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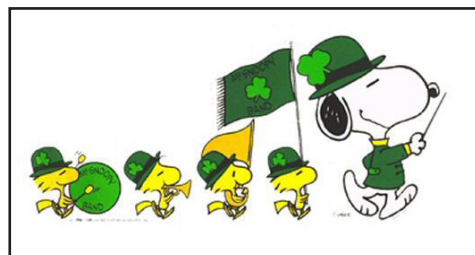
St Charles St. Patrick's Day Parade

Join us Saturday, March 14th at 1:45PM for the annual St. Charles St. Patrick's Day parade. We are hoping to spread the word about all the fun, new exciting things coming our way.

Beginning at 2:30, you are welcome to join us at Global Brew in St. Charles for pizza! Please do indicate on the sign-up if you will be walking in the parade as we want to make sure we have plenty of people marching away!

Questions? Email Kim Arneson at kim.arneson@cuccstc.org.

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BACK BAY MISSION TRIP



Please consider joining our adults on their annual adult work tour to Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, Mississippi. A hard-working, adventurous group of adults, united by their desire to serve, will be heading down November 8 - 14, 2020.

At Back Bay Mission, there is an opportunity for everyone to help, regardless of their skill set.

Sign up at the link below or contact Bob Brautigam if you have questions: robert.brautigam@gmail.com

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0448a8aa2fa3ff2-back1>

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://pilgrim-park.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



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

***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**



MANNA NEWS

Sunday March 1st and Sunday March 8th
Manna cards will be on sale in Rodgers
Hall.

All profits to benefit GF Work Tour.
Yeah. Go buy Manna !!!!

**Highlight Newsletter Copy Deadline
Monday, March 23
BEFORE NOON**



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is located near office door. Look for overhead AED sign. Phone is on the adjacent wall. To call for help, press an outside line and dial 911. A second AED is located on the lower level across from the drinking fountain.

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**FIRST
COMMUNION**

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.

Please contact Kim Arneson at kim.arneson@cuccstc.org to verify attendance and for further questions.



Women's Fellowship is inviting all women of the church to a SPRINKLE!

We will gather in the parlor at 2pm on March 7 to celebrate the imminent arrival of the newest member of the Kuipers family.

Lazarus House
Wed., March 18, 6:30pm
214 Walnut Street, St.
Charles



We will be providing our monthly meal to Lazarus House on March 18th. 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.



Food on the 4th

MARCH 22

Theme is Household!



Mark your calendars for March 22 and bring in items to fill our Food on the Fourth grocery cart. This month's theme is HOUSEHOLD. Local food pantries will gratefully accept your donations of dish soap, cleaning products, paper towels and toilet paper.



Special thanks to all those who helped worked, participated, and gave at the **Pancake Breakfast!** The fundraiser raised \$1,809 for our Youth Mission Trip to Biloxi, MS. The funds help keep the cost per youth down for the Mission Trip. We are very grateful for your generosity and investing in our youth!

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 this week. Scholarships are available. If you have not already, please let Todd know by this week if your youth can attend!

Todd McGraw Director of Youth Ministry

Easter Bulletin Decorating Contest

March 22nd and March 29th, all Sunday School children will participate in decorating the front cover to the bulletin for our Easter services. They will have the chance to use paint, oil pastels, crayons and do-a-dot markers. If your child cannot attend Sunday School on these days, but would like to participate, please see Miss Kim for a blank bulletin cover.



Bring a bucket and hop on by for **CUCC's annual Easter Egg Hunt!**

Meet in Fellowship Hall starting at 10am on the Saturday before Easter, April 11, for crafts and pictures with the Easter Bunny. The egg hunt will start at 10:45am, rain (indoors) or shine (outdoors).

Bring your neighbors, friends, and family for this fun Easter tradition.



Please pray
for them
on their
birthdays.

