

## WHY CHURCH? ???

by Andrea Plamondon

Why church? Recently, in Pastor Josh's sermons, we've explored two answers to that question; fellowship (internally focused) and service (externally focused). I'd argue through mission outreach we get both. The weekend of January 18, six of us piled into a van and went downtown with Night Ministry armed with hot baked potatoes, hot dogs, fruits, snacks and cookies (thanks to those who donated).

Yes, it was cold but it was an amazing opportunity to look into the eyes of those who really needed a hot potato AND to share the experience with church friends. I walked away from the experience with a warm but heavy heart knowing we served a few people but with a desire to do more. Let's take Josh's challenge and really find the places where we can serve those who need it most AND put together a plan to make it happen together in fellowship.

Why not?

## SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION



Registration is now open for Illinois Conference UCC Outdoor Ministries Camps at Tower Hill and Pilgrim Park. Online registration can be found at <https://pilgrimpark.campbrainregistration.com/>

There are many camps to choose from at each facility. To learn more about the camps offered you can visit [www.il-outdoorministries.org](http://www.il-outdoorministries.org)

UCC Sportscamp at Pilgrim Park June 14-20, is open to kids who have finished 6th-9th grades who have a love of play and has a CUCC STC connection. Sportscamp was founded by Rev. John Rodgers in 1976 and has welcomed many CUCC STC campers and staff through the years. Sportscamp is an amazing week and has helped kids deepen their faith through community and sport. For more information please visit <http://www.uccsportscamp.org> or email [director@uccsportscamp.org](mailto:director@uccsportscamp.org)

**Pray for each other so  
that you may be healed....**

**James 5:16 (NIV)**



## Please Pray for

**Bob Beavan**  
**Charles & Rosemary Caldwell**  
**Jon Devermann**  
**Barb Fairbairn**  
**Russ Frame**  
**Howard Hofmeister**  
**Margie Johnson**  
**Ginny Minard**  
**Rozella Nagy**  
**Cyndee Olsson**  
**Dick Salsbury**  
**Judy Stephens**  
**Carol Vial**



First Communion is scheduled for March 1st for all of our second graders and older children who have never gone through this rite of passage.

Prior to First Communion, two classes will take place during our normal Sunday School hours.

On February 16th and 23rd, we ask all second graders to attend these classes during the worship service. If your child cannot attend, that is okay, but we do need to know if they will be in attendance on March 1st.

Please contact Kim Arneson at [kim.arneson@cuccstc.org](mailto:kim.arneson@cuccstc.org) to verify attendance and for further questions.

## Altar Flower Donations



Get your special Sunday while the date is still available! Sign up on the Worship Board next to the elevator. You will be contacted to make arrangements for your flower donation and what you would like printed in the bulletin. And after church you get to take them home!

Lazarus House  
Wed., Feb. 19, 6:30pm  
214 Walnut Street, St. Charles



We will be providing our monthly meal to Lazarus House on Feb. 19th. Please check the Lazarus House bulletin board in Rodgers Hall to sign up for this important ministry. Thank you, in advance, for your assistance in reaching out to our neighbors in need. For questions, contact Donna Giamberdino at 630-513-7941 or Liz Holding at [lizholding@comcast.net](mailto:lizholding@comcast.net).

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• **Highlight Newsletter Copy Deadline**  
• **Monday, February 24**  
• **BEFORE NOON**  
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# Food on the 4<sup>th</sup>

FEBRUARY 23

Theme is Mixes!



Mark your calendars for February 23 and bring in items to fill our Food on the Fourth grocery cart. This month's theme is mixes. Local food pantries will gratefully accept your donations of cake mixes, baking mixes, muffin mixes, jello and pudding mixes.



**Youth Work Tour Mission Trip:** Work Tour Mission Trip is from **Friday, March 27th - Saturday, April 4th** with Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, Mississippi. The theme for the week will be poverty as we will help with housing rehabilitation, food pantries, and a Day Center. Join other youth for fellowship, Bible study, games, mission work, and fun! Cost is \$300 and \$100 deposit is due on Monday, February 24th. Scholarships are available. Please let Todd know if your youth can attend!

