

# OUR COMMUNITY



Sunday, March 24, 2024

Community United Church of Christ—CUCC, UCC Campus Ministry—UCC-CM

## PRAYER & AWARENESSES

### Ongoing Prayer Concerns

- We extend prayers of sympathy to the family of Martha Seif upon her death March 18, 2024.
- 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, March 17

#### We pray for:

- Prayers of Thanksgiving that **Emma Smith** was not more injured in a car accident this week, and prayers of gratitude for Isaac and Jonah for helping them get to the hospital and sort out accident logistics. Your kindness made an incredibly stressful situation much better and allowed them to focus on Emma's recovery.
- **Ellen's friend** who fell last week and broke her hip and shoulder.
- **Izzy Collazo's mom, Judi** who is currently in the ICU while waiting to see if her first dialysis treatment improves her health.
- Prayers of Thanksgiving for **Jim, Kathy's dad** who had successful hip replacement surgery last week. Continued prayers for strength, healing, and patience during his recovery.
- Grace for **Caitlin** as she starts her 3rd week in Lurie's PICU, getting sicker than she was, and grace and comfort for her parents **Lynne and Michael**.
- A coworker as she struggles with trauma and hatred. May she find peace and heal.
- Blessings, love, and light on **Kelly and Jherilyn** as they marry this Friday, March 22.
- Prayers of Thanks for Martha Seif and we pray that the Spirit will attend her during this time in her life.

## CUCC BY THE NUMBERS

**46** Adults, **5** Kids, **3** Zoom Users **6** Facebook Users for a Total of **60** people/devices participated in worship on Sunday, **03/17**  
**68** eat in meals, **23** heat-at-home meals, for a total **91** meals were served to our Jubilee Café guests by **20** volunteers on Monday, **03/18**  
**4** folks gathered for the CUCC Retiree's Monthly Lunch Gathering at Siam Terrace, **03/19**  
**7** people gathered for Pub Theology, **03/19**  
**3** AA groups met in our space this week

## MISSION MINISTRY LENTEN PROJECT

The Mission Ministry's Lenten Project is raising funds to support the Trauma and Resilience Initiative of Champaign-Urbana, a local organization that provides support and services to individuals affected by community violence. Donate by writing a check to CUCC with "Lenten Project" on the memo line, donating cash in an envelope with Lenten Project written on the outside and placing it into the globes during worship, or by giving online at <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZA49/campaign/C-14PAK> or by scanning the QR Code.



## EASTER BREAKFAST SUNDAY, MARCH 31 AT 8:30AM

Plan to join us for Easter Breakfast on **Sunday, March 31 beginning at 8:30am** in the Fellowship Hall. Coffee, hot water, juice, milk, bacon & sausage, and table service will be provided by the Hospitality Team. You are invited to bring a breakfast dish to share (egg casserole, quiche, fruit, muffins, pastries, etc.). Please label your dish with the ingredients it includes upon arrival. Arrive at 8:30am for the best selection of food.

## JOIN THE CHOIR IN SINGING HALLUJAH CHORUS EASTER

The choir invites you to join them in singing the Hallelujah Chorus as the closing musical element Easter Sunday. All are welcome to participate. Sheet music can be found at: [Hallelujah Chorus sheet music](#). Contact Kathy Lee at [music@community-ucc.org](mailto:music@community-ucc.org) to practice with the choir or receive learning resources.

## CUCC YOUNG ADULTS INVITED TO EASTER DINNER

The CUCC Young Adults are invited to Pastor Leah's home, 208 E Mumford, Urbana, for Easter Sunday dinner, **Sunday, March 31 at 6:00pm**. You are invited to bring a gluten free dish to share if you would like to.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CUCC?

### 03/24, SUNDAY, CUCC Offices Closed

**10:15am** Traditional Hybrid Worship, Palm Sunday, after worship dress the altar  
**11:30am** Dress the altar for Good Friday  
**8:00pm—9:00pm** Manhattan AA Group (Parlor)

### 03/25, MONDAY

**9:00am** Articles for April eCommuniongram due  
**2:00pm** Jubilee Café Prep  
**5:00pm—6:30pm** Jubilee Café  
**6:30pm—7:00pm** Jubilee Café Clean-up  
**7:00pm** Inclusive Campus Ministry (Fellowship Hall)

