

OUR COMMUNITY



Sunday, November 19, 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, November 5

We pray for:

- **Terry**, a friend of Connie's, who will be having very risky but necessary surgery on Tuesday
- For safe travels and happy adventures for **Matt**, Connie's son, as he spends the next few days in India and Japan
- **Kent** and **Martha** who are both experiencing medical challenges...and a prayer of thanks for **Nancy's** successful gall bladder surgery.
- **Caleb** as he continues to struggle with health challenges

CUCC BY THE NUMBERS

56 Adults, 2 Kids, 5 Zoom Users 1 Facebook Users for a Total of 64 people/devices participated in worship on Sunday, 11/12

7 people gathered for Just 4 Fun BREFFAS Breakfast at Perkins, 11/13

76 eat in meals 36 heat-at-home meals or a total of 112 meals were served to our Jubilee Café guests by 20 volunteers on Monday, 11/13

5 people gathered for Pub Theology, 11/14

3 AA groups met in our space this week

A NIGHT WITH JAY HULME: AUCTION ITEMS DUE TODAY

All auction items are due to CUCC by **Sunday, November 19, 2023**. Everyone donating an item for the auction must complete a **donor form**, found in both the office and conference room. All auction items are to be delivered to the **Conference Room** in the basement.

NEW VANCO GIVING PAGE

If you've been using CUCC's online giving option, or even if you haven't, check out the new online page. It's hosted by same vendor as the old giving page, so your old login still works, your bank account and/or credit card are the same, and your past and future scheduled contributions are all intact. All that's changed is the online experience. The new site is easier to navigate than the old, and is *much* easier on a mobile device. To go directly to the new giving page, scan QR code, or go to this link: <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZA49/home>



TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO ORDER POINSETTIAS

Today is the last day to order Poinsettias as orders will be placed Monday, November 20. We are purchasing Poinsettias from County Market this year so checks should be made payable to CUCC with POINSETTIAS noted on the memo line. Payment must be included with your order or poinsettias requested will not be ordered.

CUCC RETIREES NOVEMBER LUNCH GATHERING IS NOVEMBER 21

The CUCC Retirees November Lunch Gathering is Tuesday, November 21. The group will gather at Encanto Restaurant and Bar, 115 W. Main Street, Urbana (in the former Crane Alley location) at 11:30 a.m.

CUCC OFFICE CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

The CUCC Office is closed Wednesday, November 22 and Thursday, November 23 for the Thanksgiving Holiday. Announcements for Sunday, November 26 are due to the office by 12:00 noon Monday, November 20 and bulletins will be printed Tuesday, November 21.

BRUNCH & HANGING OF THE GREENS NOVEMBER 26

Join us for brunch following worship on November 26. Bring a dish, pastry, or drink to share! Be creative and use those leftovers from Thanksgiving Dinner to make a dish. Then stay and help with "Hanging the Greens," trimming the Christmas tree in the Sanctuary and the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited. If you have any questions, please contact Rocio at phone/text at 217-418-6185 or email her at DR.Jamison13@gmail.com. Remember, many hands make light work and good fellowship.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CUCC?

11/19, SUNDAY, CUCC Offices Closed

10:15am Traditional Hybrid

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

11/20, MONDAY

9:00am Articles due for December eCommuniongram

12:00PM ITEMS FOR BULLETIN & WEEKLY EMAIL DUE (FOR 11/26/23)

2:00pm Jubilee Café Prep

5:00pm—6:30pm Jubilee Café

5:30pm—6:30pm Trans Day of Remembrance at 309 W. Green St., Urbana, IL

6:30pm—7:00pm Jubilee Café Clean-up

7:00pm Inclusive Campus Ministry (Fellowship Hall)

11/21, TUESDAY

11:30am CUCC Retiree's Monthly Lunch at Encanto Restaurant, Urbana

12:00pm—1:00pm Trumpet Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

6:30pm CUCC CLB Monthly Meeting

7:00pm—8:30pm Tuesday Night LGBTQ+ AA Group (Parlor)

7:00pm—8:00pm Pub Theology (Fellowship Hall)

11/22, WEDNESDAY CUCC Offices Closed

11/23, THURSDAY CUCC Offices Closed

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

11/24, FRIDAY CUCC Offices Closed

11/25, SATURDAY CUCC Offices Closed

2:00pm Individuals Together Friendsgiving (Parlor)

5:00—9:00pm International Student and Scholar Services Thanksgiving Dinner (Fellowship Hall)

