

OUR COMMUNITY



Sunday, May 28, 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 Earl Stewart upon his death. Earl and his wife Roxie Howard started attending worship here at CUCC last summer.
- We pray for an end to the gun violence across the United States and for healing and hope for those families affected. May all our weapons be turned to plowshares.
- We pray for an end to escalating violence against LGBTQ+ people.
- We pray for an end to racially charged violence.

CUCC BY THE NUMBERS

46 adults, 5 kids 5 Zoom Users 4 Facebook Users for a Total of 60 people/devices participated in worship on Sunday, 05/21

47 meals were provided to our Jubilee Café guests by 30 volunteers on Monday, 05/22

5 people gathered for Pub Theology, 05/22

2 AA groups met in our space this week

SEEKING SINGERS FOR SUMMER MUSIC

We are seeking singers to participate in our Summer worship series based on themes from The Wiz, Wicked, and The Wizard of Oz. Sign-up by scanning the QR Code, writing your name on the paper sign-up sheet located in the Parlor or going to the Sign Up Genius at <https://tinyurl.com/4ftvnm9> Singers can access sheet music in this folder: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1yc1nBMHZ9bmC3xooFljqVXH0lxFkO8-M?usp=share_link



Aaron Ames will accompany singers. Please contact Aaron at LEAST one week before your solo via email or text to set up a time to rehearse: piano.ames@gmail.com, 828-263-3795.

NEW FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY AT CUCC

Are you a young adult, maybe a grad student, maybe just in your 20s-30s and looking for a way to connect at CUCC? The new CUCC Young Adult Fellowship Group is for you. Join us on Tuesday, May 30, 6:30 pm, for a snacky things potluck picnic at Japan House (just east of the rock garden on the little hill by the pretty trees). Bring a blanket or lawn chair, your own drink and some kind of yummy thing to share. See Pastor Leah or Emma Winnicki-Smith for questions.

OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND TO SERVE AT JUBILEE CAFE

Jubilee Café remains open every Monday evening and the hungry folks continue to arrive at CUCC seeking dinner. With the UIUC students away for summer this means there are many opportunities available to serve at Jubilee Café throughout June, July, and August. Individuals aged 14 and up are welcome to sign up by scanning the QR Code or access the Sign-Up Genius at <https://tinyurl.com/mry8wbum>



STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH OFFERING BEGINS TODAY

From your Mission Team: On Pentecost Sunday and for the 2 weeks following (May 28th, June 4th, and June 11th), CUCC will be receiving our annual "Strengthen the Church Offering". This offering is one of the 5 national UCC offerings that we participate in each year, and it allows us and other congregations to do things that we could not easily accomplish as a local church all by ourselves. The Strengthen the Church Offering supports the work of our conference and the national United Church of Christ to become a multi-racial/multi-cultural church, accessible to all. The offering funds leadership development, youth and young adult ministries, and new and renewing congregations. We hope you will be able to join in this offering on one of these Sundays. You can either contribute cash or check (marked as Strengthen the Church on the envelope or memo line) or using the drop down menu on the online CUCC donation site. We hope you will be able to help with this important need!

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CUCC?

05/28, SUNDAY, CUCC Offices Closed
10:15am Pentecost Sunday wear red, orange, yellow with Strengthen the Church Offering

11:30am Prepare altar and sanctuary for Wizard of Oz worship series

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

05/29, MONDAY

2:00pm Jubilee Café Prep

5:00pm—6:30pm Jubilee Café

6:30pm—7:00pm Jubilee Café Clean-up

05/30, TUESDAY

12:00pm ITEMS FOR BULLETIN & WEEKLY EMAIL DUE (FOR 06/04/2023)

6:30pm Young Adult Potluck at Japan House

05/31, WEDNESDAY

06/01, THURSDAY CUCC Offices Closed

7:00AM Men's Breakfast at Urbana Garden Family Restaurant

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

06/02, FRIDAY CUCC Offices Closed

06/03, SATURDAY CUCC Offices Closed

06/04, SUNDAY, CUCC Offices Closed

10:15am CUCC Sunday Hybrid Classic Worship Summer Worship Series Begins, Strengthen the Church Offering continues

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

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7:00pm—9:00pm Adult OWL Class (Parlor)

06/06, 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!

TODAY IS PENTECOST SUNDAY WEAR RED, ORANGE, OR YELLOW

Today is Pentecost, the 50th day after Easter commemorating the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples and followers of Jesus. The color of the day liturgically is red. All those attending worship in person are invited to wear red, orange, or yellow to reflect the flames of the Holy Spirit that descended upon the disciples on that first Pentecost and continue to descend upon us today as followers of Jesus.

