



# Community UCC

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### Letters from Leah

Opening the study journal for our next worship series, I found these words and questions. “We all have a money story, whether we recognize it or not. Perhaps we are living from a story of fear or shame or guilt. Or a story that our actions won’t have an impact. Or a story that we don’t have enough. Where might God be speaking a new narrative into the limited ones we have told ourselves? Often, to speak of money is to invite tension into the room. We so quickly want to avoid it. But we can reframe this. Money and possessions are one of the most common topics in scripture, and Jesus talked about money more than faith and prayer. Our money story, therefore, is a spiritual story...The best stories captivate and transform us—they change how we live.” After I read the above, I was hooked. For years, I’ve longed for us to do more than just consider our pledge to the mission and ministry of the church during stewardship season. I’ve hoped for more – for an opportunity for us to look deeply into how we use our resources and what it tells us about who and whose we are. This year, we’ll get to do just that. This year, stewardship season will be more. It will be an opportunity to remember, release, reimagine, and restore our money stories (individually and as a community) so that we can write the one God is begging us to live into.

Your Stewardship Chairs for 2023 are Emma and Sarah Winnicki-Smith. You will know Sarah from their presence in the choir and Emma from all the invitations to join the young adult fellowship group at CUCC. Together, we’ve planned a season that includes familiar and new elements. Each Sunday, beginning on World Communion Sunday, October 1, we’ll hear from CUCC Stewards who will share with the congregation how this year’s theme, “Our Money Story: Remember, Release, Reimagine, Restore,” connects with them. Likewise, Emma and Sarah will share a special message with us. New this year is an opportunity

for us to write our own money story. “Your Money Story” is a two-part workshop that will help individuals to discern and record their own personal money stories. The folks at A Sanctified Art remind us that “we all have a money story, whether we recognize it or not. Perhaps we are living from a story of fear or shame or guilt. Or a story that our actions won’t have an impact. Or a story that we don’t have enough. Where might God be speaking a new narrative into the limited ones we have told ourselves? In a two-part workshop, participants will gain clarity, healing, and release. God’s money story is one of liberation and healing for all.



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Here's what we have to look forward to this fall:

October 8: Remember – Luke 22:1-13 & Exodus 16:1-18

- CUCC's 2023 Stewardship Season and the Our Money Story Worship Series start on this day. We'll be handing out journals in worship with art, poetry, and reflection prompts.

October 15: Campus Ministry Leads Worship & "Your Money Story" Workshop 1

- Join us in worship led by our college students – it's always an inspirational one! Following worship, plan to attend part one of the "Your Money Story" Workshop. Bring a sack lunch.

October 22: Release – Matthew 19:16-22 & Deuteronomy 15:1-11

- Stewardship Chairs Emma and Sarah Winnicki-Smith will be sharing the message today. Stewardship packets will be distributed this morning.

October 29: Reimagine – Mark 12:38-44 & Leviticus 19:9-10; 25:8-12

- Following worship, plan to attend part two of the "Your Money Story" Workshop. Bring a sack lunch.

November 5: Our Money Story – Acts 16:11-15 & 1 Timothy 6:9-10

- On this All Saints Sunday, we explore the stories we have learned about money (for better or worse) from the saints in our lives. As we celebrate those who have gone before us, bring a photo or memento to place on the chancel.

November 12: Restore – John 21:1-19 & Genesis 33:1-17

- On this Ingathering Sunday of the 2023 Stewardship Campaign, you are invited to return your pledge card.

Every Sunday will feature artwork and poetry from A Sanctified Art. Our congregation has enjoyed these offerings so much in the past – I know we will be enriched by what this series has to offer. As we move into this Stewardship season, may we all remember, release, reimagine, and restore our money stories so that we can write the one God is begging us to live into.

Blessings,



Rev. Leah Robberts-Mosser



## A Night with Jay Hulme:

Save the Date: a fundraiser for CUCC



We are thrilled to announce that on December 2, CUCC will host internationally known poet, speaker, and theologian Jay Hulme. Jay is from Leicester, in the United Kingdom. His books for children have been nominated for some of the UK's oldest and most prestigious writing and illustration awards. His books for adults are published by one of the UK's leading Christian publishers and are widely reviewed and praised, with his poem 'Jesus at the Gay Bar' becoming an international sensation. As one of the UK's foremost transgender theologians, Jay regularly speaks and preaches at churches, cathedrals, and theological conferences.

