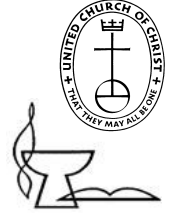


OUR COMMUNITY



Sunday, March 12, 2023

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

PRAYER & AWARENESSES

Ongoing Prayer Concerns

- We extend prayers of sympathy to the family of Anne Cook upon her death February 26, 2023. May Anne rest easily in the arms of Jesus.
- 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 Mar. 3-5 across 7 states where **5** people died and **34** people were injured. May all our weapons be turned to plowshares.
- *Local Champaign-Urbana Gun Violence Victims*
- Violence against our black, brown, and LGBTQ+ siblings
 - Maria Jose Rivera
 - Cashay Henderson
 - 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, February 26

We pray for:

- The **family of Anne Cook** who celebrated her life yesterday (3/4/2023), lifted by Kathy.
- **Becky & Jan** to have a speedy recovery from COVID. Hugs and well wishes. Prayers lifted by Rocio & Dennis.
- **Susan** that she may have easy and successful cataract surgery Tuesday (3/7/2023).
- **All students**, especially those struggling and overwhelmed with courses, tests, and exams. Also, safe travels on their break. Prayers and blessings specially for **Matt**, requested by Rocio.
- **Francis** to have continued health, prayed by Scott Johnson.

CUCC BY THE NUMBERS

55 adults, **5** kids **7** Zoom Users **4** Facebook Users for a Total of **71** people/devices participated in worship on Sunday, **03/05**

97 meals were provided to our Jubilee Café guests by **30** volunteers on Monday, **03/06**

10 people gathered for Pub Theology, **03/06**

2 AA groups met in our space this week

LITURGIST, USHERS, GREETERS FOR MARCH, APRIL, MAY

In an effort to simplify volunteering for opportunities to serve in worship at CUCC, the Sign-up Genius for Liturgists, Ushers, and Greeters has been updated into One. Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0B4EAAAC2AA1FD0-worship> where all three worship assistant tasks are listed for each worship service through May 28.

The paper sign-up sheets have also been consolidated into a single sign-up sheet requiring a simple check mark in the appropriate task box to indicate which task you are volunteering for (liturgist, usher, greeter) for that day.

We hope this will make it easier to volunteer to serve in worship at CUCC.

CUCC RETIREE'S MARCH LUNCH GATHERING FRIDAY MARCH 24

Eleven retirees have indicated they would like to join us on Friday, March 24th on a field trip to the Rib Cage Restaurant in St. Joe (208 North Main Street) and then to Brian Duffield's antique store, BriBec Antique Emporium across the street (211 North Main Street). If anyone else still wants to join us but hasn't contacted us yet, please do so as soon as possible so that we can coordinate carpooling transportation for you if you need it. Here is the link to the Rib Cage Restaurant's menu: [Menus | The Ribcage in St Joseph, IL \(theribcagesjo.com\)](http://www.theribcagesjo.com)

FYI - Our April lunch will be back at our usual third Tuesday of the month, April 18th. Thanks -Peg 217-369-0474 and Roger 217-369-0474

PASTORAL SUPPORT MARCH 12—18

Pastor Leah will be away following worship Sunday, March 12, returning to work on March 19. For Pastoral emergencies, please contact St. Peter's UCC Pastoral Intern, Terri Smith, by text or phone [217-621-9505](tel:217-621-9505). Email Terri at cayyaker@yahoo.com

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CUCC?

03/12, SUNDAY, CUCC Offices Closed

10:15am CUCC Sunday Hybrid Classic Worship — Third Sunday of Lent

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

03/13, MONDAY

2:00pm Jubilee Café Prep

5:00pm—6:30pm Jubilee Café

6:30pm—7:00pm Jubilee Café Clean-up

6:30pm-8:30pm Campus Ministry Jubilee Café After Party (Parlor)

7:15pm Pub Theology

03/14, TUESDAY

03/15, WEDNESDAY

12:00pm ITEMS FOR BULLETIN & WEEKLY EMAIL DUE (FOR 03/19/2023)

03/16, THURSDAY

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

03/17, FRIDAY

03/18, SATURDAY

3:00pm-4:30pm International Hospitality Committee Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

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03/20, MONDAY

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

03/21, TUESDAY

6:30pm CUCC CLB Monthly 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 and ask to be added to the list!

