

OUR COMMUNITY



Sunday, November 1, 2026Community United Church of Christ—CUCC, UCC Campus Ministry—UCC-CM

PRAYER & AWARENESS

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, October 25, 2026

We pray for:

- Becky Sheridan** asks for prayers for her brother-in-law, **Mark Carlson**. He has pulmonary fibrosis and is on the waiting list for a lung transplant at Northwestern. Becky asks for prayers for Mark and Cindy and their families for strength, courage, comfort and for the medical team.
- Keri Evans** asks for a prayer of deep appreciation goes out to **everyone that helped CUCC with Pride Fest 2026**. I am especially grateful to Zoe Hoover, Elizabeth Shack, Jeanne Ward, Tom Ward, Tina Cowsert, John Cowsert, Pastor Izzy, and Pastor Leah.
- Cara** asks for prayers of joy at the birth of **Maggie**, our newest great-niece, who arrived happy and healthy on October 16th after a bumpy pregnancy for Mom.
- Kathy** asks for prayers of peace for my sister-in-law **Diane** whose mother Gilda Pearce died this week at age 98.
- Shaun and Monica** asks for prayers for **Monica’s mom**, who is in the hospital dealing with pain and complications in her fight with cancer.

CUCC BY THE NUMBERS

53 people attended worship on **10/25/2026**.

94 eat-in meals, 12 heat-at-home meals, for a total of 106 meals were served to our Jubilee Café on Monday, **10/26/2026**.

8 people attended Pub Theology on **10/27/26**.

1 AA group met in our space this week. 1 NA group met in our space this week.

PASTOR APPRECIATION CELEBRATION TODAY!

Please join us for cake and coffee after service today 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) 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.

WORLD COMMUNITY DAY

Please join Church Women United for their World Community Day celebration on Friday, **November 6 at Bethel AME Church, 401 E Park St, Champaign**. Their theme this year is titled “**Shelter Me - See, Hear, Respect, Protect**”, and comes from John 14: 24. They will be taking donations for Daily Bread and the CWU.

WHAT’S HAPPENING AT CUCC?

11/01 SUNDAY

CUCC Offices Closed

9:30am Choir Rehearsal

10:15am All Saints Sunday Worship - Subversive Stewardship

5:00-7:00pm Youth Group

11/02 MONDAY

2:00pm Jubilee Café Prep

5:00-6:30pm Jubilee Café

6:30-7:00pm Jubilee Café Clean-up

6:30-8:00pm UCC-CM Jubilee After-Hang

11/03 TUESDAY

3:00-6:00pm UCC-CM drop-in

7:00pm Pub Theology (Fellowship Hall)

7:00-9:00pm LGBTQ+ AA Group (Parlor)

11/04 WEDNESDAY

12:00pm *Items for Bulletin & weekly email due (for 11/08)*

7:00-8:30pm Choir Rehearsal

11/05 THURSDAY

7:00am Men’s Breakfast

2:00-6:00pm UCC-CM drop-in

6:30pm UCC-CM Board Meeting

11/06 FRIDAY

CUCC Offices Closed

11/07 SATURDAY

CUCC Offices Closed

9:00-12:00pm Fall Work Day

8:00-10:00pm NA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

11/08 SUNDAY

CUCC Offices Closed

9:30am Choir Rehearsal

10:15am Worship - Hidden Treasures, Open Cross

11/09 MONDAY

2:00pm Jubilee Café Prep

5:00-6:30pm Jubilee Café

6:30-7:00pm Jubilee Café Clean-up

6:30-8:00pm UCC-CM Jubilee After-Hang

11/10 TUESDAY

3:00-6:00pm UCC-CM drop-in

7:00pm Pub Theology (Fellowship Hall)

7:00-9:00pm LGBTQ+ AA Group (Parlor)

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

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



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 217-369-0474.

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

RETIREE’S "COOL YOUNG AT HEART KIDS" NOVEMBER LUNCH

The Retiree's "Cool Young at Heart Kids" November lunch will be **Tuesday, November 17th, 11:30am at The Yard, 401 N. Broadway Avenue in Urbana**. Remember - the lunches are open to everyone, so even if you aren’t retired and you happen to be off that day from work or you plan to attend and would like to bring a friend or family member, that would be great!

HANGING OF THE GREENS

Join us to decorate the sanctuary, big tree, parlor, office area and downstairs tree. The Campus Ministry students have graciously agreed to put the big tree up in the choir loft again this year, so we need lots of folks to stay after church on **November 22nd** to help get the tree and church decorated for the Christmas season. A light lunch will be provided. Come join the holiday fun!

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.

WOULD YOU BE A LITURGIST, USHER, OR GREETER?

Sign up to serve as a Liturgist, Ushers, or Greeters for **November** 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 Shoppe

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.