This event is both a fundraiser for our church and a way to introduce our congregation to a wider audience. As you are thinking of folks to invite to attend with you, think of Jay's bio above – Jay will draw a wide audience. This ticketed event will kick off with hearty hors d'oeuvres and a silent auction in the fellowship hall, then move to a performance in the sanctuary which will be beautifully decorated for the Advent and Christmas seasons. In order to make this event a success, the CLB is inviting you to help – there are many ways! To indicate your interest, speak to Moderator Johnalene Radek, Pastor Leah, or any one on CLB, or by scanning the QR Code or going to the Sign-Up Genius at:

<https://shorturl.at/acfs2>



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## Health and Wellness



The Health and Wellness Team is striving to make Community United Church of Christ a dementia friendly worship space. If you are currently caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's or another form of dementia there are a variety of ways in the Health and Wellness Team can support you. If you are interested in other resources please complete the survey at this link (this is CUCC's internal survey and all results will be kept confidential)

[https://qualtricsxmw3dckyh8g.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_eaLmAhUWwRylmtw](https://qualtricsxmw3dckyh8g.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eaLmAhUWwRylmtw) Even if you do not think you need anything right now, that's OK. We appreciate that you have shared your situation with us and we are willing to offer our prayer support for you and your loved one.



If you would rather not complete the online survey, reach out to one of the members of the Health and Wellness Team and let us know that you are a caregiver and how we can help you on your journey.

Resources from the Alzheimer's Association can be found on the credenza at the back of the Sanctuary (behind the Audio-Visual workspace). One handout focuses on ways to communicate, and the other offers information on behavior changes that often come with the disease process.

Additional resources are available online at:

1) Alzheimer's Association - <https://www.alz.org>

2) University of Illinois *Discover Brain Health* Webinar Series - previously recorded and found online

- *Head Strong* - By attending the Head Strong program, you can learn more about what you can do to keep your brain healthy and engaged: [https://mediaspace.illinois.edu/media/t/1\\_43fdqxe9](https://mediaspace.illinois.edu/media/t/1_43fdqxe9)
- *Fit Wits* - Fit Wits focuses on learning about how the brain works and lifestyle factors that may increase the chance of cognitive decline: [https://mediaspace.illinois.edu/media/t/1\\_km58a9ik](https://mediaspace.illinois.edu/media/t/1_km58a9ik)
- *Understanding Alzheimer's* - his program covers the basics of Alzheimer's Disease: progression, diagnosis, risk factors, and a little on the other related dementias: [https://mediaspace.illinois.edu/media/t/1\\_nu2nh453](https://mediaspace.illinois.edu/media/t/1_nu2nh453)
- *Communication Challenges & strategies for helping people with Dementia* - Learn about the importance of good communication strategies and understand the meaning behind the behaviors of individuals who have Alzheimer's or a related dementia: [https://mediaspace.illinois.edu/media/t/1\\_4sor2wog](https://mediaspace.illinois.edu/media/t/1_4sor2wog)

Thank you on behalf of the Health and Wellness Team!

Chelsey Byers

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Susan Kundrat

## 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 will be starting in *mid-October and running through mid-November*. Watch weekly emails and Announcement Sheets for exact dates and times. If you are interested, please send me your contact information so that I can be sure to keep you in the loop. Email me, Jeanne Ward, at [jeawa@comcast.com](mailto:jeawa@comcast.com) or call/text me at [217-840-0668](tel:217-840-0668)



## Interfaith Youth Art Contest



### HOW DOES YOUR FAITH AND/OR SPIRITUAL TRADITION INSPIRE YOU TO PRACTICE GRATITUDE?

The Interfaith Alliance of Champaign County invites submissions from all Middle School and High School youth of Champaign County, addressing the following prompt:

How does your faith and/or spiritual tradition inspire you to practice gratitude?