11/26, SUNDAY, CUCC Offices Closed

10:15am Traditional Hybrid Worship

11:30am Brunch and Hanging of the Greens

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

11/27, 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)

11/28, TUESDAY

12:00pm—1:00pm Trumpet Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

4:30pm Pastoral Support Committee (Parlor)

7:00pm—8:30pm Tuesday Night LGBTQ+ AA Group (Parlor)

7:00pm Pub Theology (Fellowship Hall)

RAISE RIGHT GIFT CARDS MAKE WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

Gift cards make great Christmas gifts. Finding yourself in need of last-minute gifts for a schoolteacher, a coach or music teacher, hair stylist, the mail delivery person. Use Raise Right to send a gift card straight to their inbox. When you purchase the card, check the box that says, "Send as gift by email" and provide the recipient's email address. If you'd like, you can set the specific date that you want the gift email to be delivered.



Raise Right makes it easy to be both Jolly and Bright all while sitting in your favorite chair at home. To create an account, go to the <https://www.raiseright.com> and click on the "signup" button to begin the process of "Joining" an existing program and then 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 Jen-nifer.robennolt@gmail.com.

LITURGIST, USHERS, GREETERS FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

There are many opportunities to serve in worship at CUCC during November and December. 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>



A NIGHT WITH JAY HULME: A FUNDRAISER FOR CUCC

The Church Life Board has planned A Night with Jay Hulme, award winning transgender performance poet, speaker, and educator for Sat, Dec 2, 2023. The evening begins at 6:00pm with appetizers, mingling, and a Silent Auction with Jay Hulme taking the stage at 7:30pm. To make this event a success, many volunteers are needed. **Identified areas of need are:** Tickets, Publicity, Auction (possible 50/50 raffle), Set-up/Tear Down, Event Planning, Where Needed. Contact members of your Church Life Board with questions.



Signup to indicate your interest to help by scanning the QR Code or going to the

Sign-Up Genius at: <https://shorturl.at/acfs2> Please note that kitchen helpers will also be needed for this event. Please send an email to info@community-ucc.org if you are interested in helping in the kitchen.

ADVENT MINI-RETREAT SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

Join Pastor Leah and Pastor Connie at a mini retreat, "Carols and Contemplation," sponsored by The John Bandy Center for Spirituality and Faith on **Saturday, December 9 from 8:30am –11:30am** in the church parlor. There is no charge for this event but we do need a general head count by **December 3rd** so we can be sure to have plenty of materials; please email the office (info@community-ucc.org) or Pastor Connie (connie@community-ucc.org) before then if you plan to come.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Are your emotions getting the best of you? Does depression, anxiety, fear, loneliness, anger, compulsions, obsessions, or other big emotions cause problems in your life? **Emotions Anonymous** may be able to help you! In-person meetings occur every Tuesday @ 6:40 pm at Faith United Methodist Church, 1719 S. Prospect Ave, Champaign. contact eamtg2@gmail.com or go to <http://eamtg.com/> for more information.

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!

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS

For Advent this year we will be following the themes from **The Advent Devotional** from Alabaster and Company. If you would like to have your own copy of *The Advent Devotional* please place your order today by signing up on the sign-up sheet in the Sanctuary or calling the church office at 217-344-5091 on Monday, November 20. *The Advent Devotional* is \$15 and payment is due with your order. If we receive at least 6 orders for *The Advent Devotional* shipping is free. Orders will be placed on Tuesday, November 21.

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, November 19, 10:15am: Traditional Hybrid Worship

Monday, November 20, 9:00am: Articles for December eCommunion due

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Sunday, November 26, 11:30am: Brunch and Hanging of the Greens

Saturday, December 2, 6:00pm: Jay Hulme Event

Sunday, December 3, 10:15am: Traditional Hybrid Worship, Advent 1

Saturday, December 9, 8:30am-11:30am: Advent Mini-Retreat, Parlor

Sunday, December 10, 10:15am: Traditional Hybrid Worship, Advent 2

Sunday, December 10, 7:00pm: The Longest Night Worship Service

Sunday, December 17, 10:15am: Traditional Hybrid Worship, Advent 3

Sunday, December 24, 10:15am: Video Premiere on Facebook Only — no In Person Worship, Advent 4,

Sunday, December 24, 6:30pm: Christmas Eve Worship

Sunday, December 31, 10:15am: Traditional Hybrid Worship