

Communigram

Community United Church of Christ

A Just Peace, Progressive, LGBT Open and Affirming Congregation

From the Desk of Rev. Michael Mulberry...

I have been excited about the work being done by three of our committees and even more excited about the possibilities we are working on for the coming year. The CODAC Administrative Team (the new Adult Education leadership) is preparing a process to introduce to the congregation after worship on Sunday, August 28. The Worship Task Group is working to review and revise policies, procedures, and training for ushers, greeters, liturgists, and even a new group that might prepare our sound system for worship. The God Is Still Speaking Task Group, is working on a plan to develop our publicity, hospital-

ity, and identity out in the wider community.

We have great work dates for working on clean up of the inside and outside of our church. Now we are trying to pin down a date as a "Landscaping Day" for lack of a better term. That could very well happen the same day we put up a new outside sign for our church along with some of the dreams and visions put forward by Victoria Robertson and Rebecca Eubig. We are also developing a "Community Life Day" idea for Sunday, September 11, where we share in food, fellowship, and a general call to the congregation for people to participate in the work and life of the church.

Every week we seem to get visitors who are interested in our church. Hopefully, as we continue to build energy and move forward in mission, those visitors will find a place where they can participate, help move us forward, and drop their spiritual anchor in Champaign-Urbana. An institution needs some good leaders and some followers. A movement needs everybody. We need everybody.

Shalom,

Mike



Calling all actors, set designers, costumers, and groupies!

An unlimited number of people are needed for an upcoming play. "The Sign of Jonah" will be told as a fractured fairy tale. This play will be given as the sermon at the end of September or the beginning of October.

Six actors are also needed for a very serious reader's theater based on Gustavo Guitierrez's book, *On Job: The Suffering of the Innocent*. This reader's theater will be given as the sermon at the end of October or in early November.

Please contact Rev. Mulberry if you are interested!

Community United Youth Group



All youth in grades 6-12 (entering or completed) are invited to join us each Sunday evening from 6-8 pm. We always have room for you and your friends! Join us for snacks, fun, fellowship, music and prayer

Aug. 14: "The Good Life"

Aug. 21: We're leading the Worship Service in the morning, boating at Crystal Lake Park in the evening.

Aug. 28: End of summer Party!

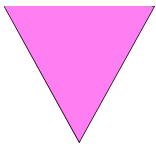


B(e)aring the Image

Eastern Association Youth
Event at
Community United Church
October 21-22



"Images are used to convince us to spend our money in certain ways. Because of them we are subtly told to think in certain ways. We need to *bare* these images so that we can see and think and respond in informed ways."



\$30 per person includes...
**Friday night concert with
Lost and Found**

Mark your
calendars & save the date!



Religious Education at Community United

After using the Rotation Model of Education for one year, we feel that we can confidently say, "It is a success." Parents tell us that their children want to come to Sunday School; our teachers feel supported and empowered. And best of all, we are all learning!

In the 2004/2005 year, we explored the following units:

The Kingdom Parables

The Jesse Tree

Jesus' Baptism

Easter stories

How the Bible Came to be

Looking to the 2005/2006 year, we will be delving into the following:

The Sign of Jonah

The Prince of Peace

Jesus is born

Jesus calls disciples

Jesus' death and resurrection

God makes a world

Join us for our **Rally Day** activities on **September 11**, at the **All-Church retreat** on **Sept. 18**, and at our **Sunday School Kick-Off** on **Sept. 25**. There will be classes for Preschool through Middle School, and a place for everyone!

We Need a Name!

Calling all children (and the young at heart). Can you think of a great name for our Sunday School Program? Some names other churches use are: Kid's Kingdom, Faith Station, God Quest, Testament Travels, Faith Tracks, Rotation Sensation.



Turn in your ideas to Tracy by August 14. We'll have a vote for the best name which will be unveiled at **Rally Day on Sept. 11**.

8/11 ~ Thursday

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

8/13 ~ Saturday

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

8/14 ~ Sunday ~ Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 9:30 am Worship (S)
- 9:30 am Staffed nursery for K and younger (N)
- 10:30 am Coffee Fellowship (P)
- 6:00 pm "The Good Life" VBS begins at CUCC

8/15 ~ Monday

6:00 pm "The Good Life" VBS at CUCC

8/16 ~ Tuesday

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting (L)
- 6:00 pm "The Good Life" VBS at McKinley Presbyterian Church

8/17 ~ Wednesday

- Noon Prayer Protest
- 6:00 pm "The Good Life" VBS at McKinley Presbyterian Church

8/18 ~ Thursday

- 9:00 am Bulletin Deadline
- 9:30 am Preschool Play Group
- 6:00 pm "The Good Life" VBS at McKinley Presbyterian Church

8:00 pm AA (FH); Alanon (CR)

8/20 ~ Saturday

- 9:00 am Women's Book Club at *Espresso Royale*
- 9:00 am Get Plugged In @ *Lincoln Square Mall*

8/21 ~ Sunday ~ Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 9:30 am Youth Led Worship (S)
- 9:30 am Staffed nursery for K and younger (N)
- 10:30 am Coffee Fellowship (P)
- 10:30 am Worship Task Force (CR)
- 10:30 am Coffee Fellowship (P)
- 6:00 pm Jr. and Sr. High Youth Group Boating at Crystal Lake Park
- 7:00 pm Administrative Committee

8/22 ~ Monday

10:00 am *Communigram* Deadline

8/23 ~ Tuesday

10:00 am Staff Meeting (L)

8/24 ~ Wednesday

Noon Prayer Protest

8/25 ~ Thursday

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

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

Community Life Day

Join us for food, fellowship, and celebration of the life and ministry of our church after worship on Sunday, September 11. We have so many ministries where we need so many people within an entirely different interim structure. Come to be Community United Church of Christ on September 11!

