

OUR COMMUNITY



Sunday, September 1, 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, August 25:

We pray for:

- **Levi James Dobson**, Amanda Dobson's baby nephew born yesterday. I hope both he and my sister-in-law are happy and healthy, and he grows up knowing that he is loved.
- **Pat**, Jeanne's mom's visit this weekend and for her presence with us in worship today!
- **Wally**, Becky and Jan's dear friend as he struggles with health issues and for **Becky and Jan** as they navigate caregiving concerns.
- **John and Sue Osborne** as they mourn the loss of John's brother.
- **Hendrixx**, Dennis and Rocio's grandson whose birth is scheduled for Thursday. May everything go well and may God find his way into their hearts.
- **Rocio** as she begins a new job with a Monday—Friday work schedule and also begins classes this fall allowing her to return to worship on a regular basis. Rocio says she feels incredibly fortunate and thanks everyone for your support along the way and that she is so glad to be back with y'all.
- **John and Sue Osborne**. John's brother completed suicide this weekend and the family is dealing with many complex emotions and details. Please know you are not alone if you struggle with depression or suicidal ideation and please talk with someone. John and Sue said it is good and right to share this information because shame and secrets is what makes suicide such a challenging thing.
- **Jessica Smiley and her family** as they mourn the loss of her father. Jessica's father died on Sunday, August 25.

CUCC BY THE NUMBERS

60 People, 3 Kids, 2 Zoom Users, 5 Facebook Users for a Total of 70 people/devices participated in worship on Sunday, 08/25

70 eat in meals 22 heat-at-home meals, for a total 92 meals were served to our Jubilee Café guests by 20 volunteers on Monday, 08/26

3 AA groups met in our space this week

SEPTEMBER 8 IS GATHERING THE WATERS

You are invited to bring a vessel of water from your recent travels to church Sunday, September 8 to join with others for use in the Baptismal Font. If bringing a vessel of water, please be sure to label clearly where the water came from. Thank you for continuing our tradition of collecting water for our Baptismal Font to be used with Baptisms throughout the year.

CUT OUT RAINBOW HEARTS FOR PRIDE FEST

Please help us prepare for participation in the **CU Pride Fest parade** by taking several sheets of **rainbow hearts** home, **cutting them out**, and **returning** them to CUCC by **September 15** in baggies of 50. All supplies on the table at back of the sanctuary.

UCIC EVA HOUSTON PARTICIPATING IN 2024 PARIS PARALYMPIC GAMES

A recent CUCC visitor, Eva Houston who attended worship with Isaac Klimasmith, is participating in the 2024 Paris Paralympics Catch Eva's races: the Women's 100 meter T34 final on **Sunday, September 1** and the Women's 800 meter T34 final on **Saturday, Sept. 7**.

MISSION MINISTRY BAG MAKING PARTY IS TODAY

Join us today, **Sunday, September 1** following worship to cut out bags, iron handles for the bags, and sew the bags that have been cutout. We'll be making about **40 bags** as 60 bags have already been made for this project. We plan to work for about 90 minutes. Please let Jeanne or Patty know if you plan to bring an ironing board and iron, sharp scissors, or a sewing machine. Join us next Sunday, **September 8** following worship, when we will form an assembly line and fill each school bag with school supplies. Many hands will allow this project to go quickly. Jeanne (217-840-0668) and Patty (217-365-9154)

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CUCC?

09/01, SUNDAY, CUCC Offices Closed

10:15am Traditional Hybrid Worship with Holy Communion

11:30am Mission Ministry Bag-Making Party

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

09/02, MONDAY CUCC Offices Closed

9:00am-2:00pm CUCC Office closed for Labor Day Holiday

2:00pm Jubilee Café Prep

5:00pm—6:30pm Jubilee Café

6:30pm—7:00pm Jubilee Café Clean-up

09/03, TUESDAY

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

7:00pm-8:00pm Pub Theology, Beginning new book: *On Repentance and Repair: Making Amends in an Unapologetic World*

09/04, WEDNESDAY

12:00pm *Items for Bulletin & weekly email due (for 09/08)*

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

09/05, THURSDAY

7:00am Men's Monthly Breakfast at Urbana Family Garden Restaurant

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

09/06, FRIDAY CUCC Offices Closed

09/07, SATURDAY CUCC Offices Closed

09/08, SUNDAY CUCC Offices Closed

10:15am Traditional Hybrid Worship with Gathering the Waters

11:30am Mission Ministry Stuff the School Bags with school supplies

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

09/09, MONDAY

9:00am-2:00pm Labor Day Holiday, Office Closed

2:00pm Jubilee Café Prep

5:00pm—6:30pm Jubilee Café

6:30pm—7:00pm Jubilee Café Clean-up

09/10, TUESDAY

8:30am Just 4 Fun BFEFFAS Gathering at Perkins (Tentative)

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

7:00pm-8:00pm Pub Theology,

Did you know that CUCC sends out a weekly email with announcements and a worship bulletin along with the monthly newsletter and other information as needed. 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

Purchasing gift cards from Raise Right supports the ministry of Community United Church of Christ. To create an account, go to <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.robbennolt@gmail.com.



