OUR COMMUNITY

Sunday, November 8, 2026 **Community 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:

- **Peg Wade** asks for prayers for Roger's oldest sister, **Naomi**, who was hospitalized in Olney this week with blood clots in her lungs. She has been moved to a Rehab/Skilled Nursing facility where they can monitor her progress and begin therapy.
- **Jeanne** asks for prayers of comfort and healing for **Jessica Smiley** who had surgery this week and is recovering at home.
- **Pastor Izzy** asks for prayers for her friends **Jami and Kat**, who recently celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary. Kat had a heart attack last weekend, and they are still figuring out what comes next for her.
- **Andrea** asks for prayers for **her friend's father**, who is in the ICU and is intubated.
- **Becky Sheridan** asks for prayers for her brother-in-law **Mark Carlson & wife Cindy & their families**. Mark needs a lung transplant and will be placed on a waiting list at Northwestern Hospital.

CUCC BY THE NUMBERS

66 people attended worship on **11/01/2026**.
6 youth and **2** Campus Ministry students attended movie night on **11/01/2026**.
98 eat-in meals, **6** heat-at-home meals, for a total of **104** meals were served to our Jubilee Café on Monday, **11/02/2026**.
1 AA group met in our space this week. **1** NA group met in our space this week.

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.

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.

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CUCC?

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)

11/11 WEDNESDAY
12:00pm *Items for Bulletin & weekly email due (for 11/15)*
7:00-8:30pm Choir Rehearsal

11/12 THURSDAY
8:45am RWA meeting
2:00-6:00pm UCC-CM drop-in

11/13 FRIDAY
CUCC Offices Closed
12:00pm Faith & Food Friday Forum
6:00pm Chili Cook-Off CM Fundraiser

11/14 SATURDAY
CUCC Offices Closed
8:00-10:00pm NA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

11/15 SUNDAY
CUCC Offices Closed
9:30am Choir Rehearsal
10:15am In Gathering Sunday Worship - Open Hearts, Open Hands
11:45am Bible Study
5:00-7:00pm Youth Group
6:00pm Fireside Dinners

11/16 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

11/17 TUESDAY
6:30pm CLB meeting
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

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 Cook-off competition!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Mission Team has a volunteer opportunity at Salt and Light on Philo Road in Urbana on **Saturday, Nov. 14**, from **9:00am to 11:00am**. Children 6 through 13 must be accompanied by a parent. Everyone must wear closed toed shoes. Contact Patty Gropp or Jeanne Ward with questions.

IN-GATHERING SUNDAY

Stewardship packets have gone out. You are invited to prayerfully consider your commitment to our community of faith and return your pledge card on **Sunday, November 15**, or make your commitment online at https://champaignucc.breezems.com/form/2027/PledgeForm. Pledge cards will also be available during worship and we will have a designated time to bring our cards forward to be blessed and consecrated. These cards reflect our best intentions. Please remember that if circumstances change, they can be adjusted.

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!

PUB THEOLOGY

Pub Theology, the church's Tuesday night book group, is about to start a new book, so if you are interested in joining us, now would be a great time. On **Tuesday, November 17**, we will begin discussing our newest selection, *Jesus and John Wayne: How White Evangelicals Corrupted a Faith and Fractured a Nation* by Kristin Kobes Du Mez.

Chrissy Stroop of the Boston Globe writes, "It is impossible to do justice to the richness of Jesus and John Wayne in a short review, but one of the key points the book stresses is that as Christian nationalists, the vast majority of white evangelicals believe that our country's flourishing depends on aggressive make leadership. The pervasive abuse patterns of white evangelical subculture replicates themselves on a large social scale in the Christian Right's politics. Since understanding this will be crucial if Americans are to have a functional democratic future, Jesus and John Wayne is a book that America needs now. I hope it will be widely read."

Kristin Kobes Du Mez is a professor of history at Calvin University and the author of A New Gospel for Women and other writings that have appeared in the Washington Post, Christianity Today and many other publications.

Join us **Tuesday, November 17 at 7:00pm** in the Fellowship Hall if you're interested in discussing this book.

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!

ADVENT IS COMING

Every Advent, we light candles and speak of hope. We wait for the good news that God is born. Yet, in the midst of our busy waiting, we know all too well that the world is not as it should be. Wars rage on, violence persists, new tragedies unfold. God's promises are real, and God's promised day has not yet come. This tension keeps us yearning—for a new day, a new way, a world made new. Join us this Advent, and bring Advent home with you by using the Advent devotional. Your devotional books will be available starting **November 22**.

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

Ways to help Jubilee are available every week!

Pick up produce from Sola Gratia Farm (1821 E Mumford Dr, Urbana) 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 (1401 S. Neil St, Champaign) on Mondays at 12:55pm
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.