

# CommuniGram

Community United Church of Christ

A Just Peace, Progressive, Open and Affirming Congregation

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

One of the things I had hoped for with the new polity was that we would have a congregational potluck or meal at least once a month to build community and increase trust in the congregation. Though we have not intentionally planned for these events, we begin this fall with two events that have us "breaking bread" together. We began with Community Life Day in September and continue with one of our three congregational meetings in October, on Sunday, October 9, after worship.

We have some important work to do on Sunday, October 9, at this congregational meeting. We will ask for the congrega-

tion's input on the placement of announcements (after having them at the end of the service for a good long time), the frequency of communion (doing it every other month presently), and the four organizations or missions we will put forward for our Advent Wreath giving.

Where these decisions used to be made by committee, we now seek the input of the entire congregation.

The Worship Leadership Team and the Administrative Committee are trying to organize these discussions so that everyone has an opportunity to share their input without the discussion devolving into long, tedious

speeches from only a few people (In other words, how do we keep Mike away from the lectern?). Seriously, we hope all discussions might begin with information in hand so that everybody feels like they will be making informed decisions.

So come to break bread and share in important decisions for our community life. We hope the decisions we make will reflect a wisdom that is greater than the sum of our parts.

Shalom,

*Mike*



## World Communion Sunday

To celebrate World Communion Sunday, on Sunday, October 2, we are asking people to sign up for making bread from around the world. Right now we have recipes from China, Africa, Chile, India, the Caribbean, and the Middle East. Maybe you have a recipe you would also like to share with us on that day?! If you are making one of your own recipes or would like to bake one from the recipes we have in the church office, please e-mail or call the church office ([info@community-ucc.org](mailto:info@community-ucc.org); 344-5091). The bread from around the world will need to be ready to place in communion baskets at 10:00 a.m. before the service begins on Sunday, October 2. Please help us celebrate this important day!



# Notes from your Administrative Committee

To Our Congregation:

Your Administrative Committee met Sunday, September 18. We want to call your attention to an important issue we considered:

## THE ADVENT WREATH

The procedure for choosing Advent Wreath beneficiaries will be different from in the past when a committee studied possibilities and made the selections. This year we want to invite the entire congregation to make the selections. This will be done at the next congregational meeting on **October 9**.

To prepare for making the selections, you are encouraged to recommend beneficiaries by sending your name and information

about the charity you wish to have considered to Scott Bush, preferably well before the October 9 meeting. Information about these charities can then be distributed to everyone. We hope there will be some good discussions before we vote.

If you have questions, please contact Scott or me.



## Save God's Earth

The CUCC Administrative Committee encourages your support of the Egods committee. The church needs your involvement in this effort to reduce, reuse and recycle.

The object of the Egods committee is to save God's earth for future generations and save resources and money for present

generations.

If you are interested in contributing ideas as to how we can reduce our environmental impact please contact the church office (344-5091) to let me know where and when would be the best for you to meet to discuss how we might effect these changes.

All members are encouraged to participate in this activity with their suggestions and actions at church and in their daily lives. Remember "Less is more like it."

Sincerely, Jack Paxton

## Congregational Meeting

A Congregational Meeting for CUCC has been called for **Sunday, October 9, at 11:30 am** following the morning service.

The agenda is to include:

- A discussion of the "Hope Shall Bloom" Covenant of Compassion from the UCC
- Approval of beneficiaries of the Advent Wreath program.
- A presentation on the EGods program by Jack Paxton.
- An opportunity for feedback on the interim church structure.
- A discussion of worship issues such as where in the service to have announcements

David Willcox, Clerk

# Calendar

**9/22, Thursday**

- 9:00 am Bulletin Deadline
- 9:30 am Preschool Play Group
- 5:30 pm Worship Task Force
- 8:00 pm AA (FH); Alanon (CR)
- 5:30 pm Worship Task Force (CR)

**9/24, Saturday**

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

**9/25, Sunday - Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- 9:00 am Sunday School for all ages (FH, R 1-5, CR)
- 9:30 am Choir Rehearsal (S)
- 10:15 am Worship (S)
- 11:30 am Coffee Fellowship (P)
- 6:00 pm Jr. & Sr. High Youth (TR)

