

OUR COMMUNITY



Sunday, September 17, 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 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.

Prayer Requests shared in worship Sunday, September 10

We pray for:

- **Rita** in Urbana who just entered hospice, and for her family as they prepare for her passing and spend as much time as they can with her now
- A prayer of joy for **Ilsa's grandmother, Connie**, who celebrated her 98th birthday on Friday with her daughters, grandson, and community in New York. There was a queue to get her on the phone!
- Patience and comfort for a **friend from our campus ministry days**. Her husband has dementia and has shown a recent decline.
- **Brin** who is undergoing surgery this week.
- **Eric** our bus driver at The Windsor of Savoy whose wife died from cancer Tuesday, September 5th. Please pray for him and **his family** in their time of need.
- Very grateful that **Kaleb** has found some insight for relief and a positive direction in moving towards finding answers that resolve his medical issues.
- **January Simpson** who is being ordained today, September 10. We also lift prayers of healing for January's wife, **Maggie**, who has been ill all week and will not be able to attend the ordination service.
- **Laila**, a 15-year-old in Champaign who learned she has a brain tumor and is waiting for more information. We pray for strength, healing, and support for her family.

CUCC BY THE NUMBERS

48 Adults, **1** Kids, **6** Zoom Users **5** Facebook Users for a Total of **56** people/devices participated in worship on Sunday, **09/10**


45 eat in meals **37** heat-at-home meals or a total of **82** meals were served to our Jubilee Café guests by **20** volunteers on Monday, **09/11**

11 people gathered for Pub Theology, **09/11**

3 AA groups met in our space this week

LOTS OF VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRIDE FEST

CUCC is participating in the CU Pride Fest on September 30 by hosting a booth at the festival as well as marching in the parade. We are looking for CUCCers to **march in the parade** (limited space to ride in the truck) and handout **rainbow hearts**. CUCCers are also invited to **staff the booth** during the festival handing out items as well as talking about CUCC with visitors.

Can you help on Saturday, September 30? To volunteer go to the Sign-up Ge 
[2023 CU Pride Fest CUCC Volunteers](#) or scan the QR Code. Contact Keri Evans (Identity Team Co-Chair) at kevans1984@yahoo.com with any questions.

CUCC RETIREE'S MONTHLY LUNCH OUTING IS SEPTEMBER 19

CUCC Retiree's are gathering for Rosati Pizza at Colbert Park, 203 E. Church Street, Savoy, **Tuesday, September 19th, 11:30am**. The Wades will order the pizza and provide a large bowl of salad, 2 kinds of salad dressings, a jug of cold water, cups, plates, forks, and napkins. **The cost will be \$6.00 per person. We would appreciate it if you would bring cash, as we will go ahead and pay for the order when we place the order on Monday.**

Please let us know by this Sunday, September 17th if you will be joining us and if you have other pizza preferences. Also please let us know if you need a ride, we are always happy to provide rides. We look forward to seeing you next Tuesday, September 19th. Roger 217-369-0475 and Peg 217-369-0474.

PUB THEOLOGY — NEW BOOK, NEW DAY, NEW TIME

Pub Theology, the CUCC book group, has just started a new book. It's not too late to join us. We are reading *The Persuaders: At the Front Lines of the Fight for Hearts, Minds, and Democracy* by Anand Giridharadas. It's an insider account of activists, politicians, educators, and everyday citizens working to change minds, bridge divisions, and fight for democracy. Pub Theology is moving to **Tuesday evenings at 7:00 in the Fellowship Hall**. Come join us. Contact Tom Ward at wardt508@comcast.net to be added to the email list.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CUCC?

09/17, SUNDAY, CUCC Offices Closed
10:15am Traditional Hybrid Worship with Sunday School kickoff and CWS School Bags filled
8:00pm—9:00pm Manhattan AA Group (Parlor)

09/18, MONDAY
2:00pm Jubilee Café Prep
5:00pm—6:30pm Jubilee Café
6:30pm—7:00pm Jubilee Café Clean-up
7:00pm Inclusive Campus Ministry (Fellowship Hall)

09/19, TUESDAY
12:00pm-1:00pm Trumpet Rehearsal (Parlor)
7:00pm-8:30pm Tuesday Night LGBTQ+ AA Group (Parlor)
7:00pm Pub Theology (Fellowship Hall)

09/20, WEDNESDAY
12:00pm ITEMS FOR BULLETIN & WEEKLY EMAIL DUE (FOR 09/24/23)
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

09/21, THURSDAY
8:00pm-9:30pm Denver AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

09/22, FRIDAY CUCC Offices Closed

09/23, SATURDAY CUCC Offices Closed

09/24, SUNDAY, CUCC Offices Closed
10:15am Traditional Hybrid Worship
2:30pm CUCC Annual Dairy Barn Bike/Drive/Kickball and Pizza at Witt Park/Ice Cream at Dairy Barn Event
8:00pm—9:00pm Manhattan AA Group (Parlor)

09/25, MONDAY
9:00am Articles due for October eCom munigran
2:00pm Jubilee Café Prep
5:00pm—6:30pm Jubilee Café
6:30pm—7:00pm Jubilee Café Clean-up
7:00pm Inclusive Campus Ministry (Fellowship Hall)

09/26, TUESDAY
12:00pm-1:00pm Trumpet Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
4:30pm Monthly Pastoral Relations Meeting (Parlor)
7:00pm-8:30pm Tuesday Night LGBTQ+ AA Group (Parlor)
7:00pm Pub Theology (Fellowship Hall)

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!