Winning entries in each of four categories will be asked to share their work publicly at the Interfaith Alliance "Grateful Gathering" program: November 19, 2023 - 3:00pm Spurlack Museum

Submission guidelines on back. Questions? Email [interfaithchampaign@gmail.com](mailto:interfaithchampaign@gmail.com)

### INTERFAITH ALLIANCE GRATITUDE SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Entries can be made in any one of four categories (limit to one entry per person/group):

- **Essays:** Maximum 500 words. Entries will be accepted in all languages; if not in English, please include an English translation.
- **Poetry:** Maximum 500 words. Entries will be accepted in all languages; if not in English, please include an English translation.
- **Music or Dance:** Maximum 10 minutes. Submit original musical compositions or choreographed performances as digital audio or audio/video recordings. Include a one paragraph written description of the work.
- **Visual Art:** Digital submissions are welcome from a variety of media: photography, multimedia, sculptures, print media, or other formats. If the submission is a sculpture, painting, or other physical media, please submit three (3) photographs showing the work from multiple angles. Include a one paragraph written description of the work.

Strong entries will include the following elements:

Reflection on your own faith tradition, spiritual practices, philosophies, and/or religious community

Personal experiences of gratitude

Creativity within the chosen category (essay, poetry, music/dance, or visual art)

Submissions: All entries should be submitted digitally to

[interfaithchampaign@gmail.com](mailto:interfaithchampaign@gmail.com), no later than October 15th

Written submissions should be in Word, Google Doc, or PDF format. Music, video, or

photograph entries may be sent in any standard file format by email attachment, or

send a link using a file sharing or streaming service. If submitted as an attachment, files

must be less than 10 MB.

Submission email must include:

First and Last Name - School and Grade

The following acknowledgment: "I certify that this submission is my own original work."

\*Entrants must be Champaign County residents and Middle or High School students during the fall semester of 2023.

\*\*Entrants retain copyrights to their work, but will be asked to grant permission to the Interfaith Alliance of Champaign County to reproduce and distribute it for the purposes of the 2023 Grateful Gathering promotion and programming.

\*\*\*Entries may not contain any copyrighted material, nor threatening, offensive, or abusive material. Entries that are illegible, incomplete, or contain corrupted files will be considered void.

## Music Director



### Offer your musical gifts!

As you know, there is always room for one more in our welcoming and fun-loving CUCC choir. But did you know we are always looking for musicians of all ages to join our team of worship leaders?? If you play an instrument, including guitar, percussion, band and orchestra instruments, etc., or are interested in singing, but choral music is not a strength, please reach out. We have a place for you in our music program here at CUCC!

**Chime Opportunity:** I'm also open to adding chime choir opportunities to our music schedule in the future, 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>



Please contact me with questions or ideas: [music@community-ucc.org](mailto:music@community-ucc.org).

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## Campus Ministry

Submitted by Amanda Dobson

Campus Ministry has been off to a great start, getting to know some new students and building connections with all the members across the ICM (Inclusive Campus Ministry) community. We brought back our Sunday lunches with the congregation this month, which was so incredible! While October was a great time with many meals and conversations shared among us, October is packed to the brim with activities. Starting off the month (Oct. 6-8), Campus Ministry will be going on their bi-annual

retreat to the Tower Hills camp in Michigan where they will spend some time relaxing and doing a little bit of bible study. They will also be planning for their Campus Ministry takeover of Sunday Service to occur on the following Sunday, October 15th. We hope that everyone can come to service and interact with Campus Ministry as they give their take on worry and how they handle it. The following weekend is UIUC Homecoming, which means that ICM will be hosting their second annual Inclusive Homecoming Dance (Oct. 21), where we will get to dress up a little bit and enjoy each other's company. The following weekend the students will be participating in McKinley's Annual Trunk-or-Treat (Oct. 28), with a theme that is yet to be decided, but will truly be an incredible time. That Sunday (Oct. 29) Campus Ministry will not be attending CUCC Sunday, as they will be traveling to St. Andrew's Church to join them in service. On top of all of these planned events, Campus Ministry is also planning on doing a pumpkin carving event and may also be doing a trip to the Orchard.

## Cookbooks



We still have a few CUCC "Keep Calm and Cook On" Cookbooks that would make great Christmas gifts. The cookbook was created during the pandemic, and it is a collection of wonderful recipes by members and friends of CUCC. Get yours and one for a friend or relative for only \$5.00. Contact the Church Office at (217) 344-5091 or [info@community-ucc.org](mailto:info@community-ucc.org) if you are interested in purchasing a cookbook.