Belinda Gross	1	Kristen Foley	16
Jessica Deane Kathe	1	Lucas Del Muro	17
Maya Cherikos	2	Grady Dombroski	17
Allie Marschinke	2	Linda Jacquot	17
Courtney McHugh	2	Allison Kurtz	17
Jennifer Morgan	2	Ben Provencher	17
Ann Lambert	3	Barrett Abraham	18
Jan Roman	3	Sandra VanBergen	18
Bob Ashbrook	4	Max Biddle	19
Ashton Gregory	4	Grayson Pendexter	19
Leslie Kiesel	4	Kim Wascher	19
Samantha Prigge	4	Patricia Froehlich	20
Emily Alanis	6	Fremont Latimer	20
Grant Fairchild	6	Judy Mastalski	20
Julia Kuipers	6	Nathan McGray	20
James McLaughlin	6	Penny Lancor	21
Phil Jaynes	7	Sara Marie Rudolph	21
Dave Klotz	7	Carol DePue	22
Brian Reber	7	Nancy French	22
Trent Saxton	7	Emma Rose Moffitt	22
Leanna DeMarre	8	Fraser Hill	23
Kris Linderberg	8	Harrison Miller	23
Jenn Megliola	8	Heather Bahis	23
Melinda Weaver	8	Bert Veldhuizen	23
Don Hogan	10	Nancy Knights	24
Rett Humke	10	Page McCloud	24
Mark Bradley	11	William Batte	25
Eli Stephan Jaynes	12	Deen Collins	25
Mark Smith	12	Danny Beckman	26
Scot Warren	12	Janet Nickols	26
Rachel Innis	13	Jane Diano	27
Matthew Jacquot	13	Laura Keefe	27
Harper Jankowski	13	Quinn Anna Molloy	27
Kz Plamondon	13	Daniel Morgan	27
Steve Weber	13	Amy Severson	27
Laurie Ashbrook	14	Alex Roger O'Brien	28
Eve Jeanette Biddle	14	Turner Wadington	28
Rob Cameron	14	Kim Arneson	30
Laura Herra	14	Jon R. Chapman	30
Morgan Mandat	14	Mac MacFeely	30
Max Allen Piper	14	Allison Grace Schultz	30
Harper Williams	14	Mark Jacquot	31
Fred Vargason	15	Emily Tidler	31

MEAL MINISTRY

If you could provide an occasional meal for a church member, please contact Kathy at 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 Rodgers 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.

I WANT TO DO THE RIGHT THING by Carl Sandburg

I want to do the right thing, but often I don't know just what the right thing is. Every day I know I have come short of what I would like to have done. Yet as the years pass and I see the very world itself, with its oceans and mountains and plains, as something unfinished, a peculiar satisfaction hunts out the corners of my heart. Sunsets and evening shadows find me regretful at task's undone, but sleep and the dawn and the air of morning touch me with freshening hopes. Strange things blow in through my window on the wings of the night wind and I don't worry about my destiny.

HYMNS OF THE CROSS



On Sunday, March 29th the congregation is invited to gather in the sanctuary from 4 - 5pm and join the choir and instrumentalists as we sing great Christian hymns about the cross.

It will be a lovely way to embrace the meaning of the Lenten season. Please come!

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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 for current calendar

MARCH 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <i>Communion</i> Del Muro Baptism First Communion for second grade (S) 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM <i>Worship (S)</i> 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM <i>Coffee Fellowship (RH)</i> 10:45 AM CUCC Brass practice 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM <i>Basketball (RH)</i>	2 9:15 AM - 10:30 AM Yoga (S) 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM Adult Bible Study (P) 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Puppet Rehearsal (RH)	3 Swing Set Dad's Night (RH) 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM <i>Boy Scout Troop 56 (RH)</i>	4 7:00 AM - 7:30 AM <i>Morning Worship (S)</i> 9:00 AM <i>Women's Fellowship (P)</i> 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Confirmation class (111) 7:00 PM - 8:15 PM GF 7:00 PM Swing Set BD Mtg (114)	5 12:30 PM - 8:00 PM Swing Set Dad's Night (RH) 2:00 PM - 3:15 PM Yoga (S) 6:00 PM Bell Choir Practice (S) 7:00 PM Choir Practice	6	7 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM Men's Bible Study (P) 2:00 PM Kuipers Sprinkle (P)
8 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM <i>Worship (S)</i> 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM <i>Coffee Fellowship (RH)</i> 10:45 AM CUCC Brass practice 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM <i>Basketball (RH)</i>	9 9:15 AM - 10:30 AM Yoga (S) 10:00 AM <i>Prayer Shawl Ministry (P)</i> 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM Adult Bible Study (P) 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Puppet Rehearsal (RH) 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Council Meeting (O)	10 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Clergy meeting (O) 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM <i>Boy Scout Troop 56 (RH)</i> 7:00 PM Council G&B Subcommittee meeting (O)	11 7:00 AM - 7:30 AM <i>Morning Worship (S)</i> 7:00 PM - 8:15 PM GF	12 2:00 PM - 3:15 PM Yoga (S) 6:00 PM Bell Choir Practice (S) 7:00 PM Choir Practice	13 6:00 PM Boy Scout overnight (RH)	14 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM Men's Bible Study (P) 2:00 PM St. Patrick's Day Parade 6:00 PM Boy Scout overnight (RH)
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22 Food on the 4th Puppets performance - Moments with Children 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM <i>Worship (S)</i> 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM <i>Coffee Fellowship (RH)</i> 10:30 AM Palestine Mission Journey talk with Scott Powell (P) 10:45 AM CUCC Brass practice 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM <i>Basketball (RH)</i>	23 HIGHLIGHT DEADLINE 9:15 AM - 10:30 AM Yoga (S) 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM Adult Bible Study (P) 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Puppet Rehearsal (P, 115/117)	24 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM <i>Boy Scout Troop 56 (RH)</i> 7:00 PM Council G&B Subcommittee meeting (O)	25 7:00 AM - 7:30 AM <i>Morning Worship (S)</i> 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM Swing Set (RH) 7:00 PM - 8:15 PM GF	26 2:00 PM - 3:15 PM Yoga (S) 6:00 PM Bell Choir Practice (S) 7:00 PM Choir Practice	27 GF Work Tour 6:00 PM GF Lock-in	28 GF Work Tour 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM Men's Bible Study (P)
29 GF Work Tour 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM <i>Worship (S)</i> 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM <i>Coffee Fellowship (RH)</i> 10:45 AM CUCC Brass practice 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Hymns of the Cross (S) 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM <i>Basketball (RH)</i>	30 GF Work Tour 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM Prairie Star Quilters (RH) 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM Adult Bible Study (P)	31 GF Work Tour 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM Prairie Star Quilters (RH) 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM <i>Boy Scout Troop 56 (RH)</i>	1 GF Work Tour 7:00 AM - 7:30 AM <i>Morning Worship (S)</i> 9:00 AM <i>Women's Fellowship (P)</i> 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Confirmation class (111) 7:00 PM - 8:15 PM GF 7:00 PM Swing Set BD Mtg (114)	2 GF Work Tour 6:00 PM Bell Choir Practice (S) 7:00 PM Choir Practice	3 GF Work Tour	4 GF Work Tour 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM Men's Bible Study (P)

