

# UPDATE

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**Today We Celebrate Earth Stewardship Sunday** in all three services. Caring for God's Creation hosts our "green" coffee fellowship with healthy veggies and snacks in the Gallery and distributes packets of wildflower seeds remembering Walt Whitman's 1892 words: "This has been and is yet a great season for wild flowers; oceans of them line the roads, through the woods, border the edges of the water-runlets, grow all along the old fences and are scattered in profusion over the fields."

**Don't Miss the Tours of Our Renovated Community Garden**, *Growing Up Green*, following worship. And check The Arches for suggested Earth Day books. Join *The Search* tonight for worship outdoors in the space near the garden.

**Come to the Children's Spring Musical**, *Table for Five...Thousand*, today in Fellowship Hall. The children have worked very hard under the direction of Mary Farmer and are excited to share their production with you. Join us for a snack lunch at noon followed by the performance at 12:30 p.m.

**Our Continued Prayers** are with the people of West. At this point cash donations are the best way to help. Your checks to UCC, marked "West" will be forwarded to Week of Compassion as they work on our behalf to assist in the recovery.

**2013 Nicaragua Mission Pilgrimage**, July 21-28, informational meeting for all participants is for **Tuesday, April 30**, 6:30 p.m., Room 202. Only a few spots remain. Contact Cyndy Twedell today.

**Church Women United May Friendship Day Celebration** is **Friday, May 3**, at 10:30 a.m. at Gethsemane Presbyterian Church, 960 W. Bluff St. in Fort Worth.

**Breakfast with the Guys: Saturday, May 4**, 8:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Men, join us for a hearty breakfast as a panel of UCC members discuss the joys, challenges and dilemmas of fatherhood. \$5 at the door. Youth and sons welcome.

**New to UCC?** Know someone who would benefit from being part of a great church like UCC? Join us, or invite someone to join us, for the Newcomers Class **May 5, 12 and 19** at 10 a.m. in Room 201. All are welcome to attend! Questions are encouraged!

A complete Sunday school program for all ages meets at 10 a.m.

## Ministers On Call

Ministers are available after hours and on weekends for pastoral care emergencies. If you have a need, call us at 817.926.6631, and follow the prompts.

On Call This Week  
Russ Boyd  
Ellen Lewis

## Congregational Leadership Meetings

Communications Committee • Wednesday, May 1

5:30 p.m., Room 202

*Members of the congregation may attend these meetings with the exception of any portion of a meeting held in Executive Session.*



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## Sunday Nights are Alive at UCC!

Kids—6-7:30 p.m., CCF (grades 1-3) & JYF (grades 4-5)

Youth—6-7:45 p.m., grades 6-12

College—6:30-7:30 p.m., meets in College Lounge

Underground—6:30 p.m., for adults, meets off site

Women (*Women of Valor*)—6-7:30 p.m., Room 204, next meeting May 19

Connections—6:30-7:30 p.m., special needs adults, next meeting is May 5

**Kids Hope Summer Reading Book Drive** begins **May 5**. Sponsor a book for \$5 and encourage a child as UCC provides a book for each of the 398 students at Rosemont Elementary School.

**College Finals Feast Fiesta!** is **May 6** from 5-7 p.m. in Room 207. All college students are welcome to eat!

**Friday Fellowship** (Senior Adults program) welcomes Dr. Anne Jones Bailey, award-winning author, Civil War historian, and TCU graduate. On **May 10**, she will discuss the Civil War in Texas. Join us at 11 a.m. in Room 207; lunch will be provided; \$5 per person. Please r.s.v.p. by Wednesday, May 8. Call Jennifer at 817.926.6631.

**Latte with the Ladies** is **Saturday, May 11**, at The Cup (3909 Camp Bowie Blvd 76107). Join us beginning at 9 a.m. and continuing for those who prefer to come at 10 a.m.

**Learn More about Fort Worth Water** while dining at Cat City Grill on **May 13** at 6:30 p.m. Mary Gugliuzza of the FW Water Department gives a presentation in the private dining room. Contact Sandra Soria for details, [sandrael@charter.net](mailto:sandrael@charter.net) (817.924.6262).

**Men's Night Out:** TCU vs. UT Baseball Game. Barbecue tailgate and baseball **Thursday, May 16**, 5:30 p.m. at TCU's Lupton Stadium. Game at 6:30 p.m. \$20 includes dinner and ticket. For those with tickets already, dinner \$10. Sign up in The Arches or email [sharyn@uccftw.com](mailto:sharyn@uccftw.com).

