

COMMUNITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
A JUST PEACE, PROGRESSIVE, LGBTQ OPEN & AFFIRMING CONGREGATION

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Coming up at CUCC...

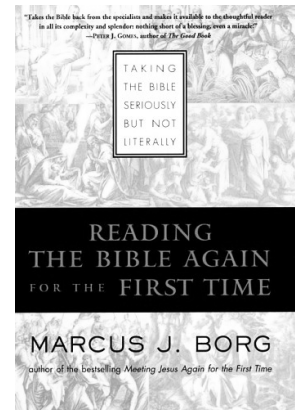
August 18 - Choir resumes regular Wednesday night rehearsals

August 20 - CU Pride Fest - Lincoln Square Mall 3pm - 9pm
Biblical Self Defense for LGBTQA People - Workshop 6pm - 7pm

August 21 - Church Parking Lot Sale - 6:30am - 3pm

August 22 - Pride Fest Worship

See page 9 for the remainder of the sermon series.



What's next at CUCC...

Signs of Faith in a Rational World – submit YOUR questions!

Beginning in September 2010, CUCC will explore a new sermon series “Signs of Faith in a Rational World”. In order to prepare, the worship committee would like to invite you to submit your questions about faith, life, and the intersection of the two. Is there some theological question you’ve always wanted to ask? Now is the time. Submit your questions by August 15th by emailing them to Pastor Leah: leah@community-ucc.org

What do you believe?

Pastor Leah issued an invitation to the congregation in May. While preaching on the story of Philip’s encounter with the Ethiopian Eunuch found in Acts 8, she wondered, if it were us talking to the Eunuch, not Philip, what would we say? When the Eunuch asked us for help in understanding the scriptures and his new found faith, what would we say? When someone asks you what you believe, what do you say? This is where the invitation came in. Each member of Community UCC is invited over the next few weeks to put pen to paper and answer the question: what do you believe? When new members join our church, we invite them to write their own statement of faith. When our young people are confirmed, we ask them to do likewise. So, now it’s your turn. It doesn’t have to be long, or over-detailed. It just needs to be true. When you finish, email your statement into the church office (info@community-ucc.org) and we’ll print a few at a time in the Communigram.

The deadline for the next Communigram is August 23rd at Noon.

Letters from Leah

Community United Church of Christ, I have a question for us. Will we:

Choose Life over Death,
 Choose Community over Isolation,
 Choose Fun over Drudgery,
 Choose Bold over Mild,
 Choose Frontier over Fortress,
 Choose Now rather than Later?

These were the choices presented to the leadership of your church at a retreat in July. Paul Nixon's book "I Refuse to Lead a Dying Church" presented these choices, challenged us to take an honest look at ourselves, and make new choices for our church.

The truth is - churches that make these choices live. They thrive. They blossom AND they have *fun* doing it. Churches that continue to opt for what's comfortable and play it safe – they are dying. Fast.

Here's the reality: mainline denominationalism is in freefall. And we're not alone. Conservative denominations are in decline as well. 2010 marked the third year of decline for the Southern Baptists. CUCC's membership statistics show a 23-26% drop in membership over the past 10-12 years. That's not good news, folks.

But there is good news. *And* there is Good News

The good news is that we *can turn around this trend*. We can make choices that open our doors even wider and allow our progressive voice to be heard even louder in our community. We are an incredible community who's clear about its values, committed to the church and capable of amazing things! We can choose Life, Community, Fun, Boldness, Frontier ministry...and we can make those choices Now.

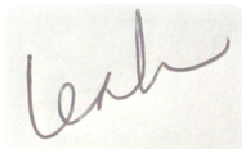
The Good News is that we can do it in the name of the Living God. The Good News is we can do it The Way Jesus would have done it, with radical hospitality, in deep relationship and with life-changing results. The Good News is we will do it with The Spirit surrounding, inspiring, and ever-encouraging us.

So, you are invited to keep these choices ever before you and encourage the church groups/committees of which you are a part to make the choice that lead to new life.

In the coming months, you will be introduced to a new Visioning Team for CUCC. The Visioning Team will be listening, discerning, wrestling, weighing, dreaming, planning, and mapping out a vision and strategic plan for our church. Let us surround the Visioning Team with our love and support as they work on our behalf, and on the behalf of Community UCC members yet to come!

Questions about those "Choices"?