From Wikipedia: Modern cookbooks. In 1796, the first known American cookbook titled, *American Cookery*, written by Amelia Simmons, was published in Hartford, Connecticut. Until then, the cookbooks printed and used in the Thirteen Colonies were British. The first modern cookery writer and compiler of recipes for the home was Eliza Acton.

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cookbook#:~:text=Modern%20cookbooks.%20In%201796%20C%20the%20first%20known%20American,of%20recipes%20for%20the%20home%20was%20Eliza%20Acton.>

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## Raise Right

Nothing new to share this month, however, with the Christmas holidays fast approaching now is the time to create that Raise Right account if you still have not done that. It could come in handy for your holiday shopping.



Raise Right is a program that helps organizations, like Community United Church of Christ **raise additional funds for their organization** by using gift cards to pay for everyday (and not-so-everyday) expenses. There is No selling. No extra time. No extra money.



**Purchasing gift cards to pay for everyday expenses, including airline tickets, groceries, fuel, or even as gifts returns a percentage of the purchase to CUCC.** Gift cards can be purchased as electronic cards or physical cards depending on the retailer. Every purchase returns a percentage to CUCC.

If you have been wanting to get started and have not taken the time to create an account yet, just go to the Raise Right website at <https://www.raiseright.com>

Click on the "signup" button to begin the process of "Joining" an existing program and enter Community United Church of Christ's enrollment code number: **279D2C266L1L9** to complete the process.

If you encounter any problems during your enrollment process, call 1-800-727-4715, option 3 for assistance or contact Jen Robbennolt at [Jennifer.robbennolt@gmail.com](mailto:Jennifer.robbennolt@gmail.com).

The previous Raise Right Tips have been collected into one document. Please review the previous Raise Right Tips by clicking on the PDF below.



RaiseRightTips.pdf

- Tip #1: Use eGift cards
- Tip #2: Focus on Big Purchases
- Tip #3: Use the App
- Tip #4: Use for Last Minute Gifts
- Tip #5: Take Advantage of Bonuses

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## John Bandy Center

Our small group focusing on creativity continues to meet on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at 10 a.m. at the Champaign Public Library. New participants are always welcome. While the group began with an emphasis on photography as a spiritual practice, it has evolved to include not just photographers but writers, painters, and other creatives. You can check out some of our work on the small bulletin boards outside the sanctuary, near the office.



Sometimes our relationship with the Church can be... well, complicated. Some of us grew up in the church and are happy with the faith we experienced there. Others who grew up in the church have found that our childhood faith doesn't really fit who we have become as adults. Still others grew up with no church experience at all. And some have been deeply hurt by the institutional church and struggle to find a place to feel at home and practice our faith. This month, our display in the parlor features the stories of others who have had those kinds of experiences and where they are now in their faith journey:

Nadia Bolz-Weber. *Accidental Saints: Finding God in All the Wrong People.*

Rachel Held Evans. *Searching for Sunday: Loving, Leaving, and Finding the Church.*

Jimmy Carter. *Living Faith.*

Lauren Winner. *Wearing God: Clothing, Laughter, Fire and Other Overlooked Ways of Meeting God.*



Anne LaMott. *Traveling Mercies: Some Thoughts on Faith.*

Kate Braestrup. *Here If You Need Me: A True Story.*

Martha Manning. *Chasing Grace: Reflections of a Catholic Girl, Grown Up.*

Barbara Brown Taylor. *Leaving Church: A Memoir of Faith.*



Sara Miles. *Jesus Freak: Feeding, Healing, Raising the Dead.*

Samuel DeWitt Proctor. *The Substance of Things Hoped For: A Memoir of African- American Faith.*

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## Jubilee Cafe

Jubilee Café has returned to in person dining, and this requires many additional volunteers to make Jubilee Café run smoothly. If you would be willing to volunteer, anyone older than 14 is welcome to come and help at Jubilee Café. There are still many open slots on many of the Monday nights volunteer list. Please look at the list and consider volunteering. If you are willing to volunteer, go to the sign-up link at <https://tinyurl.com/mry8wbum> contact Johnell at [johnell.bentz@gmail.com](mailto:johnell.bentz@gmail.com), for more information.