**God's Backyard Bible Camp VBS and Mission VBS** registration now open! Visit [ucckids.org](http://ucckids.org) to register and pay or use printed forms in The Arches. VBS is **June 25-28**, 9-12 a.m. and we need *you* to help build a strong foundation—volunteer today!

**Music Makers Camp** registration is underway! Children's Choir director, Mary Farmer, leads a new camp following VBS, **June 25-28**, 12-3 p.m. Open to grades 2-5. Details on music page of [universitychristian.org](http://universitychristian.org) or contact [marsha@uccftw.com](mailto:marsha@uccftw.com).

**Online Worship Bulletin** available on the UCC website under Resources for those who wish to view it from home.

**If You are Going to General Assembly July 13-17** in Orlando and would like to be a voting delegate for UCC, contact Thelia Chaffin.

## Our Missionary Partners

Laura Jean Torgerson and Tim Donaghy • Nicaragua  
Kristine Tisinger • South Africa      Elena Huegel • Chile



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## UNIVERSITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

*a Disciples of Christ congregation*

April 28, 2013

*Living the Good News of Jesus Christ  
with open minds and loving hearts*

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Let the Whole Creation Cry* arr. Franklin D. Ashdown  
 Ringing of the Tower Bells and Procession of the Acolytes

CALL TO WORSHIP

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 335 *Creating God, Your Fingers Trace* TALLIS' CANON

\*LITANY OF PRAISE  
 I saw a new heaven and a new earth,  
**for the first heaven and earth has passed away.**  
 Look, the living place of God is now with humanity,  
**God will live with them and they shall be God's people.**

\*GLORIA PATRI 35 GREATOREX

(11 A.M.) BAPTISM

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

CALL TO PRAYER  
 The Lord be with you.  
**And with your spirit.**  
 Let us pray...

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER (using debts and debtors) & CHORAL RESPONSE

THE RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS  
 (9 A.M.) *Now the Green Blade Riseth\*\** arr. Craig Courtney  
 (11 A.M.) *Bread of Life* Alan Pote

\*THE DOXOLOGY 46 OLD HUNDREDTH

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

COMMUNION HYMN 423 *Become to Us the Living Bread* GELOBT SEI GOTT  
*(stanzas 1 and 2)*

THE LORD'S SUPPER  
 INVITATION TO THE TABLE  
 THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND THE PRAYERS OF THE ELDERS  
 THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP  
*(All followers of Christ are invited to share in the bread and cup which represent the life, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, as they nourish us in our life together in His name.)*

THE PEACE  
 The peace of the Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

\*(11 A.M.) HYMN 59 *This Is My Father's World* TERRA BEATA  
*(stanzas 1 and 3)*  
*(Parents, during 11 a.m. worship, please bring your first-third graders to join a Worship and Wonder leader in the Gallery. Children will return to the Sanctuary during the Hymn of Discipleship.)*

SCRIPTURE Genesis 1:26-31  
*(Scripture may be found on page 1 of the Old Testament in the pew Bibles).*

*\*The congregation is invited to stand at these times of the service.  
 Please feel free to remain seated if need be.*

ANTHEM *Now the Green Blade Riseth\*\** arr. Craig Courtney

SERMON *A Good Gift*

\*HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP 514 *God, Who Touches Earth with Beauty* GENEVA  
*(All those who are inspired to confess their faith in Christ or make a discipleship covenant with our congregation are invited to join the pastors at the front of the church.)*

\*BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE  
 Ringing of the Tower Bells

\*POSTLUDE *The Lord Reigneth (Psalm 97)* Henry Kihlken

**\*\*Now the Green Blade Riseth**

Now the green blade riseth, from the buried grain, wheat that in the dark earth many days has lain; love lives again, that with the dead has been: love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

In the grave they laid Him, love who had been slain, thinking that He never would awake again, laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen; love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

Forth He came at Easter, like the risen grain, Jesus who for three days in the grave had lain; quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen: love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving or in pain, Jesus' touch can call us back to life again, fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been: love is come again like wheat that springeth green.  
 -Traditional French Carol

*A nursery is provided on the first floor for infants and preschool children.  
 Assisted listening devices are available; please ask any usher to obtain one.*

IN THE SERVICE

**Preaching**  
 Larry Thomas

**Acolytes**  
 Emma Milton and Clayton Thomas

**Worship Leaders**  
 Russ Boyd  
 Cyndy W. Twedell

**Chancel Guild**  
 Preparing communion today are  
 Lee Ann Harmon, Ann Lesok,  
 Stephanie Natson and William Natson.

**Elders**  
 Karen Parker and Harry Parker  
 Judy O'Donnell and Ernie O'Donnell

**Flowers**  
 The flowers in the Chancel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our family and friends lost during the past year and in celebration of our children participating in the Children's Choir musical by the Genesis Sunday School Class.

