

# Communigram

Community United Church of Christ  
A Just Peace, Open and Affirming Congregation

## From the Desk of Rev. Michael Mulberry...

It was a heady two days.

This congregation showed an amazing amount of lay leadership. With the clean up day and those who served refreshments and those who organized the meal, the congregational meeting, and participated in the congregational meeting and wonderful amount of people led us out into congregational life.

I have some incredible images of clean up day and how we accomplished so much because Scott Bush did a great job handing off his leadership to Bob Rahm. Bob did a great job leading, and so many pitched in to cover so many areas in the church. As I said in worship, the picture I have of Becky Hanson playing foursquare with

Lewis and Meghan Rahm after she had worked so hard in the nursery was one of my favorite memories. My heart beat a little faster as it encapsulated my hopes and dreams for this congregation. Two very different generations representing the belonging, joy, and love that is shared here.

I have some incredible memories of our annual meeting. This congregational meeting once again (after our meeting in January) so shared the depth and hard work within our church. We once again had very difficult conversations that shared diversity but came together to make decisions which represented our unity. The amount of money given informally to meet our budget

needs, the excitement I felt around the idea of a capital campaign, the sharing of our children with the congregation, and the number of issues we covered with such depth was truly amazing.

Thanks to Scott Bush for his leadership. Thanks to Howie Guenther for his willingness to assume leadership. I have never felt such hope for where our congregation is headed. WE did this. We all made this happen. Thanks to everyone for a wonderful two days.

Shalom,

*Mike*



## PBS WILL Channel 12

**WEDNESDAY, May 4 at 8PM** ~ SOMETIMES IN APRIL ~ This film, which previously aired on HBO, re-tells the tragedy of the 100 days of the 1994 Rwandan genocide. As it follows a Hutu family torn apart by the genocide, the film also explores the world's response to the atrocities and the Rwandan struggle to find justice and accountability 10 years later. (Repeated 2 am Friday morning)

**TUESDAY, May 10 at 8PM FRONTLINE** presents "The New Asylums" ~ Half a million mentally ill people are serving time in America's prisons and jails. Are jails and prisons America's new asylums? (Repeated 1 am Thursday morning)

**WEDNESDAY, May 11** ~ WHITE SMOKE chronicles the life of the Vatican in the days between the announcement of Pope John Paul II's death and the election of the new pope by a conclave, the group of more than 100 cardinals who gather in Rome's Sistine Chapel for this historic vote.

Filmed over three weeks, White Smoke documents the process through the eyes of key inside players. A Vatican-based priest, a veteran journalist who has covered the Vatican for years, the Pope's photographer and others in the inner circle portray the maelstrom of intrigue and politics that fuel the selection of the new leader of the one billion-member Roman Catholic Church.

## From the Moderator

Thank you to all those who participated in the Spring Luncheon and Congregational Meeting!

We had a great turnout of enthusiastic folks who got an inside look at our thriving children's program along with their sandwiches, pizza, and nachos. The good financial news was that over \$5100 has been contributed to the music program since January. That money will be used to fully fund the choir section leaders for 2005 and also to provide well deserved salary increases for our choir director and organist. An additional \$1000 had been contributed to the general fund since the January meeting. This money was available to fund a motion from the personnel committee for (also well deserved) salary increases for the building manager, the office manager

and the religious education director. The personnel committee also recommended a salary increase for our pastor, but Mike had requested that his name be removed from the motion. Those present at the meeting overrode Pastor Mike's request and voted that his salary also be increased along with the rest of the staff. In order to be fiscally responsible, the assembled group passed a basket around the tables and collected over \$7000 in additional pledges, which will more than cover the increases in salary. The congregation instructed the Administrative Committee to take measures to close the current budget gap for 2005, so stay tuned for more information on this year's finances.

The Administrative Committee met on April 17 and focused on

budget issues and a possible capital campaign among other things. We voted to create a Capital Campaign Committee and are very glad to announce that Howie Guenther has agreed to be the chair. Also agreeing to serve on the committee are Jan Wilson and Bob and Mary Ellen Shroeder. Thanks to all of them! Another decision point in the Administrative Committee meeting was the intent to implement small group ministries for those in the congregation who are interested. Pastor Mike will address this with some adult education classes in the fall.

The next Administrative Committee meeting will be on Sunday May 22, 7-9 pm in the Conference Room.

