ride. As always, we are happy to provide rides.

Also fyi - for our December lunch, the group decided that since the 3rd Tuesday of the month falls during Christmas week, we will get together for our monthly lunch on the 2nd Tuesday, December 13th at Red Lobster in Champaign. I will send out a reminder note as always, but just wanted to give you a heads up so you can put it on your calendar.

We look forward to seeing you next Tuesday the 15th. -Roger and Peg 217-369-0474 (Peg) 217-369-0475 (Roger)

RANDY MUSSER'S NEW MAILING ADDRESS

Randy has moved to be closer to his children. If you would like to send him a card, his new mailing address is:

Liberty Village of Freeport
2170 Navajo Drive
Room 107
Freeport, IL 61032

PARKLAND THEATRE "A CHRISTMAS STORY"

Join **Individuals Together** and the **Hospitality team** for a special event on **Sunday, December 4, 2022**. We will attend the play "A Christmas Story" at Parkland Theater at 3PM, followed by dinner at El Toro Bravo on W. Springfield after the play. The play features 2 from CUCC: **Aiden Larkin and Zoe Harms**. Seating is general admission at Parkland Theater and several ticket prices are available so we are asking everyone to purchase their own tickets online at [Parkland College | Ticketing - Ticket Office Home \(universitytickets.com\)](#) Then let Peg Wade or Linda Morgan know when you have done so (we hope to go early and hold a block of seats so we can sit together). Also let us know if you plan to go to dinner afterwards so a reservation can be made. We hope you can join us to support these 2 young people!

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, November 13, 10:15am: Hybrid Traditional Worship with Stewardship Commitment and Ingathering

Sunday, November 13, 11:30am-3:15pm: OWL Class

Sunday, November 13, 5:00pm: Newcomers Group Session 4

Monday, November 14, 5:00pm: Jubilee Café welcomes guests for in person dining

Tuesday, November 15, 11:30am: CUCC Retiree's Monthly Lunch Gathering at El Rancho Grande II in Savoy

Tuesday, November 15, 6:30pm: CUCC CLB Monthly Meeting

Friday, November 18, 6:00pm-9:00pm: Private Event, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, November 20, 10:15am: Hybrid Traditional Worship with Stewardship Celebration of Pledges

Sunday, November 20, 11:30am: Stewardship Celebration and Decorating the Church for Christmas

Sunday, November 20, 5:00pm: Uniting Pride's Trans Day of Remembrance at UU Church of Urbana-Champaign

Thursday, November 24, 9:00am-3:00pm: Thanksgiving Day, CUCC Office Closed

Sunday, December 4, 3:00pm: Individuals Together and Hospitality Team attends the play "A Christmas Story" followed by dinner at El Toro Bravo on W. Springfield (purchase own ticket, let Peg/Linda know)

Sunday, December 11, 6:30pm: The Longest Night Service