RAISE RIGHT TIP#5: TAKE ADVANTAGE OF BONUSES

On any given day, Raise Right has a list of businesses that are offering a "bonus" percentage return to the church. So, for example, on one recent day businesses like Sonic, Red Robin, Arby's, and Panera all returned 12% to the church rather than their usual 8%. When there is a "bonus" offered, it is a good time to stock up on egift cards and refill any physical cards because more of your purchase comes back to the church. Make it a habit to check for bonuses periodically in the Raise Right app. To create an account the enrollment code is: 279D2C266L1L9. If you encounter any problems you can contact 1-800-727-4715, option 3 for assistance. For help with sign up or



YOUNG ADULTS FELLOWSHIP GROUP

The Young Adults Fellowship Group is using GroupMe for communicating and event planning. If you would like to join them, here is a link and QR Code for their GroupMe: <https://rb.gy/cnrhs>
Contact Emma Winniki-Smith at email: <mailto:inkliizii1@gmail.com> if you have any questions.



CUCC'S ANNUAL SIDNEY DAIRY BARN BIKE/DRIVE/KICKBALL AT WITT PARK/PIZZA IN THE PAVILION/ICE CREAM EVENT IS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Everyone is invited to join in the FUN of CUCC's Annual Sidney Dairy Barn ride bikes/play kickball/eat pizza/eat Dairy Barn ice cream. Come for the whole time or feel free to join in at any point during the event that works best for you. Here is the schedule:
2:30 p.m. 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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1 IS CROP WALK

The 2023 Crop Walk is **Sunday, October 1**, starting at Grace Lutheran Church at Prospect and Springfield in Champaign. Check-in starts at 1:00pm, and the walk starts at 2:00pm. We hope to see you there. Contact David Willcox with questions at <mailto:daw30410@yahoo.com> We hope you (and your family) will consider walking with us this year or sponsoring the CUCC team or one or more of our walkers by scanning the QR Code or going to the CUCC team's page <http://tiny.cc/m39avz> to either join the team or sponsor a team member. (For those not local to Central Illinois, you're invited to join the team and do your own walk locally.)



NEWCOMERS GROUP

Are you relatively new to Community United Church of Christ? Or maybe you've been attending for a while but would like to learn more about how the church works and what our values and beliefs are based on. Maybe you are even thinking you might like to become an official member! If any of these things are true, then the upcoming CUCC Newcomer Group may be for you. The next Newcomer Group, which is 4 sessions in length, will be starting in *mid-October and running through mid-November*. Watch future eCommunigrams and weekly emails and Announcement Sheets for exact dates and times. Email me, Jeanne Ward, at jeawa@comcast.com or call/text me at [217-840-0668](tel:217-840-0668) if interested in being added to the Newcomers Group email list.

LITURGIST, USHERS, GREETERS FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER

There are many opportunities to serve in worship at CUCC during September and October. 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>



INDIVIDUALS TOGETHER SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES

Individuals Together will gather for the Champaign County Hot Air Balloon Festival at Dodds Park (near Parkland) on September 29. Balloon launch will be at 5 PM. Individuals Together is CUCC's social group for persons who live alone for any reason, either part time or full-time. Contact Linda Morgan at 217-649-3778 if you'd like to be added to our email list.

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, September 17, 10:15am: Traditional Hybrid Worship, Sunday School Kickoff with CWS School Bags Filled
Tuesday, September 19, 11:30am: CUCC Retiree's Monthly Lunch Gathering at Colbert Park in Savoy
Tuesday, September 19, 6:30pm: CUCC CLB Monthly Meeting
Sunday, September 24, 10:15am: Traditional Hybrid Worship
Sunday, September 24, 2:30pm: Annual Sidney Dairy Barn Trip
Monday, September 25, 9:00am: Articles for October eCommunigram Due
Wednesday, September 27, 12:00pm: Pastor Leah presenting Biblical Self-Defense at University YMCA
Friday, September 29, 5:00pm: Individuals Together attending Champaign Hot Air Balloon Festival at Dodds Park
Saturday, September 30, 1:00pm-5:00pm: Champaign-Urbana Pride Festival, Parada at 2pm
Sunday, October 1, 10:15am: Traditional Hybrid Worship, World Communion Day, Pride Sunday
Sunday, October 1, 2:00pm: Crop Walk