**9/26, Monday**

10:00 am Staff Meeting (L)

**9/27, Tuesday**

6:30 pm CODAC at "The Loft" - Calling the Circle

**9/28, Wednesday**

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

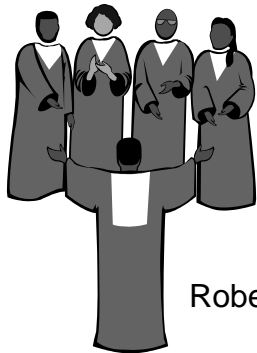
**9/29, Thursday**

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

**9/30, Friday**

Women's Retreat at Pilgrim Park

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



Your Chancel Choir, directed by Robert Smith, is offering a special

concert on October 16 as a way of saying "thank you" to the congregation for your continuing support. We all love to sing here and we hope you will

## APPRECIATION CONCERT

October 16, 2005 7:00 p.m.  
CUCC Sanctuary

attend and bring all your "friends and relations" (as said by Pooh).

Featured, in addition to the choir and our soloists, will be Chad Dunn, a well known percussionist who has played with us before. Music will include some old favorites such as "How Can I Keep from Sing-

ing," "He Never Failed Me Yet," "Kyrie Eleison" by Louis Verne, and many others. Portions of Schubert's "Mass in G" will also be performed.

Please come to enjoy our gift to you of an evening of beautiful music.

## Men's Breakfast

Men from Community United Church are invited to Urbana Garden for breakfast on **Thursday, October 6 at 7 am.**

## Next All Church Fall Work Day



**Saturday, November 5**  
**Mark your calendars!**

## 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 8 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, playtime, 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](mailto:ks-bush@uiuc.edu)

## WHY CONTRIBUTE TO NEIGHBORS IN NEED??

Imagine: Another World IS Possible!

Neighbors in Need pools our gifts so that they can have a larger effect than just the few dollars each of us contributes. This offering goes to help in the whole range of social issues: poverty, economic development, human rights, peacemaking, violence prevention, environmental concerns, racial and economic justice, advocacy for public education, multiracial, multi-cultural implementation and public policy. The dollars CUCC contributes is multi-

plied by hundreds of other churches, so that the UCC can offer support to millions of people. NIN is about making another world possible!

Part of the Hope Shall Bloom Hurricane Recovery Initiative for the UCC is a promise to support the UCC's Neighbors in Need special mission offering and other justice initiatives that work to ensure that our government adequately serves all people, including the most vulnerable, the disabled, the poor and the elderly.

Please give generously on Oct. 2.

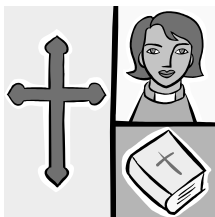
### Women's Fellowship

At the September 8<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Women's Fellowship, the Rev. Ann Burger reported on the progress of the Champaign County Christian Health Center in meeting the health care needs of the uninsured people in our area. The need is so great that the members of the group voted to contribute \$100.00 from the Women's Fellowship treasury to this program. Elizabeth Easley described the impact of Hurricane Katrina on the New Orleans area as reported by her son, David. Members voted to send \$100.00 from the Women's Fellowship treasury to Church World Service; Hurricane Katrina Response. Inquiries about these actions can be directed to Jean Creswell, Becky Hanson, Elizabeth Easley or Diane Carothers.

### Sympathy

Our Sympathy is extended to Ian, Victoria and David Robertson following the death of Ian's father. They are in our prayers.

### Sarah Bloesch, our student in-care



I was privileged to travel to St. Louis for Pastor's Day at Eden Theological Seminary. Pastor's Day is an opportunity for those churches with in-care students to meet with those students and learn more about their life at seminary. I met Sarah at Eden's chapel service where we celebrated together the gospel service Eden holds

once a month. I then ate lunch with her at Eden's Schroer Commons.

