

# OUR COMMUNITY



Sunday, April 20, 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, April 13, 2025

#### We pray for:

- **Connie, Ilsa's grandmother**, whose health has declined in recent weeks.
- **Ali**, a student in Alison Anders department who just lost his visa.
- **Researchers, scientists, students, and professors** affected by federal funding cuts.
- **Larry's colleague's daughter** who is recovering from surgery.
- **Brooklyn and Aunt Joan, Pastor Leah's** cousin who is in the hospital with pneumonia and other pain which the medical team is having a hard time determining the source. Prayers for Aunt Joan who is Brooklyn's caregiver.
- **Alex, a friend of Rocio**, who is struggling with staying in law school due to financial difficulties at home. He has been helping his parents since his dad was let go from his job due to immigration issues.
- **Liberty and her husband Sam**, Rocio and Dennis' daughter who is scheduled to be induced with the twins on April 24, unless the twins decide otherwise. Well wishes, good thoughts, and prayers for all involved in the journey.
- **Ezri, Amira, and Jamonte', Rocio and Dennis'** daughter and family who will be staying with Rocio and Dennis until after graduation as Jamonte' continues his basketball career.

## CUCC BY THE NUMBERS

**71** Adults, **10** Kids, **6** Zoom Users, **0** Facebook Users for a Total of **87** people/devices participated in worship on Sunday, **04/20**  
**75** eat in **8** heat-at-home meals, for a total **83** meals were served to our Jubilee Café guests by **28** volunteers on Monday, **04/14**  
**13** Folks gathered for the Cool "Young at heart" Kids monthly lunch gathering at Neil St. Blues, **04/15**  
**11** Folks gathered for Pub Theology, **04/15**  
**3** AA groups met in our space this week  
**1** NA group met in our space this week

## MISSION MINISTRY LENTEN PROJECT

The Mission Ministry's Lenten Project is raising funds to support the Land of the Sky United Church of Christ's Flood Recovery Fund in Asheville, NC and for the "New American Welcome Center" in Champaign County ([see article in March eCommunigram](#)).

To donate:

- \*Write a check to CUCC with the words "Lenten Project" in the memo
- \*Cash in an offering envelope from the pews - be sure to mark on the envelope that it is for the Lenten project and if you'd like credit for the donation, be sure to include your name and address.
- \*Donate by giving online at <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZA49/cam15E30> or by scanning the QR Code."



## CAMPUS MINISTRY LEADING WORSHIP, POTATO PARTY, AND BIBLICAL SELF-DEFENSE

Join us for worship led by Campus Ministry **Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>** followed by a POTATO POTLUCK in the Fellowship Hall. A **tater tot bar** will be provided. You are invited to bring your favorite potato dish to share at the potluck.

Pastor Leah will also be presenting her **Biblical Self-Defense** workshop during the potluck. This workshop is a great resource for both LGBTQA+ folks as well as allies of LGBTQA+ folks.

## MAY THE 4TH BE WITH YOU SUNDAY AT CUCC

You will definitely want to be here for "May the 4th Be With You" Sunday. The day will be filled with fun, prizes, a costume contest, games, and the worship will have a Star Wars Theme.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CUCC?

**04/20, SUNDAY, CUCC Offices Closed**

**8:30am** Easter Breakfast and voting for CUCC T-Shirt Design (Fellowship Hall)  
**10:15am** Traditional Hybrid Worship, Resurrection Sunday  
**5:00pm** Young Adults Easter Potluck, location to be announced  
**8:00pm—9:00pm** Manhattan AA Group (Parlor)

**04/21 MONDAY**

**2:00pm** Jubilee Café Prep  
**3:00pm** Queering the Bible Study, University YMCA  
**5:00-10:00pm** Penny Dreadful Players Production (Sanctuary)  
**5:00-6:30pm** Jubilee Café  
**6:30-7:00pm** Jubilee Café Clean-up

**04/22, TUESDAY**

**5:00-10:00pm** Penny Dreadful Players Production (Sanctuary)  
**7:00pm** Pub Theology (Fellowship Hall)  
**7:00pm-8:30pm** Tuesday Night LGBTQ+ AA Group (Parlor)

**04/23, WEDNESDAY**

**12:00pm** Items for Bulletin & weekly email due (for 04/27)  
**5:00-10:00pm** Penny Dreadful Players Production (Sanctuary)  
**7:00pm** Choir Rehearsal

**04/24, THURSDAY**

**5:00-10:00pm** Penny Dreadful Players Production (Sanctuary)  
**8:00pm-9:30pm** Denver AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

**04/25, FRIDAY CUCC OFFICES CLOSED**

**5:00-10:00pm** Penny Dreadful Players Production (Sanctuary)

**04/26, SATURDAY CUCC Offices Closed**

**12:00-10:00pm** Penny Dreadful Players Production (Sanctuary)  
**8:00pm-10:00pm** Narcotics Anonymous Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