Upcoming

Sunday, August 21

Worship Task Force Group

10:30 am after worship in the Conference Room

Sunday, August 28

Presentation of CODAC

The New Adult Education Model
10:30 am after worship in the Conference Room

Coffee Hosts

August

- 14 ~ Jan and Curt Wilson
- 21 ~ Paul and Donna Offenbecher
- 28 ~ Ken and Ruth Gilbert



September

- 4 ~ Sally and Jack Paxton
- 11 ~ Iris Swanson
- 18 ~ Becky and Brian Duffield
- 25 ~ Open



Sun, Aug. 14 - Thu, Aug. 18,
6-6:30 Simple Meal
6:30—8:00 Program for all ages

If you are interested in VBS but have not registered please email Rev. Tracy Heilman (tracy@community-ucc.org) and then contact her in person on Sunday, August 14. She will be returning to Urbana very late on Saturday, August 13.

2005 *Communigram* Deadlines

Please note that the following dates are the deadlines for upcoming *Communigrams* for the remainder of the year: August 22; September 6, 19; October 11, 24; November 14, 28; December 5 and 19. Articles are due at 10:00 am on the designated days.



Contact for Calendar at CUCC



For scheduling events at CUCC or for anybody who has any calendar inquiries please leave a message for Vicky Robertson by calling the church 344-

5091 or email her at the CUCC Website www.community-ucc.org. Thank you.

The Sign of Jonah at Pilgrim Park in Princeton, Illinois

Intergenerational Retreat-Friday, September 16 through Sunday, September 18

Early Christians did not use the cross as a symbol of their faith but the whale. Perhaps they were recalling Jesus using the story of Jonah as the only sign he would give his generation. Other than the prophet being swallowed by a big fish (whale), what is that story? What is that sign? Told as a parable to the Jewish people, this important story still reverberates as a parable (a story that undercuts the prevailing mythology) in our day and age.

Come to celebrate the story, have fellowship with other Community UCC members, do some liturgical shouting, and eat some s'mores! Return home with the story as part of your skin, in every bone and muscle, ready to share it with the world.

The retreat ends with worship at Pilgrim Park on Sunday morning.

All Church Retreat
Fri, Sept. 16—Sun, Sept. 18
Pilgrim Park & Conference Ctr

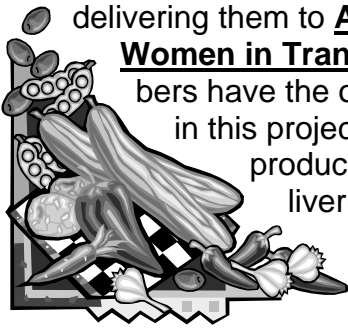
Adults: \$67.50
Teens: \$40.50
Kids: \$40.50
Under 4 is free

Price includes 3 meals, 2 overnights, and a weekend of fun and fellowship. If you are interested, please RSVP to tracy@community-ucc.org



Prairieland Community Supported Agriculture

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 and Women in Transition**. 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 prac-



tice 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 leave me a message at the church office (344-5091). Thank you for your cooperation. Pat Syoen

News Of Former Members And Friends

A number of years ago, Jack and Miriam Dorr and Lloyd and Betty Tyler, and their respective families, were active in our Church Congregational). Betty served effectively as Clerk. By coincidence, both families moved to Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Several here have kept in touch. A recent letter from Betty Tyler told of Miriam's death (Jack had preceded her by several years.)

Their son, Richard (once of our Church School) and his family survive.

Betty's letter includes news of the Tylers. Also, her extended comment, "Give my best to all my church friends--they provide me with such happy memories." Olive Garrigus will be glad to share Betty's letter and the obituary clipping.

Opera on a Shoestring
In collaboration with the University of Illinois
School of Music presents

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FIGARO

August 19, 7:30 pm
August 21, 3:00 pm
Smith Hall on U of I Campus
Free will offering
(\$5 donation suggested)

Soloists of CUCC Chancel Choir are performing as well as Director, Bob Smith

In Earthen Vessels

By Diana Good

This novel is the fictionalized account of Mattie Hadley's real-life which was taken from her very own journal. The four years of traveling to the Artic Alaska as a Quaker missionary found her with problems such as hunger and illnesses that plagued the natives. Interpersonal problems, arthritis, difficulties with the gold miners who passed through and long periods of frigid temperatures and darkness added to the work of the missionaries. The friendship of a native girl, Oomalok, was invaluable to Mattie.

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Weekly Office Hours

Mon.-Thu. ~ 9 am-3 pm

Summer Sunday Schedule

Worship ~ 9:30 am

Staffed Nursery ~ 9:30 am for chil-
dren kindergarten & under

Coffee Fellowship ~ 10:30 am

Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group ~ 6 pm

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