

PRAYER & AWARENESS		WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CUCC?	
Prayer Requests shared in worship Sunday, September 20, 2026 We pray for: • Jeanne Ward asks for prayers for Debbie Dexter who is part of Pub Theology. Deb had an accident in her home over a week ago and has been in the ICU and CCU for most of this week. Prayers for her continued healing and comfort. Also continued prayers for John and Tina Cowsert. John is finishing round 3 of chemo which has been pretty hard on him. Prayers for John's continued healing and comfort, and stamina for both of them as they continue this journey. Prayers for Jeanne Ward's family and extended family as folks travel from across the country next weekend to Chicago to celebrate the life of Tom's mom next weekend. • Johnell Bentz asks for prayers of celebration, as on 09/27/26 Laura and Johnell celebrated their wedding anniversary with their church family. • Andrea Murphy asks for a prayer for the spirit of her sweet life long friend Thaddeus Stefan, who passed away unexpectedly Thursday leaving his wife and two young children. Andrea asks for a prayer of comfort for his wife and young children and the rest of his family, and all of his friends who will miss his presence here on earth. • Joji asks for prayers for her grandma, who is going through medical issues. Pray for her recovery and continuous good health. • Minjoo Larry Lee and Kathy ask for prayers for Jim Kew who is feeling sick and was hospitalized late last night. • Jan asks for prayers for Libby, who had a heart attack last Wednesday night. It was her first night in her new home. Pray for a quick and full recovery, her grandchild is due on Tuesday, in Chicago. • Patty and Bill ask for prayers of joy for Alyssa and Jake who are getting married on Saturday.		10/04 SUNDAY <i>CUCC Offices Closed</i> 9:30am Choir Rehearsal 10:15am Worship - There Your Heart Will Be Also, and Neighbors in Need 11:30-1:30pm Dementia seminar (Fellowship Hall) 1:00pm Crop Walk 3:00-5:00pm Youth group 10/05 MONDAY 2:00pm Jubilee Café Prep 5:00-6:30pm Jubilee Café 6:30-7:00pm Jubilee Café Clean-up 6:30-8:00pm Campus Ministry Jubilee After-Hang 10/06 TUESDAY 12:00pm Joint personnel meeting 7:00pm Pub Theology (Fellowship Hall) 7:00-9:00pm Tuesday Night LGBTQ+ AA Group (Parlor) 10/07 WEDNESDAY 12:00pm <i>Items for Bulletin & weekly email due (for 10/11)</i> 7:00-8:30pm Choir Rehearsal 10/08 THURSDAY 8:45am RWA meeting 3:00-6:00pm UCC-CM drop-in 10/09 FRIDAY <i>CUCC Offices Closed</i> Campus Ministry Fall Retreat @ Tower Hill 10/10 SATURDAY <i>CUCC Offices Closed</i> 8:00-10:00pm Narcotics Anonymous Meeting (Fellowship Hall) Campus Ministry Fall Retreat @ Tower Hill 10/11 SUNDAY <i>CUCC Offices Closed</i> 9:30am Choir Rehearsal 10:15am Worship - Campus Ministry returns from Fall Retreat 10/12 MONDAY 2:00pm Jubilee Café Prep 5:00-6:30pm Jubilee Café's birthday celebration 6:30-7:00pm Jubilee Café Clean-up 6:30-8:00pm Campus Ministry Jubilee After-Hang 10/13 TUESDAY 7:00pm Pub Theology (Fellowship Hall) 7:00-9:00pm Tuesday Night LGBTQ+ AA Group (Parlor)	
CUCC BY THE NUMBERS			
45 people attended worship on 09/27/2026. 93 eat-in meals, 3 heat-at-home meals, for a total of 96 meals were served to our Jubilee Café on Monday, 09/28/2026. 65 people attended the Riggs event. 1 AA group met in our space this week. 1 NA group met in our space this week.			
DEMENTIA SEMINAR TODAY			
The Health and Wellness Team is hosting a Free Seminar on Dementia today at 11:45am downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. Emily Harmon from the Illinois Extension will be the Presenter. We will provide a light lunch.			
2026 CROP WALK TODAY			
The Crop Walk is today! Join the 2026 CUCC Crop Walk Team in walking to fight hunger, or by financially sponsoring a team member by scanning the QR Code or accessing the team page at https://tinyurl.com/cucccrop26. If you have any questions, contact David Willcox at daw30410@yahoo.com.			
NEIGHBORS IN NEED			
We will be collecting for the national UCC's Neighbors in Need offering. This is one of those offerings that lets us work together with the larger church to help with things we can't do by ourselves. The Neighbors in Need offering supports ministries of justice and compassion, with one-third of the offering given to the Council for American Indian Ministries and the remaining two-thirds supporting UCC justice ministries. In 2025, the Neighbors in Need Offering supported 26 grant recipients across the UCC who were engaged in projects of direct service and advocacy. Learn more at www.ucc.org/nin			
To submit an event to be included on the CUCC calendar, use the QR code or visit https://forms.gle/3sg4cYxbaydZw6hg9			
		<i>Would you like to receive the weekly email and monthly newsletter? Contact the office: info@community-ucc.org</i>	

