

OUR COMMUNITY



Sunday, May 11, 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, May 4, 2025

We pray for:

- **Jennifer Cromley and family** that judges preserve already-awarded funding that our family counts on to pay for our son's mental health care
- Prayers of happiness for the restoration of **Ali's** visa and those of 40 other students at UIUC.
- **Gretchen and Aaron**, friends of Brin, who are still in the hospital in Kentucky with complications of his treatment.
- **Rocio & Dennis and their daughter and son-in-law Liberty & Sam** as they all celebrate the birth of Micah Buckley and Jude Lyman who were born on April 24th and 7:57 and 8:09pm.
- **Adriana**, Rocio's baby sister, on this her birthday.
- **Rocio** who has been selected as one of the student MC's for the 46th Annual Latinx Congratulatory Ceremony, may she do a great job.
- **Scott, Jennifer, their children** and everyone involved in prayer, good thoughts, positivity and hope as Scott is scheduled to have open heart surgery at Northwestern at the end of May. It is the best place to be at with this type of surgery.
- **Kent Hinkle** who is struggling with health issues.
- **Delores**, Marvin Turner's mom who has been diagnosed with acute leukemia and placed in hospice care. Prayers for Delores and her family.
- **Doris**, Pastor Leah's mother-in-law who was recently hospitalized. Prayers for Doris' family who are caring for her while she recovers.

CUCC BY THE NUMBERS

73 Adults, **8** Kids, **1** Zoom Users, **6** Facebook Users for a Total of **88** people/devices participated in worship on Sunday, **05/04**
66 eat in **10** heat-at-home meals, for a total **76** meals were served to our Jubilee Café guests by **28** volunteers on Monday, **05/05**
16 Folks gathered for Pub Theology, **05/06**
3 AA groups met in our space this week
1 NA group met in our space this week

JUST 4 FUN BBREFFAS MONTHLY BREAKFAST GATHERING

The next **Just 4 Fun BREFFAS** breakfast gathering is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 13** at 8:30am. Everyone is invited to attend. If you would please RSVP if you're coming it will help us know how many tables, we'll be needing. You can text Rocio @ 217-418-6185 OR call and leave a message. Remember you are still welcome to join us whether you RSVP or not ...orders will be placed by 8:45am to be cognizant of everyone's time.

COOL "YOUNG AT HEART" KIDS MONTHLY LUNCH GATHERING

CUCC's Cool "Young at Heart" Kids monthly lunch gathering is Tuesday, May 20 at 11:30am at Oskee's Sports Pub, 2600 S. Stone Creek Blvd. in Urbana. Let Peg and Roger know if you are attending by May 17.

TODAY IS LAST DAY TO VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE DESIGN

Today, Sunday, May 11 is your last chance to vote for your **top 2 CUCC shirt designs**. If you have already voted, thank you! If you haven't had a chance to vote yet, the 5 designs will be posted in the parlor. Please stop by and vote for your top 2 favorites.

OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND TO SERVE AT JUBILEE CAFÉ

UIUC graduation day is quickly approaching and many of the students who volunteer at Jubilee Café will be leaving the area. Nonetheless, we still have hungry guests who will come to Jubilee Café seeking dinner. This means opportunities abound to serve at Jubilee Café beginning Monday, May 12 and throughout the summer months. Jubilee Café invites you to consider the many open positions needing filled to serve those who look to Jubilee Café for a homecooked meal on Monday evenings and to sign-up for one or more of those openings by scanning the QR Code or accessing the Sign-Up Genius at tinyurl.com/mw5zeeky



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CUCC?

05/11, SUNDAY, CUCC Offices Closed
10:15am Traditional Hybrid Worship, Fourth Sunday of Easter
11:30am Vote for your favorite CUCC T-Shirt Design
8:00pm—9:00pm Manhattan AA Group (Parlor)

05/12 MONDAY
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

05/13, TUESDAY
8:30am Just 4 Fun BBREFFAS monthly breakfast gathering at Perkins
7:00pm Pub Theology (Fellowship Hall)
7:00pm-8:30pm Tuesday Night LGBTQ+ AA Group (Parlor)

05/14, WEDNESDAY
12:00pm Items for Bulletin & weekly email due (for 05/18)
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

05/15, THURSDAY
8:00pm-9:30pm Denver AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

05/16, FRIDAY CUCC OFFICES CLOSED

05/17, SATURDAY CUCC Offices Closed
8:00pm-10:00pm Narcotics Anonymous Meeting (Parlor)