**Lock-In/Pancake Breakfast:** High School youth will have our annual Lock-In before the pancake breakfast, from **Saturday, February 22nd - Sunday, February 23rd**. The Lock-In will start at 8:00 pm and will end before worship on Sunday, February 23rd. Join other youth for games, activities, fellowship, and more!

**Pancake Breakfast:** The Pancake Breakfast will be right after worship on **Sunday, February 23rd** in Rodgers Hall, from 10:30 am to 11:30 am. High School youth and Con-firmands will set up for the Pancake Breakfast at roughly 8:00 am.

**Todd McGraw**, Director of Youth Ministry

## Join us for our Wednesday morning service...

*Wednesday Morning Worship @ 7:00AM*  
We will meet for Communion, prayer, reflection,



Please pray  
for them  
on their  
birthdays.

Jim Valsa	1	Morgan Stewart	14
Addie DeMarre	2	Joey Tsakiris	14
Jeff Neal Fairchild	2	Bob Crom	15
Howard Hofmeister	2	Kathryn Michelle Hill	15
Matthew Lee	2	Lauren Nicole Hill	15
Jason Michael Lutz	2	Ryne Russ Lorenz	15
Cameron Morton	2	Katharine Grimes	16
Nolan Block	3	Kathy McCullough	16
Brody Austin Noble	3	Ken Mroz	16
Terry Piper	4	Jamie Isanhr Utz	16
Chris Brennan	6	Jeff Miller	17
Adam Hemmingsen	6	Annette Siwy	18
Fiona Elizabeth Miller	6	Steve Mandat	19
Deb Stuber	6	Dick Swanson	19
Mallory Blomquist	7	Linda Roland Geni	20
Alex Peterson	7	Jake Renguso	20
Brad Renguso	7	Sophia Vicki Shilling	20
Sarah Hecht	8	Sue Peterson	21
Carol Patterson	8	Ryan Alderson	22
Kathleen Speck	8	Evan O'Connor	22
Alyssa Cullnan	9	Tom Palansky	22
Ben Michael Goucher	9	Len Urban	22
Mindy Graham	9	Ava Andreaacchi	23
Patrick Jeffrey Smith	9	Stephanie Brennan	23
Alec Mark Jacquot	10	Dean Hoepfner	23
Nicole Klosowski	10	Doris Frame	24
Morgan Nothnagel	10	Jodi Thiele Melcher	24
Ryan Samuelson	10	Brian Bendeich	25
Bradley Shurts	11	Les Johnson	25
Chuck Harvey	12	Emma Rae MacNeille	25
Ginny Minard	12	Evan Kurt Weidl	25
Brandon Nothnagel	12	Joe Blomquist	26
Brian Pemberton	12	Lori Fairchild	26
Katherin Pfothenauer	12	Clint Lancor	26
Ryan Pfothenauer	12	Dawn DeLong Lutz	26
Ted W. Hardison	13	David Rohlman	26
Luke Michael Harvey	13	Greg Michael Algrim	27
Barbara Sargent	13	Christine Xiahai Beal	27
Garrett Veldhuizen	13	Daniel Occhipinti	27
Rosemary Caldwell	14	Gabe Andreaacchi	28
Dave Mack	14	Thomas Burgholzer	28
Ken McFee	14	Owen George Herra	28
Brandon Moran	14	Skylar Hope Nafziger	28
Lilliana Samuelson	14	Mike Adams	29

## MEAL MINISTRY

If you could provide an occasional meal for a church member, please contact Kathy at [kathymizgalski@gmail.com](mailto:kathymizgalski@gmail.com), 630.253.7677.



## **WANTED: Coffee Fellowship Volunteers**

**WHY:** We all adore this time-honored tradition of merriment and friendship. Council is hoping you can help us facilitate this post-service gathering.

**WHEN:** Pick a Sunday (via this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0949A4AE22A6FE3-cucc>). Arrive 30 minutes before the service for set-up, and stay a bit after for clean-up. If you are unable to use the link above, please call the CUCC office and we will input the information for you!

**WHERE:** CUCC Rodger's Hall

**WHAT:** Follow the simple instructions posted on the cabinet, behind the kitchen door. Prepare coffee and lemonade (provided by the Church). Snacks/treats are strictly voluntary.

Thank you for helping to foster fellowship with us.