Ask someone who was at the Leadership Retreat: Karen Bush, Nancy Cattell, Jan, Dobson, Michelle Franke, Ken Gilbert, Sarah Issacs, Ellen Kordik, Linda Morgan, Sarah Noceda, Denise Oligney-Estill, Linda Owens, Grant Robbenolt, Vicky Robertson, Bob Smith, Peg Wade, Jeanne Ward, Tom Ward, Tom Watembach, David Willcox, Jan Wilson, & Pastor Leah



Moderator's Musings

Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not. ~Dr. Seuss

Churches are like the people who compose them - sometimes arrogant, often compassionate, frequently cranky, somewhat fragile, occasionally humble, naturally tender, and awkwardly biased - in short, very human.

The humanness of churches can get lost if we forget about its spiritual sacredness and take their holiness for granted. Churches tend to get busy with certain routine tasks - committee meetings, youth group activities, stewardship campaigns, choir rehearsals, mission planning, conference activities, and so on. And in all that "routines" we risk forgetting that people are going hungry, living without shelter, getting sick, facing various kinds of social disadvantages and political oppression, grieving the loss of loved ones, going to war, struggling with failing relationships, experiencing the damage of various addictions (emotional, psychological, substance), and dealing with abuse and violence.

What can churches do? During the leadership retreat, we pondered many questions about just that – what can CUCC do? What can we do to fill ourselves, to engage our community, and to improve our world? *What are we called to do?*

I took with me my high school Bible (Leah is now cringing and encouraging me to "GO GET A NEW BIBLE") -I digress...in my bible I found this printed story stuck in the pages from a retreat:

A man took his usual walk along the beach early one morning, but things were different this day because of a storm that passed through during the night. The storm had washed thousands of starfish ashore. As he walked along looking at the storm's effect, he noticed a boy picking up starfish one after another and throwing them into the ocean. "What are you doing?" the man asked the boy. The boy replied, "I'm throwing these starfish back into the ocean so they won't die as the sun rises further and warms the beach."

The man observed, "But there are thousands of starfish here. You can't possibly throw enough of them back to make a difference." The boy held up the one he had just plucked from the sand, and throwing it into the water with the others he said, "I can make a difference for this one. C'mon and help me save some starfish."

This is one of my favorite stories and for me it resolves the question of "what difference can one person make" with the answer "it did make a difference to that starfish." The events of the wider world often do feel overwhelming and we wonder what consequence our own actions might have. We all have our moments when we ask: "does it all really matter?"

Consider this. When we make one hygiene kit to send to a disaster victim, it certainly does matter to the individual who receives it and benefits from its use. When we serve dinner at the times center, it certainly matters to the men receiving that meal. When we send the youth off on a mission trip to build ramps, paint and repair homes on an Indian Reservation in South Dakota, it certainly matters to those folks who can access someplace they could not before. Often we will not know the recipients of our kindness - It is given out of faith and received in grace.

Does it all really matter? Can one person make a difference? Can one church make an impact? In the Gospel of John, there would have been no feeding of the five thousand without one young boy sharing his five fish and two loaves of bread. Imagine you are the only one who can make a difference; We are the only ones that can impact change; CUCC is the only church that can help alleviate the injustices. Will you try? What does God want us to do?

Does it all really matter? Can one person make a difference? Can one church make an impact? Absolutely! Yesterday, today, and tomorrow!

How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.

~Anne Frank

Blessings,

Michelle Franke



Church Life Board

The Church Life Board meets once a month, generally on the 3rd Sunday. If you would like to see the CLB minutes, you have two options. To get a copy by email, let me know at daw30410@yahoo.com and I will add you to my distribution list. A copy of the most recent minutes will also be posted on the Church Life Board bulletin board in the Narthex. ~David Willcox, Clerk

Endowment Investments and Management: a report to the congregation.

It is legally mandated that our Endowment Management be reviewed as often as necessary to be "prudent". This process is supposed to be undertaken at arms length from our budget process in order to avoid any concerns that we are inappropriately exploiting the endowment funds in order to support the annual budget. In late June the "money group" for SEP met for a mid year finance review that included the task of reviewing the endowments controlled by the congregation. This group reviewed and affirmed the decision made several years ago to invest all endowment cash with the denominational moderate risk investment fund. That fund reports that interest and growth for 2009 resulted in 21% increase in actual worth for all money invested in the fund. Treasurer is directed to withdraw 4% annually which for the current balance of 40,000 would come to \$1600. This amount is prorated to the three relevant line items (general fund, music program, children and youth development). The group agreed that the policies and decisions being made for these investment accounts are prudent and effective. No changes were proposed.

