

OUR COMMUNITY



Sunday, May 31, 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, May 24, 2026

We pray for:

- **Kathy**, Peg Wade's cousin, who was recently diagnosed with breast cancer and had a lumpectomy. New tests also revealed cancer in two lymph nodes. She awaits next steps.
- **Brenda Goss** please continue praying for my family as we mourn the loss of my nephew Michael on April 29. A few years ago, we lost my nephew Tyler. The sting of the loss of two kids never seems to go away. Also, I offer a prayer of appreciation for Pastor Leah for her support helping me deal with these losses while I was so far away.
- **Rev. Amanda Hendler Voss**, a UCC Pastor in DC, asks for prayers because the Westboro Baptist folks showed up and decided to protest her church this morning.
- **Pastor Leah** asks for prayers for a friend who recently hospitalized.
- **Sean Walker** prayers of joy as Sean and Monica share that they were married on May 22.
- **Rocio** Requesting prayers for my Shaggie, who isn't feeling well. Asking that God restores his strength, comforts him, and brings him back to his happy self, and a full recovery. Thank you.
- **Murphys** I'm asking for prayers for a family member who is suffering from dementia, and for his wife, Francis who is going through the process of caring for him and the rest of her family. Please keep her safe and well during this stressful time.
- **Todd Schultz** My health keeps getting worst and worst. With all the people reading this will help me get at least level out so I can enjoy the rest of my life. Will you folks and God watch over me. Thank you to all who have been reaching out to me.

CUCC BY THE NUMBERS

42 Adults, 3 Kids, 6 Zoom Users, 1 Facebook Users for a Total of 52 people/devices participated in Easter Resurrection Sunday worship, **05/24/2026**

Jubilee Café closed, **05/25/2026**

12 Folks gathered for Pub Theology, **05/26/2026**

3 AA groups met in our space this week

1 NA group met in our space this week

SUMMER MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES

Kathy is seeking volunteers of all ages and ability levels to offer instrumental or vocal music at CUCC during services this summer. Participation is more important than perfection, and songs do not need to be sacred to be appreciated in our services. You may pick a song of your choosing.



To contribute a musical offering this summer, please sign up below. If you would like to collaborate with our pianist Andrey Ivanov (andreyi2@illinois.edu) or someone else in the congregation, please get in touch with them ASAP. Out of courtesy to Andrey, please get sheet music to him at least a week before your Sunday anthem: <https://tinyurl.com/2026SummerMusic>

OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND TO SERVE AT JUBILEE CAFÉ

Summer has arrived, and the students are gone—but Jubilee Café is still a place that nourishes more than empty bellies. We would love for you to be part of our community on Monday evenings. Please note that we will not be open on Memorial Day, Monday, May 25, 2026. To volunteer for one or more tasks, scan the QR code or visit tinyurl.com/mw5zeeky to sign up.



TODAY IS WORSHIP IN THE PARK

Plan to join us for our outdoor worship event, taking place at **Blair Park, Rourke Shelter 1406 S. Broadway, Urbana Today, Sunday, May 31 at 10:15 AM**. Following worship, the Hospitality Team will host a potluck lunch providing fried chicken, plates, silverware, napkins, cups, and water. You are invited to bring a side dish or dessert to share, along with a serving utensil for your contribution. If you prefer a beverage other than water, please bring your own. We also recommend bringing a lawn chair, blanket, sunglasses, and sunscreen. We hope for the weather allows for this event to be held outdoors this year! However, if the weather does not cooperate, both the worship service and potluck will be held in the Fellowship Hall at CUCC.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CUCC?

05/31 SUNDAY, CUCC Offices Closed

10:15am Traditional Hybrid Worship, Worship in the Park, Blair Park

11:30am Parents Meeting for Mission Trip participants

5:30pm Share the Care Meeting for the Cowser's (Fellowship Hall)

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

06/01 MONDAY

9:00am A/V Sound Booth Construction

2:00pm Jubilee Café Prep

5:00-6:30pm Jubilee Café

6:30-7:00pm Jubilee Café Clean-up

06/02 TUESDAY

9:00am A/V Sound Booth Construction

12:00pm Items for Bulletin & weekly email due (for 06/07)

3:00-6:00pm Campus Ministry Drop-In

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

06/03 WEDNESDAY

9:00am A/V Sound Booth Construction

06/04 THURSDAY CUCC Offices Closed

7:00am Men's Monthly Breakfast at Maple & York

9:00am A/V Sound Booth Construction

3:00-6:00pm Campus Ministry Drop-In

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

06/05 FRIDAY CUCC Offices Closed

06/06 SATURDAY CUCC Offices Closed

9:00am A/V Sound Booth Construction

8:30am-10:30am Spring Clean-up Day at CUCC

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

06/07 SUNDAY CUCC Offices Closed

10:15am Traditional Hybrid Worship

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

06/08 MONDAY

2:00pm Jubilee Café Prep

5:00-6:30pm Jubilee Café

6:30-7:00pm Jubilee Café Clean-up

06/09 TUESDAY

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

MISSION MINISTRY RECEIVING A SPECIAL OFFERING FOR UCC'S STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH TODAY

As a church, we participate in 5 national UCC offerings. One of these we fund through our annual church budget - it is a separate line item which we send every year. But the rest of these offerings are ones that you can directly participate in through your generous donations. Each of these has a slightly different focus. On **May 31st and June 7th**, we will be collecting for "Strengthen the Church". The Strengthen the Church (STC) Offering reflects the shared commitment of people across the United Church of Christ to cooperatively build up the UCC. Conferences and the national setting equally share the gifts given by members and friends through their local congregations. The funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations. **By your generosity to this offering, you build up the Body of Christ.** As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches, and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults. Our own campus ministry was the recipient of one of these grants during the COVID era, and used that money to fund special online gatherings that carried the group through and found ways to connect. We hope that you will be able to donate this year to enable this fund to continue to help build up ministries in the UCC. You can donate with cash in the globes, by writing a check to Community UCC and writing "Strengthen the Church" in the memo line, or by using the donate link on the Community UCC website and clicking the link titled "Strengthen the Church". Thank you!!

SHARE THE CARE FOR COWSERT FAMILY

Share The Care is a model used to create a TEAM that can provide emotional, social and practical support for someone they know, including their caregiver and family as well as the individual team members throughout the caregiving journey no matter the challenge. A Share The Care Team is forming to support the Cowsert Family with the first meeting being this evening, **Sunday, May 31 at 5:30pm** in the Fellowship Hall. Please speak with Pastor Leah if you are interested in joining the team.

MEN'S MONTHLY BREAKFAST THURSDAY, JUNE 4

All who identify as men are invited to breakfast **Thursday, June 4, 2026** at 7:00am at Maple & Yolk Restaurant. Contact Tom Ward with questions at wardt508@comcast.net

IDENTITY TEAM NEEDS YOUR HELP

CUCC's Identity Team is asking for your help. If you plan or attend an event for CUCC, please send the event promo flyer and any photos taken at the event to Keri Evans at kevans1984@yahoo.com

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.

LITURGISTS, USHERS, GREETERS

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



HELP JUBILEE CAFÉ

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>

CAMPUS MINISTRY ACTIVITIES

SUMMER DROP-IN HOURS, TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS, 3-6PM

Campus Ministry students are invited to stop by CUCC Tuesday and 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. If you would like to meet with Pastor Izzy at a different time, please email her at izzy@ucccampusministry.org to schedule it.

WANT TO RECEIVE THE WEEKLY EMAIL AND MONTHLY NEWSLETTER?

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