

# OUR COMMUNITY



Sunday, October 25, 2026Community United Church of Christ—CUCC, UCC Campus Ministry—UCC-CM

| PRAYER & AWARENESS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CUCC?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| <p><b>Ongoing Prayer Concerns</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 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.</li><li>• We pray for an end to escalating violence against LGBTQ+ people.</li><li>• We pray for an end to racially charged violence.</li></ul> <p><b>Prayer Requests shared in worship Sunday, October 18, 2026</b></p> <p>We pray for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Izzy</b> asks for prayers for local teen <b>Tahiel</b>, who was critically injured in collision between an e-bike and car on September 30th. Prayers of hope and healing for <b>him, his family, and everyone who knows him</b>.</li><li>• <b>Elizabeth</b> would like to offer a prayer of gratitude to <b>everyone who helped set up, tear down, transport, and work at the Pride booth Saturday</b>, and thanks to <b>Keri</b> for organizing everything.</li><li>• <b>Johnalene</b> asks for prayers of thanks for <b>her team at work</b> who've worked on a project for the past two years. It went live at midnight Saturday with minimal disruptions. Prayers for continued patience and grace from the care teams as they work through the few issues that have been identified. Prayers for well earned restful days and nights ahead for her team.</li><li>• <b>Micah</b> had a threat of a shooting or bombing at the university that they work for. Everyone was evacuated and Micah is safe, and asks for prayers that <b>everyone stays safe</b>.</li><li>• <b>Max</b> asks for <b>prayers of support</b> as his car was hit. He is okay, he was not in his car when it was hit, but it is not drivable.</li><li>• A prayer of joy for our beloved <b>Xiaoyi Zha</b>, who worshipped with us online. We love you, we miss you, we hope that you are staying safe.</li></ul> | <p><b>10/25 SUNDAY</b><br/><i>CUCC Offices Closed</i><br/>All Church Camp-Out<br/><b>9:30am</b> Choir Rehearsal<br/><b>10:15am</b> Worship - A Change of Heart</p> <p><b>10/26 MONDAY</b><br/><b>2:00pm</b> Jubilee Café Prep<br/><b>5:00-6:30pm</b> Jubilee Café<br/><b>6:30-7:00pm</b> Jubilee Café Clean-up<br/><b>6:30-8:00pm</b> UCC-CM Jubilee After-Hang</p> <p><b>10/27 TUESDAY</b><br/><b>3:00-6:00pm</b> UCC-CM drop-in<br/><b>4:30pm</b> Pastoral Relations<br/><b>6:00pm</b> Story-Telling Event<br/><b>7:00pm</b> Pub Theology (Fellowship Hall)<br/><b>7:00-9:00pm</b> LGBTQ+ AA Group (Parlor)</p> <p><b>10/28 WEDNESDAY</b><br/><b>12:00pm</b> <i>Items for Bulletin &amp; weekly email due (for 11/01)</i><br/><b>7:00-8:30pm</b> Choir Rehearsal</p> <p><b>10/29 THURSDAY</b><br/><b>2:00-6:00pm</b> UCC-CM drop-in<br/><b>6:30pm</b> UCC-CM Board Meeting</p> <p><b>10/30 FRIDAY</b><br/><i>CUCC Offices Closed</i></p> <p><b>10/31 SATURDAY</b><br/><i>CUCC Offices Closed</i><br/><b>8:00-10:00pm</b> NA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p><b>11/01 SUNDAY</b><br/><i>CUCC Offices Closed</i><br/><b>9:30am</b> Choir Rehearsal<br/><b>10:15am</b> All Saints Sunday Worship - Subversive Stewardship<br/><b>5:00-7:00pm</b> Youth Group</p> <p><b>11/02 MONDAY</b><br/><b>2:00pm</b> Jubilee Café Prep<br/><b>5:00-6:30pm</b> Jubilee Café<br/><b>6:30-7:00pm</b> Jubilee Café Clean-up<br/><b>6:30-8:00pm</b> UCC-CM Jubilee After-Hang</p> <p><b>11/03 TUESDAY</b><br/><b>3:00-6:00pm</b> UCC-CM drop-in<br/><b>7:00pm</b> Pub Theology (Fellowship Hall)<br/><b>7:00-9:00pm</b> LGBTQ+ AA Group (Parlor)</p> |

### CUCC BY THE NUMBERS

59 people attended worship on **10/18/2026**.  
9 youth, 2 CM students, 6 adults, & 1 child came to the Great Pumpkin Patch on **10/18/2026**.  
101 eat-in meals, 12 heat-at-home meals, for a total of 113 meals were served to our Jubilee Café on Monday, **10/19/2026**.  
58 people attended the Ecumenical Pride Worship service held on **10/19/2026**.  
14 retirees attended the Retiree's Lunch on **10/20/2026**.  
14 people attended Pastor Leah's Biblical Self-Defense Workshop on **10/21/2026**.  
1 AA group met in our space this week. 1 NA group met in our space this week.