--Scott Bush

## The Prayer Protest Continues



The Prayer Protest continues each Wednesday at noon. Bring your sack lunch and we will sit out by the northeast front entrance of the church. If you are

interested in providing "gorp" or "trail mix" please drop it off in the church office. We will be providing campus ministry folk "food for thought". "Gorp" or "trail mix" will be offered to those passing by the church. These goodies will contain words of compassion for those suffering in Iraq.

## Your Invited to the...



41st Annual Meeting of  
Illinois Conference United Church of Christ  
June 10-11-12, 2005  
Ramada Convention Center, Peoria, Illinois

**For more information and registration information brochures can be found on the credenza at the back of the Sanctuary.**

**4/28 ~ Thursday**

9:00 am Bulletin Deadline  
 9:30 am Preschool Play Group  
 8:00 pm AA (FH)  
 8:00 pm Alanon (CR)

**4/30 ~ Saturday**

9:00 am Women's Book Club at *Espresso Royale*

**5/01 ~ Sunday ~ Graduate Sunday**

9:00 am Sunday School (R1-5, FH, CR)  
 9:30 am Choir Rehearsal (S)  
 10:15 am Worship Service (S)  
 11:30 am Coffee Fellowship (P)

Free Blood Pressure Checks in the Library

2:30-6 pm Eastern Association Meeting in Paxton  
 5:00 pm Jr. and Sr. High Youth Group Barn Dance

with the Mennonite Youth Group

**5/02 ~ Monday**

10:00 am Staff Meeting (L)

**5/04 ~ Wednesday**

Noon Prayer Protest  
 6:00 pm Chimes (S)  
 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (P)

**5/05 ~ Thursday**

7:00 am Men's Breakfast @ Original Pancake

House

9:00 am Bulletin Deadline  
 9:30 am Preschool Play Group  
 Noon UCF Board (CR)  
 8:00 pm AA (FH)  
 8:00 pm Alanon (CR)

**5/07 ~ Saturday**

9:00 am Women's Book Club at *Espresso Royale*

**5/08 ~ Sunday ~ Mother's Day/Festival of the Christian Home Sunday**

9:00 am Sunday School (R1-5, FH, CR)  
 9:30 am Choir Rehearsal (S)  
 10:15 am Worship Service (S)  
 11:30 am Coffee Fellowship (P)  
 No Youth Group—Enjoy your Mother!

**5/09 ~ Monday**

10:00 am *Communigram* Deadline  
 10:00 am Staff Meeting (L)

**5/11 ~ Wednesday**

Noon Prayer Protest  
 6:00 pm Chimes—Tentative (S)  
 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (P)

**5/12 ~ Thursday**

9:00 am Bulletin Deadline  
 9:30 am Preschool Play Group  
 1:00 pm Women's Fellowship  
 8:00 pm AA (FH)  
 8:00 pm Alanon (CR)

**5/14 ~ Saturday**

9:00 am Women's Book Club at *Espresso Royale*

Key: FH=Fellowship Hall, CR=Conference Room,  
 S=Sanctuary, P=Parlor, L=Library,  
 T=Tower Room, R1...5=Lower Level Classrooms



## April & May Coffee Hosts

**May 1** ~ Becky & Jack Hanson; **May 8** ~ Becky & Brian Duffield;  
**May 15** ~ Pat Syoen and Ann Mullins; **May 22** ~ Open; **May 29** ~ Open

### Chimes

The chimes group will practice **6-7 p.m.** in the CUCC Sanctuary on **Wednesday, May 4;** one evening during the week **of May 8-14;** and **Wednesday, June 1** in preparation for playing during worship **June 5.**



We could really use one or two more chimers for the June 5 worship, so anyone who'd like

to give chimes a try is welcome to join us for some practices.

### Men's Breakfast

The Men's Breakfast Group will get together **7 am Thursday May 5** at the Original Pancake House, which is roughly at the corner of Mattis and Springfield in Champaign.



### Women's Fellowship

The Women's Fellowship will meet on **Thursday, May 12 at 1 pm** at the home of Olive Garigus. They will conduct their annual business meeting and have some inspirational selections. Hostess for the afternoon is Ruth Fisher and Becky Hanson will have devotions.



