

OUR COMMUNITY



Sunday, September 8, 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, September 1:

We pray for:

- Safe travel this week for **Jennifer Cromley**.
- **Evan DeLucia and his family**, Ilsa's colleague following the loss of his mother Saturday, August 31.
- **Tony and his family**, Sue Fristoe's friend, who has been at Carle for more than five weeks.
- **Cassandra's mother**, that God may give her strength and comfort as she attends her first doctor's appointment in years. She has been very ill for a long time, and we are hopeful for answers.
- **Stephanie**, Kristy Brownfield's dear friend, who is having a hard time with her pregnancy. Prayers for continued health for her and her baby.
- **Both of Shirley Bastiani's daughters** as they continue to heal from their surgeries and her grandson and granddaughter who are dealing with their physical and mental health.
- **Jessica and Mark Smiley and all of their family** as they grieve the loss of Jessica's father, whose life will be remembered in a private service.

CUCC BY THE NUMBERS

46 People, **4** Kids, **4** Zoom Users, **5** Facebook Users for a Total of **59** people/devices participated in worship on Sunday, **09/01**
30 eat in meals **12** heat-at-home meals, for a total **42** meals were served to our Jubilee Café guests by **20** volunteers on Monday, **09/02**
9 people gathered for Pub Theology, **09/05**
11 Men gathered for breakfast at Urbana Family Garden Restaurant, **09/05**
3 AA groups met in our space this week

TODAY IS GATHERING THE WATERS

Bring a vessel of water from your recent travels to church today, **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.

MISSION MINISTRY FILLING THE SCHOOL BAGS

Join us today, **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)

PRIDE FEST AND PARADE IS SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2024

This year's CU Pride Fest is **Saturday, September 21, 2024**. We have a truck for the parade, yeah. Who wants to ride in the truck or march alongside handing out rainbow hearts? There are many opportunities still available for booth setup and tear down, staffing the booth during the festival, and participating in the parade. Find more information and sign-up by scanning the QR Code or accessing the link at <https://tinyurl.com/5n7uda98>



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>



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CUCC?

09/08, SUNDAY, CUCC Offices Closed

10:15am Traditional Hybrid Worship with Gathering of the Waters

11:30am Mission Ministry Fill the School Bag Project

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

09/09, MONDAY

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), contact Rocio at 217-418-6185

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

7:00pm-8:00pm Pub Theology (FH)

09/11, WEDNESDAY

12:00pm Items for Bulletin & weekly email due (for 09/15)

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

09/12, THURSDAY

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

09/13, FRIDAY CUCC Offices Closed

09/14, SATURDAY CUCC Offices Closed

5:00pm Middle Agers Night Out at Riggs, contact Kathy Lee at k.keew.lee@gmail.com

09/15, SUNDAY CUCC Offices Closed

10:15am Traditional Hybrid Worship

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

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

09/16, MONDAY

12:45pm Staff Meeting

2:00pm Jubilee Café Prep

5:00pm—6:30pm Jubilee Café

6:30pm—7:00pm Jubilee Café Clean-up

09/17, TUESDAY

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

6:30pm CUCC CLB Monthly Meeting

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>



PICK UP AND DELIVER DONUTS TO CUCC ON MONDAYS FOR JUBILEE CAFÉ

Jubilee Café is seeking volunteers to pick up doughnuts from the Ye Old Donut Shoppe at 1401 S. Neil St, Champaign, IL 61820 **Monday afternoons at 12:55pm** (when the shop closes) and bring the doughnuts to CUCC so they are here for the Jubilee Café volunteers.

If you are interested in helping please check your calendar then sign-up for one or more Mondays by scanning the QR Code or go to the Sign Up Genius at <https://tinyurl.com/53xajssy>



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>



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>



DONATIONS FOR JUBILEE CAFÉ

We are so grateful for your generosity towards our neighbors! Help us serve in the best ways we can by making donations we can use.

FOR HYGIENE KITS: we will always accept these NEW items - wash cloths, soap, travel shampoo, travel conditioner, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant. We will announce if we need sunscreen donations. We cannot accept other hygiene items.

FOR MENSTRUATION KITS: we will always accept NEW, INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED tampons and pads. We cannot accept other menstruation items like menstrual cups.

FOR WINTER: September through March we will accept adult size socks, coats, jackets, fleeces, and hoodies. We cannot accept sweaters or other clothing items. We cannot accept children's size items. If we need hats or gloves we will make an announcement but have plenty currently.

LARGE AMOUNTS OF FOOD: If you have a large amount of food that is prepackaged or left over from a catered event, we ask that you text Pastor Leah to ask if Jubilee can use it currently. We are so glad to be thought of but can't always use certain items nor do we always have the space to store certain foods. Remember that Jubilee Cafe meals are prepared by volunteers and food that is donated must be processed by those volunteers so checking ahead of time to see if we have the capacity is helpful.

OTHER ITEMS: sometimes we need back packs, hand warmers, foot warmers, and other items. Watch the announcements and the weekly Jubilee report to for more info.

Thank you again for your generosity, Community. The way you love our neighbors is astounding.

SAVE THE DATE

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 Agers 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, 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 a booth

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

Sunday, September 22, 11:30am: Newcomer's Group Session 4

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