

OUR COMMUNITY



Sunday, November 26, 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 19

We pray for:

- The **family and friends of Tom Hammersmith**, especially his children. Tom, is a friend of Johnell's who passed away on Friday.
- **Wally Lehman** who lives at Bridle Brook, a friend of Jan and Becky's who has entered hospice care.
- **Healing for Rocio and Dennis** as Rocio recovers from COVID.
- **Kathy's sister-in-law** who is waiting for more information about a new medical challenge.
- For **all who are traveling** over the holidays
- Pastor Leah we hold in the light of God's love **Deborah Owens family, husband and daughter, Abbi**, but also the people of St. Peter's and all the churches in this town that she served

CUCC BY THE NUMBERS

44 Adults, **4** Kids, **6** Zoom Users **1** Facebook Users for a Total of **55** people/devices participated in worship on Sunday, **11/19**

69 eat in meals **15** heat-at-home meals or a total of **84** meals were served to our Jubilee Café guests by **20** volunteers on Monday, **11/20**

3 AA groups met in our space this week

BRUNCH & HANGING OF THE GREENS IS TODAY

Join us for brunch following worship today. 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.

ADVENT MINI-RETREAT SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

The "Carols and Contemplation" mini Advent retreat has unfortunately been canceled due to Deborah Owens' Memorial Service which is scheduled for Saturday, December 9 at 2:00pm at St. Peter's UCC, Champaign.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Looking for something to do? Did you know that Champaign and Urbana have very active Park Districts and specific programming for those 50+! Staying engaged physically, mentally, and socially are key factors to healthy aging.

Urbana Park District | [217.367.1544](tel:217.367.1544) | <https://www.urbanaparks.org/>

Champaign Park District | 217-398-2550 | <https://champaignparks.com/>

TODAY IS STEWARDSHIP CELEBRATION SUNDAY

Today is Stewardship Celebration Sunday where the total dollars pledged for the 2024 budget year will be announced. There is still time for your pledge to be included in that total if you would like it to be. To have your pledge included in the pledge total for the 2024 budget, pledge online by clicking the "Pledge" button on the church's home page (community-ucc.org), or fill out the pledge card enclosed in your Stewardship Packet and bring it to church with you Sunday, November 26 and hand it to the Financial Secretary, David Willcox before worship begins. Pledges will gladly be received after this Sunday, November 26 as well.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CUCC?

11/26, SUNDAY, CUCC Offices Closed

10:15am Traditional Hybrid — Christ the King Sunday and Stewardship Celebration Sunday

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

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

1:00pm Advent 4 Recording (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)

11/29, WEDNESDAY

12:00pm Items for Bulletin & weekly email due (for 12/03/23)

11/30, THURSDAY

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

12/01, FRIDAY CUCC Offices Closed

12/02, SATURDAY CUCC Offices Closed

6:00pm-9:00pm A Night with Jay Hulme

12/03, SUNDAY, CUCC Offices Closed

10:15am Traditional Hybrid Worship Advent 1

3:00pm-8:00pm Private Anniversary Party Event (Fellowship Hall)

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

12/04, 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)

12/05, TUESDAY

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

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 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 Robbenolt at Jen-nifer.robbenolt@gmail.com.

LITURGIST, USHERS, GREETERS FOR DECEMBER AND JANUARY

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.

MISSION MINISTRY ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS MARKET

Would you like to take some of the commercialism out of Christmas and at the same time provide help to our friends from several of our local C-U mission partners? This is your opportunity!

For three Sundays (November 26th, December 3rd, and December 10th) we will have an Alternative Christmas Market! We will be "selling" items needed by several of our local mission partners: [The Well Experience](#), [Caminos](#), [The Trauma and Resilience Initiative](#), and the [UP Center](#). Items will be available at a variety of price points from \$5 to \$50, so that 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. On December 17 or December 24, 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. Better yet, we will be able to provide these needed items to the organizations we have been partnering with! We hope you will find this a fun and helpful way to share abundance with those who need it in our community, as well as sharing that feeling of generosity with those you love! Please have the forms and funds turned in by December 10.

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, November 26, 10:15am: Traditional Hybrid Worship

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

Sunday, November 26, 5:00-9:00pm: International Student and Scholar Services Thanksgiving Dinner in the Fellowship Hall

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 — unfortunately canceled due to Deborah Owens Memorial Service

Saturday, December 9, 2:00pm: Deborah Owens Memorial Service at St. Peter's United Church of Christ Champaign

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

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

Wednesday, December 13, 8:30am: Just for 4 Fun BFEFFAs Breakfast Group Gathering

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