**04/27, SUNDAY CUCC Offices Closed**

**10:15am** Traditional Hybrid Worship, Second Sunday after Easter — Campus Ministry Leading Worship  
**11:30am** Potato Potluck and Biblical Self Defense Workshop (Fellowship Hall)  
**8:00pm—9:00pm** Manhattan AA Group (Fellowship Hall)

**04/28, MONDAY**

**12:45pm** Staff Meeting  
**2:00pm** Jubilee Café Prep  
**3:00pm** Queering the Bible Study, University YMCA  
**5:00-6:30pm** Jubilee Café  
**6:30-7:00pm** Jubilee Café Clean-up

**04/29, TUESDAY**

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

## MILESTONE SUNDAY IS MAY 4

Milestone Sunday, CUCC's annual recognition of all students graduating from High School graduation, College, Graduate School, and those going off on internship/student teaching and will not be returning for commencement, as well as any seniors who have reached their 85th birthday in the past year, will be celebrated on **Sunday, May 4**. Please submit your graduate's name, degree, name of school and future plans to [info@community-ucc.org](mailto:info@community-ucc.org) by **Monday, April 28**.

## CAMPUS MINISTRY/UNIVERSITY WEEKLY STUDENT ACTIVITIES

**Queering the Bible Study, Mondays 3-4 p.m., University YMCA.** Discuss the Bible through a Queer lens.

**Mindful Monday, after Jubilee Café, 7ish p.m. in the Campus Ministry Room.** Kick off your week with a short mindfulness or prayer practice.

## INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP OR LEARNING MORE ABOUT COMMUNITY UCC?

Are you new to Community UCC? Or have you been coming for a while and are just now ready to learn more and consider membership? Then read on! We are planning a Newcomers Group to start in the early summer. We will meet for 4 sessions, usually right after church on Sundays. (The specific Sundays will be determined based on what works for the group and for Pastor Leah.) The first session will be Community UCC 101, where we will learn about the background of this church, the values that we hold dear, and our general organizational structure. The second and third sessions will introduce you to people who help keep things running around here, and will help you look at your own spiritual needs and gifts so that you can begin to figure out how to best "plug in" here and become as involved as you'd like to be, and the final session is for those who are ready to pursue membership in the church.

If you would like to be a part of this, please contact Jeanne Ward at [jeawa@comcast.net](mailto:jeawa@comcast.net) or 217-840-0668, or the church office at [info@community-ucc.org](mailto:info@community-ucc.org) or 217-344-5091. We'd love to get to know you better!!

## NEED A NAME TAG?

Would you like a name tag of your own? We encourage you to sign up on the small clipboard on the table to the left as you walk out the double doors in the center back of the sanctuary. If you do that, check back in the same spot the following week, and your name tag should be waiting for you!

## LITURGISTS, USHERS, GREETERS

Sign-up to be a worship assistant (greeter, usher) for April and May by scanning the QR Code or going to the Sign-Up Genius at <https://tinyurl.com/cuccgul>. Or sign-up to be a worship assistant (liturgist, usher, greeter) by writing your name and checking the task you wish to fill on the paper sign-up sheet in the Parlor.



## HELP JUBILEE CAFE

### Pick up produce from Sola Gratia Farm

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>



### Pick up donuts at Ye Old Donut Shop

Support Jubilee Café by picking up donuts at 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>



## 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 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](mailto:Jennifer.robbennolt@gmail.com).



## WOULD YOU LIKE TO RECEIVE CUCC'S WEEKLY EMAIL?

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](mailto:info@community-ucc.org) and ask to be added to the list!

## SAVE THE DATE

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**Sunday, April 20, 10:15am:** Traditional Hybrid Worship, Festival Resurrection Worship

**Sunday, April 20, 5:00pm:** Young Adults Easter Potluck Dinner, location to be announced

**Monday, April 21, 9:00am:** Articles due for May eCommuniGram

**Monday, April 21 – Friday, April 25, 5:00-10:00pm:** Penny Dreadful Players Alice in Wonderland (Sanctuary)

**Saturday, April 26, 12:00-10:00pm:** Penny Dreadful Players Alice in Wonderland (Sanctuary)

**Sunday, April 27, 10:15am:** Traditional Hybrid Worship, the Second Sunday of Easter, Campus Ministry leading worship

**Sunday, April 27, 11:30am:** Potato Party and Pastor Leah's Biblical Self-Defense Workshop (Fellowship Hall)

**Monday, April 28, 12:45pm:** Staff Meeting

**Thursday, May 1, 7:00am:** Men's Monthly Breakfast at Maple and York, Urbana

**Sunday, May 4, 10:15am:** Traditional Hybrid Worship, 3rd Sunday after Easter, May the 4th Be With You and Milestone Sunday

**Sunday, May 4, 11:30:** May the 4th Be With You Celebration (Fellowship Hall)

**Sunday, May 11, 10:15am:** Traditional Hybrid Worship, 4th Sunday after Easter

**Sunday, May 18, 10:15am:** Traditional Hybrid Worship, 5th Sunday after Easter, Adult Mission Team Leading Worship