

OUR COMMUNITY



Sunday, February 11, 2024

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, January 28

We pray for:

- **Linda Morgan, her brother Dennis Riggs, and our family** as both are being evaluated for unexpected new health concerns.
- **Faith, Regina, and Carolyn** Monica Rohr's aunts. Faith is going to Mayo Clinic and may need surgery and Regina is going with her. Carolyn might have an infection in her knee.
- **Diamond**, Dennis and Rocio's daughter who is being induced Tuesday due to complications and a high risk pregnancy. Lots of prayers for our soon-to-be granddaughter **Elwyn** that she may have a safe journey into the world.
- Traveling mercies for **David Craig**, Izzy Collazo's friend as he begins a grand adventure hiking through Scotland on his own.
- Prayers of joy and thanksgiving for the 16th birthday of Larry and Kathy Lee's son **JJ**.
- **Loretta**, Johnell's childhood friend whose cancer has returned. And graduate school friend **Hazel** who is no longer responding to the clinical trial and her cancer is progressing.
- **Amelia**, a dear friend of Isaac who passed away 6 years ago. Amelia had a brilliant mathematical mind, and this week was posthumously awarded a major mathematical award. I am grateful that her spirit continues to echo and be recognized.
- Prayers of joy for the first of Jeff Eddy's **first grandson, Colt**, who was born Saturday night.
- Rocio as she begin a new job starting next Sunday working Thursday – Sunday.

CUCC BY THE NUMBERS

64 Adults, **3** Kids, **7** Zoom Users **7** Facebook Users for a Total of **62** people/devices participated in worship on Sunday, **02/04**

43 people participated in Narcan Training, **02/04**

62 eat in meals, **15** heat-at-home meals, for a total **77** meals were served to our Jubilee Café guests by **20** volunteers on Monday, **02/05**

9 people gathered for Pub Theology, **02/06**

3 AA groups met in our space this week

INTERFAITH CONFERENCE "LIVING SHAMELESSLY"

The Interfaith Conference is scheduled for **Friday, February 23 and Saturday, February 24**. Naida Bolz-Weber is the keynote speaker this year and the Conference theme is "Living Shamelessly". Pastor Leah Robberts-Mosser is Naida Bolz-Weber's conversation partner at the Friday Forum at 12pm February 23. Find the conference schedule: <https://diversity.illinois.edu/diversity-campus-culture/illinois-interfaith-conference/2024-2/schedule/> To register for the Interfaith Conference <https://forms.illinois.edu/sec/279285963>

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14 IS ASH WEDNESDAY

Please plan to join us for **Ash Wednesday service**, Wednesday, February 14 at **7:00pm** where there will be distribution of ashes or stop by and see Pastor Leah for your **ashes and communion to go**. She will be on the corner of 6th Street and Daniel from **11:45am-1:05pm**.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11 RESET THE SANCTUARY FOR LENT

The Sanctuary will be reset for the Lenten Season following worship today. If you could stay and help the Worship Ministry Team would greatly appreciate it.

CUCC OFFICE CLOSED MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Please note that the CUCC Office will be closed, Monday, February 12 as Carla takes a day off. Please plan accordingly if you require assistance from the office.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CUCC?

02/11, SUNDAY, CUCC Offices Closed
10:15am Traditional Hybrid Worship — Epiphany — Campus Ministry leading
11:30am Resetting Sanctuary for Lent
8:00pm—9:00pm Manhattan AA Group (Parlor)

02/12, MONDAY CUCC Offices Closed
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)

02/13 TUESDAY
7:00pm-8:30pm Tuesday Night LGBTQ+ AA Group (Parlor)
7:00pm-8:00pm Pub Theology (Fellowship Hall)

02/14, WEDNESDAY
11:45am-1:05pm Ashes to Go at 6th and Daniel
12:00pm Items for Bulletin & weekly email due (for 02/18/24)
7:00pm Ash Wednesday Worship (Sanctuary)

02/15, THURSDAY
8:00pm-9:30pm Denver AA Meeting (Parlor)

02/16, FRIDAY CUCC Offices Closed

02/17, SATURDAY CUCC Offices Closed
8:00pm –12:00am Private Party (Fellowship Hall)

02/18, SUNDAY, CUCC Offices Closed
10:15am Traditional Hybrid Worship, Lent 1
8:00pm—9:00pm Manhattan AA Group (Parlor)

02/19, 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)

02/20 TUESDAY
11:30am CUCC Retiree's Monthly Lunch Gathering at Just Yolkin'
6:30pm CUCC CLB Monthly Meeting
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 RELOAD PHYSICAL GIFT CARDS

Using the RaiseRight app is super easy. (Please let us know if you'd like some help learning to do this!) But sometimes using and reloading a physical gift card can be useful. Some church members keep a physical gift card loaded with funds so that they can send their teenaged or young adult children to the grocery store, to get gas, or pick up a pizza. Or you can keep a loaded card in your wallet instead of using the app. First, check to see whether the card you are interested in has the option for shipping a physical card to your home *and* for the ability to "reload." Purchase a physical gift card and have it sent *to your home* (please remember that given the high costs of doing so, CUCC does *not* have cards shipped to the church). Once you have the card in hand, you can add money to it at any time by clicking the "Reload" button and following the instructions.



