



# Community UCC

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### Letters from Leah

Worship on August 27 began differently than normal. Instead of us settling in and beginning softly, quietly, with gentle words of welcome calling us to worship, the choir paraded in and lined up in across the front of the room. Then, the familiar and moving introduction to the song “I am Welcome” began. We began worship with the affirmation that we are wanted, appreciated, and gladly received. We are love “just as we are” asking the Spirit to mark our hearts with that knowledge. Then, I invited folks in the sanctuary to share what gratitude they bring with them this morning.

Gratitude is a grounding grace. It makes whatever we have enough. And the truth is that there is always enough in God’s economy. Enough peace, enough hope, enough joy. There’s always enough for all of us in the wide welcome of God’s love. This is the practice we will keep through these next weeks in worship as we explore what Following Christ in a Cruel World means.

I’d like to invite you to keep a gratitude journal this month, and no, not just so you have something to say on Sunday morning. Keeping a running tally of that for which we are grateful recalibrates our senses – it helps us to see abundance instead of lack. It also gives us a touchstone. When we’re having a bad day being actively mindful of gratitude can prevent a bad day from turning catastrophic, and the truth is, for some of us, that possibility exists. You don’t have to have a literal journal where you tally everything you are thankful for each day. You can jot down a few things in your planner, or share your gratitude around the dinner table, keep a running list in the notes on your phone, or even text them to a friend each night. No matter how you do it, just do it. Gratitude keeps us tethered to the reality of God’s promises made real in our lives.

The gospels lessons for the month do that as well. Here’s a review of what we covered on the kickoff Sunday and what we’ll be exploring throughout September:

August 27 – Pack a Pew Sunday and Rally the Church Day!

- NEW worship series begins: Following Christ in a Cruel World: Worship theme – Upon *\*this\** Rock? Matthew 16:13-20

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September 3 – Gathering of the Waters – did you collect water on your summer travels? Bring it to worship!

- Worship Theme – Follow Me Matthew 16:21-28

September 10 – Member in Discernment Izzy Collazo is Preaching

- Worship Theme – Where 2 or 3 Are Gathered Matthew 18:15-20

September 17 – Sunday School kicks off

- Worship Theme – Exponential Patience Matthew 18:21-35

September 24

- Worship Theme – Generosity and Compassion Matthew 20:1-16

This worship series wraps up on October 1 with Pride Sunday.

Blessings,



Rev. Leah Robberts-Mosser



## Church Office



Just a reminder that the church office will be closed, Monday, September 4, 2023, for the Labor Day Holiday. Enjoy the last "official" weekend of summer everyone.

Carla Rush  
Office Manager

## Children & Family Ministry

Fall is quickly approaching, and we are planning for the start of Sunday School and childcare at church. Sunday School class happens most Sundays during worship and is intended for kids PreK-5th grade. If you have kiddos under the age of 4, we provide childcare. It will help us plan for hiring childcare workers and finding lead teachers and shepherds for Sunday School if we know how many kids of each age group will be coming on a regular basis this year.

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## Music Director



### Come sing with us!

CUCC choir is a great way to connect with others and participate in worship in a meaningful way. Our choir works hard to be accessible to all, and I would like to encourage anyone considering singing with us to reach out so I can add you to our choir email list. Rehearsals are Wednesday 7PM and Sunday at 9:15AM before each service. Regular attendance is appreciated but not expected; however, singers are asked to attend Wednesday's rehearsal if they would like to sing on that Sunday.

**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).

Kathy Lee

## Hospitality Team

### CUCC's Annual Sidney Dairy Barn Event

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 the whole time or feel free to join in at any point during the event that works best for you.

Here is the schedule for this event for all ages (please feel free to come for all of the event or any part of it you wish):

**2:30pm** 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, 306 Witt Park Road in Sidney.

**4:15 p.m.** Play a game of kickball in the park, play at the playground, or just relax, visit, and cheer on the kickball players. Bring a lawn chair or a comfy picnic blanket if you wish.

