

OUR COMMUNITY



Sunday, April 5, 2026

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 Sundays, March 22, 2026

We pray for:

- **Jeanne Ward and her family** upon the death of Jeanne's mom, Pat Jipson, who died on March 27 after a lovely long life of 94 1/2 years. Prayers of gratitude for her life, for her friends and family as we process her loss, and for traveling mercies for all those traveling for her celebration of life on April 11th.
- **Carlee and her family**, Alison Anders' student, upon the death Carlee's father last week.
- **Thanks everyone locally and around the country and world** who came out to express their views at No Kings protests yesterday. Prayers of gratitude especially for **Jim Kew** who organized a No Kings Rally at Clark Lindsey.
- **Sebastian Major** as he continues to recover from surgery and unexpected challenges.
- **Susana**, Brian and Andrea's sweet mother, as doctors and nurses determine what is causing some recent heart issues. Give wisdom and steady hands to the people looking after her, and we are praying for peace and rest for Suzy while she moves past this health challenge.
- **Stacey**, John and Sue Osborne's daughter, who is experiencing some health challenges.
- **Caryl Henkel and daughter Mary** upon the death of Caryl's husband, Kent on March 25. We also pray for Caryl as she has been moved to a care facility out of town.

CUCC BY THE NUMBERS

63 Adults, **8** Kids, **5** Zoom Users, **5** Facebook Users for a Total of **81** people/devices participated in worship on Sunday, **03/29/2026**

71 eat in meals, **0** heat-at-home meals, for a total of **71** meals were served to our Jubilee Café guests by **28** volunteers on Monday, **03/30/2026**

12 Folks gathered for Pub Theology, **03/31/2026**

9 Men and **8** women gathered for the Men's Monthly Breakfast at Maple & York, **04/2/2026**

3 AA groups met in our space this week

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE, WHO HELPED TO MAKE OUR EASTER GARDEN POSSIBLE

Roger and Peg Wade — In honor of Caryl Henkel, Pat McQuillen, and Linda Morgan and in memory of Kent Henkel.

Alison Anders — In memory of Winifred and Francis Leiby.

Jherilyn and Kelly Tull — In memory of Mom/Grandma Barbara Covert.

Kathy and Larry Lee — In memory of Marilyn Kew.

Shirley Bastiani — In honor of Bastiani and Hanich Loved Ones.

Maureen Schuler and Brin Schuler — In memory of Joe and Loretto McGreedy.

Anita Stein and Harvey Welch — In honor of our son, Brian Welch.

Ilsa Kantola

Beth Hogan — In memory of my mother, Maryellen Hogan.

Jan Hiland and Stephen Kolderup — In memory of our parents.

Hailey Harz — In memory of Bob and Trudy Harz, Dorothy and Jim Deibert, and Jim Cusick.

Cara Finnegan and John Murphy — In memory of Marge and Bob Murphy; Jack and Norma Finnegan.

Bill and Patty Gropp — In honor of Chris and Sukie

Jeanne and Tom Ward

MISSION MINISTRY INTERFAITH BUILD VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

You are invited to volunteer to **work at the Habitat for Humanity Interfaith Alliance Build house** by scanning the QR Code or going to the Volunteer Sign-up Google form at: <https://tinyurl.com/HabitatBuildVolunteer>.

Fifteen (15) people are needed for the first two days of the build (**April 11 and April 18** from 8am-3pm) or it cannot happen. Check your schedule and sign up today.



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CUCC?

04/05 SUNDAY, CUCC Offices Closed

8:30am Easter Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)

10:15am Traditional Hybrid Worship, Worship Series "Tell Me Something Good," Easter Resurrection Worship

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

04/06 MONDAY

2:00pm Jubilee Café Prep

5:00-6:30pm Jubilee Café

6:30-7:00pm Jubilee Café Clean-up

7:00-8:00pm CM After Hang

04/07 TUESDAY

7:00pm Pub Theology (Fellowship Hall)

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

04/08 WEDNESDAY

12:00pm *Items for Bulletin & weekly email due (for 04/12)*

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

04/09 THURSDAY

2:00-6:00pm Campus Ministry Drop In Hours

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

04/10 FRIDAY CUCC Offices Closed

5:00-7:30pm Young Adult OWL Class

04/11 SATURDAY CUCC Offices Closed

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

04/12 SUNDAY CUCC Offices Closed

9:30-11:30am Confirmation Class

10:15am Traditional Hybrid Worship, Baptism

11:30am CM Gathering at Jan Hiland and Stephen Kolderup's house

6:00-8:00pm Springside Dinners

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

04/13 MONDAY

2:00pm Jubilee Café Prep

5:00-6:30pm Jubilee Café

6:30-7:00pm Jubilee Café Clean-up

7:00-8:00pm CM After Hang

04/14 TUESDAY

8:30am Just 4 Fun BFFREAS at Perkins

6:00pm CM Interfaith Bible Study at St. Andrew's

7:00pm Pub Theology

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

Email: info@community-ucc.org to be added to the email list to receive the weekly email announcements and monthly newsletter.

INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP OR LEARNING MORE ABOUT COMMUNITY UCC?

Are you new to Community UCC or are you considering membership? Discover more about our church and what it means to be part of our community.

We look forward to getting to know you better when you sign up for the next Newcomers Group, which is forming now, by contacting Jeanne Ward at [Jeanne Ward at jeawa@comcast.net](mailto:Jeanne.Ward@jeawa.comcast.net) or 217-840-0668, or the church office at info@community-ucc.org or 217-344-5091. We'd love to have you join us. .