LITURGISTS, USHERS, GREETERS

Sign-up to be a worship assistant (greeter, usher, liturgist) for September and October. 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 in the Parlor or by going to the Sign-Up Genius at <https://tinyurl.com/cuccgul>



PICK UP PRODUCE FROM SOLA GRATIA FARM FOR JUBILEE CAFÉ

Support Jubilee Café by picking up farm fresh produce at Sola Gratia Farm at 2200 S. Philo Rd, Urbana, IL at **10:00 am** and delivering it to CUCC so it is here for the cooks. Sign-up for one or more Mondays by scanning the QR Code or by going to the Sign-Up Genius at: <https://rb.gy/uii5j8>



ECCLESIASTICAL COUNCIL FOR TERRI SMITH

You are invited to attend the Ecclesiastical Council for Terri Smith on Sunday, September 22, 2024, at 3:00pm at St. Peter's UCC, 905 S. Russel St., Champaign, IL 61821. This event is to discern Terri's readiness for ministry. A reception will follow the Council. **RSVP by September 15th** to Cheryl Kennedy at ckennedy.905sp@gmail.com or 217-356-3635. Read Terri's paper by scanning the QR Code or go directly to Terri's Ordination Paper at: <https://tinyurl.com/3vbx2zyf>



2024 CROP WALK

Join the 2024 CUCC Crop Walk Team on Sunday, October 6 in walking to fight hunger or by financially sponsoring a team member by scanning the QR Code or accessing the team page at <https://shorturl.at/bosMk>. Note: for those not local to Central Illinois, you're invited to join the team and do your own walk locally. Contact David Willcox with questions at <mailto:daw30410@yahoo.com>



2024 PRIDE FEST AND PARADE IS SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2024

This year's CU Pride Fest is Saturday, September 21, 2024. Join your fellow CUCCer's by marching in the parade handing out rainbow hearts or staffing the CUCC Booth. Find more information and sign-up for the best role for you by scanning the QR Code or accessing the link at <https://tinyurl.com/5n7uda98>



YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY SURVEY

Parents and grandparents of middle and high school youth are invited to complete a short 2-3-minute survey to identify **what truly matters to you and your family**. Access the survey by scanning the QR Code or at <https://shorturl.at/9pORI>



PUB THEOLOGY BEGINNING A NEW BOOK SEPTEMBER 3

Pub Theology, the CUCC book group, is starting up again after enjoying the summer eating and enjoying fellowship with each other bi-weekly. We will gather in the church parlor at 7:00pm on **Tuesday, September 3**. The book we are starting with is ***On Repentance and Repair: Making Amends in an Unapologetic World*** by Danya Ruttenberg. Come join us. Contact Tom Ward at wardt508@comcast.net with any questions.

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, September 1, 10:15am: Traditional Hybrid Worship

Sunday, September 1, 11:30am: Mission Ministry Bag-Making Party

Monday, September 2, 9:00am-3:00pm: Labor Day Holiday, CUCC Office Closed

Tuesday, September 3, 7:00pm: Pub Theology begins new book discussion: *On Repentance and Repair: Making Amends in an Unapologetic World*

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

Sunday, September 8, 10:15am: Traditional Hybrid Worship with Gathering the Water

Sunday, September 8, 11:30am: Mission Ministry Stuffing the School Bags

Tuesday, September 10, 8:30am: Just 4 Fun BFEFFAS Gathering at Perkins, Tentative, contact Rocio at 217-418-6185

Saturday, September 14, 5:00pm: Middle Aged Night Out at Riggs, Kathy Lee with any questions: K.Kew.Lee@gmail.com

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

Sunday, September 15, 11:30am: Newcomer's Group Session 4

Sunday, September 15, 3:00pm: Pastor Leah presenting Biblical Self Defense Workshop at the University YMCA, Lazter Room

Tuesday, September 17, 11:30am: CUCC Retiree's Monthly Lunch Gathering at Colbert Park, Savoy

Tuesday, September 17, 6:30pm: CUCC CLB Monthly Meeting

Saturday, September 21, 1:00-5:00pm: CU Pride Festival and Parade, CUCC marching in parade and hosting booth

Sunday, September 22, 10:15am: Traditional Hybrid Worship, Pride Sunday

Sunday, September 22, 3:00pm: Ecclesiastical Council for Terri Smith at St. Peter's UCC

Sunday, September 29, 10:15am: Traditional Hybrid Worship

Sunday, September 29, TBD: Managing Conflict and Anxiety in this Election Season with Rev. Molly Phinney Baskette