**5:00ish p.m.** Enjoy pizza, veggies and drinks in the park pavilion.

\*\*\*\*\**There will be a donation jar available.* \*\*\*\*\*

**5:45 p.m.** Head to Sidney Dairy Barn for ice cream, which you can purchase, and enjoy more visiting



**At least by 6:30 p.m.** Bikers head back to Urbana

Thank you very much

Best wishes,

Rocio Arroyave Jamison, Hospitality Team



## CU Pride Fest Fair & Parade

This year's **CU Pride Fest** will be on **Saturday, September 30, 2023**.

Again, this year, CUCC is participating in the CU Pride Fest by hosting a booth at the festival as well as marching in the parade. Contact Keri Evans (Identity Team Co-Chair) at [kevans1984@yahoo.com](mailto:kevans1984@yahoo.com) with any questions



For the **parade**, we need:

- A volunteer with a pickup truck to drive in the parade.
- Volunteers to march in parade, as they are able, or ride in the truck (limited space) and to handout **rainbow hearts**.

For CUCC's fair **booth**, we need:

- Volunteers to help pick-up supplies from CUCC, deliver items to the festival, and help set-up the booth.
- Volunteers to staff the booth throughout the day, including our popular **prayer door**.
- Volunteers to tear-down booth, load supplies from the festival, and return everything to CUCC.

To volunteer go to the Sign-up Genius here at [2023 CU Pride Fest CUCC Volunteers](#)

## 2023 CROP Walk

CROP Hunger Walks are community-based fundraising events held in cities and towns across the United States, created to support the global mission of Church World Service, a faith-based organization transforming communities around the globe through just and sustainable responses to hunger, poverty, displacement and disaster. After a CROP Hunger Walk ends, 25% of the funds raised will be returned to the host community to support local hunger fighting efforts.

The Crop Project began in 1947 when farmers were asked to donate food and seed crops to our hungry neighbors in post-World War II Europe and Asia. The first CROP Hunger Walks took place in Bismarck, North Dakota (1969), and York, Pennsylvania (1970). Since then, CROP Hunger Walk events have been held in hundreds of communities, large and small, raising millions of dollars to eradicate hunger and poverty.

Crop Walk's catch phrase is "Ending Hunger One Step at a Time." Walkers in each town walk a 6-mile (or 3-mile) route and ask sponsors to contribute to support the cause. Six miles is the distance many in developing nations must walk each day for water. Funds raised are used to fight food insecurity locally, nationally, and around the world.

Community UCC has participated in Crop Walk since it first started in Champaign-Urbana, and we're continuing that tradition. 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. To either join the team or sponsor a team member scan the QR Code or go to the CUCC team's page <http://tiny.cc/m39avz>. (For those not local to Central Illinois, you're invited to join the team and do your own walk locally.)

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>



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## Campus Ministry

Submitted by Amanda Dobson

### Quad Day

UCC Campus Ministry partnered with McKinley Presbyterian to promote their Inclusive Campus Ministry Group on the Quad this year. Working at the booth were Amanda Dobson, Abby Beck, Brandon Young (not pictured) and Harrison Price. While it was hot and sunny all day, they were able to keep their cool and connect with many students. At the colorful booth, our ICM representatives gave out over 600 “You Are Loved” stickers and provided many more smiles to students as they were reminded that no matter what, they are loved. Anna Schafer staffed a mini booth in the CUCC parking lot, giving out more stickers and info to the folks partaking in free hotdogs.



### Kickball



Our kickball season is officially over. It was an incredible season and while Marley’s Barleys did not win many games, we won the hearts of many by being the most fun and having the best sportsmanship (said to us by many other teams as we played during the season). We celebrated the amazing season with a yummy rainbow themed cake and tiny trophies after worship on July 30th with our passionate fans. Thanks to everyone who participated and who came out to cheer us on. Can’t wait for Summer Kickball 2024!