There was informal conversation about steps that may be taken to improve congregational awareness of the endowments and the process for directing donations to the existing funds. General agreement that the information provided to congregation at time of annual stewardship campaign needs to include info on contribution to endowments. If you have questions, or ideas for supporting the endowments, please see Victoria Robertson or Ken Gilbert, co chairs of the Sound and Ethical Practices Committee.

Pride Fest Comes to Champaign-Urbana!

CU's first ever Pride Fest @ Lincoln Mall on Friday August 20th, 4-9 pm (and later....)

featuring artists, entertainment, information and more!

Pastor Leah met with one of the Co-Chairs of the event in June. There will be activities for the whole family early on the in the evening. Various group will have booth, including our own church. At 6 pm, Pastor Leah will offer a workshop entitled, "Biblical Self Defense for LGBTQA People". Then, on Sunday, August 22, we will have a Pride Celebration worship service at CUCC. ("Worship in the Park" that day has been moved to church because U of I's classes starting. We need to be at home to welcome new students!)

There is a sign up sheet in the Parlor for volunteers to staff the booth and for greeters to the workshop. Please sign up and help us be a presence at CU Pride Fest!

I Love My Church Because.....

How would you finish this sentence? Is there one reason, or do you have a whole list? Either way, we want to know why you love CUCC. Throughout July and August, Paul Kordik will be recording your reasons on video in the library. Paul will then edit our answers together to make a fantastic short film for our YouTube channel. Look in the parlor for a signup sheet and reserve your spot to talk to Paul so he knows when to expect you.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Wow! What happened to summer? Already the ads for new school supplies and back-to school clothes are everywhere. Camps are winding down and soccer practice is starting for the Fall...my, where does the time go? Speaking of the Fall, the Christian Ed committee is pleased to be coming up with an exciting new schedule and calendar of activities for the Sunday School year! Based on your suggestions, we will be starting an Intergenerational pen pal program, a series of Family Fun nights, and there will be a few other interesting and quirky surprises! The Sunday School program will begin the year on September 12th. Please expect a registration packet to arrive in your mailbox in mid-August. You may turn in the completed packet to the folder attached to the Christian Education office door anytime before August 29th.

A big "Thank you!" to David Robertson, Jessica Bush, and the CUCC Justice League for their work on the church nursery. Every Sunday they add something more to fascinate our young ones. Come downstairs and take a look! David will be leaving us in mid-August to return to college so make sure to give him a pat on the back for all his hard work and creativity!

The Christian Arts Camp was a resounding success! The theme this year, "True Colors" focused on songs with a multicultural twist. The children performed several song and dance routines at Clark-Lindsay Village and the Champaign County Nursing Home to the delight of the residents and hosted a cookies and lemonade reception after their performance for their parents at the church. Mary Andersen, Ellen Kordik, and Jeanne Ward were instrumental in our success-thank you to these amazing women for volunteering to chaperone each day.

On August 8th the CUCC Youth Group will be heading off to Chicago for their annual Mission Trip. Chaperoned by David Gerstenecker, myself, and a special "mystery chaperone" we will leave after commissioning at the church that Sunday. We will be working with the UCC-affiliated program "DOOR" (Discovering Opportunities for Outreach and Reflection) at different sites around the city. The evenings will be spent learning about those who live in these underserved areas, the struggles they face, and what we can do to make our world a better place. We will end the trip as guests of St. Paul's UCC (my home church in Chicago) and a day at the beach and Navy Pier to reward the youth for all their hard work. Part of the funds needed for this trip were raised with the help of you, our church family's, generous support of us as we sold cookbooks at the Farmer's Market. We can't thank you enough!

I look forward to starting the new year with you!

Ms. Sarah J. Noceda

snoceda@yahoo.com

Nursery Wish List

Many of you may know that this week we are embarking on "Project Rock-a-Bye Baby" aka revamping the CUCC nursery. This project will be spearheaded by Mr. David Robertson and Ms. Jessica Bush and will involve a re-painting and re-imagining of our current nursery space.

In the "imagineering" we will be doing this summer we may require a few things to take our nursery to the next level. If you happen to have any of these items hanging around the house and you could possibly donate them to the space, it would be much appreciated:

- Dorm sized Refrigerator
- Two medium sized round rugs
- Christmas Lights, Strings of "holiday lights" or lanterns
- Big area rugs(3x5, 5x7 and larger)
- Free-Standing Baby Swing

Thank you for taking the time to see if you have any of these items to donate to our efforts,

Sarah

BEDS NEEDED!