PUB THEOLOGY

Pub Theology, one of the CUCC book groups, is back! Pub Theology meets on Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will begin the fall semester reading Hope Dies Last: Visionary People Across the World, Fighting to Find Us a Future by Alan Weisman. If you'd like to join us on Tuesday evenings, get a copy of the book and start reading. If you're not on the mailing list, but would like to be added, email Tom Ward at wardt508@comcast.net and he'll add you to the list.

SAVE THE DATE — ALL CHURCH CAMP OUT!

Please join us on Saturday, October 24, Burr Oak group camp, Middle Fork River Forest Preserve [3485 County Rd 2700 E, Penfield, IL] for a fun-filled afternoon, evening of outdoor activities, and fellowship. Arrive any time and join in the fun:
3:00-6:00pm – activities for all ages – games, hiking, fishing (bring your own pole), nature scavenger hunt, set up your tent if you are camping (bring your own – see Alison if you have RV/camper, or if you need equipment)
5:00-6:00pm – cooking over the fire (bring your own food)
6:00pm SUNSET – this is an international Dark Sky Park – please limit your light
6:00-7:00pm – dinner (bring your food, beverages, and camp chairs)
7:00-7:30pm – clean up and free time
7:30-8:30pm – dark sky activities
8:30-9:00pm – s’mores
10:00pm-7:00am – quiet hours – if you plan to leave and not camp, please plan accordingly prior to 10:00pm
SIGN UP IN THE PARLOR – see Alison Anders, Pastor Izzy, or Pastor Leah with questions.

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.

WOULD YOU BE A LITURGIST, USHER, OR GREETER?

Sign up to serve as a Liturgist, Ushers, or Greeters for **October** by signing up on the **paper sign-up** in the Parlor. Include your name and check the task you wish to fulfill. Thanks for serving in worship!

VOLUNTEER AT 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 Genuis at <https://tinyurl.com/53xajssy>.



HOST CAMPUS MINISTRY STUDENTS FOR BRUNCH/LUNCH

CUCC families have a long tradition of inviting Campus Ministry students to brunch/lunch on Sundays following worship. Would you and your family like to host the Campus Ministry students? Scan the QR code or go to <https://tinyurl.com/CampusLunch> to see what dates are available.



PRIDE SIGN UPS

This year's CU Pride Fest will be on **Saturday, October 17, 2026**. In preparation for the Parade, we invite you to take several sheets of rainbow hearts home to cut out. Sheets of hearts, scissors, and baggies are located on the table at the back of the Sanctuary. We will need hearts returned to the Church at least a week before the event.

Please consider volunteering to march in the Parade, where we will hand out the rainbow hearts. We will also need many helpers to set-up, tear down, and/or staff the Fair booth, where we will have our popular Coming Out Prayer Door. You can sign-up on the paper volunteer sheet in the CUCC Parlor. You can also email Keri Evans at kevans1984@yahoo.com, and she will get you added to the list.

ECUMENICAL PRIDE WORSHIP

This month, Inclusive Campus Ministries is once again collaborating on a pride-themed worship service. It is the second annual Ecumencial Pride Worship Service, and Community UCC is hosting this year. The service will be on Monday, **October 19th at 7:00pm**, the day after Pridefest weekend. All of you are invited to attend and to participate in singing with the choir if you're interested. We hope to see you there! Please see Pastor Izzy with any questions.

BIBLICAL SELF-DEFENSE

Ever notice how certain Biblical passages get used as weapons against LGBTQIA folx? Join Rev. Leah Robberts-Mosser on **October 21 at 7:00pm** for a discussion and learning of the history and context of these so-called Biblical "clobber passages". AND learn what scripture passages affirm the goodness and worth of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and queer people.