

Communigram

Community United Church of Christ

A Just Peace, Progressive, LGBT Open and Affirming Congregation

From the Desk of Rev. Michael Mulberry...

Rally Day and Community Life Day

We are a learning church. As I shared with Rev. Bush just yesterday, how wonderful it is to discover that we can be family church and a campus church. Not only can we be both, but the numbers from each community seem to feed the other. We are also learning slowly and surely at the Administrative Committee what might be needed in a more permanent polity. For some areas of our church life we need point people to represent our church and

facilitate relationships. Some areas of our church life require continuity and consistency probably best met by a committee structure. Other areas require intense hard work for a short period of time.

This Sunday marks the beginning of high activity within our community life. We will celebrate the start of Sunday School for our children and the building and making of our community. We will break bread together (come one, come all to the free meal provided by the Hospitality Committee) and learn about opportunities to par-

ticipate in ministry.

As we rally our energy for another Sunday School year and commit our time and talent to the life of our community, we will continue to grow into and learn what it means to be Community UCC in this day and age. I believe that learning will move us to act in our world in a way that continues to bring justice and shalom.

Shalom,

Mike



CODAC (Community UCC Adult Education) Openings **Community Observe, Discern, Act, and Celebrate**

Even though space is still limited, openings are available for the small group experience, *Calling the Circle*, led and facilitated by Mary Koloroutis on Tuesdays from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. beginning on **September 27**. Space is also limited but available for the curriculum study, *Just Eating?: Practicing Our Faith at the Table* with McKinley Presbyterian on Mondays from 6:30 to 8:30 beginning on November 7. If you wish to sign-up and/or need child care, please call the church office at 344-5091. Sign up is also available on Sunday, after worship during Community Life Day.

WHAT IS NEIGHBORS IN NEED?

Neighbors in Need represents one of several ways that the United Church of Christ expresses its financial commitment to justice and compassion throughout the U. S. Funds from NiN support the UCC's justice advocacy programs and are also distributed to a wide array of congregations and nonprofit organizations who work to support justice and who help neighbors in their communities across the country. One-third of the offering supports the

Council for American Indian Ministry, including 20 American Indian congregations in the UCC.

CUCC's offerings were about \$2,000 each of the past two years.

We will receive your Neighbors in Need on October 2, World Communion Sunday.

Eyes Wide Open

**Beyond Fear—Towards Hope
An Exhibition of the Iraq War**

Friday, 9/16 on the University of Illinois Quad
Saturday, 9/17 in Downtown Champaign
Sunday, 9/18 at Douglass Park in Urbana
Monday, 9/19 at Parkland

Eyes Wide Open is an exhibit created by the American Friends Service Committee in Chicago. The exhibit includes seventy-six pairs of empty combat boots that have been tagged with the names of Illinois soldiers who have died in the Iraq war, as well as a memorial to the thousands of Iraqi civilians who have died during the conflict. Local religious organizations and community groups are working together to bring the exhibit to CU.

How Can You Get Involved?

Email carolinskeep@yahoo.com or call 344-9155 if you can volunteer to help staff the exhibit for an hour or two while it is displayed; or consider helping with set-up or take down at one of the locations

2005 Fair Trade Conference

Fair Trade Futures: Living a Fair Trade Life
September 30-October 2 in Chicago



- Alliance building
- Stories from the ground up
- Best practices
- Action for change

Learn how we can all live a Fair Trade life
and build a more just future

For Registration Information:
www.fairtradefutures.org

**Congratulations to
Touby & Frances Kurtz
who
celebrated their 65th
Wedding Anniversary
on September 1, 2005.
We wish you God's
blessings!**

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!

Calendar

9/08 ~ Thursday

9:00 am Bulletin Deadline
 9:30 am Clean-Up & Decorating Fellowship Hall
 1:00 pm Women's Fellowship @ Martha Seif's

home

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

9/10 ~ Saturday

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

9/11 ~ Sunday ~ Twenty-fourth Sunday Ordinary Time

9:00 am Rally Day Opening (FH)
 9:30 am Choir (S)
 10:15 am Worship (S)
 11:30 am Coffee Fellowship (P)
 11:45 am Community Life & Lunch (FH)
 6:00 pm Jr. & Sr. High Youth (TR)

9/13 ~ Tuesday

10:00 am Staff Meeting (L)

9/14 ~ Wednesday

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

9/15 ~ Thursday

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

9/16 ~ Friday

Intergenerational Retreat at Pilgrim Park

9/17 ~ Saturday

9:00 am Women's Book Club at *Espresso Royale*
 Intergenerational Retreat at Pilgrim Park

9/18 ~ Sunday ~ Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Intergenerational Retreat at Pilgrim Park
 9:30 am Choir Rehearsal (S)
 10:15 am Worship (S)
 11:30 am Coffee Fellowship (P)
 7:00 pm Administrative Committee (CR)
 No Jr. and Sr. High Youth Group

9/19 ~ Monday

10:00 am *Communigram* Deadline

9/20 ~ Tuesday

10:00 am Staff Meeting (L)

9/21 ~ Wednesday

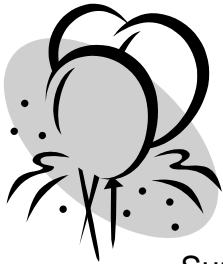
Noon Prayer Protest
 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (P)

9/22 ~ Thursday

9:00 am Bulletin Deadline
 9:30 am Preschool Play Group
 5:30 pm Worship Task Force (CR)
 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

Special Invitation to the Congregation



It's time to celebrate a New Year of church life and activity! We need your church leadership. We need your time, your talent and your passion. This Sunday we will be gathering in the fellowship hall immediately after the service to celebrate CUCC's new year of community life. This will be your special invitation to participate in the exciting growth in our congregation. Hear more about the wonderful Sunday school program offered throughout the church year. All of this and good food will be provided. Pizza will be provided for the children and youth.