At the annual meeting in January, we voted to turn our building at 510 E. Daniel St. into a residential rental with 5 or possibly 6 bedrooms. This means that we need some beds! For 2010, we will need 4 twin beds, 4 twin mattress sets, and 4 dressers/chest of drawers. If you have any of these items and would like to donate them to the church, please contact Vicky Robertson or Ken Gilbert.

Getting in Touch with Jean

Several people have been asking how to send messages of care and support to **Jean Creswell**, who is still hospitalized at Carle, after a recent surgery. You can use a special website set up by the family to "sign the guestbook". These messages are seen by Jean's family and read to her on a regular basis. The family will also post updates about Jean at this site.

The website address is <http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/creswelljm>. You may also send cards to Jean at Carle Hospital- CVICU, Room 8818. Visitors are still limited at this time, due to Jean's condition. Thank you for keeping Jean and her family in your prayers.

NEWCOMERS GROUP

Whether you are a true newcomer to Community UCC, or whether you already have been with us for a while, please join us for newcomer group sessions held on a regular basis throughout the year. Newcomer classes are a chance for you to share your story, for us to share Community's story with you, and for you to find out what membership in this faith community is all about! Enjoy a simple lunch while you meet others like yourself, meet Pastor Leah and other church leaders, and have an opportunity to ask questions. Please contact Denise Oligney-Estill (denise.oe1@gmail.com) or the church office if you are interested in participating in the Newcomers Membership Group.



Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Faith in Action of Champaign County is in need of volunteers! Faith in Action is an interfaith volunteer caregiver program sponsored locally by Provena Covenant's Center for Healthy Aging. Volunteers provide practical assistance for seniors with long-term health needs. Services provided include transportation to medical appointments and shopping, friendly home visiting, telephone reassurance calls, help with meals, light housekeeping and other chores around the home. Volunteers choose their area of interest with flexibility to fit their schedules. Faith in Action will be expanding services to all of Champaign County in September and is in need of volunteers in the outlying areas, in addition to Champaign-Urbana.

Orientation sessions are available Tuesday, August 17 at 2:00 pm and 6:00 pm, and Wednesday, August 25 at 10:30 am. Please call Provena Center for Healthy Aging at (217) 337-2022 with questions or to register for an orientation session.

“Scenes from Seminary” by Eileen Gebbie

(egebbie@ctschicago.edu, 217/714-5629)

I have borne witness to many extraordinary moments during my first five weeks of hospital chaplaincy: sons mourning mothers; parents mourning infants; migraine sufferers asking for a laying on of hands; spouses asking for forgiveness in releasing and removing their beloved from care; joy at survival turning to regret for a life taken too much for granted; anger at paperwork that did not get completed; blinding hope and unparalleled joy.

Last week a nurse paged me to be with a dying patient. Previously this meant the patient was unconscious and family members wanted a ritual of commendation. In this case, the patient was sitting upright, fully awake, alone, and gasping horribly through his final moments. I learned later that he had refused pastoral care until that final crisis. And when I read Psalm 23, he nodded, for surely goodness and mercy would find him on this day of his life, too.

In coming alongside the sick and the healing, the power of the human call to God awes me. In frailty, pain, fear, and loss of dignity, God remains the leveler of all social and religious divides. I name that cry to God – Why are You doing this? Help me! – and the emotions that follow Holy Ghost Power. It is not rational, it is not contained. I do not know what it is, but I do know that if God is still speaking, She is also giving us the all that we need, when we need it, to speak back.

SAVE THE DATE!!!

The Illinois Conference of the United Church of Christ cordially invites you to join us for the Installation Worship Service and Celebration of our newly elected called Conference Minister

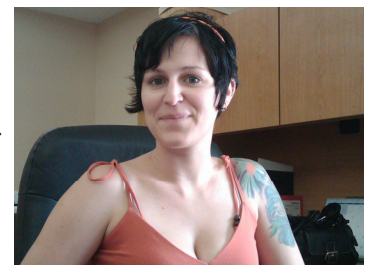
Rev. Dr. Jorge Luis Morales

We hope that you will join us at Elmhurst College on Sunday, October 3rd, at 3pm.
Both the Worship Service and Celebration will take place in the Frick Center, located at
190 S Prospect Avenue, Elmhurst, Illinois 60126.

