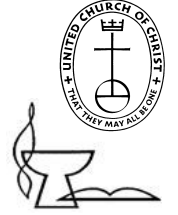


OUR COMMUNITY



Sunday, January 5, 2025

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, December 29, 2024

We pray for:

- **Rocio & Dennis' children and extended family** as they mourn the death of their grandmother and loved one, Donna Balk who died on Christmas Day and whose funeral service is scheduled for December 30.
- **Lance** who spent the last nine months feeling unease. Prayers of thanksgiving for modern technology that allowed a cardio defibrillator to be implanted successfully. Now with hopes of easing back into normal life with prayers for strength greatly appreciated.
- **Mara's brother**, who is 26 years old and just completed his first semester of college with straight A's.

CUCC BY THE NUMBERS

88 Adults, **10** Kids, **1** Zoom Users, **5** Facebook Users for a Total of **104** people/devices participated in worship on Christmas Eve, **12/24**

31 Adults, **0** Kids, **4** Zoom Users, **1** Facebook Users for a Total of **36** people/devices participated in worship on Sunday, **12/29**

53 eat in meals **9** heat-at-home meals, for a total **62** meals were served to our Jubilee Café guests by **20** volunteers on Monday, **12/30**

9 Men + **6** wives gathered for the Monthly Men's Breakfast at The Original Pancake House, **01/02/25**

3 AA groups met in our space this week

3 NA group met in our space this week

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 while the UIUC Students are away from campus for winter break including **Monday, January 6, 13, 20, 27**

by scanning the QR Code or accessing the Sign-Up Genius at tinyurl.com/mw5zeeky



ADULT MISSION TRIP 2025: ASHVILLE

Registration is now open for the Adult Mission Trip 2025 to Ashville. Please complete the registration form and pay the deposit of \$50 by Sunday, **January 12, 2025**. You can access the Registration form (a Google document)

by scanning the QR Code or go to <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeJN-Vtle13Ta4d3LGuWp7dxSdPqWRWUC8karNUSfbArn9keA/viewform>



SUNDAY, JANUARY 12 IS BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

Next Sunday, January 12 we will remember the Baptism of Our Lord. If you are interested in being baptized or having someone (a child) in your family baptized on January 12, please contact the church office at 217-334-5091 or by email at info@community-ucc.org by **Wednesday, January 8**.

CUCC ANNUAL MEETING IS SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

CUCC's Annual Meeting is **Sunday, January 26th**. Besides electing new officers at the meeting, the congregation also approves the budget for the next operating year.

Please join us for the annual meeting and potluck immediately following worship on Sunday, **January 26th**. Please bring a dish to share with serving utensils. Hospitality will provide drinks, plates, and silverware. Drop off your dish to share in the Fellowship Hall/Kitchen prior to worship, as early as 9:00am.

Your annual report will be emailed to you when it is completed, usually about a week before the Annual Meeting.

ANNUAL REPORTS DUE JANUARY 9

In preparation for the January 26 Annual Meeting, all Annual Reports are due Thursday, January 9 at 9am to allow the office time to put together the Annual Report.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CUCC?

01/05, SUNDAY, CUCC Offices Closed

10:15am Traditional Hybrid Worship, Epiphany Sunday Star Words, and Gift

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

01/06, MONDAY

2:00pm Jubilee Café Prep

5:00pm—6:30pm Jubilee Café

6:30pm—7:00pm Jubilee Café Clean-up

01/07, TUESDAY CUCC Offices Closed

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

7:00pm Pub Theology (Fellowship Hall)

01/08, WEDNESDAY CUCC Offices Closed

12:00pm Items for Bulletin & weekly email due (for 01/12)

6:00-8:00pm Wednesday Night Narcotics Anonymous (Parlor)

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

01/09, THURSDAY

9:00am Annual Reports Due

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

01/10, FRIDAY CUCC OFFICES CLOSED

01/11, SATURDAY CUCC Offices Closed

6:00-8:00pm Narcotics Anonymous Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

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

01/12, SUNDAY CUCC Offices Closed

10:15am Traditional Hybrid Worship, Baptism of Jesus Sunday

12:00pm John Bandy Center presents Planning Your Memorial Service

8:00pm—9:00pm Manhattan AA Group (Fellowship Hall)

01/13, MONDAY

2:00pm Jubilee Café Prep

5:00pm—6:30pm Jubilee Café

6:30pm—7:00pm Jubilee Café Clean-up

01/14, TUESDAY

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

It's a New Year, why not start a new tradition? Purchase gift cards from Raise Right for everyday expenses. Remember every card purchased provides support to CUCC.

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 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 January and February. 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 GATIA 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 (**note: new pickup location E. Mumford Dr.**) 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>



SAVE THE DATE — QUEERING FAITH 8.0 IS FEBRUARY 7, 2025

We are thrilled to welcome Rev. Malcolm Himshoot, writer, teacher, pastor. He is author of the forthcoming book, *Reading Secrets - A Queer Inheritance of Life and Scripture*. His journey to ordination in the United Church of Christ as an out trans man was shown in the documentary feature film *Call Me Malcolm in 2005*. Please save the date. Tickets will be available soon.

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, January 5, 10:15am: Traditional Hybrid Worship, Epiphany Sunday, Star Word Gifts

Sunday, January 5, 11:30am: Undecorate the building and put away the Christmas Decorations

Thursday, January 9, 9:00am: Annual Reports Due

Sunday, January 12, 10:15am: Traditional Hybrid Worship, The Baptism of Christ

Sunday, January 12, 12:00-1:30pm: John Bandy Center presents Planning Your Memorial Service

Tuesday, January 21, 12:00pm: CUCC's Retirees Monthly Lunch Outing at El Paraiso, 126 W. Main in Urbana

Saturday, January 25, 8:45am-2:30pm: Leadership Retreat in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, January 26, 11:30am: Annual Congregational Meeting and Potluck (bring a dish to share)