### **A Mission Project in Bethlehem....**

Come hear some of the details of Scott Powell's three month Mission Service in Bethlehem, Palestine in the fall of 2019 during a "second hour" slide presentation, following worship on Sunday morning, March 22 in the Parlor. Our UCC denomination sends mission people throughout the world to work with local partners in a variety of ways, to work for justice, reconciliation and peace.

Scott taught English at Dar al-Kalima College of Fine Arts and Culture.

**Church Office Closed  
Feb. 17th for  
President's Day**

### **AMAZON** Smiles and so do we!

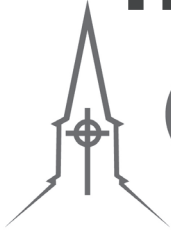
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### **Online Prayer Chain**

Our e-mail prayer chain has proven to be a source of comfort to many. If you have a prayer request for a family member, a friend or for yourself, just send me an e-mail and as soon as it is on its way, over 200 members of our church will be praying for you. It's what we do, right?

Or perhaps there's a new baby or other blessed event you'd like us to join you in giving thanks to God for. Maybe you are not presently receiving prayer requests and would like to be included in this ministry. Whatever...just send me an e-mail at [chatwpat@att.net](mailto:chatwpat@att.net) to take advantage of this valued ministry of our church.

-Pat Kitner



# The Congregational United Church of Christ

# CUCC

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*No matter who you are, or wherever you are  
on life's journey, you are welcome here!*

## SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### **9:30am Worship Service with Sunday School**

Sunday School for children through 5th grade and nursery care.  
Communion offered the first Sunday of each month.

### **7:00am Wednesday Morning Worship**

We meet for Communion, prayer, reflection, and coffee.

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## YOU ARE WELCOME

Striving to increase our love for God and neighbor, we welcome persons of every age, health condition, race, marital status, economic status, sexual orientation and religious background.

*We* encourage you to become an active member of our church, sharing your God-given gifts in all areas of church life: worship, education, mission and ministry.

## MISSION STATEMENT

*Called by the love of God and neighbor through the gift of Jesus Christ, we strive to be a community of worship, welcome and justice.*

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# Congregational United Church of Christ Calendar