### 03/26, TUESDAY

**7:00pm-8:30pm** Tuesday Night LGBTQ+ AA Group (Parlor)  
**7:00pm-8:00pm** Pub Theology (Fellowship Hall)

### 03/27, WEDNESDAY

**12:00pm** Items for Bulletin & weekly email due (for 03/31/24)  
**7:00pm** Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

### 03/28, THURSDAY

**8:00pm-9:30pm** Denver AA Meeting (Parlor)

### 03/29, FRIDAY CUCC Offices Closed

**7:00pm** Good Friday Worship  
**8:00pm** Dress altar for Easter

### 03/30, SATURDAY CUCC Offices Closed

**11:00am** Martha Seif Funeral

### 03/31, SUNDAY, CUCC Offices Closed

**8:30am** Easter Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)  
**10:15am** Traditional Hybrid Worship, Easter Sunday Worship  
**8:00pm—9:00pm** Manhattan AA Group (Parlor)

### 04/01, MONDAY

**2:00pm** Jubilee Café Prep  
**5:00pm—6:30pm** Jubilee Café  
**6:30pm—7:00pm** Jubilee Café Clean-up  
**7:00pm** Inclusive Campus Ministry (Fellowship Hall)





### 04/02, TUESDAY

**7:00pm-8:30pm** Tuesday Night LGBTQ+ AA Group (Parlor)  
**7:00pm** Pub Theology (Fellowship Hall)

*Did you know that CUCC sends out a weekly email announcements and a monthly newsletter? If you would like to be added to the distribution list, email: [info@community-ucc.org](mailto:info@community-ucc.org) and ask to be added to the list!*

## BULLETIN PARTY

Come help collate Good Friday, Easter and Martha Seif Funeral bulletins, **10AM, Thursday, March 28**.