### Campus Ministry

The semester officially started on August 21, which means that the students are back! We have an event-filled semester. Weekly, the students will be meeting at CUCC, St. Andrew’s, and McKinley Presbyterian for dinner and fellowship on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, respectively. On top of our weekly schedule, we will be participating in CU PrideFest, Fall Retreat at Tower Hill (Oct. 6-8th), Inclusive Homecoming Dance (Oct. 21st), and Trunk-or-Treat (Oct. 28th). We will also be participating in bi-annual Campus Ministry Sunday at CUCC (TBD) and similar events at McKinley (TBD) and St. Andrew’s (Oct. 29th). As the semester starts up, Campus Ministry is looking for congregation members to host our monthly Sunday lunches (3rd Sunday) as well as a monthly Jubilee Cafe After Party (3rd Mondays, think firepit, patio, or board game-ready dining table. We’ll provide the marshmallows!), sign-ups are available at the doors of the sanctuary or by contacting Amanda Dobson. Make sure to check our new Campus Ministry office decorations next time you are at church and say “hello” to the students when they arrive.

### PrideFest

Inclusive Campus Ministries (ICM: the cooperative effort of the UCC Campus Ministry, St. Andrew’s, and McKinley Presbyterian) will be having their own booth at PrideFest this year, so make sure to stop by and say “hi” to show your support to the students.

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## Raise Right



What is Raise Right? It 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.

Join an existing program

All you need is your organization's unique enrollment code. If you don't know your code, you can ask your program's coordinator.

Enrollment Code [What's an enrollment code?](#)

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

The previous Raise Right Tips have been collected into one document. To review previous Raise Right Tips, click on the PDF.



[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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## 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 future eCommunigrams and weekly emails and Announcement Sheets for exact dates and times. Read on to find out more about what is included, and then 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)

**Session 1 - CUCC 101, UCC 101** – After a short “meet and greet” this meeting will be an opportunity to find out more about how the UCC is organized, what our core beliefs are, and something of our history. We will also look at the basic structure of our local church, CUCC, and answer questions you may have about the church. If you just want to find out about the church, you may **only** want to attend this meeting. If you would like to pursue getting more involved, or becoming a member of the church, then sessions 2, 3, and 4 are for you.



**Session 2 - Opportunities to Plug-In at CUCC** - Leaders from our Ministry Teams will come to this meeting to talk to you about their roles here at CUCC and opportunities for participation in the life and ministry of CUCC.

**Session 3 - How do Your Gifts and Talents Mesh with CUCC?** - Partners in Faith who are members of the church will be invited to this meeting to meet each of you and begin connecting with you. We will look at the spiritual gifts each of us brings to CUCC and talk about the values we have as individuals and as a community. We'll begin to look at ways to get connected to the church and its work.

**Session 4 - Committing to CUCC** - Partners in Faith who have been paired with you will again attend this meeting. We will share faith stories, discuss what a commitment to the church means and answer your questions about membership. For those who have decided to join the church, plans will be made for a New Member Sunday.

We are anxious to get to know more about you and to share our stories with each other! Looking forward to seeing you soon!  
Jeanne Ward - Welcoming Committee, [jeawa@comcast.com](mailto:jeawa@comcast.com), [217-840-0668](tel:217-840-0668)



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## John Bandy Center

What comes to mind when you hear the word *theology*? Does it sound intriguing? Dull? Maybe a little scary? I confess that when I finally made the decision to go to seminary, there were a lot of things that worried me. After all, I hadn't been a student in a classroom since the mid-1970s, and that was quite a while ago! I was concerned about learning Greek and Hebrew (required for those who wanted to be ordained in the Presbyterian Church USA), but what really scared me was the study of theology.

Would I be able to read the classic theologians and actually understand them? Would I be able to apply what they said to specific situations? Even more scary, could I "think theologically" as I encountered new information and new situations?

Here's what I discovered: All of us "do" theology, whether we know it or not. We make choices about what will hold ultimate sway in our life (we choose our god) and what that means and what we are to do because of it. We may not use that language, but the process of doing those things is part of what it means to be human.

In our display this month, we focus on different kinds of theology—who we are and our circumstances shape how we think about God and what God asks of us. You'll find a couple of classics, some introductions to different kinds of theology, and several books by contemporary theologians who write in simple and direct ways to help us ponder and make sense of our own experiences. We hope you'll enjoy your discoveries!