# May 2005



**\*Sunday Schedule**  
 9 am Sunday School  
 9:30 am Choir Rehearsal  
 10:15 am Worship  
 11:30 am Fellowship Coffee

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 *See Schedule Above Graduate Sunday Blood Pressure Checks after worship in the Library 2:30 -6 pm Eastern Association Meeting	2 10 am Staff Meeting	3	4 Noon Prayer Protest 6 pm Chimes 7 pm Choir Rehearsal	5 7 am Men's Breakfast at Original Pancake House **See Schedule Below Noon UCF Board (CR) 5:30 pm Worship Task Force	6	7 9 am Women's Book Club at Espresso Royale
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15 *See Schedule Above New Member Sunday 11:30 am Children/Family Ministries	16 10 am Staff Meeting	17	18 Noon Prayer Protest 7 pm Choir Rehearsal	19 **See Schedule Below 5:30 pm Worship Task Force	20	21 9 am Women's Book Club at Espresso Royale
22 *See Schedule Above 7 pm Administrative Committee Meeting	23 10 am Staff Meeting 10 am Communitgram Deadline	24	25 Noon Prayer Protest 7 pm Choir Rehearsal	26 **See Schedule Below	27	28 9 am Women's Book Club at Espresso Royale 5 pm Holy Union
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# Thank You

## CROP WALK FOR CHURCH WORLD SERVICE

The 2005 CROP WALK was a great success, with 255 walkers from 18 congregations enjoying a fine summery day. There were lots of flowers and blooming trees along the route in central Urbana. The preliminary pledge total was \$21,490. Community UCC had 12 walkers with pledges of \$1,427.

Thanks to Jessica Bush, Rebecca Eubig, Tracy Heilman, Linnea Joffe-Nelson, Jacob Mulberry, Ann Mullins, Elaine Peppers, Emily, Jeanne, and Tom Ward and Jan and Curt Wilson.

## Meals on Wheels Volunteers

Thanks you to Meals on Wheels volunteers who struggled with the computer generated routing and got the meals where they belonged last week. Becky & Jack Hanson, Pat Syoen, Iris Swanson, and Curt & Jan Wilson delivered our two routes. We will need volunteers for Aug. 15-19 when CUCC is next responsible for delivery of two routes. Please see Jan Wilson if you can help for part of that time since many of us will be on vacation.



## Church Women United

Church Women United meets **Friday, May 6 at 6:30 pm** so that working ladies may attend. It will be held at First United Methodist Church, 304 South Race in Urbana. Park in the southeast lot at Lincoln Square and enter the church from the east door. The May Fellowship Day celebration will focus on "Living in the Light: True Friends are Salt & Light". This is based on two pro-

nouncements of Jesus to his followers: "You are the light of the world" and "You are the salt of the earth."

CWU will be honoring young women who are active in their various churches at this meeting. This year we are naming Mary Anderson as our outstanding young woman. Mary was active at CUCC while she was in high school and has

more recently volunteered in the Sunday School program. In previous years, CUCC has named Janette Hoffman and Becky Duffield. This year's young women will be introduced at the meeting and it would be nice to have a group there supporting Mary. There is a poster in the Parlor about the meeting, or if you have questions, call the church office (344-5091).

### Coffee News



Thank you for your generous contributions toward the new coffee pot fund. The fund is now at a level where we are looking for the perfect pot to purchase.

Also, Fair Trade Organic Coffee is now available on Sundays. You can purchase a 12 ounce bag for \$8. We have regular or decaffeinated. Please designate on your check that it is for coffee.

### CONGRATULATIONS, TYLER!

Our own newest tenor, Tyler Stein, has been awarded The Chorale's Young Artists Scholarship of \$1,000 for 2005. This fall, Tyler plans to attend the New York University's Steinhart School which has awarded him a \$15,000 scholarship - about one-third of the cost of one year there. He will major in Musical Theater.

Tyler will perform with The Chorale this Sunday, May 1, at 7:00 pm at the Faith Methodist Church, 1719 S. Prospect, C. Come hear him sing!



## Community United Church Nursery

We are pleased to introduce the newest Child Care Provider in our Nursery: Laurie Lyter. Please stop by to say hello to this warm and energetic young woman who is helping to care for our youngest members.



We are sad to say good-bye to Catherine Ioesalliani, who will be returning to her home in the Republic of Georgia in May.

Many thanks to Tei Barnhart, Sophie Gerstenecker, Becky Hanson, and Lisa Treul for their work in the Nursery this past week. All of the toys have been cleaned, and the whole room has been reorganized. The children seem to love it!

## Sunday School for May

During the weeks of May, we will be learning about the Bible - the books that make it up, how it came to be, and how to use it. Join us as we create our own library, go on an archeological dig and play a game of baseball!