**Join us at the Pilgrim Park All Church Retreat
 And Remember no Sunday School September 18**

The Prayer Protest Continues!

How do we, as Christians, bring our faith to bear on the prosecution of the war in Iraq? How do we protest the abuses against prisoners of war? How do we protest the gross miscalculation of what it would take to prosecute this war? How do we protest the prosecution of the Patriot Act? One response is the Prayer Protest. We gladly welcome other faithful responses. Is there a Christian movement strong enough to confront the abuses of our government? We welcome your involvement, your solidarity, your persistence, and your trail mix in protest. The following "food for thought" accompanied the trail mix we handed out last week read like this:

No amount of crowing over a fig leaf Iraqi constitution by President Bush can hide the fact that the region's autocrats, theocrats and terrorists are stronger than ever. "The U.S. now has to recognize that [it] overthrew Saddam Hussein to replace him with a pro-Iranian state," said regional expert Peter W. Galbraith, the former U.S. ambassador to Croatia and an advisor to the Iraqi Kurds. And, he could have added, a pro-Iranian state that will be repressive and unstable.



2005 *Communigram* Deadlines

Please note that the following dates are the deadlines for upcoming *Communi-grams* for the remainder of the year: September 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 contact Vicky Robertson at the CUCC

Website www.community-ucc.org. Thank you.

Weekly UCC Campus Ministry Programs

Monday -Thursday at 11 am to noon ~ Drop In to meet with Pastor Karen

Mondays at 10 pm ~ Campus Ministry Choir singing

Wednesdays at 7 pm ~ Sanctuary Meditation Prayer Service

Thursdays from 2-4 pm ~ Open House in Karen's Office

Fridays at 5 pm ~ Rotating array of programs (coming up: local service, movie/discussion, play-time, camping, Hillel)

Sundays at 10:15 am ~ Worship with CUCC (on 9/18 followed by Religious Ramblings theological discussion) **09/25** ~ Worship with Sidney UCC and **10/02** ~ Worship with Trinity UCC in Chicago

Coming soon: Small group sign up (weekly, high commitment)

All Parkland and U of I students are invited to participate!

For more information, talk to Reverend Karen Bush or email her at ks-bush@uiuc.edu

The Sign of Jonah Registration Form

Pilgrim Park

Princeton, Illinois

Friday, September 16-Sunday, September 18



Lower Conference Center consists of 4 air-conditioned bedrooms each with 4 single beds and two bunk beds. There are two large bathrooms, a meeting room and a recreation room. A few rooms in the Upper Conference Center are also reserved. These rooms include two double beds and a private bathroom and cost an additional \$26 for adults, \$20.80 for teens and \$10 for children.

Names of Adults at \$67.50

Names of teens at \$54.00

Names of children (5-12 years old) at \$40.70

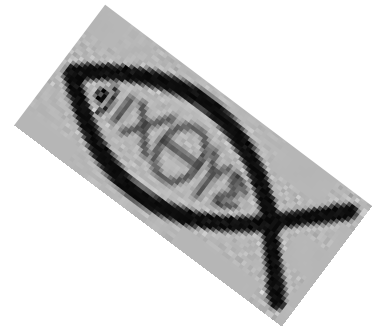
Names of children under 4

RALLY DAY SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

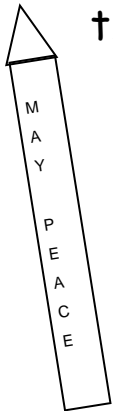
Come Join the Circle!



The fun begins at 9:00 am as all ages gather together under the tent for singing & praying.



At 9:15, the preschool children will go to their room for circle time, exploration and creation.



All other young people (K-8) will experience the 6 different stories that we will delve into the year ahead.



At 9:50 the bell will sound & we will gather again under the tent to share what we've discovered and created.



2005/2006 Sunday School Registration for Community United Church of Christ

Family Name: _____

Address: _____ City & Zip _____

Phone Number: _____ email address _____

Name of Parent or Adult Contact: _____

1. Child's Name: _____

2. Child's Name: _____

Age: _____ Grade Entering: _____

Age: _____ Grade Entering: _____

Birth Date: _____

Birth Date: _____

Allergies or Medical Issues

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3. Child's Name: _____

4. Child's Name: _____

Age: _____ Grade Entering: _____

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Birth Date: _____

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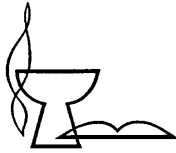
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Donations of \$10 per child will help with the cost of T-Shirts.

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805 S. Sixth St.
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Weekly Office Hours

Mon.-Thu. ~ 9 am-3 pm

Sunday Schedule

Choir Rehearsal ~ 9:30 am

Sunday School ~ 9:00 am

Worship ~ 10:15 am

Coffee Fellowship ~ 11:30 am

Jr & Sr High Youth Group ~ 6:00 pm

Next Communion
will be mailed out
on September 22.

We're on the Web!
www.community-ucc.org

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*Rally Day and Community Life Day
September 11*

Don't miss this opportunity to come together as community.

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