

# OUR COMMUNITY



Sunday, January 22, 2023

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 8 mass shootings during the weekend of Jan. 13-16 across 7 states where **15** people died and **26** people were injured, including 8 who were attending an MLK event in Florida. May all the weapons be turned to plowshares.
- *Local Campaign-Urbana Gun Violence Victims*
  - Jalen A Williams
- Violence against our black, brown, and LGBTQ+ siblings
  - Names from [www.hrc.org](http://www.hrc.org)
    - Tyre Nichols
    - Earl Moore Jr.
    - Darryl Williams
- 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, January 15

#### We pray for:

- Mary Lynn Byers, Chelsey Gerstenecker's mom for strength and healing as she goes through chemo.
- The soul of Kayla's grandmother, who died this week, prayers lifted by Jennifer Cromley.
- Mark Magallanes asks that may we all find our vessels of renewal, may we remember the strength we have to find them again when they seem as lost as we feel ourselves to be. And may we all be blessed with opportunities to drink from our vessels and may they fill us with hope and love.
- For Izzy Collazo's family as they grieve the loss of her abuelo, and Izzy requests continued prayers of healing for her mom.
- For Peg Wade's recovery and that she feels all of our love and care during this time, prayer lifted by Kathy.
- Prayers for safe travels for Xiaoyi's father as he travels back to China after several years in the US. And prayers for Xiaoyi as he learns to live alone without family close by, prayer spoken by Kathy.
- Continued prayers for 6-year-old Josephine, a co-worker's daughter as she heals from surgery on Friday, was prayed by Dennis.

## CUCC BY THE NUMBERS IN WORSHIP

**63** adults, **5** kids, **4** Zoom Users, **5** Facebook Users for a Total of **77** people/devices participated in worship on Sunday, **01/15**  
**50** meals were provided to our Jubilee Café guests by **16** volunteers on Monday, **01/16**  
**8** people gathered for Pub Theology, **01/16**  
**8** people gathered for Retiree's Monthly Lunch Gathering at Bunny's Tavern, **01/17**  
**2** AA groups met in our space this week

## CUCC ANNUAL MEETING AND POTLUCK IS NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

Please join us for our 2023 Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 29. To accommodate virtual members we'll start the meeting at 11:30 in the Sanctuary after worship then have a potluck afterward in the Fellowship Hall (bring your own serve ware). We'll reflect on the year, approve nominations to Ministry Teams, approve this year's budget, and enjoy fellowship together. Quorum requires 40 members to attend, so please join us! New confirmants welcome. Thank you! Erin Ewoldt, Moderator

## PUB THEOLOGY STARING A NEW BOOK

The Monday night book group, Pub Theology, will be reading the Matthias Roberts' book *Beyond Shame: Creating a Healthy Sex Life on Your Own Terms* in preparation for Queering Faith 6.0. Pub Theology meets on Monday evenings from 7:15—8:30pm, on Zoom. If you'd like to join them in reading this book purchase it from Campus Ministry and contact Tom Ward at [wardt508@comcast.net](mailto:wardt508@comcast.net) or phone or text 217-714-9661 to be added to the mailing list. ~Tom Ward

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CUCC?

**01/22, SUNDAY, CUCC Offices Closed**  
**10:15am** CUCC Sunday Worship Online Only  
**11:30am—3:15pm** OWL Class (Fellowship Hall)  
**8:00pm—9:00pm** Manhattan AA Group (Parlor)

**01/23, MONDAY**  
**2:00pm** Jubilee Café Prep  
**5:00pm—6:30pm** Jubilee Café  
**6:30pm—7:00pm** Jubilee Café Clean-up  
**7:15pm** Pub Theology

**01/24, TUESDAY**

**01/25, WEDNESDAY**  
**12:00pm** ITEMS FOR BULLETIN & WEEKLY EMAIL DUE (FOR 01/29/2023)

**01/26, THURSDAY**  
**8:00pm-9:30pm** Denver AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

**01/27, FRIDAY**

**01/28, SATURDAY**  
**6:00pm:** Individuals Together Dinner at Hiba chi Steakhouse

**01/29, SUNDAY, CUCC Offices Closed**  
**10:15am** CUCC Sunday Hybrid Classic Worship  
**11:30am** CUCC Annual Meeting and Potluck  
**8:00PM—9:00PM** Manhattan AA Group (Parlor)

**01/30, MONDAY**  
**9:00am** Articles due for February eCommuni gram  
**2:00pm** Jubilee Café Prep  
**5:00pm—6:30pm** Jubilee Café  
**6:30pm—7:00pm** Jubilee Café Clean-up  
**6:30-8:30pm** CM Jubilee Café After Party (P)  
**7:15pm** Pub Theology

**01/31, 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](mailto:info@community-ucc.org) and ask to be added to the list!*

## INDIVIDUALS TOGETHER: DINNER ON JANUARY 28

Our next event will be Saturday, January 28 when we go to dinner at the Oishi Hibachi Steakhouse at 2501 Prospect Ave at 6pm. Individuals Together is CUCC's group for persons who live alone, for whatever reason, either part-time or full-time. To be added to our email list, please contact Linda Morgan at 217-649-3778