SABBATH UPDATE FROM COUNCIL

The Church Council met throughout February working to establish a schedule for regular monthly meetings and additional special meetings. The Council was subdivided into three Working Groups which met multiple times.

SUMMARY OF WORKING GROUPS

Financial Planning - Clayton Dombroski, Scott Powell, John Speck, Ed Werneke

As discussed in the annual meeting, the financial planning team is focused on developing an all encompassing and actionable financial plan. We believe there are four main phases to this plan, and we are currently spending the bulk of our time working through phases 1-2. On a few projects, we are into phase 3.

1. Identify—we are identifying opportunities for improvement in the following categories: income, expenses, balance sheet, and strategy/process.
2. Evaluate—following identification of opportunities, we are evaluating and prioritizing these into projects based on size, scope and impact.
3. Execute, Finalize and Consolidate—once items have been evaluated and prioritized, they become projects, and we are working to execute several of these at the moment. For the most part, early projects have been focused on expense control and vendor management.
4. Sustain—as we bring most projects to completion, and work to consolidate all into a 5-10 year action plan, we plan to build a system that is sustainable. This is probably the most critical portion of our project. We know that we have to set up future leaders of the church with a sustainable financial plan and structure that is easy to maintain. We are still planning to present our plan at the end of Sabbath for congregational review.

Governance & Bylaws -- Kim Wascher, Dave Beckman, Mark Bradley, Lori Tschetter

The Governance & Bylaws team is a very devoted group exploring the current and future governance and bylaws. We know we are planning not only for the now, but also for future generations of current members and those who will walk through the doors of the church looking for a spiritual home/family. As the committee travels through the Sabbath we feel there are three questions we need to answer:

1. Why does CUCC need to reconsider its governance model?
2. What type of governance model will be most effective at CUCC?
3. How will we implement the new governance model at CUCC?

We are utilizing many resources to develop our answer to the Why:

The committee has reviewed the information presented to the congregation from the Strategic Plan Task Force, including what church members have expressed in the past regarding our current governance model.

We have read an article by Timothy Keller titled Leadership and Church Size Dynamics as well as many excerpts from a book written by Dan Hotchkiss Governance and Ministry.

Both sources have been eye opening to the team as we reflect on the current size of our church and the size of church our current governance model was designed for. At an upcoming Listening Session, you, the congregation, will hear the committee's reflections on the all-important question of Why. We will describe how we believe that CUCC has fallen into a size culture that no longer fits the actual size of our church. We encourage you to take some time to read the article written by Dr. Timothy Keller (<http://bit.ly/sabbatharticle>), and we look forward to your feedback.

Communications -- Kathy Mizgalski, Nonda Anderson, Laura Herra

Council will provide monthly written updates via the email Blast, a Bulletin insert, as well as in the Highlight. We will also hold regular Listening Sessions to update the congregation on our progress and receive your feedback.

Save the Date:

March 8 @ 10:45 – Council will host the first Listening Session following the church service. The congregation is encouraged to submit any questions to the Council prior to that meeting - council@cuccstc.org.

June 27 – Council will host an All-Church Retreat to present a revised strategic plan and vote on any necessary items.