I am excited to share with you that Sarah is enjoying her field placement. She is working with African refugees (She hopes to be a UCC missionary in Africa). She related that she was glad to see a familiar face, but she seems to be enjoying seminary life. In keeping with her chemistry background, I

believe Sarah is the only seminarian who has the periodic table in her dorm room. Sarah is also part of a silent counter-protest at an abortion clinic where she holds signs reading: "Pro-Life, Pro-Family, Pro-Choice."

I believe Sarah does us proud at Eden. As we continue to walk with her, I hope we will continue our mutual learning.

-Mike Mulberry

# CODAC (Community Observes, Discerns, Acts, and Celebrates) Begins This Sunday!

## ***On Job: God Talk and the Suffering of the Innocent*, Sundays, 9:00 a.m., Conference Room**

Gustavo Gutiérrez, one of the most preeminent liberation theologians, takes us through this study of the book of Job and asks us to struggle with the reality of innocent suffering. Tom Ward and Mike Mulberry lead us through this challenging Biblical story and study. All are welcome. Syllabus and study questions are available from Rev. Mulberry at [mike@community-ucc.org](mailto:mike@community-ucc.org) or 344-5091.

## ***Living Calling the Circle: The First and Future Culture*, Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m., "The Loft", 2808 Concord St., Urbana**

Space is limited for this experience of small group life led by Mary Koloroutis. Developing expertise with small group development in her professional life, Mary has led people through this process which often leads to a sharing of hearts and lives. Reading Christina Baldwin's text, *Calling the Circle: The First and Future Culture*, is required for the class. If you miss the cut off for this autumn, make sure to sign up for the second session this spring. Contact the church office 344-5091.

## **THE VISITING SCHOLAR SERIES:**

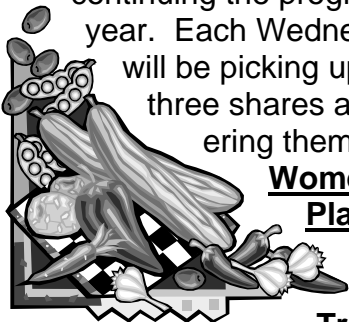
**WISDOM'S WORTH: WEALTH, POVERTY, AND VALUE IN WISDOM LITERATURE**  
**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14, 7:00 P.M.-8:30 P.M.,**  
**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 9:00 A.M.-10:30 A.M.; 11:00 A.M.-12:30 P.M.**

Professor Timothy J. Sandoval, Associate Professor of Hebrew Scripture at Chicago Theological Seminary, leads us through this survey of Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Job to hear how virtue, wisdom, and value are to be understood. Cost for the visiting scholar series includes a continental breakfast and lunch on Saturday. CUCC Members \$20; All others \$35. As we continue to study wisdom literature in classes and worship, come to hear a scholar work through the texts with us. Brochures can be found on the credenza at the back of the sanctuary or e-mail the church office ([info@community-ucc.org](mailto:info@community-ucc.org)) to receive a pdf brochure or call at 344-5091 to receive a brochure through the mail.

## 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 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 Bulle-

tin 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 the church office (344-5091) or by email [info@community-ucc.org](mailto:info@community-ucc.org).

Thank you for your cooperation. Pat Syoen

## 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

Sept. 18: We're making Care Packages for Youth Group Graduates!

Sept. 25: Planning night. Bring your calendars of school, family and work commitments. We'll be mapping out fundraisers, lock-ins, service projects and more.

## Religious Education at Community United

Our Sunday School Program begins on the 25th with "The Sign of Jonah" for Kindergarten—8th graders. These young people will travel through three different workshops as they learn the story of Jonah through water-color, story maps, and science experiments. Many thanks to our Shepherds, Michael Trout, Jim Carnahan, Sandy Melvin and Rebecca Eubig and to our Guides, Susan Schnuer, Denise Oligney-Estill, Kellee Weinholt and Karen Kelskey.

Our preschool children, under the guidance of Susan Requa, Emily Ward and Jessica Bush, will be coming "Alive in God's Way" as they learn the stories of our faith.

### **B(e)aring the Image** **Eastern Association** **Youth Event at** **Community United Church** **October 21-22**

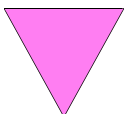


\$30 per person includes...

**Friday night concert with Lost and Found**



Mark your calendars & save the date!