## Youth Group Activities

**Sunday, May 1:** Barn Dance with the Mennonite Youth Group. 5-7 pm



**Sunday, May 8:** Mother's Day! No Youth Group so that you can do something wonderful for your mother.

**Sunday, May 15:** Orientation Session 2 for the SALSA trip. Again, this is mandatory for those on the trip. 6-8 pm

## Mexican Fiesta and Silent Auction Winners!

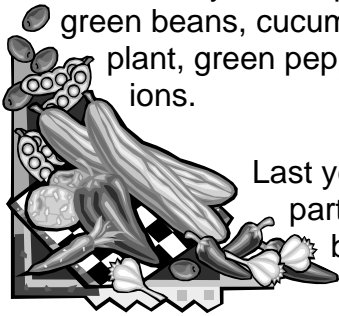


Landscaping Plan by Victoria Robertson ~ Karen Bush; Financial Planning for College ~ Scott/Karen Bush; Parents' Weekend Away by Kordik/Watembach ~ Jim Carnahan; Chocolate Cheesecake by Karen Bush ~ Deborah Thurston; 1 Batch of Homemade Snickerdoodles ~ David Gerstenecker; Private One Hour Taiji Lesson ~ Jodie Steggerda; Stargazing at the U of I Observatory ~ Tom Watembach; Computer Assistant ~ Tom Watembach; 1 Batch of Cupcakes Per Week for 1 Month ~ Sarah Isaacs; Custom Hand Knit Scarf by Caryl Henkel ~ Melissa Melvin; An afternoon of Glitz and Glamour by Emily Ward ~ Melissa Melvin; Family Caricature ~ Tracy Heilman; Family Pass to Rantoul Theatre Production of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory ~ Tracy Heilman; 1 Round of Golf at Urbana Country Club ~ Harvey Welch; 1 Hour of Running Errands ~ Karen Bush; 1 Batch of Homemade Chocolate Cookies ~ David Gerstenecker; 1 Dessert a Month for 3 Months ~ Sharon Heilman; Day Trip to Arthur and the Amish Restaurant or To the Dana-Thomas House in Springfield ~ Mel and Marianna Janssen; Parents Evening Out! ~ Howie and Lisa Guenther; Babysitting Service ~ Lisa Treul; Four Hours of Professional Lawn Work ~ Lisa Treul; Private One Hour Taiji Lesson ~ David Willcox; Hot Apple Pie and 1/2 Gallon of Ice Cream ~ Emily Rogers

# Prairieland Community Supported Agriculture

PCSA is an organization in which customers buy shares in order to receive produce direct from the farm throughout the growing season. Jim and Diann Moore of Watseka practice organic farming which means that no pesticides are used on their crops. This year the shares are selling for \$400 and provide Jim and Diann with a stable income. The growing season is from mid April through mid November. Produce from the Moore farm is delivered to an Urbana location every

Wednesday. A sample pick-up may include green beans, cucumbers, tomatoes, egg-plant, green peppers, potatoes and onions.



Last year Community UCC participated in the program by buying three shares, we are continuing the

program this year. Each Wednesday we will be picking up our three shares and delivering them to **A Women's Place, Women in Transition and El Centro.** Church members have the opportunity to take part in this project by picking up the produce and making the deliveries. It takes about an hour of your time. This spiritual practice of hospitality is a great way of practicing our Faith.

Shares are picked up every Wednesday between 4:00 and 7:00 p.m. There is a sign-up sheet for Drivers on the Bulletin Board outside the Office Door. We have detailed directions in the Office. If you would like a rider to go along with you on your first delivery or have other questions, please call me the church office (344-5091).

## 6th Annual CUCC 2005 Community Arts Camp

"Project Peace" by Roger Emerson  
Directed by Bob Smith and Angela Schneider

June 13 through June 24  
Monday-Friday ~ 9 am-3 pm



Tuition: \$125

Registration Deadline:

**Monday, May 23** with Maximum enrollment is 25 students for ages 3rd through 8th grade students

For more information, call Bob Smith (352-2638)  
(Limited, partial scholarships available)

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Send \$125 Tuition payment to: Community Arts Camp—UCC, 805 S. Sixth Street, Champaign, IL 61820

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Grade Level 2005-06 year \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ and/or email \_\_\_\_\_  
Parents/Guardians: \_\_\_\_\_

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### **Weekly Office Hours**

Mon.-Thu. ~ 9 am-3 pm

### **Sunday Schedule**

Sunday School ~ 9 am

Worship ~ 10:15 am

Coffee Fellowship ~ 11:30 am

Jr & Sr High Youth Group ~ 6 pm

**Next Communigram  
will be mailed out  
on May 11.**

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