

OUR COMMUNITY



Sunday, November 24, 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, November 10, 2024

We pray for:

- **Natalia**, Ramona's niece who has been hospitalized and is awaiting answers.
- **Dennis** Just wanted to say how thankful I am for those of you who know when some of us are not doing ok. And you take the time to ask. When we're just not feeling ourselves and feeling down. So, blessed and fortunate to have friends who drag you out of bed for breakfast and unknowingly uplift your spirit. And we unwantedly show up to this space and your people feed your soul with words of wisdom, encouragement, hugs, love and provide support you didn't even know we needed. Your presence and kindness fuels us with strength to keep going forward through the week. Amen
- **CUCC and for its open, inclusive, and welcoming community.** Bayard Klimasmith with joy in my heart, I give thanks to the Community UCC for welcoming and holding my son Isaac Klimasmith in your hearts and loving arms. My girlfriend Christine and I enjoyed our visit Sunday, November 10 listening to Minister Leah's message about finding Awe, singing in the choir, and seeing why Isaac feels so accepted and loved in your church. Thank you!
- **Mary Ellen**, Leah Robberts-Mosser's grandmother who is having some health complications.

CUCC BY THE NUMBERS

6 People gathered with the Individuals Together for their annual Friendsgiving meal at Neil St. Blues, and 4 enjoyed the afternoon playing games in the Parlor, **11/16**

69 People, 3 Kids, 2 Zoom Users, 2 Facebook Users for a Total of **76** people/devices participated in worship on Sunday, **11/10**

72 eat in meals **17** heat-at-home meals, for a total **89** meals were served to our Jubilee Café guests by **20** volunteers on Monday, **11/18**

9 Folks gathered for the CUCC Retiree's Monthly Lunch Gathering at Aroma Garden, **11/19**

7 Folks gathered for Pub Theology, **11/19**

3 AA groups and **1** NA group met in our space this week

HANGING THE GREENS IS TODAY, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Please plan to stay after worship today, **Sunday, November 24, 2024** and help decorate the building for the upcoming Advent and Christmas Season. We will be "Hanging the Greens", trimming the Sanctuary Christmas tree and the Fellowship Hall tree. We will begin decorating after service starting @ noon and lunch will be provided afterwards. Everyone is invited! Any questions please contact Rocio @ 217-418-6185 or dr.jamison13@gmail.com

INTERFAITH ALLIANCE ANNUAL GRATEFUL GATHERING

The Interfaith Alliance of Champaign County's annual gathering of giving thanks and celebrating the rich spiritual diversity in our community is today, **Sunday, November 24 at 3:00pm** at the **Spurlock Museum**, 600 S Gregory, Urbana.

TODAY IS STEWARDSHIP CELEBRATION SUNDAY

Today is Stewardship Celebration Sunday where the total dollars pledged for the 2025 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 2025 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 24 and hand it to the Financial Secretary, David Willcox before worship begins. Pledges will gladly be received after this Sunday, November 24 as well.

OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND TO SERVE AT JUBILEE CAFÉ

Jubilee Café invites you to sign-up for one or more of the many openings to serve at Jubilee Café **Monday, November 25** by scanning the QR Code or accessing the Sign-Up Genius at tinyurl.com/mw5zeeky



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CUCC?

11/24, SUNDAY, CUCC Offices Closed

10:15am Traditional Hybrid Worship, Youth Leading worship

11:30am Hanging of the Greens and Lunch

3:00pm Interfaith Alliance Annual Grateful Gathering at Spurlock Museum

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

11/25, MONDAY

12:00pm Items for Bulletin & weekly email due (for 11/24)

2:00pm Jubilee Café Prep

5:00pm—6:30pm Jubilee Café

6:30pm—7:00pm Jubilee Café Clean-up

6:30pm-7:00pm CM Mindful Mondays (Campus Ministry Lounge)

11/26, TUESDAY

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

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

11/27, WEDNESDAY

9:00am-3:00pm CUCC Office Closed

11/28, THURSDAY

9:00-3:00pm CUCC Office Closed — Happy Thanksgiving

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

11/29, FRIDAY CUCC OFFICES CLOSED

11/30, SATURDAY CUCC Offices Closed

8:00pm-10:00pm Narcotics Anonymous Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