Date	Meals Served
9/4/2023	56
9/11/2023	82
9/18/2023	91
9/25/2023	85
<b>Meals Served</b>	<b>314</b>



September 25, 2023 -- When I walked out of the kitchen tonight at Jubilee Cafe CUCC, I could tell something was wrong. Ann Hart had a look on her face. "We've had to throw out every white cake -- mold." When you're getting food which grocery stores have already pulled from their shelves, it's bound to happen every so often. Thankfully, we had a backup: ice cream. Although, ice cream is hard to do. It takes two dedicated people to scoop ice cream and it strains our volunteer system to pull folks off of normal jobs. When I sat down to write out the menu for the evening, I looked up to see CUCCer Anita K Stein walk into fellowship hall. She was carrying a large covered tray. As she got closer, it became apparent what was on the tray and I couldn't believe it. Cup cakes.

"Did....," I hedged, "Did somebody....call you?"

She looked at me funny and dismissed my out of left field question. "We had a birthday party this weekend and we had all these cupcakes left. Harvey told me I should bring them here."

Flabbergasted, I explained our dessert plight, "Anita, you're not going to believe this. We don't have enough desserts for the evening. But now here you are. With cupcakes!"

And that's how we came to serve miracle cupcakes at Jubilee this evening. Sometimes there's not enough -- that's true. But it's also true that in God's economy, sometimes exactly what you need appears like manna from heaven. Or, in our case, 30 vanilla and chocolate iced cupcakes.

We served the most delicious green curry this evening with pork or tofu and vegetables over rice. Every dish came with a side of sweet and sour cucumbers. Guests had their choice of lemon cake cheesecake chocolate cake or, as you already know, cupcakes. We served 47 meat meals and 14 vegetarian along with 24 heated homes.

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## Upcoming One-Time Events

Mark your calendars for these CUCC events!

Sunday, October 1 - Tuesday, October 31



**Sunday, October 1, 10:15am:** Traditional Hybrid Worship, Pride Sunday, World Communion Sunday, Neighbor in Need Collection

**Monday, October 2, 1:00pm:** Staff Meeting

**Wednesday, October 4, 5:00pm-6:00pm:** Student Organization Photon Pictures filming in the Sanctuary

**Wednesday, October 4, 7:00pm:** Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, October 5, 7:00am:** Men's Breakfast at Urbana Garden Family Restaurant

**Sunday, October 8, 10:15am:** Traditional Hybrid Worship, Stewardship Season and Our Money Story Series begins, Neighbor in Need Collection

**Wednesday, October 11, 7:00pm:** Choir Rehearsal

**Saturday, October 14, 2:00pm:** Individuals Together visiting Curtis Orchard and Pumpkin Patch

**Sunday, October 15, 10:15am:** Traditional Hybrid Worship, Campus Ministry Leading Worship

**Sunday, October 15, 11:30am:** Your Money Story Workshop 1

**Tuesday, October 17, 11:30am:** CUCC Retiree's Monthly Lunch Gathering Martinelli's Market

**Tuesday, October 17, 6:30pm:** CUCC Church Life Board Meeting

**Wednesday, October 19, 7:00pm:** Choir Rehearsal

**Sunday, October 22, 10:15am:** Traditional Hybrid Worship, Stewardship Season and Our Money Story Series continues, Stewardship packets distributed

