OUR COMMUNITY

Sunday, November 22, 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 15th, 2026

We pray for:

- **Ramona** asks for prayers of joy that her son, **Jacob**, starts his first "real" job on Monday!!!
- **Sue Fristoe** asks for prayers of positivity and strength for her cousin **Mary and her family** as they wait for MRI results to see if Mary's cancer has progressed.
- **Jan Hyland** would like to share that her friend **Sharon Buckmaster** has gone into hospice care, and asks for prayers for her to a peaceful transition into God's eternal care.
- **Jennifer** asks for prayers for a colleague in her department who just started cancer treatment.

CUCC BY THE NUMBERS

31 people attended the Chili Cook-Off on **11/13/2026** and raised **$377**.
56 people attended worship on **11/15/2026**.
41 people attended this year's Fireside Dinners on **11/15/2026**.
6 people attended Youth Group on **11/15/2026**.
73 eat-in meals, **12** heat-at-home meals, for a total of **85** meals were served to our Jubilee Café on Monday, **11/16/2026**.
14 people attended Pub Theology on **11/17/2026**.
1 AA group met in our space this week. **1** NA group met in our space this week.

STARTING TODAY! ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS MARKET

We will be collecting your donation forms and donations for the annual CUCC Alternative Christmas Market beginning today and continuing through **12/13/2026**. This is a chance for you to make contributions toward items needed by several local agencies as a gift in honor of a special friend or family member, or just because you want to! On **12/20/2026**, you will be given a gift tag/ornament to give to the person or people you donated in honor of telling them about the gift. This is a great option for those hard to buy for folks on your list and a way to help many others besides!

TODAY! 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 HERE

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 today. Advent begins on **Sunday, November 29th**.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CUCC?

11/22 SUNDAY
CUCC Offices Closed
9:30am Choir Rehearsal
10:15am Reign of Christ Sunday Worship
11:30am Hanging of the Greens
3:00pm Grateful Gathering at the Spurlock Museum

11/23 MONDAY
12:00pm *Items for Bulletin & weekly email due (for 11/29)*
2:00pm Jubilee Café Prep
5:00-6:30pm Jubilee Café
6:30-7:00pm Jubilee Café Clean-up

11/24 TUESDAY
7:00-9:00pm LGBTQ+ AA Group (Parlor)

11/25 WEDNESDAY
CUCC Offices Closed

11/26 THURSDAY
Thanksgiving, CUCC Offices Closed

11/27 FRIDAY
CUCC Offices Closed

11/28 SATURDAY
CUCC Offices Closed
8:00-10:00pm NA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

11/29 SUNDAY
CUCC Offices Closed
9:30am Choir Rehearsal
10:15am Sunday Worship - Advent 1
5:00-7:00pm Youth Group

11/30 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

12/01 TUESDAY
3:00-6:00pm Drop-in hours
5:00pm Pastoral Relations
7:00pm Pub Theology (Fellowship Hall)
7:00-9:00pm LGBTQ+ AA Group (Parlor)

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

SAVE THE DATE - LONGEST NIGHT WORSHIP

Join us **Sunday, December 13th 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.

SPECIAL COFFEE HOUR WITH WASSAIL & COOKIES

Christmas is a season of sharing, and we'd love for you to be part of this special afternoon of fellowship. Join us for Wassail, Punch, Christmas cookies, and good conversation as we gather to celebrate the season together.

If you'd like, bring a batch of your favorite cookies to enjoy and share. Any extra cookies will help us extend a little holiday kindness to our homebound members and to guests of the Jubilee Café. It's a simple way for us to remind others that they are thought of, remembered, and cared for during this season of hope.

On **December 20th**, come for the cookies, stay for the fellowship, and help us share a little sweetness with our community this Christmas.

Any further questions please contact: Rocío @ 217-418-6185 / dr.jamison13@gmail.com

CAROLING EVENT

Join us for CAROLING TO OUR AT-HOME CUCC MEMBERS AND FRIENDS, on **Sunday, December 20th, from 1:00 to approximately 3:00pm**. We need your voices and enthusiasm to bring Christmas cheer to our members who cannot get out to our church's events this holiday season. We provide schedules, maps, and music. All you need are your enthusiastic voices and maybe Christmas-themed attire. **We will meet at Autumn Fields in Savoy at 1:00pm** and go from there to several other care facilities in Urbana and Savoy. Carpooling will be available from the church if needed. Christmas cards for those we are visiting will be available in the parlor at church on **Sunday the 13th and 20th**. Please stop by and sign whether you'll be caroling or not. If you need a ride or have any questions, contact me, Marilou Hinrichs (mhmail@comcast.net, 217-637-6107). It is best if carolers can join us for the entire event, but if your schedule only permits a smaller window on the 20th, I can provide the itinerary ahead of time so you can join us when able. This is always a fun event for the carolers and a joyful and meaningful one for our CUCC friends and their neighbors and staff. Please add this to your calendar and join us.

WOULD YOU BE A LITURGIST, USHER, OR GREETER?

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