12/01, SUNDAY CUCC Offices Closed

10:15am Traditional Hybrid Worship, Advent 1, Advent Worship Series Words for the Beginning starts

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

12/02, MONDAY

2:00pm Jubilee Café Prep

5:00pm—6:30pm Jubilee Café

6:30pm—7:00pm Jubilee Café Clean-up

6:30pm-7:00pm CM Mindful Monday in (Campus Ministry Lounge)

12/03, TUESDAY

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

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

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

November 21-22 are **BONUS** Days at Raise Right Gift Cards. These BONUS days are just in time for completing your Christmas shopping. Over 175 companies are offering earnings of as much as 19% on purchase of gift cards during BONUS days. And, remember CUCC gets a percentage of each purchase you make.

To create an account, scan the QR Code or 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.



LITURGISTS, USHERS, GREETERS

Sign-up to be a worship assistant (greeter, usher, liturgist) for December and January. 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

Did you know that Sola Gratia has become a year round farm? Even though the primary growing season is now over they still have produce to share with Jubilee Café. Support Jubilee Café by picking up produce from Sola Gratia farm on **Mondays at 10:00am**. Sign up for a Monday or two 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>



JUBILEE CAFÉ + MINDFUL MONDAYS

If you're a university student, get a delicious homemade meal at Jubilee Café in the church fellowship hall and then center and focus yourself for the week with a 30-minute "Mindful Monday" practice that will include a short check-in, prayer or meditation practice and intention setting for the week in the campus ministry room. Gather for the meal between 6-6:30 p.m. and then we'll head up for our gathering. If you're going to be late or need Pastor Nicole to save you a meal, just let her know so she can save a meal and be ready to open the door for you.

MEN GATHER FOR BREAKFAST, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

The Men of CUCC meet the first Thursday of each month for breakfast. Join us at 7:00am **Thursday, December 5, 2024** for breakfast. We would love to see you at Urbana Family Garden Restaurant. Anyone who identifies as a man is welcome.

MIDDLE AGE HOLIDAY HANGOUT, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

All middle age CUCCers are invited to gather at Riggs on Sunday, **December 8 at 5 pm**. This is a simple gathering — no agenda, no planned activities, just a time to chat and enjoy one another's company. Check the Riggs site for Food Truck/Christkindlmarket options or bring your own food to nosh on.

MISSION MINISTRY ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS MARKET

The Alternative Christmas Market will be starting next Sunday, December 1st! For three Sundays (**December 1st, December 8th, and December 15th**) we will have an Alternative Christmas Market! We will be "selling" items needed by several of our local mission partners: [The Well Experience](#), [Caminos](#), [TRI/Bend the Arc](#), 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 whom the gift is honoring. Your Mission Team will do the actual shopping so that you don't have to. We hope you can participate as you are able!

HOSTING A STUDENT FOR THANKSGIVING

Pastor Nicole is seeking host families for the international students who attend Jubilee Café or participate in campus ministry gatherings. Students are off class the whole week of November 25 -30, so any day would be great to have them over. Fill out the simple registration through the QR Code to or email Pastor Nicole at nicole@ucccampusministry.org with dates you are willing to host and how many students you can host.



SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, November 24, 10:15am: Traditional Hybrid Worship, Youth helping with worship leadership

Sunday, November 24, 11:30am: Hanging of the Greens with lunch provided

Sunday, November 24, 3:00pm: Interfaith Alliance Annual Grateful Gathering at Spurlock Museum — 600 S Gregory, Urbana

Wednesday, November 25, 9:00am-3:00pm: CUCC Office Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

Thursday, November 26, 9:00am-3:00pm: CUCC Office Closed for Thanksgiving Day

Sunday, December 1, 10:15am: Traditional Hybrid Worship, First Sunday of Advent and first Sunday of Mission Ministry's Alternative Christmas Market

Tuesday, December 3, 4:30pm: Pastoral Relations Committee Meeting

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

Sunday, December 8, 10:15am: Traditional Hybrid Worship, Second of Advent

Sunday, December 8, 11:30am: Mission Trip Meeting in Parlor

Sunday, December 8, 5:00pm: Middle Age Holiday Hangout at Riggs

Tuesday, December 10, 8:30am: Just 4 Fun BFEFFAS group breakfast at Perkins