Displayed on the bookcase in the parlor and on the table in the Center, you can find...

*If God is Love: Rediscovering Grace in an Ungracious World* and *If Grace is True: Why God Will Save Every Person* by Phillip Gulley and Lee Mulholland

*What We Talk About When We Talk About God* by Rob Bell

*The Heart of Christianity: Rediscovering a Life of Faith* by Marcus Borg

*A Generous Orthodoxy* by Brian McLaren

*Introducing Feminist Theology* by Anne M. Clifford

*Queer Theology* by Lynn Marie Tonstad

*The Process Perspective* by John Cobb and Jeanyne B. Slettom, ed.

*The Republic of Grace: Augustinian Thoughts for Dark Times* by Charles Matthews

*The Word Made Flesh: A History of Christian Thought* by Margaret Miles

*An Introduction to Third World Theologies* by John Parratt, ed.

*A New Kind of Christian* by Brian McLaren

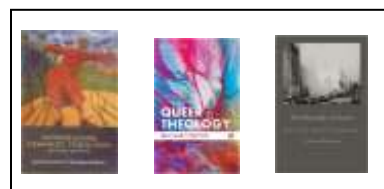
*Open Christianity: Home By Another Road* by John Burklo

*Constructive Theology: A Contemporary Approach to Classical Themes* by Serene Jones and Paul Lakeland, ed.

*Hymn of the Universe* by Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

*Love Wins* by Rob Bell

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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
8/7/2023	67
8/14/2023	79
8/21/2023	98
8/28/2023	82
<b>Meals Served</b>	<b>326</b>



August 21, 2023 -- From Pastor [Leah](#).

"Do you have school supplies, too? I saw some when I came in the door," the dad of six said. It was his first time with us. He came in through the Sixth Street door and saw the collection we have for Church World Service.

One of CUCC's mission chairs was here to help tonight and I checked with her about the situation. She went and gathered up kits to gift to each kiddo. "We normally don't have those things sitting around," she said, "but tonight we did. It was kind of perfect!"

We do like to say that we serve more than hungry bellies here at Jubilee Cafe CUCC and tonight that was especially true.

We served a total of 98 meals tonight: 29 heat at home, 64 meat and 5 vegetarian. Guests had their choice of spaghetti with meat sauce or a vegetarian sauce that featured TVP. We also served a garden salad and a choice of white chocolate chip, oatmeal raisin, chocolate chunk, or M&M cookies for dessert. Some new CUCCers donated some books to our free library shelf here at Jubilee which guests loved (see pictures). We also had plenty of veggies from Sola Gratia Farm.

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## Upcoming One-Time Events

Mark your calendars for these CUCC events!  
Friday, September 1 - Saturday, September 30



**Sunday, September 3, 10:15am:** Traditional Hybrid Worship, Gathering of the Waters

**Monday, September 4, 9:00am-3:00pm:** Church Office Closed for Labor Day Holiday

**Wednesday, September 6, 7:00pm:** Choir Rehearsal

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

**Sunday, September 10, 10:15am:** Traditional Hybrid Worship with Member in Discernment Izzy Collazo is Preaching

**Wednesday, September 13, 7:00pm:** Choir Rehearsal

**Sunday, September 17, 10:15am:** Traditional Hybrid Worship with Sunday School Kickoff and CWS School bags assembled

**Monday, September 18, 1:00pm:** Staff Meeting

**Tuesday, September 19, 11:30am:** CUCC Retiree's Monthly Lunch Gathering Picnic at Colbert Park in Savoy

**Tuesday, September 19, 6:30pm:** CUCC Church Life Board Meeting

**Wednesday, September 20, 7:00pm:** Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, September 21, 7:00pm:** Campus Ministry Board Meeting

**Sunday, September 24, 10:15am:** Traditional Hybrid Worship

**Sunday, September 24, 2:30pm:** Annual Trip to Sidney Dairy Barn

**Tuesday, September 26, 4:30pm:** Pastoral Relations Committee Meeting

**Wednesday, September 27, 12:00pm:** Pastor Leah presenting Biblical Self-Defense at University YMCA

**Wednesday, September 27, 7:00pm:** Choir Rehearsal

**Saturday, September 30, 1:00-5:00pm:** CUCC at CU Pride Festival and Parade

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

### Save the Date

**Sunday, October 1:** World Communion Day and Pride Day

**Sunday, October 1:** Crop Walk 2023

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## Mission Ministry

We've got several great opportunities to help in the community this fall. We hope you will mark your calendars and prayerfully discern where you can help.

