OUR COMMUNITY

Sunday, November 15, 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, November 8th, 2026

We pray for:

- **Pastor Izzy** asks for continued prayers for **Becca** as she nears the end of chemo and will be setting up surgery for a double mastectomy soon.
- **Kathy** asks for prayers of support for **Xiaoyi**. He is in our minds and hearts and we pray that he makes progress toward visiting us soon. Kathy also asks for prayers for **our current and incoming leaders** that they work to improve our country and our world for those who are struggling the most. And prayers for patience and determination for all of us while we wait for and try to make change.
- **Laura** asks that we please pray for comfort and healing for **Johnell** who is recovering from a back injury.

CUCC BY THE NUMBERS

60 people attended worship on **11/08/2026**.
90 eat-in meals, **7** heat-at-home meals, for a total of **97** meals were served to our Jubilee Café on Monday, **11/09/2026**.
1 AA group met in our space this week. **1** NA group met in our space this week.

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 17th**, 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!

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?

11/15 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
Deadline for December Newsletter Articles
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
3:00-6:00pm UCC-CM drop-in
6:30pm CLB meeting
7:00pm Pub Theology (Fellowship Hall)
7:00-9:00pm LGBTQ+ AA Group (Parlor)

11/18 WEDNESDAY
12:00pm *Items for Bulletin & weekly email due (for 11/22)*
7:00-8:30pm Choir Rehearsal

11/19 THURSDAY
2:00-6:00pm UCC-CM drop-in
6:00-7:00pm UCC-CM Bible Study
6:00pm UCC-CM board meeting

11/20 FRIDAY
CUCC Offices Closed

11/21 SATURDAY
CUCC Offices Closed
8:00-10:00pm NA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

11/22 SUNDAY
CUCC Offices Closed
9:30am Choir Rehearsal
10:15am Reign of Christ Sunday Worship - The Hope To Which We Are Called
11:30am Hanging of the Greens
11:45am Bible Study
3:00pm Grateful Gathering at the Spurlock Museum

11/23 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

11/24 TUESDAY
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

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 22nd**. Advent begins on **Sunday, November 29**.

SAVE THE DATE - LONGEST NIGHT WORSHIP

Join us **Sunday, December 13 at 7:00pm** for the Longest Night Worship Service. This service is a time of worship and reflection during what we are told is "the most wonderful time of the year." In this service, we will light candles and sing some songs appropriate to the season, recognizing that this is not necessarily a season of joy. We will invite you to meditate on the pain and anguish you may bring, and to offer your pain to the Christ child. This worship service will be in person only, so join us in the Sanctuary.

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.