**Musicians**  
 Kyla K. Rosenberger, *Senior Organist*  
 TCU Ensemble  
 Chancel Choir  
 Eric Mullins, *Interim Choirmaster*  
 Kyla K. Rosenberger, Janet Pummill, *piano*  
 Children's Choirs  
 Mary Farmer, *Director*  
 Wanting Zhao, *piano*

**Parish Nurse**  
 Jane Bruckner, RN

**Scripture Reader**  
 Walt Junker

**Baptism**  
 We celebrate with Corey Alan Brown who is baptized today.

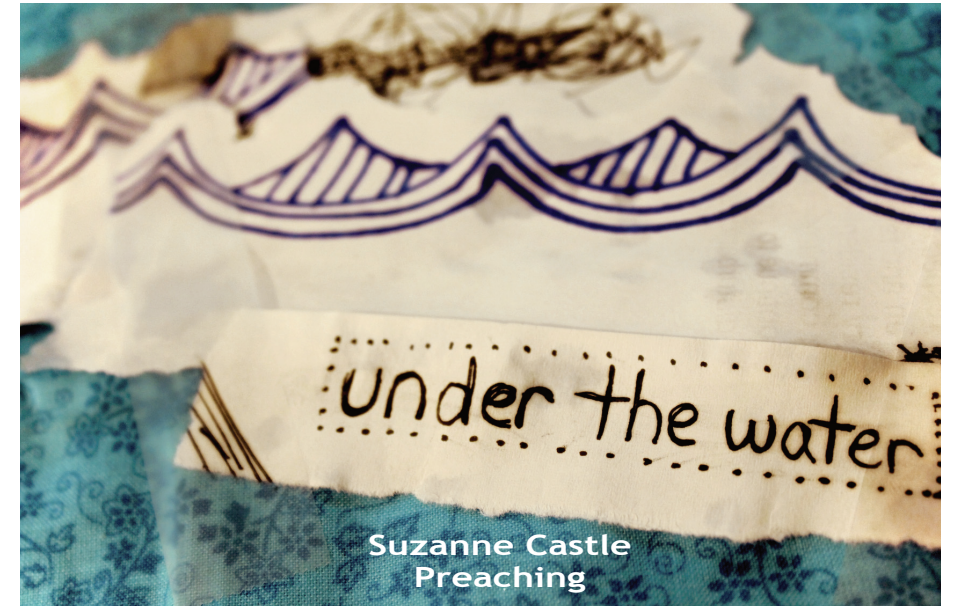
**Have you signed an attendance card today?**

UNIVERSITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH PROGRAM CONTACTS  
**Rev. Larry Thomas**, Senior Minister; **Rev. Russ Boyd**, Assoc. Minister for Youth; **Dr. Suzanne Castle**, Assoc. Minister for Campus Ministries, Church & the Arts, & The Search; **Rev. Ellen Lewis**, Assoc. Minister of Administration; **Rev. Daniel Terry**, Assoc. Minister for Men's Ministry; **Rebecca Terry**, Assoc. Minister for Adults; **Rev. Cyndy W. Twedell**, Assoc. Minister of Outreach, Women's Ministries, & Membership; **Jessica Vacketta**, Assist. Minister for High School; **Alison Nicoll**, Assist. Minister for Middle School; **Kyla K. Rosenberger**, Dir. of Music & Senior Organist; **Kera Watts**, Dir. of Children's Ministries; and **Mark Weathers**, Ministerial Intern.

THE SEARCH

5 p.m. Sunday, Outside Near the Growing Up Green Garden

**The Search** is our alternative worshipping community seeking The Holy together around prayer, music, video and art. We are an open and loving group nurturing community in faith, hope and love. We endeavor to take Jesus' teachings seriously while loving the hard questions of faith and life. We value beauty, art and creativity in our world.



Find out more about *The Search* on the web at [seekingthesacred.org](http://seekingthesacred.org)

Learn more about University Christian Church ministries at [universitychristian.org](http://universitychristian.org)

For more about the Disciples of Christ, visit [disciples.org](http://disciples.org)

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**The Search Staff**

- Dr. Suzanne Castle, Associate Minister
- Nathan Hubble, Music Director
- Phillip Harrison, Production
- Carol Ann Fewell, Publicity
- Amberley Parker, Social Media/Web
- Jack Stewart, Media Coordinator
- Mark Weathers, Intern

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