Visit [cuccstc.org](http://cuccstc.org) for current calendar

## FEBRUARY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>26</b> Annual Meeting Food on the 4th Puppets performance - Moments with Children 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM <b>Worship (S)</b> 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM <b>Coffee Fellowship (RH)</b> 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM <b>Basketball (RH)</b>	<b>27</b> <b>HIGHLIGHT DEADLINE</b> 8:30 AM - 9:30 PM <b>PM</b> Prairie Star Quilters (RH) 9:15 AM - 10:30 AM <b>AM</b> Yoga (S) 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM <b>Adult Bible Study (P)</b> 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM <b>Puppet Rehearsal (P, 115/117)</b>	<b>28</b> 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM <b>PM</b> Prairie Star Quilters (RH) 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM <b>Boy Scout Troop 56 (RH)</b>	<b>29</b> 7:00 AM - 7:30 AM <b>Morning Worship (S)</b> 7:00 PM - 8:15 PM <b>GF</b>	<b>30</b> 2:00 PM - 3:15 PM <b>Yoga (S)</b> 6:00 PM <b>Bell Choir Practice (S)</b> 7:00 PM <b>Choir Practice</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b> 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM <b>Men's Bible Study (P)</b>
<b>2</b> <b>Communion</b> 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM <b>Worship (S)</b> 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM <b>Coffee Fellowship (RH)</b> 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM <b>Basketball (RH)</b>	<b>3</b> 9:15 AM - 10:30 AM <b>AM</b> Yoga (S) 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM <b>Adult Bible Study (P)</b> 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM <b>Puppet Rehearsal (RH)</b>	<b>4</b> 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM <b>Out of the Office Hours with Todd</b> 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM <b>Boy Scout Troop 56 (RH)</b>	<b>5</b> 7:00 AM - 7:30 AM <b>Morning Worship (S)</b> 9:00 AM <b>Women's Fellowship (P)</b> 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM <b>PM</b> Swing Set (RH) 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM <b>Confirmation class (111)</b> 7:00 PM - 8:15 PM <b>GF</b> 7:00 PM <b>Swing Set BD Mtg (114)</b>	<b>6</b> 2:00 PM - 3:15 PM <b>Yoga (S)</b> 6:00 PM <b>Bell Choir Practice (S)</b> 7:00 PM <b>Choir Practice</b>	<b>7</b> Sweetheart Swing Dance (RH)	<b>8</b> 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM <b>Men's Bible Study (P)</b> 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM <b>Klopp/Morton wedding (S)</b>
<b>9</b> 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM <b>Worship (S)</b> 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM <b>Coffee Fellowship (RH)</b> 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM <b>Basketball (RH)</b>	<b>10</b> 9:15 AM - 10:30 AM <b>AM</b> Yoga (S) 10:00 AM <b>Prayer Shawl Ministry (P)</b> 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM <b>Adult Bible Study (P)</b> 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM <b>Puppet Rehearsal (RH)</b>	<b>11</b> 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM <b>Clergy meeting (O)</b> 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM <b>Out of the Office Hours with Todd</b> 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM <b>Boy Scout Troop 56 (RH)</b>	<b>12</b> 7:00 AM - 7:30 AM <b>Morning Worship (S)</b> 3:30 PM - 4:00 PM <b>Quester set-up (P)</b> 7:00 PM - 8:15 PM <b>GF</b>	<b>13</b> 10:30 AM - 2:00 PM <b>PM</b> Questers Meeting (P) 2:00 PM - 3:15 PM <b>Yoga (S)</b> 6:00 PM <b>Bell Choir Practice (S)</b> 7:00 PM <b>Choir Practice</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM <b>Men's Bible Study (P)</b>
<b>16</b> 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM <b>Worship (S)</b> 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM <b>Coffee Fellowship (RH)</b> 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM <b>Basketball (RH)</b>	<b>17</b> OFFICE CLOSED <b>President's Day</b> 8:30 AM <b>Building Maintenance</b> 9:15 AM - 10:30 AM <b>AM</b> Yoga (S) 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM <b>Adult Bible Study (P)</b>	<b>18</b> 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM <b>Boy Scout Troop 56 (RH)</b>	<b>19</b> 7:00 AM - 7:30 AM <b>Morning Worship (S)</b> 6:30 PM <b>Lazarus House</b> 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM <b>Confirmation class (111)</b> 7:00 PM - 8:15 PM <b>GF</b>	<b>20</b> 2:00 PM - 3:15 PM <b>Yoga (S)</b> 6:00 PM <b>Bell Choir Practice (S)</b> 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM <b>Campton Hills Census meeting (RH)</b> 7:00 PM <b>Choir Practice</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM <b>Men's Bible Study (P)</b> 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM <b>Wasco Pack 150 Blue and Gold Banquet (RH)</b> 8:00 PM - 8:00 AM <b>GF Lock-in</b>
<b>23</b> Food on the 4th Puppets performance - Moments with Children 8:00 AM - 11:30 AM <b>Pancake Breakfast (RH)</b> 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM <b>Worship (S)</b> 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM <b>Coffee Fellowship (RH)</b> 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM <b>Yoga with Crystal Healing Bowls (S)</b> 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM <b>Basketball (RH)</b> 8:00 PM - 8:00 AM <b>GF Lock-in</b>	<b>24</b> <b>HIGHLIGHT DEADLINE</b> 8:30 AM - 9:30 PM <b>PM</b> Prairie Star Quilters (RH) 9:15 AM - 10:30 AM <b>AM</b> Yoga (S) 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM <b>Adult Bible Study (P)</b> 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM <b>Puppet Rehearsal (P, 115/117)</b>	<b>25</b> 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM <b>PM</b> Prairie Star Quilters (RH) 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM <b>Out of the Office Hours with Todd</b> 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM <b>Boy Scout Troop 56 (RH)</b>	<b>26</b> <b>Ash Wednesday</b> 7:00 AM - 7:30 AM <b>Morning Worship (S)</b> 7:00 PM - 8:15 PM <b>GF</b>	<b>27</b> 2:00 PM - 3:15 PM <b>Yoga (S)</b> 6:00 PM <b>Bell Choir Practice (S)</b> 7:00 PM <b>Choir Practice</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM <b>Men's Bible Study (P)</b>