SPIRIT ON THE PRAIRIE SEASONAL BLOG

Sue Osborne, Barbara England and Pastor Connie invite you to join them in Lent on their seasonal blog, Spirit on the Prairie (spiritontheprairie.blogspot.com). Using the theme "What Are You Looking For?", we will explore the weekly gospel readings from the lectionary by imagining what a character in that particular story might have to say about their encounter with Jesus. Posts will go up on Ash Wednesday and each Sunday, with additional posts on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter. You can simply go to the blog, but if you would like to receive a reminder email about new posts, please let Pastor Connie know (connie@community-ucc.org).

RAISE RIGHT TIP #2 FOCUS ON BIG PURCHASES

When the purchase is large, the dollars returned to CUCC can be substantial. American Airlines offers a 6% rebate to the church. So, imagine a \$700 plane ticket. At 6%, that one ticket returns \$42 to CUCC. American Airlines eGift cards come in \$500 and \$100 increments and you can use up to 8 eGift cards in a single transaction on the American website. Once you have purchased your eGift cards and they are in your Raise Right wallet, simply enter the eGift card and PIN numbers on the American website when it comes time to pay. If you have a remaining balance for the ticket (say, you've used \$700 of scrip for a \$735 ticket), you can pay that balance with your credit card. If you have more scrip than you need (say, you bought \$800 of scrip for that \$735 ticket), the remainder will stay in your Raise Right wallet. Be sure to update the balance remaining so that you can keep track and don't forget to use it on your next ticket!

Raise Right testimonial from Ilsa Kantola: "I'm a big fan of the eGift option with Raise Right--I used it to shop for the Queering Faith Brunch! I hopped on the Raise Right website, set up my account, and purchased an eGift for myself from Gordon Food Service the morning of my shopping trip (and while I was on the site, I bought a gift certificate that was emailed to my sister for her birthday. You can schedule delivery for a specific date. Never miss a holiday!) The virtual card appeared in my app within 5 minutes. I did my shopping, the clerk scanned the barcode on my phone screen, and a receipt popped out of the cash register. Now that my account is set up, I could theoretically buy an eGift to a store or restaurant only minutes before I shop. Setting up the account is the biggest hurdle, it's easy sailing from there."

For help with sign up or questions, contact Jen Robbennolt (jennifer.robbennolt@gmail.com).

NEED HELP WITH YOUR TAXES?

AARP TaxAide volunteers are available (by appointment only) at Champaign Main Library to prepare and file Federal and Illinois tax returns for 2022 and earlier years, for free. Please call 217-359-6500, the Stevick Senior Center, for more information and to make an appointment.

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, March 12, 10:15am: Traditional Hybrid Third Sunday of Lent

Saturday, March 18, 3:00-4:30pm: International Hospitality Committee Meeting in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, March 19, 10:15am: Traditional Hybrid Fourth Sunday of Lent

Tuesday, March 21, 6:30pm: CUCC CLB Monthly Meeting

Friday, March 24, 11:30am: CUCC Retiree's Monthly Lunch Gathering Field Trip to Rib Cage Restaurant and BriBec Antique Emporium in St. Joe

Saturday, March 25, 2:00pm: Individuals Together Escape Room Adventure

Sunday, March 26, 10:15am: Traditional Hybrid Fifth Sunday of Lent

Monday, March 27, 9:00am: April eCommuniGram Articles Due

Tuesday, March 28, 6:00-10:00pm: Penny Dreadful Players in Sanctuary

Thursday, March 30, 6:00-10pm: Penny Dreadful Players in Sanctuary

Friday, March 31, 6:00-10:00pm: Penny Dreadful Players in Sanctuary presenting Murder in the Knife Room (congregation invited)

Saturday, April 1, 6:00-10:00pm: Penny Dreadful Players in Sanctuary presenting Murder in the Knife Room (congregation invited)