The Installation of our Conference Minister is an opportunity to celebrate together as a community of faith. Please mark your calendars!

A New Face at CUCC

We would like to welcome our new office manager, Dana Major, to the CUCC community. She and her family will be joining us at worship in September to introduce herself and meet everyone. In the mean time, stop in the office and say hello!



Changes in The Community

Effective July 1, 2010, The Center for Women in Transition (CWT) and A Woman's Fund/Place (AWF) combined their organizations. This decision was made due to cuts and delays in funding. CWT is now the administrative umbrella organization for AWF's domestic violence program that covers Champaign, Piatt, Douglas and Ford counties.

They look forward to continued support and assistance in facilitating their transition so that they may continue to provide services to women and children in times of great need.

***Sunday Schedule**

9:25 am Choir Rehearsal
 10:15 am - 12:00 pm Worship and Community Time
 6:00 pm CUCC Youth Group
 7:00 pm SET Meeting

AUGUST 2010

CUCC Office Hours

Monday Through Thursday
 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Community United Church of Christ Events Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 *See Schedule	2	3 6pm Operation Snowball (Fellowship Hall, Conference Room, and Classrooms)	4 12pm Bulletin Deadline	5 10am International Group 8pm AA	6 7pm Cocaine Anonymous	7 9am Women's Book Group
8 *See Schedule Commissioning of Justice League Justice League Mission trip to Chicago	9 Justice League Mission trip to Chicago 6pm - Worship Committee	10 6pm Pastoral Relations 6pm Operation Snowball Justice League Mission trip to Chicago	11 12pm Bulletin Deadline Justice League Mission trip to Chicago	12 10am International Group 8pm AA Justice League Mission trip to Chicago	13 7pm Cocaine Anonymous Justice League Mission trip to Chicago	14 9am Women's Book Group Justice League Mission trip to Chicago
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22 *See Schedule Pride Fest Worship 9am Confirmation Mystery Day 6pm Confirmation Kickoff Picnic	23 Communigram Deadline 	24 6pm Operation Snowball (Fellowship Hall, Conference Room, and Classrooms)	25 12pm Bulletin Deadline 6pm-7pm Chime Choir Rehearsal 7pm-8pm Choir Rehearsal	26 10am International Group 8pm AA	27 7pm Cocaine Anonymous	28 9am Women's Book Group
29 *See Schedule	30	31 4-5pm Care Team Meeting 6pm Operation Snowball				

We're "Reading the Bible Again for the First Time" All Summer Long!

- August 8 - Chap 8: Reading the Gospels Again
- August 15 - Chap 9: Reading Paul Again
- August 22 - Celebration of CU's Pride Festival
- August 29 - Youth Sunday
- September 5 - Chap 10: Reading Revelation Again

Pictures of You

Is your portrait up on the walls at CUCC? Take a look in the sanctuary. If you don't see your mug there, keep an eye out for Paul Kordik who will have his camera in hand for the next few months. We'd like to get pictures of every one in our congregation.



GOT STUFF?

Third Annual All - Church Parking Lot Sale – August 21st

On August 21st, CUCC will be holding its Third Annual All - Church Parking Lot Sale. If we are going to beat last year's effort of \$1000, we need two things; your unwanted treasures and a bit of your time.

Please take this opportunity to clear out saleable items from your garage, closets, basement, shed, attic, or anywhere else things accumulate and bring them to church anytime between August 1st and August 20th. If you don't have a key, the building is normally unlocked from 9am to 3pm Monday through Thursday and of course on Sunday morning. The building will also be unlocked during the sorting times listed below. Please leave your items in the designated areas of the Sunday school rooms. There will be signs on the doors. Items of furniture can be placed along the walls of the Fellowship Hall. (To protect the Fellowship Hall carpet, please be sure that furniture is clean.)

In the coming weeks, volunteers will be needed to help pick-up, sort, price, and sell all of your great stuff. We will need help on each of the sorting dates as well as on the date of the sale itself. We will also need a few strong backs and large vehicles to pick-up items around town for those unable to transport things themselves. You may volunteer by contacting Becky Sheridan (352-1635) or Vicky Robertson (398-8932) or by signing the sign-up sheet in the parlor.