FEED THE YOUNG ADULT OWL CLASS APRIL 10

Would you be willing to provide a meal for our Young Adult OWL class? This group meets one Friday a month. Meals must be at CUCC and ready to serve at **5:00pm**. The next class gathering is **Friday, April 10**. Sign up to provide a meal at the Signup Genius <https://tinyurl.com/FeedAdultOWL>



IMMIGRANT ADVOCATE SYMPOSIUM, SATURDAY, APRIL 11

An educational forum for immigration activists and supporters to learn about legal rights, share strategies for supporting immigrant families, and build alliances to resist ICE in welcoming communities will be held **Saturday, April 11, 2026, from 9am to 4pm** at Temple Hoyne Buell Hall, 611 E. Lorado Taft Dr., Champaign, IL 61820. Register by scanning the QR code or going to the Google Form at <https://tinyurl.com/ImmigrantAdvocateSymposium>. For more information, email CU.Immigration.forum@gmail.com.



JUST 4 FUN BFFERRAS MONTHLY BREAKFAST APRIL 14

The Just 4 Fun BREFFAS group's monthly gathering at Perkin's is **Tuesday, April 14** at 8:30am. Please RSVP if you're coming to allow the group to determine how many tables are needed for the gathering. You can text Rocio @ 217-418-6185 OR call and leave a message. And even if you do not RSVP, all are welcome to attend.

"LOVE LETTERS" TO 2026 CONFIRMANDS DUE ON OR BEFORE SUNDAY, APRIL 26

You are invited to write a "Love Letter" to CUCC's 2026 confirmands: **Leo Tomkin, Violet Robberts-Mosser, Maggie Hinze-Pifer, Max Murphy, Cora Kasper, and Daehyun Lee**. Confirmation Sunday is on **May 10** (Mother's Day), and letters will be shared at the final workshop on **April 26**. Please submit your positive and encouraging "Love Letters" to Pastor Izzy by **April 26**, as your words can have a lasting impact.

MILESTONE SUNDAY IS MAY 3

Milestone Sunday, CUCC's annual celebration for students graduating from High School, College, Graduate School, and those going off on internship/student teaching and not returning for commencement and seniors who turned 85 in the past year, will be held on **Sunday, May 3**. Please send graduate's name, degree, name of school, and future plans to info@community-ucc.org by **Monday, April 27**.

LITURGISTS, USHERS, GREETERS

Sign up to serve as a Liturgist, Ushers, or Greeters for **April and May** by signing up on the **paper sign-up** in the Parlor by writing your name and checking the task you wish to fill on the paper sign-up sheet.

RAISE RIGHT GIFT CARDS

Earn rebates for CUCC by using RaiseRight to buy and use eGift cards for groceries, travel, restaurants, and more. eGift cards are delivered electronically within minutes to your RaiseRight wallet and can be used for everyday purchases or as gifts. CUCC receives a percentage of each purchase. Download the RaiseRight app, visit <https://raiseright.com/enroll> (<https://raiseright.com/enroll> (CUCC's enrollment code: 279D2C266L1L9), or scan the QR code to get started. Questions? Contact Jennifer Robbennolt at jennifer.robbennolt@gmail.com.



CAMPUS MINISTRY ACTIVITIES

AFTER HANG, MONDAYS 6-8PM: A time for Campus Ministry students to gather after Jubilee Café.

INTERFAITH BIBLE STUDY, 2ND AND 4TH THURSDAYS

Inclusive Campus Ministry Bible Study hosted by St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, **04/28, 6pm**

DROP-IN HOURS, THURSDAYS, 2-6PM

Campus Ministry students are invited to stop by CUCC Thursday afternoons for a time to hang out with Pastor Izzy and other campus ministry students, work on homework, play games, have a snack in the Campus Ministry Room.

SUNDAY BRUNCH/LUNCH WITH CUCC MEMBERS: 04/26 at Amanda Dobson's

YOUTH NEWS

YOUTH OWL CLASSES: Saturday, April 18, 3:30pm-10:00pm

CONFIRMATION CLASS/WORKSHOPS: Sunday, April 26, 11:30am-1:00pm workshop for confirmands and sponsors

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP THIS SPRING

April 12, John 20:19-31 -- Behold the Wounds: Empathy is a Christian Practice

April 19, Campus Ministry Sunday

April 26, Acts 2:42-47 - All Things in Common: Mutual Aid is a Christian Practice

May 3, John 14:1-14 -- Many Rooms: Extravagant Hospitality is a Christian Practice

May 10, Confirmation Sunday

May 17, Acts 1:1-11 -- To the Ends of the Earth: Witness is a Christian Practice

May 24, Acts 2:1-21 -- To Dream Dreams: Visioning as a Christian Practice

JOIN THE CUCC EMERGENCY FOOD SECURITY TEAM

CUCC has been asked to participate in a community-preparedness effort here in Champaign County. We have agreed to be on the **Emergency Food Security Team**: in the event of an emergency, we can feed large groups of people. We need you to help make this happen. Would you like to be part of the volunteer pool? If so, sign up by scanning the QR Code or going to <https://tinyurl.com/CU-Food-Security> In the event of an emergency, you will be contacted via text, and if you are available, will come to church to help prepare, serve, and clean up after a meal, led by one or more of CUCC's licensed food handlers. Volunteers must be 14 or older, with 14-15 years olds accompanied by a parent. We will have a orientation for all volunteers on **May 3**, following worship, so you know what to expect.