EARN REBATES FOR CUCC USING RAISERIGHT GIFT CARDS

Earn rebates for CUCC by using RaiseRight to buy and use eGift cards (for groceries, airline tickets, restaurants, and more). You can use eGift cards for everyday purchases, to purchase gifts, or as gifts themselves. eGift cards are delivered electronically within minutes to your RaiseRight digital wallet, so you can buy them and then immediately spend them. You can also send them as gifts. **Most importantly, CUCC gets a percentage of each purchase.** During the first quarter of 2023, CUCC has already received \$383.30 from RaiseRight and with even greater participation (and all of us getting into the habit), we can earn even more. Download the RaiseRight 'app, go the RaiseRight website at <https://raiseright.com/enroll> or scan the QR Code to sign up (CUCC's enrollment code is: 279D2C266L1L9) and set up online payments and you will be ready to go. Questions? Reach out to Jennifer Robbennolt at jennifer.robbennolt@gmail.com



LITURGIST, USHERS, GREETERS FOR JUNE AND JULY

There are many opportunities to serve in worship at CUCC during June and July. The Sign-up Genius has been streamlined into one form for all worship assistants as has the paper sign-up sheet. We hope this will make it easier to sign up to serve in worship. Sign-up by scanning the QR Code, writing your name and checking the task you wish to fill on the paper sign-up sheet located in the Parlor or going to the Sign Up Genius at <https://tinyurl.com/cuccgul>



JUBILEE CAFÉ SEEKING TRAVEL SIZE TOILETRIES

Jubilee Cafe is asking for donations of unopened travel size toiletries (deodorant, shampoo, soap/body wash, toothpaste, toothbrush, comb), new washcloths and tampons. Donations can be left in the box in the back of sanctuary after church.

UCC CONFERENCE CAMP OPPORTUNITIES

Camp programs are a compliment and extension of the Christian Education mission of the local church, and they embrace diversity and understanding. Thousands of guests of all ages and backgrounds discover and deepen their faith through encounters with God in creation and Christian community while at camp, be it in the mountains or at the lake.

Pilgrim Park in Princeton, IL and Tower Hill Camp in Sawyer, MI are the UCC Camps in IL. A list of summer camp programs are listed on the Conference website [2023 Camps & Retreats | Illinois Conference, United Church of Christ \(ilucc.org\)](https://www.ilucc.org/2023-Camps-&Retreats)

Sarah Lohrbach, the camp director, is seeking adults who are interested in being counselors for a brand-new Faith + Pride Camp that is launching this summer. This new camp is designed specifically for LGBTQIA+ youth and allies who are currently in grades 7-12. Youth of any sexual orientation and gender/gender expression are welcome! Faith + Pride Camp is scheduled for July 23-28 at Pilgrim Park Camp. To register for Faith + Pride Camp see the link above. Adults interested in volunteering as counselors, please contact Pastor Leah or Carla in the office for Sarah Lohrbach's contact information.

BIRTHDAY ANNOUNCEMENT IN WORSHIP

We announce birthdays on the first Sunday of each month during Worship. If you haven't been added to the birthday list yet and would like to have your birthday announced, please email name and birthday month (or names and birthday months if others in your family want to be added) to Carla at: info@community-ucc.org

LOOKING FOR THOSE WHO HAVE CHIMED AS WELL AS NEW CHIMERS FOR FALL 2023

Chime Opportunity: I'm open to adding chime choir opportunities to our music schedule in the fall, and I'd like to gauge interest from people who have chimed before AND those who have not. Previous musical experience is helpful but not required. Please fill out this survey to let me know your interest and availability: <https://forms.gle/1jgbj4U83hmHzDFA8>



OPENINGS AVAILABLE FOR SUMMER MOWING AT CUCC

The church is the people, not the building. However, CUCC's building does a ministry of drawing people to itself by its very location in the heart of the campus. Because of its location and its ministry, it is so important to keep the outside of the building looking its best. This means regular mowing of the grass and picking up the trash around the building and parking lot is needed. And now that the parking garage is under construction, once again, there is even less grass to mow. If you are willing to help maintain the building's appearance please scan the QR Code or go to the Sign-Up Genius <https://tinyurl.com/yy6wh2jj>

The dates listed are Saturdays, but you could do the work any day of the week that works for you.

The church has a working self-propelled mower and Matthew Hart will supply all volunteers with the combination to the shed.



CUCC MULCH PARTY SATURDAY, JUNE 10

Time to Mulch! CUCC is having a mulching party on June 10th from 8:30 AM until 1:00 PM (or any portion of that you wish to participate in). Please scan the QR Code or go to the Sign-Up Genius <https://tinyurl.com/ez78au33> if you able to help. Matthew Hart at (217) 377 8762 matthewlorenhart@gmail.com. Thanks for your help!



SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, May 28, 10:15am: Traditional Hybrid Worship, Pentecost, everyone invited to wear Red, Orange, Yellow and Strength the Church offering

Sunday, May 28, 11:30am: Decorate Sanctuary for Summer Worship Series

Tuesday, May 30, 6:30pm: Young Adult Potluck at Japan House

Thursday, June 1, 7:00am: Men's Breakfast at Urbana Family Restaurant

Sunday, June 4, 10:15am: Traditional Hybrid Worship Summer Worship Series Begins, The Wizard of Oz, The Wiz, Strength the Church offering

Monday, June 5, 7:00-9:00pm: Adult OWL Class