Volunteers Needed:

Sorting & Pricing

- Friday, August 6th - 9am-1pm
- Friday, August 13th - 9am-1pm
- Friday, August 20th - 2pm -6pm

Day of Sale – August 21st

- 7:00am -8:00am - Set-up (many, many people needed!)
- 8:00am- 10:30am (4 people needed)
- 10:30am – 1:00pm (4 people needed)
- 1:00pm – 3:30pm (4 people needed)
- 3:30pm – 5pm - Clean-up (many, many people needed)

Thanks,

Becky Sheridan & Vicky Robertson

Financial Development Team



LETTERS TO CUCC

Hello Eastern Friends,

I am pleased to report that the Eastern Association website is again up and running after many months of transition. We have Tracy Diehl, Administrative Assistant to the Prairie Association to thank for all of her time and effort to get us up and running and for connecting us to the Conference website. As she mentions below, as you check it out, please let her know of any corrections you see that are needed so we can be as accurate as possible.

Please see Tracy's email message below announcing our "live" site! We'll continue to develop more information for the site as we move forward!

Blessings,

Rev. Tom Norwalk
Associate Conference Minister
Serving the Eastern and Western Associations
Illinois Conference, United Church of Christ

Dear Friends of Eastern Association,

It is a privilege and an honor to announce that the new Eastern Association website is now live and linked up to the IL Conference website.

Check it out yourself at <http://eastern.ilucc.org>.

I sincerely hope that it becomes a useful tool for communication and information for you all.

As with any web project, you may encounter some "bugs" and of course, our mistakes (we are only human). When you do find these things, I hope you'll let me know so that I can get things corrected as quickly as possible. I'm ready and willing to help you with this site in any way.

ilconftracy@gmail.com ofc (815) 758-3497

Thanks for your time and support,

Tracy Diehl



Pilgrim Park
was
Great.

~ From Matthew Isaacs

Thank you
CUCC. Matthew

Matthew, you are quite
welcome!

So. You want to be a Straight Ally?

Here is the outline of a workshop being given this summer during several UCC Regional Youth Events. Thinking about the information below will give you the basis for creating your own workshop or session on or for becoming a strong straight ally.

Heterosexual Privilege

- What is it? What are some examples?
- Have you noticed this in others?
- Have you noticed this in yourself?

Know What You're Talking About: Be Informed

There are four levels of becoming an ally:

1. Awareness

- How are you similar to lgbtq people?
- How are you different?

2. Knowledge & Education; Acquire knowledge about...

- sexual and gender identities
- laws, policies, and practices
- policies of your local church
- "Open and Affirming"
- LGBTQ culture

3. Skills

- communicate the knowledge you learned
- take workshops
- do role plays

4. Action

- What things can you do?
- The "normalization" of LGBTQ people

What May Discourage You

These things can be overcome:

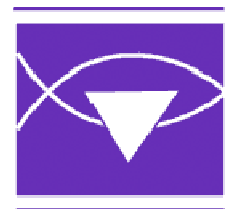
1. The assumption that you're lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, down-low...
2. Straights will put you down: "it's not important"
3. Discrimination directed at you as a result of your involvement

4. LGBTQ people may be leery of you or may assume you're lgbtq but just not out yet
5. You may feel out of place in gay culture
6. Gay people may question your motives

The Benefits of Being an Ally

1. You open yourself up to the possibility of close relationships with an additional percentage of the world.
2. You become less locked into sex-role stereotypes.
3. You increase your ability to have close and loving relationships with friends of the same gender.
4. You have opportunities to learn from, teach, and have an impact on a population with whom you might not otherwise (knowingly) interact.
5. You may be the reason a family member, coworker, or person in your community finally decides that life is worth something and that dependence on chemicals or other substances might not be the answer.
6. You may make the difference in the lives of adolescents who hear you confront anti-lgbtq epithets that make them feel as if they want to drop out of school. As a result of your action, they know they have a friend to whom they can turn.

The UCC
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God's Extravagant Welcome



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SUNDAY SUMMER SCHEDULE

9:25 am Choir Rehearsal

10:15 am Worship

After the Children's Time, children up to 4 years old are welcome in the nursery.

11:30 am Community Time

6:00 pm CUCC Youth Group

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Quote of the Month: [Faith] is the perspective which enables human beings to recognize God's actions in human history. Other persons could have been aware of the exodus of a small band of Hebrews from Egypt and their subsequent entering into the land of Canaan ... but only those with the faith of Israel would know that those liberative events were God's self-revelation.

~ **James Cone**, from his book *A Black Theology of Liberation*

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me [the Lord's] prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to [God's] own purpose and grace.

~ **2 Timothy 1:8-9**