**Tuesday, October 24, 4:30pm:** Pastoral Relations Committee Meeting

**Wednesday, October 25, 7:00pm:** Choir Rehearsal

**Sunday, October 29, 10:15am:** Traditional Hybrid Worship, Stewardship Season and Our Money Story Series continues

**Sunday, October 29, 11:30am:** Your Money Story Workshop 2

***Be sure to check CUCC Facebook page for updates.***

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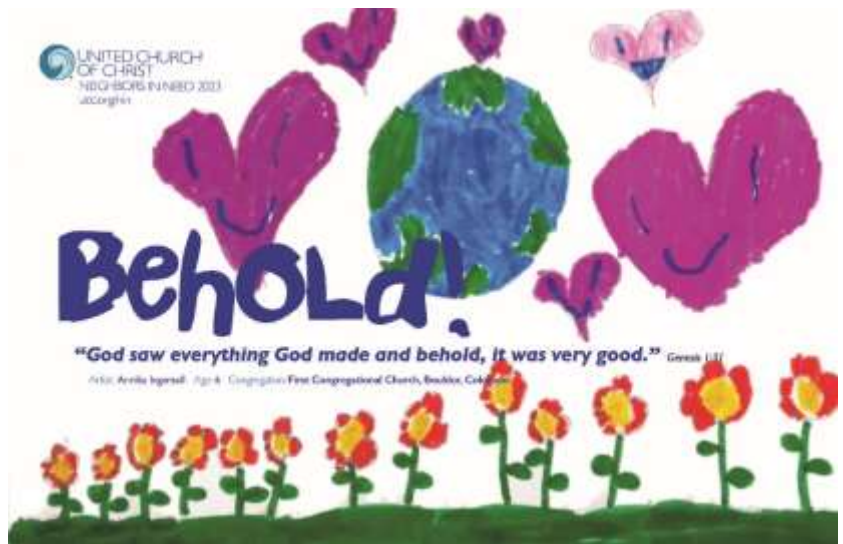


## Mission Ministry

### UCC Offering

On October 1st and October 8th, we will be collecting for the United Church of Christ's annual "Neighbors in Need" collection. In 2023, the Neighbors in Need "BEHOLD!" theme continues. This year's focus is on environmental justice. Plastics, electronics, and other non-compostable wastes are being shipped across, and even tossed into, our waterways, launched into space, as well as buried in landfills. As people of faith, we believe these egregious acts are sinful and unholy. We must be better stewards of our planet!

As you may recall, one-third of the offering supports [Council for American Indian Ministry \(CAIM\)](#). Two-thirds are used by [Justice and Witness Ministries](#) to provide [grants](#) to UCC churches and organizations as well as supporting a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. To donate, please place your offering in the globes on October 1st or October 8th, or go to [Community-UCC.org](#), click on the donate button, and use the drop-down menu to select Neighbors in Need.



### Upcoming Advent Project



We're currently making plans to offer the Alternative Christmas Market again this year. As a reminder, this is how it works: we will be "selling" items needed by several of our local mission partners. Items will be available at a variety of price points from \$5 to \$50, so you can choose something to fit your budget. You will be able to make donations for items in honor of family or friends on your Christmas list, filling out a form to show your choice of item and the person who the gift is honoring. Later, you will receive a personalized ornament to attach to a present, stick in a stocking, or pop in an envelope, telling your friend or family member about the gift given in their honor. Keep an eye out for upcoming specific details. We hope to offer the market November through early December.

-Kristy and Jeanne



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## Men's Breakfast

The Men of CUCC meet the first Thursday of each month for breakfast. Join us at 7:00am on **October 5** for breakfast. We would love to see you at Urbana Family Garden Restaurant. Anyone who identifies as a man is welcome.



~Tom Ward  
Urbana, IL  
[wardt508@comcast.net](mailto:wardt508@comcast.net)

## CUCC Retiree's Monthly Lunch Group

CUCC Retirees met Tuesday, October 19th at Colbert Park in Savoy for a pizza/salad/cannoli picnic. Ten of enjoyed us the beautiful weather, eating together, visiting, sharing stories and playing 2 games.

Our October lunch will be **Tuesday, October 17th, 11:30 a.m.** at Martinelli's Market, Bakery & Deli at 5000C North Walnut in Champaign. Rides can be provided, and a reminder email and menu link will be sent out to the group the week prior to the lunch. If you would like to join the retiree's monthly lunch group, please email Peg Wade at [peg.wade@comcast.net](mailto:peg.wade@comcast.net). All are welcome!



## Individuals Together



Individuals Together met for 2 activities in September. We just couldn't seem to help ourselves, there were so many things going on around town! We actually had 3 things on the calendar, but one was cancelled!

On September 14th, 4 members of the group met at Riggs to enjoy some Oktoberfest on a beautiful fall evening. We tried some German pretzels, a little German food for dinner, and heard the U of I brass quintet playing some lively oom-pa music.

On September 16th, 3 members met at the Rose Bowl to hear "John Coppas and the Limping Cowboy Band". It was another nice evening, and the band was very entertaining. After the band played, we walked across the street to have dinner at the Courier Cafe, where we were joined by a 4th member. We are enjoying getting to know each other a little better each time we meet.

In October, we are planning to visit Curtis Orchard and Pumpkin Patch on Saturday, October 14, at 2 PM.

