

CUCC

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To receive our weekly email announcements, sign up at cuccboulder.org.

Announcement deadlines

e-news: Tuesday 10:00 AM Sunday bulletin: Thursday 10:00 AM
 ECHO: 27th of each month 12:00 PM

Staff Contact Info

Rev. Nicole Lamarche, *Pastor*, is available by appointment Tue-Sat.
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Rev. Jackie Hibbard, *Acting Associate Pastor*, covers pastoral needs on Mondays and is available by appointment. She is off on most Fridays.
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Heather Bowler, *Director of Progressive Christian Education*, is regularly available on weekday mornings. Contact her to schedule a meeting. She can be reached at pce@cuccboulder.org. For questions or information regarding the Youth Groups, please contact Heather.

Alissa Kuster, *Office Administrator*, is available by appointment T & Th 9-3, W 9-2:30, F 9-3:30, 303-499-9119 or office@cuccboulder.org

If you have a prayer request, please contact Rev. Nicole or Rev. Jackie by phone or email prayer@cuccboulder.org. Prayer requests are confidential and are prayed for actively and intentionally every day by the prayer ministry team. If your request is for the Pastors only, please indicate in your message. You may also add your prayer request into the comments section of any of the streamed or recorded worship services. If you wish to become a prayer partner, please contact Nicole or Deborah Hayes. Everyone is welcome to participate.

WELCOME TO
 Community United Church of Christ
 Sunday, November 28th, 2021

Child care available for the 11 a.m. service.

<u>This Week</u>		
Today		First Sunday of Advent
		Food Drive Begins
	8:00 am	Contemplative Worship
	9:00 am	Casual Worship
	10 am	Fourth Sunday Adult Exploration
	10 am	Addiction & Recovery Spiritual Support
	10 am	Spiritual Adventures for Kids and Fellowship Hour
	10:30 am	Zoom Fellowship
	11 am	Progressive Christian Worship
Tuesday	7:30 am	Breathing Space
Thursday	7:30 am	Breathing Space
	4:30-6 pm	Spiritual Life Meeting
Friday	7-8:30 am	Men's Group
	3 pm	Fellowship on the Move!
Saturday	9:30-11 am	Explore CUCC (Zoom and CUCC)
Sunday	9:45 am	Coffee and Donuts on the Playground
	10 am	CUCC Mini Fundraiser Kickoff
<u>Save the Date</u>		
December 7th	6:30-8 pm	Ancient Christian Wisdom Study
December 8th	5 pm	CCC Sock Stuffer
December 8th	6:30-8 pm	Men's Small Group
December 9th	12-1:30 pm	Small Group Meeting
December 9th	6:30-8:30 pm	CUCC Council
December 12th		Pageant Sunday

Thank you to our Greeter!
 Kristi Allen

CUCC Announcements

Fourth Sunday Adult Exploration-Today 10 a.m.

We will meet at CUCC and on Zoom to discuss stories about empathy and forgiveness. The background idea will be a memoir by Sherry Turkle, PhD, called "The Empathy Diaries." Peter Kleinman will begin the discussion.

Our Holiday Food Drive benefiting Emergency Family Assistance is off and running!

Bring your donations to the church the next four Sundays or anytime up to December 19. Please donate non-perishables for the holidays such as canned pumpkin, cranberry sauce, gravy mixes, instant potatoes, baking or stuffing mixes. Other needs include canned fruit or vegetables, soups, and also gluten-free foods and toiletries such as toilet paper, shampoo, toothpaste, dish soap, baby wipes, bar soap and size 5&6 diapers. Place in or near the two crates in the foyer marked "EFFA Food Drive. If you wish to shop and donate food but can't get to the church, please call Social Action volunteers Barbara Gigone or Joyce Stockdill and we will arrange to pick up your gifts. If you prefer to donate funds for the EFFA holiday drive, please go to the CUCC Support webpage, or by check to CUCC (PO Box 3646 Boulder, CO 80307), designated for the EFFA food drive.

Fellowship on the Move!

Our next walk will be Friday, December 3rd at 3 pm. We meet in front of the church.

CUCC Fundraiser-Kick-off December 5th

The Mini-Fundraiser is almost here! Next Sunday, December 5 at 10:00 a.m. at the church will be the kick-off celebration and start of bidding on items. After the service, the bidding will move online for the remainder of the week. Look for the link, coming soon!

CCC Sock Stuffer for the Homeless-December 8th 5 p.m. at CUCC

Come join in the fun by filling 100 pairs of socks for the homeless with hand warmers, hygiene items, granola bars, and chocolates. The socks are welcomed each year at Bridge House, where they are distributed on Christmas Eve. Please bring "softer" granola bars to include in the socks. Everyone is welcome to join in on listening to Christmas music, filling socks, and taking home chocolates to enjoy later. Questions to Judi Kleinman and Linda Woods.

Very Important Meeting Coming Up on December 12 at 10:00 a.m.

In order to have a budget from which to work off of come January 1, 2022, we will be voting on December 12 at 10:00 a.m. on the budget that was sent out with the stewardship materials. We must have a quorum, so please plan to attend. You can attend in person or via Zoom (using the 11:00 traditional service Zoom link). If you are unable to attend, please give your proxy to someone else. We must have at least 55 VOTING MEMBERS

participate. Please let Beth Cole know if you have questions. You can email her at moderator@cuccboulder.org.

Christmas Day – Need Responses

It has been suggested that there might be a potluck gathering at the church on Christmas Day for those who don't have nearby family to spend the day with and who would like company. Obviously, significant care needs to be taken due to COVID, so Fellowship is asking who might be interested, and whether or not you would be open to lunch on the patio (weather depending). Nothing is scheduled yet, and depending on what's happening with COVID, it may not happen, but we want to at least put that out there. If you are interested, please contact Deborah Hayes at fellowship@cuccboulder.org.

Winter Solstice Service Team

Are you interested in helping create and lead the Winter Solstice service that will be held on Tuesday, December 21 at 6:30pm at CUCC? Please email pastoralassociate@cuccboulder.org if you are interested in this and I'll get a doodle poll out to find a time for us to meet and plan via zoom.

Whither Fellowship???

When, oh when, can we return to in-person Fellowship activities? All of us CUCC Council members are trying to make decisions that keep our community connected and safe. So far, 'connected' and 'safe' are often at odds. Some congregation members are thoroughly ready and anxious for fellowship hour and receptions with food, drink, and normal connection. Others in our congregation remain dubious. Covid has not gone away. Council has been returning to this topic at every meeting and will take it up again in December. Please send your thoughts to Beth Cole at moderator@cuccboulder.org or to the Fellowship Commission via Deborah Hayes at fellowship@cuccboulder.org.

Reflections on CUCC's ONA Designation

CUCC first became an Open and Affirming Congregation in 1995 after working through the UCC process. In 2010 the statement was updated to widen the circle and become more inclusive. Now, 26 years later, we are asking this community to expand the circle even wider with the proposed updated Open and Affirming Statement. For the next three weeks we will be asking you to respond to a few questions. Please complete a few questions using our online questionnaire (see 11/24 e-news). On December 14th, the Social Action Commission will review all feedback received and will prepare the proposal for Council and a Congregational vote at the Annual Meeting.

Rise Against Suicide-Holiday Star Program

All gifts will fund therapy sessions for Boulder County youth at risk for suicide who are unable to afford mental health care. Take a star from the tree in the fellowship hall, and follow the directions on the back to get started. See 11/24 e-news for more info.