05/18, SUNDAY CUCC Offices Closed
10:15am Traditional Hybrid Worship, Fifth Sunday of Easter, Adult Mission Trip Participants Leading Worship
8:00pm—9:00pm Manhattan AA Group (Fellowship Hall)

05/19, MONDAY
2:00pm Jubilee Café Prep
5:00-6:30pm Jubilee Café
6:30-7:00pm Jubilee Café Clean-up

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11:30am Cool "Young At Heart" Kids Monthly Lunch Gathering at Oskee's Sports Pub
6:30pm CUCC CLB Monthly Meeting
7:00pm Pub Theology (Fellowship Hall)
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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!

CAMPUS MINISTRY INVITES YOU TO JOIN THEM FOR SUMMER KICKBALL

Summer kickball is back again for adults, 15 and older, who want to participate this summer. The games are 1 hour long and held on Thursday evenings, between 6:30pm and 10:30pm, between June 5 and July 24. Sign up to play by adding your name to the sign up sheet in the Parlor or contact Amanda Dobson at: amandadobson999@gmail.com. If you think you might want to play, then please sign up. There is a registration fee with the park district, so if you are able, please contribute \$10 when you sign up. You don't have to play if you sign up, but you do have to sign up in order to play.

NEED A NAME TAG?

Would you like a name tag of your own? We encourage you to sign up on the clipboard on the table across from the coat rack, just outside the Sanctuary. If you do that, check back in the same spot the following week, and your name tag should be waiting for you!

INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP OR LEARNING MORE ABOUT COMMUNITY UCC?

Are you new to Community UCC or ready to explore membership? Join our Newcomers Group! We'll meet for four sessions, dates and time to be determined.

- **Session 1:** Community UCC 101—church background, values, and structure.
- **Sessions 2 & 3:** Meet church leaders and explore your spiritual gifts to find ways to get involved.
- **Session 4:** For those ready to pursue membership.

Interested? Contact Jeanne Ward (jeawa@comcast.net, 217-840-0668) or the church office (info@community-ucc.org, 217-344-5091). We'd love to get to know you better!

SUMMER MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES

We are seeking volunteers of all ages and ability levels to offer instrumental or vocal music at CUCC during our summer worship services. This is a great opportunity to make music with a friend or on your own. You may either sing the suggested song of the day (from our hymnal or songbook) or ANY song of your choosing. Sign up for One or more Sundays by clicking the link <https://shorturl.at/Fm7AT> or scanning the QR Code



If you'd like Katie to accompany you, please contact her at least one week in advance of your song: kbarr.pianist@gmail.com
Please contact Kathy with questions: music@community-ucc.org.

SUMMER WORSHIP SEEKING FOLKS TO SHARE TESTIMONIES

Who are the Faces of Faith for you? This is the question we will be asking throughout the summer. We'll look at 7 bold stories of folks often overlooked in our biblical narrative and see how these characters remind us that we all play a role in shaping God's story of Redemption and Grace.

Who are the Faces of Faith for you? Would you be willing to share your testimony about the person who was a Face of Faith for you? If so, please notify the office at info@community-ucc.org or 217-344-5091 or talk with Pastor Leah.

LITURGISTS, USHERS, GREETERS

Sign-up to be a worship assistant (greeter, usher) for May and June 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

NEW OPPORTUNITY! Raise Right has added a new way to earn \$\$ for CUCC by dining locally. Earn 5% with no extra effort by linking your credit card (no gift card necessary) to the local dining option in your Raise Right account (at the bottom of the screen on a mobile device and found in the menu if using your computer). Then when dining at a participating restaurant, use the credit card linked to your Raise Right account.



To participate, click the "Local Dining" icon in the Raise Right App (scroll down on mobile devices — choose "local dining" from the menu on computers) and then click "Link a Card" and enter the information about your credit card(s). Whenever you use a linked card at a participating restaurant, you will automatically earn rewards for the church. If you want to see a list of participating restaurants in a local area, click the "Local Dining" icon and enter a city or zip code. There are a handful of C-U restaurants listed and many more nationwide. *Note:* Aspen Tap House on Neil Street is one of the participating restaurants.

Still searching for that perfect Mother's and Father's Day gifts? Consider e-gift cards from Raise Right. E-gift cards from Raise Right also make great gifts for end of year gifts for teachers, graduation gift..

To create an account click "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.

SAVE THE DATE

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