Individuals Together is CUCC's social group for persons who live alone, either part-time or full-time for any reason. If you'd like to be added to the email list for this group, please contact Linda Morgan at 217-649-3778.

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## Young Adult Fellowship Group



The group is using GroupMe for communicating and event planning. If you would like to join the Young Adult Fellowship Group, here is a link and QR Code for the Young Adult Fellowship GroupMe: <https://rb.gy/cnrhs>

Contact Emma Winniki-Smith at [inkliizii1@gmail.com](mailto:inkliizii1@gmail.com) if you have any questions.



## Hospitality Team



September 24 was a beautiful day for a bike ride/drive to Witt Park where members and friends of CUCC gathered for a rousing game of kickball before chowing down on pizza and then heading over to Sidney Dairy Barn to enjoy ice cream treatments and spend more time visiting together. As usual, this annual outing was a great success with 39 humans and 2 dogs enjoying their time in the great outdoors.



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## Worship Ministry



### Get Involved in Worship

Liturgy is defined as the work of the people, the community gathered for worship. This is one of the reasons Liturgists, Greeters, Ushers, the Choir, and others participate in the leadership of worship. Worship is not just the pastor's role. Many voices add richness to the worship experience for all.

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 sheet. Sign up where all three worship assistant tasks are listed for each worship service through December.

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.



**Liturgist:** The liturgist leads portions of the worship service including reading the scripture lesson. All information is sent ahead of time so there is time to practice before the worship service.

**Usher:** The usher welcomes folks into the sanctuary and hands them a bulletin for the service. They also pass the offering plate at offering time, count and record the physical number of people attending the worship service. Directions are provided in a weekly email.



**Greeters:** Welcome folks to Community United Church of Christ, especially visitors, and help them find their way around the building to the restrooms, the fellowship hour, and the sanctuary. Greeters make all people coming to CUCC feel welcomed. Reminders of service are provided in a weekly email.

To sign-up online, scan the QR Code or go to <https://tinyurl.com/cuccgul>

A paper copy of the sign-up sheet can also be found in the Parlor.



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### Volunteer Opportunities

CUCC Team	Opportunity	Contact	Contact Info	Online Sign-Up
<b>Worship Team</b>	Technical Help	Office Manager	<a href="mailto:info@community-ucc.org">info@community-ucc.org</a>	
	Liturgist, Usher, Greeter	Office Manager	<a href="mailto:info@community-ucc.org">info@community-ucc.org</a>	<a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0B4EAAAC2AA1FD0-worship">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0B4EAAAC2AA1FD0-worship</a>
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Event	Day	Time	Meeting ID	Passcode	Join Zoom Meeting	Dial by Your Location
Worship	Sun	10:15AM	391 847 803	788969	<a href="https://zoom.us/j/391847803?pwd=ZmNvaHJYZm1uUUQrdTNBd2NRZThDZz09">https://zoom.us/j/391847803?pwd=ZmNvaHJYZm1uUUQrdTNBd2NRZThDZz09</a>	+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)
Daytime Meeting	Any	Anytime	815 146 054	697698	<a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/815146054?pwd=UmMwdW01ZFBmV0hpZmxrRWNIUmhwdz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/815146054?pwd=UmMwdW01ZFBmV0hpZmxrRWNIUmhwdz09</a>	+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)
Youth Group (6 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> grade)	Sun	1:30PM	402 056 418	578953	<a href="https://zoom.us/j/402056418?pwd=SkIXaFBUMIBZQ0lvNTFUNVhWeVF0QT09">https://zoom.us/j/402056418?pwd=SkIXaFBUMIBZQ0lvNTFUNVhWeVF0QT09</a>	+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)
Evening Worship & Other Gatherings	Any	6:30PM	847 5319 7334	675757	<a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84753197334?pwd=ZENQVDNjY0RQMWxNVXRjd2w3WDFVZz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84753197334?pwd=ZENQVDNjY0RQMWxNVXRjd2w3WDFVZz09</a>	+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)
Choir	Wed	7:00PM	326 389 912	854849	<a href="https://zoom.us/j/326389912?pwd=ZExZVWZgRkl4dFRvZEgrckVmqkY2Zz09">https://zoom.us/j/326389912?pwd=ZExZVWZgRkl4dFRvZEgrckVmqkY2Zz09</a>	+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)



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