### School bags for Church World Service (CWS)

Thank you to everyone who donated school supplies or helped make bags for church world service! We greatly appreciate your help. With your help, we are going to have about 40 bags by the time all of our sewers are finished. On **September 17th**, the bags will be assembled by our kiddos and delivered/shipped to be sent onward to those who need them. **PARENTS WITH KIDS OF ANY AGE:** If your youth can be at church on the 17th, we'd love their help!



### Upcoming UCC offering

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Another opportunity to support the United Church of Christ and the wider mission is in October. Around World Communion Sunday, we will collect for Neighbors in Need, which is one of five special offerings of the United Church of Christ. For 2023, the focus of this offering 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 must be better stewards of our planet. As with previous years, 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. Please keep an eye out for more specifics of this offering coming soon!

### Thanks for the Diapers!

As you know, for about a month during July and August, we collected diapers and wipes for The Bottom Line Diaper Bank. This organization serves many agencies in the community for times when people don't have resources to get diapers for little ones in a timely manner. As a CASA volunteer, Jeanne has used the diaper bank to get diapers for a foster family who was waiting for a shipment from Amazon provided by DCFS. The diaper bank helped them get over a gap in having the diapers their foster baby needed. All told, we collected **382 diapers and 1,152 wipes** for babies and toddlers in our community. Way to be the church!



**Be watching over the next few months for information about this year's Alternative Christmas Market!**

-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 **September 7** 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  
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## CUCC Retiree's Monthly Lunch Group



CUCC Retiree's Lunch Group will meet on **Tuesday, September 19th**, 11:30 a.m. for a picnic at Colbert Park, 203 E. Church Street, Savoy. We will order pizza from Rosati's Pizza and have it delivered. We will furnish cold water, cups and plates. Feel free to bring your own drink if you wish. More details in an upcoming email. If you aren't already on the retiree's email list and wish to be added, please contact Peg or Roger Wade, 217-369-0474 (Peg), 217-369-0475 (Roger),  
[peg.wade@comcast.net](mailto:peg.wade@comcast.net) [roger.wade@comcast.net](mailto:roger.wade@comcast.net)



## Individuals Together



Individuals Together attended Friday Night Live festivities in downtown Champaign on August 11. Five of us met at Big Grove and enjoyed food, conversation and background guitar music. It was a nice relaxing evening.

Our September activity is still being planned but will likely include music at the Rose Bowl on September 16, and taking in the Champaign County Balloon Festival on September 29. Details to be announced later.

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.

## 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.

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## Worship Ministry



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 October.

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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## Community Building Team Ministry

Care Team, Health and Wellness Team, Faith Community Nurses and Hospitality Team are the 4 teams that make up the Community Building Ministry Team. These 4 amazing teams quietly go about their work to ensure our members and friends know they are loved and cared for. Let me tell you a little about them:



Care Team, under the leadership of Marilou Hinrichs, includes these ministries:

- Drivers' Ministry (Marilou is leading this ministry until we have another volunteer for this ministry). Drivers may transport people to appointments, Sunday morning worship or sometimes deliver Jubilee Café meals on Monday evenings. We can always use more drivers.
- Meal Train Ministry (Jennifer Robbennolt leads this ministry). The Meal Train is set up when one of our members or friends temporarily is in need of meals. If you enjoy cooking and are willing to take a meal to someone in need, please contact Jennifer.
- Prayer Shawl Ministry (Elena Kasper leads this ministry). Check in with Elena if you enjoy sewing or crocheting and would like to add to our prayer shawls – given out to someone with a serious illness, someone graduating, someone leaving the church, etc.
- Visitor and Healing Music Ministry (Marilou also leads this ministry). This ministry focuses on our members who are unable to come to church. Contact Marilou if you enjoy visiting, conversation and just simply putting a smile on someone's face because you care.
- Card Ministry (Peg Wade leads this ministry). This ministry basically reminds members in writing that we remember them by sending cards – illness, sympathy, thinking of you, holiday & birthday cards to shut-ins and also to staff.