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 Jennifer.robennolt@gmail.com.

LITURGIST, USHERS, GREETERS FOR FEBRUARY AND MARCH

There are many opportunities to serve in worship at CUCC during February and March. Sign-up by scanning the QR Code, or by 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>



OUR WHOLE LIVES FOR OLDER ADULTS

The OWL Class for older adults started on January 21, 2024. Classes will take place in the parlor from 1pm-3:30pm on Sundays going through June. The class schedule is:

March 3	Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity; Intimacy
March 17	Sexual Consent & Boundaries; Family Matters
April 14	Sexuality & Loss; Reframing Sexuality, Disability, & Chronic Illness
May 5	Body Image; Dating as an Older Adult
June 2	Safer Sex; Sex Play Beyond Basics

WINTER COATS FOR TEENAGERS NEEDED

Many of you know that we are constantly looking for coat donations for our Jubilee guests. Another need for coats has come to light, courtesy of Isaac Klimasmith and his wife, Mariel. Mariel is a bilingual social studies teacher at UHS and Isaac is a bilingual math tutor after school. Many of their students are migrants and are often not prepared for the cold weather settling in. Luckily, the coats they need are different size-wise than the coats most needed by our Jubilee guests. Isaac shares that "Mariel's students are middle and high school students, so they need larger children's sizes and small adult sizes. For gender, it's a pretty even mix, but more girls tend to arrive in the winter (after their brothers arrive the previous summer), so small-sized women's coats are especially useful this time of year". Isaac also shared that many of the students love coats that are "heavily gendered!" so things in traditional female or male colors are especially prized by the students - don't shy away from those pinks and purples! They would welcome coats that are gently used, or other coats you may find in the stores. You can drop them in the donation box in the front entrance - we will sort them out once they arrive! Thanks very much.

HELP BEAUTIFY THE WORSHIP SPACE FOR EASTER WORSHIP WITH SPRING FLOWERS

Order forms to purchase Lilies, Hyacinths, Tulips, and Daffodils will be in the worship bulletins the whole month of February. **February 25 is the deadline to place your order for Spring Flowers.** Please complete an order form and submit your payment. When paying by check make the check payable to CUCC with Spring Flowers noted on the memo line.

SEEKING AUTHENTIC SPIRITUALITY USING MYERS-BRIGGS

The John Bandy Center for Spirituality and Faith is offering this workshop on **Saturday, March 2, 2024** from 10:00am to 3:00pm. Please note that all 15 spaces have been filled, however, there is a waiting list. Please let Pastor Connie Bandy know if you are interested in being added to the waitlist.

NARCAN TRAINING

Thanks to everyone who attended Narcan training on Sunday. 38 of you did! Thank you, church! Here is a link to the video our trainer referred us to about Opioids <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PmA1TcPK5PU>

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, February 11, 10:15am: Traditional Hybrid Worship, Transfiguration of our Lord Sunday, worship led by Campus Ministry
Sunday, February 11, 11:30am: Sanctuary Reset for Lent, stay and help if you can — many hands make light and quick work.
Wednesday, February 14, 11:45am—1:05pm: Ashes to Go, 6th St and Daniel
Wednesday, February 14, 7:00pm: Ash Wednesday Worship
Friday, February 16, 6:30pm-8:30pm: Church Game Night sponsored by the CUCC Retiree's Lunch Group
Sunday, February 18, 10:15am: Traditional Hybrid Worship, First Sunday in Lent
Tuesday, February 20, 11:30am: CUCC Retiree's Lunch Gathering at Just Yokin' in Champaign. Contact Peg or Roger Wade
Friday, February 23, 12:00pm: Friday Forum + Conversation Café: Fireside Chat with Nadia Bolz-Wber, Latzer Hall, University YMCA
Friday, February 23, 6:30pm-8:30pm: Interfaith Conference "Living Shamelessly" with Nadia Bolz-Weber, Gregory Hall, University Y
Saturday, February 24, 9:30am-4:30pm: Interfaith Conference, University YMCA
Sunday, February 25, 10:15am: Traditional Hybrid Worship, Second Sunday in Lent