## Bible Presentation

Copies of the Children's Contemporary English Version were presented to new Kindergarten students on Rally Day. In addition, older students new to our church were also presented a copy of this Bible.

Join us in encouraging these young people to read and hear the stories of our faith found within their new Bible.

**Lauren Kelleher**  
**M. Elizabeth Guenther**  
**John Vaaler**  
**Ben Vaaler**  
**Miyako Iwata**



# October 2005



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p><b>*Sunday Schedule</b>                      9 am Sunday School                      9:30 am Choir Rehearsal                      10:15 am Worship                      11:30 am Fellowship Coffee                      6 pm Sr &amp; Jr High Youth Group</p>	<p>3                      10 am Staff Meeting</p>	<p>4                      6:30 pm CODAC at "The Loft" ~ Calling the Circle</p>	<p>5                      Noon Prayer Protest                      7 pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>**Thursday Schedule</b>                      9 am Bulletin Deadline                      9:30 am Preschool Play Group                      8 pm AA                      8 pm Alanon</p>	<p>7                      **See Schedule Above                      7 am Men's Breakfast @ Urbana Garden</p>	<p>1                      9 am Women's Book Club at Espresso Royale                      2 pm Communion Prep                      Women's Retreat at Pilgrim Park</p>
<p>2 <b>World Wide Communion</b>                      *See Schedule Above                      Free Blood Pressure Checks                      9 am CODAC (Adult ED):                      On Job</p>	<p>4                      6:30 pm CODAC at "The Loft" ~ Calling the Circle</p>	<p>5                      Noon Prayer Protest                      7 pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>6                      **See Schedule Above                      7 am Men's Breakfast @ Urbana Garden</p>	<p>8                      9 am Women's Book Club at Espresso Royale</p>	<p>15                      9 am Women's Book Club at Espresso Royale                      9 am Visiting Scholar: Wisdom's Worth</p>	<p>15                      9 am Women's Book Club at Espresso Royale                      9 am Visiting Scholar: Wisdom's Worth</p>
<p>9 *See Schedule Above                      9 am CODAC (Adult ED):                      On Job                      11:30 am Congregational Meeting</p>	<p>10                      Indigenous Peoples' Day                      Office Closed</p>	<p>11                      10 am Staff Meeting                      10 am Communion                      Deadline                      6:30 pm CODAC at "The Loft" ~ Calling the Circle</p>	<p>12                      Noon Prayer Protest                      7 pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>13                      **See Schedule Above                      1 pm Women's Fellowship @ Pages for All Ages</p>	<p>14                      7 pm Visiting Scholar: Wisdom's Worth</p>	<p>22                      9 am Women's Book Club at Espresso Royale                      Eastern Illinois Association Youth Event "B(e)aring the Image"</p>
<p>16 *See Schedule Above                      9 am CODAC (Adult ED):                      On Job                      7 pm Chancel Choir                      Appreciation Concert</p>	<p>17                      10 am Staff Meeting</p>	<p>18                      6:30 pm CODAC at "The Loft" ~ Calling the Circle</p>	<p>19                      Noon Prayer Protest                      7 pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>20                      **See Schedule Above</p>	<p>21                      Eastern Illinois Association Youth Event "B(e)aring the Image"                      Lost &amp; Found Concert</p>	<p>29                      9 am Women's Book Club at Espresso Royale</p>
<p>23 *See Schedule Above                      9 am CODAC (Adult ED):                      On Job                      7 pm Administrative Committee</p>	<p>24                      10 am Staff Meeting                      10 am Communion                      Deadline</p>	<p>25                      6:30 pm CODAC at "The Loft" ~ Calling the Circle</p>	<p>26                      Noon Prayer Protest                      7 pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>27                      **See Schedule Above</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29                      9 am Women's Book Club at Espresso Royale</p>
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## Weekly Office Hours

Mon.-Thu. ~ 9 am-3 pm

## Sunday Schedule

Sunday School ~ 9:00 am

Choir Rehearsal ~ 9:30 am

Worship ~ 10:15 am

Coffee Fellowship ~ 11:30 am

Jr & Sr High Youth Group ~ 6:00 pm

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