<b>RAISE RIGHT GIFT CARDS</b> Purchasing gift cards from Raise Right supports the ministry of Community United Church of Christ. To create an account, go to <a href="https://www.raiseright.com">https://www.raiseright.com</a> and click on the "signup" button to begin the process of "Joining" an existing program and then enter Community United Church of Christ's enrollment code number: <b>279D2C266L1L9</b> to complete the process. If you encounter any problems during your enrollment process, call 1-800-727-4715, option 3 for assistance or contact Jen Robbennolt at <a href="mailto:Jennifer.robbennolt@gmail.com">Jennifer.robbennolt@gmail.com</a> .							
<b>LITURGIST, USHERS, GREETERS</b> There are many opportunities to serve in worship at CUCC during March and April. Sign-up by scanning the QR Code, or by writing your name and checking the task you wish to fill on the paper sign-up sheet located in the Parlor or by going to the Sign Up Genuis at <a href="https://tinyurl.com/cuccgul">https://tinyurl.com/cuccgul</a>							
<b>OUR WHOLE LIVES FOR OLDER ADULTS</b> The OWL Class for older adults started on January 21, 2024. Classes will take place in the parlor from 1pm-3:30pm on Sundays going through June. The class schedule is: <table border="0" data-bbox="183 585 1023 685"> <tr> <td><b>April 14</b></td> <td>Sexuality &amp; Loss; Reframing Sexuality, Disability, &amp; Chronic Illness</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>May 5</b></td> <td>Body Image; Dating as an Older Adult</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>June 2</b></td> <td>Safer Sex; Sex Play Beyond Basics</td> </tr> </table>		<b>April 14</b>	Sexuality & Loss; Reframing Sexuality, Disability, & Chronic Illness	<b>May 5</b>	Body Image; Dating as an Older Adult	<b>June 2</b>	Safer Sex; Sex Play Beyond Basics
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<b>UCC GREAT LAKES REGIONAL YOUTH EVENT</b> Registration is now open for the UCC Great Lakes Regional Youth Event. The event is <b>July 17-20</b> at Augustana College, Rockford, IL. This event is for <b>youth who will complete 6-12 grade</b> prior to attending. <i>Register before March 31</i> to receive Early Bird registration. <b>Please indicate to Pastor Leah by March 24 that your youth would like to go.</b> Find more information about this event at <a href="https://www.wcucc.org/ministries-missions/youth-programs/regional-youth-event/">https://www.wcucc.org/ministries-missions/youth-programs/regional-youth-event/</a> or by scanning the QR Code.							
<b>PUB THEOLOGY</b> Pub Theology is a book group that meets on Tuesday evenings at <b>7pm</b> in the Fellowship Hall to select, read, and discuss books of interest to the group. You are invited to join the group as they begin their next book, <i>Accidental Saints: Finding God in All the Wrong People</i> by Nadia Bolz-Webber, on <b>Tuesday, March 26</b> . Bolz-Webber, you recall was the speaker at the Interfaith Conference in February. Contact Tom Ward at <a href="mailto:wardt508@comcast.net">wardt508@comcast.net</a> to be added to the Pub Theology email list.							
<b>SPRINGSIDE DINNERS</b> Plan to attend the <b>Springside Dinners</b> where 5-8 participants are assigned to each host. We are hoping to have multiple dinners taking place across the city on <b>Sunday, April 21 6:00-8:00pm</b> . The host prepares a dinner entrée and invites each participant to contribute a side dish for the meal. These dinners provide an informal venue for becoming better acquainted with one another. Please complete a <b>registration form</b> and return it to the church office no later than <b>Sunday, April 7</b> to give organizers time to make assignments and the hosts to contact the participants to finalize dinner menus. Paper registration forms are available in the Parlor. Or email or text Peg Wade at <a href="mailto:peg.wade@comcast.net">peg.wade@comcast.net</a> or 217-369-0474. Springside dinners are <b>open to all</b> church members, visitors, college students, and youth. If childcare is needed, please contact Peg Wade.							
<b>ALL CONGREGATION GAME NIGHT</b> Join us for the All Congregation Game Night, <b>Friday, April 5th, 6:30-8:30pm in the Fellowship Hall</b> . We will have hot water, tea bags, hot chocolate available and a pitcher of cold water. You are welcome to bring any other non-alcoholic drink you would like and/or a snack to share. We will have several games there from which to choose or feel free to bring your favorite game. Mark your calendars and plan to have some fun! Questions? See Jeanne Ward, Chase Skye, Becky Sheridan or Peg Wade.							
<b>QUEERING FAITH 7.0</b> Join UCC Campus Ministry for Queering Faith 7.0 with Flamy Grant, a night of exploring LGBTQ+ identities and spirituality on campus <b>Friday, April 12 · 7pm</b> . <b>New this year:</b> This is a <b>ticketed event</b> . Student tickets are free. General admission is \$10. Sustainer (\$25) and Superhero (\$50) ticket purchases further UCC Campus Ministry's vision of meeting students where they are and supporting them on their campus journey in their growth as vehicles for good in the wider world. Purchase tickets at <a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ucc-campus-ministry-presents-queering-faith-70-with-flamy-grant-tickets-842838080387">https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ucc-campus-ministry-presents-queering-faith-70-with-flamy-grant-tickets-842838080387</a> or by scanning the QR Code on the picture above.							
<b>MISSION MINISTRY'S MISSION PROJECT</b> Mark your calendar and join the <b>Mission Ministry Team</b> for the first <b>hands-on mission project</b> on <b>Saturday, April 20 from 9am-11am</b> . We will be partnering to do a spring yard clean-up at one of the Community Integrated Living Arrangement (CILA) homes run by the Development Services Center in Champaign County. This project is open to all youth and adults. We will bring a few treats to help fuel your work. You are invited to bring your own coffee or beverage. Watch future weekly email messages and Announcement Sheets for the address where we will be working as April 20 <sup>th</sup> gets closer.							
<b>MENTAL HEALTH 101</b> This is the second in a series of training courses to better equip our congregation and Jubilee Cafe volunteers to love our neighbors in tangible ways. Plan to join us on <b>Sunday, April 21, 2024</b> , following worship for the Mental Health 101 training course. This event will be taught by Chestnut Health Systems and takes about 45-60 minutes. <i>A simple lunch will be provided starting at 11:30am with training at 12:00pm. Pastor Leah would like to have at least 38 people attend the Mental Health 101 training.</i>							
<b>SAVE THE DATE</b> <b>Sunday, March 24, 10:15am:</b> Traditional Hybrid Worship, Palm Sunday Worship <b>Friday, March 29, 7:00pm:</b> Good Friday Worship Service <b>Saturday, March 30, 11:00am:</b> Martha Seif Funeral Service <b>Sunday, March 31, 8:30am:</b> Easter Breakfast <b>Sunday, March 31, 10:15am:</b> Traditional Hybrid Worship, Easter Resurrection Worship <b>Thursday, April 4, 7:00am:</b> Monthly Men's Breakfast Gathering at Urbana Family Garden Restaurant <b>Friday, April 5, 6:30pm-8:30pm:</b> All Church Game Night							