## OPEN MIC

Storytelling Event

Find Your Voice -- Share Your Story -- Connect With Humanity -- Everyone Is Welcome



Come share a story or simply listen.

COMMUNITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

OCTOBER 27

6:00 PM

805 S. Sixth St.  
Champaign, IL

What's your story?

- Less than 7 min
- Spooky Stories Encouraged
- Come Solo or Bring a Friend
- Connect with Your Community!

That's My Story C-U

### ALL-SAINTS SUNDAY

It is our tradition on All Saints Sunday that we remember those who have gone before us, both in the last year, and throughout our lives. Remember to bring a memento or photo of the people you have loved and lost to worship on **Sunday, November 1**. We will dress the altar at the beginning of worship.

To submit an event to be included on the CUCC calendar, use the QR code or visit <https://forms.gle/3sg4cYxbaydZw6hg9>



Would you like to receive the weekly email and monthly newsletter? Contact the office: [info@community-ucc.org](mailto:info@community-ucc.org).

## PASTOR APPRECIATION CELEBRATION

Please join us for cake and coffee after service on **November 1st** to show gratitude and appreciation to Pastors Leah, Izzy, and Connie.

## MEN’S BREAKFAST

The men of CUCC meet the first Thursday of each month for breakfast. Join them at **7:00am Thursday, November 5, 2026**, for breakfast at Maple and Yolk Restaurant, 810 W Killarney St., Urbana. Contact Tom Ward ([wardt508@comcast.net](mailto:wardt508@comcast.net)) if you have any questions or would like to be added to the mailing list. Anyone who identifies as a man is welcome to join the group for breakfast.

## FALL WORK DAY

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, November 7** for our annual fall work day. We will work from **9:00-12:00pm**. There will be inside jobs and outside jobs. Refreshments will be available too! Remember, many hands make light work. Looking forward to seeing you all. Something for everyone.

## FEEDING OUR NEIGHBORS

On **November 13th**, plan to join Pastor Leah at the University YMCA for the Feeding our Neighbors forum, **12:00pm, Latzer Hall**. She will be one of several community leaders talking about the intersection of our faith and food. This is part of the University YMCA’s Friday Forum series. Free lunch is provided.

## CAMPUS MINISTRY CHILI COOK-OFF FUNDRAISER

Campus Ministry is having their second annual Chili Cook-off Fundraiser and football watch party, where you can vote for the best chili with your dollars and watch the Illinois vs. UCLA football game on **Friday, November 13th**. Doors open at **6:00pm**. Kickoff is at **8:00pm**. Come for the chili and the fellowship, stay for the football game. Final voting ends at kickoff time (**8:00pm**). Sign up in the Parlor to enter your chili in the Chili Cookoff competition!

## FIRESIDE DINNERS

The date for the Fireside Dinners this year will be **Sunday, November 15th**. The dinners provide a venue for getting to know members of the congregation in an informal setting. Please consider participating, the dinners are a lot of fun.

The Fireside Dinners follow a few simple rules. the dinners all take place on the same night, in this case November 15th from **6:00 - 8:00pm**.

A certain number of congregation members offer to host a dinner in their home and to prepare a dinner entree (this could be something simple like a soup or salad meal). Once the number of interested participants has been determined, we assign 5-8 participants to each host. the host then contacts the participants to let them know the location of the dinner and asks the participants to bring something to contribute to the dinner (appetizer, bread, salad, vegetable, dessert). One last rule, no church business is to be discussed as the purpose of the dinners is to have time to learn more about individuals in our congregation and to have fun.

The dinners are open to all church members, visitors, college students, and youth group members. Everyone is encouraged to participate!

**If you would like to participate, email or text the required information listed to Peg Wade at [peg.wade@comcast.net](mailto:peg.wade@comcast.net) 217-369-0474.**

**There will also be forms available at the sign-up table in the parlor during October.**

## 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](mailto:wardt508@comcast.net) and he'll add you to the list.

## 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.