As the leader of the Care Team, Marilou consistently goes above and beyond to not only ensure that responsibilities are covered when she is short a ministry leader, or two, but she also provides exceptional care for our older members. She truly cares about our members. Just recently she bought one of our members who is confined to a wheelchair a gel pillow to sit on to make them more comfortable. The member loved it! Marilou also provided another older member who had a recent fall several pieces of equipment to assist them in being more mobile along with a recliner from her basement so that this person could keep their swollen feet up. Those are just 2 of many examples of Marilou's generous spirit and her willingness to share her talents.

Linda Morgan, Marilou Hinrichs and Pastor Connie visit 2 senior members each month, serving them communion and enjoying fellowship time with them. It is a welcomed and much appreciated visit by both recipients.

Linda Morgan, Commissioned Minister of Congregational Health and Johnalene Radek, Faith Community Nurse also work hard to further educate and assist our members and friends & families. They continue to provide community referrals to any age member/friend who requests this service. They both serve on the Health and Wellness Team also. Linda helps with our Visitor Ministry and helps to coordinate Individuals Together. Johnalene assists Pastor Leah with Owl Trainings and has done a great job of keeping us informed and safe during the Covid pandemic.

Chelsey Byers Gerstenecker leads the Health and Wellness Team. Her team includes Susan Kundrat, Lance Larkin, Linda Morgan, Johnalene Radek and Brin Schuler. They have been meeting and discussing the Dementia Friendly Parish Initiatives to see how they may incorporate some of those ideas here at CUCC. Watch for more information that they will be sharing in an upcoming newsletter. Also.... kudos to the Health and Wellness Team for providing wonderful healthy treats for our August 27<sup>th</sup> Pack the Pew Sunday. It was quite a spread of deliciousness! Good job Team!

As Hospitality Co-Chairs, Rocio Arroyave-Jamison and Dennis Jamison display their dedication and love for CUCC every Sunday morning as they diligently host Sunday morning coffee before and after church. Thanks also to their helpers Scott and Jennifer each Sunday. The willingness of Rocio and Dennis to step into this role and be such gracious hosts shows how much they truly care about others. They both did a great job of organizing the Worship in the Park cookout/potluck and the Quad Day hot dog giveaway – 488 hot dogs and 500 cups of water on a very hot August day! Thank you so much Ro and Dennis!

As you can see, all of these fantastic leaders make my job easy. I am very grateful for the time, talents, and care they bring to this team and to CUCC. Thank you to all of you!

-Peg Wade  
Community Building Ministry Team Chair

## 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>
<b>Prayer Team</b>	Team Member	Office Manager	<a href="mailto:Info@community-ucc.org">Info@community-ucc.org</a>	
<b>Children's Ministry</b>	Event Planner/Leader	Brin Schuler	<a href="mailto:ringwen4@gmail.com">mailto: ringwen4@gmail.com</a>	
<b>Jubilee Café</b>	Meal Prep, Cook, Clean-up	Johnell Bentz	<a href="mailto:johnell.bentz@gmail.com">johnell.bentz@gmail.com</a>	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/JubileeCafe-Volunteer">https://tinyurl.com/JubileeCafe-Volunteer</a>



## Zoom Meetings

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=SkXaFBUMIBZQ0lvNTFUNVhWeVF0QT09">https://zoom.us/j/402056418?pwd=SkXaFBUMIBZQ0lvNTFUNVhWeVF0QT09</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=ZExZVWZqRkl4dFRvZEgrckVmQkY2Zz09">https://zoom.us/j/326389912?pwd=ZExZVWZqRkl4dFRvZEgrckVmQkY2Zz09</a>	+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)



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