## HELP CUCC FUNDRAISE WITH SCRIP (NOW CALLED RAISERIGHT)

Scrip is an easy way to raise money for CUCC by buying and using gift cards. You can use scrip gift cards for everyday purchases, to purchase gifts, or as gifts themselves. The RaiseRight mobile app puts earning at your fingertips—in the checkout lane, at the gas pump, out to dinner, or even from the comfort of your couch. You can choose eGift cards, physical gift cards, and reloadable gift cards based on your need and availability. eGift cards are delivered electronically within minutes to your digital wallet or via email to you or another recipient. **And, most importantly, CUCC gets a percentage of each purchase.** Start a new habit of buying and using scrip for your purchases.

### Step 1: Sign Up

1. Complete the quick sign-up form either on the website or mobile app

### Step 2: Set Up Online Payment

Here are some additional resources to help get you started:

<https://www.raiseright.com/resources/participant/start-earning/>

<https://www.raiseright.com/resources/organization/videos/>

Questions? Reach out to Jennifer Robbennolt at [jennifer.robbennolt@gmail.com](mailto:jennifer.robbennolt@gmail.com)

## CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE OF RANDY MUSSER IS FEBRUARY 5

A Celebration of Life Service of Randy Musser is scheduled for Sunday, February 5 at 2:00pm followed by a reception. Come and share a time of remembering and celebrating a person that many loved in life and many miss in death. A reception follows where there will be time for sharing stories of Randy and his life. We hope to see you here.

## WORSHIP ASSISTANT OPPORTUNITIES FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2023

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-liturgist7>

**Usher:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080a4fadaf2aa1fa7-usher6>

The worship team needs your help. Now that the offering plates are being passed through the pews, additional ushers are needed each Sunday to make this work. Please consider signing up to server as an usher. Use the signup genius link above or the sign up sheet in the Parlor. Thank you.

**Greeter:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080a4fadaf2aa1fa7-greeter7>

## QUEERING FAITH 6.0 IS FEBRUARY 10

Matthias Roberts will be our guest speak for Queering Faith 6.0. Roberts (he/him) is a queer psychotherapist, podcaster, and author of *Beyond Shame: Creating a Healthy Sex Life on Your Own Terms* (Fortress/Broadleaf, 2020.) He hosts Queerology: A Podcast on Belief and Being and co-hosts Selfie alongside fellow therapist Kristen Howerton. Matthias holds two master's degrees, one in Theology & Culture and one in Counseling Psychology from The Seattle School of Theology and Psychology.

Campus Ministry is selling Roberts book *Beyond Shame: Creating a Healthy Sex Life on Your Own Terms* for \$20 in advance of Queering Faith 6.0 so you can read it before the event then bring it to the event and have it autographed. See Pastor Nate Brantingham to purchase your copy of the book on Sundays.

If you are out of the area and would like to purchase a book and support Campus Ministry please let Campus Ministry Representative Ilsa Kantola at [ilsa.kantola@gmail.com](mailto:ilsa.kantola@gmail.com) or Carla in the office at [info@community-ucc.org](mailto:info@community-ucc.org) know and shipping can be arranged.

## CARE TEAM SEEKING A DRIVER'S MINISTRY COORDINATOR

John Osborne, Drivers' Ministry Coordinator, is stepping down after four+ years of managing this important ministry for the CUCC Care Team. The purpose of the Drivers' Ministry is to help with occasional local transportation for our congregants when there is a need for a ride to church services/functions or medical appointments/procedures. During the pandemic, the drivers have also made some Jubilee Café meal deliveries to elderly or ailing home-bound CUCC members. The coordinator maintains a list of volunteer drivers, matches needs with drivers' locations and availability, and helps with scheduling and communication. The position is quite independent and no regularly scheduled meetings are required. Drivers' Ministry activity is reported to the Care Team which is a sub-ministry of Community Building.

If you would be interested in managing the Drivers' Ministry or volunteering as a driver, please contact Marilou Hinrichs (Care Team Chair) at [mhmail@comcast.net](mailto:mhmail@comcast.net) or text 217-637-6107. Thank you, John, and all your volunteer drivers, for the services you all have provided for our congregation.

## SAVE THE DATE

**Sunday, January 22, 11:30am—3:15pm:** OWL Class

**Saturday, January 28, 6:00pm:** Individuals Together Dinner at Hibachi Steakhouse

**Sunday, January 29, 10:15am:** Hybrid Traditional Worship

**Sunday, January 29, 11:30am:** CUCC Annual Meeting and Potluck

**Sunday, February 5, 10:15am:** Hybrid Traditional Worship

**Sunday, February 5, 2:00pm:** Randy Musser Celebration of Life Service at CUCC with a reception following

**Friday, February 10, 6:00pm:** Campus Ministry Queering Faith 6.0 welcomes Guest Speaker Matthias Roberts