



Fall Kickoff



Join us August 23 as we celebrate the start of the new school and programming year!

Children and youth will move up to their new grades in Sunday school. Following the 11 a.m. service all are invited to purchase lunch from food trucks located in the north parking lot. We'll have tables and inflatables set up in Fellowship Hall to enjoy food, fun, fellowship and air-conditioning. Stop by the photo booth and get a souvenir photo from the day. This is a great way to meet new friends and catch-up with those you haven't seen over the summer. (College students eat free with a voucher available in The Gallery on August 16 and 23.)

Bring a Friend Sunday



Sunday, August 23, is a great day to invite a friend to church!* There will be inspiring worship at 9 and 11 a.m., Sunday School at 10 a.m. and lunch at the church with food trucks, kids activities and lots of fun.

Maybe there's someone you know who would benefit from a connection with the UCC community of faith. To

make inviting a friend just a little easier, special cards have been printed with helpful information about the church. The invitations are available at the Reception Desk and The Arches Information Desk so grab a few and pass them out!

**Everyday is a great day to invite a friend to church!*

Stay Connected!

Worship

Sundays, 9 & 11 a.m.

Live broadcast of 11 a.m. service

on KTCU FM 88.7

or on our **website**

at www.universitychristian.org



The Vision of University Christian Church

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

Gallery Notes—Botticelli for All This Summer!

by Judy Williamson

Sandro Botticelli's exquisite art can be seen all over Fort Worth this August. Botticelli painted frescos in the Sistine Chapel at the Vatican. People are seeing his work in the Uffizi Museum in Florence, Italy. This summer, Botticelli's art is at the Kimbell Museum of Art in Fort Worth.



The Virgin Adoring the Sleeping Christ Child (pictured left) commands attention and reverence as people flock to the *From Botticelli to Braque* exhibit at the Kimbell.

As guests enter the exhibit, their heads turn to the left. They can stand respectfully so near the painting that they can count the strawberries in the foreground. For careful observers of the art in the University Christian Church Gallery, it will seem familiar. A small print of one of Botticelli's large paintings entitled *The Adoration of the Magi* (pictured right) hangs in the Gallery at UCC. Mary appears to be wearing the same symbolic coral gown and blue robe in both paintings. The original of the print owned by UCC hangs in the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C.



For more ways to see and contemplate these two Botticelli masterpieces in the graceful summer atmosphere of Fort Worth, visit the National Galleries of Scotland (nationalgalleries.org) and the National Gallery of Art (nga.gov).

Calling All Authors!



Have you written a book you would like to share with your UCC family? Then save the date, Sunday, November 15, and complete the Author Participant Information form so that we can save a space for you at *Author! Author!* at UCC.

Sponsored by the Church and the Arts Committee (CATA), the event will feature writers of all types of fiction and children's literature, as well as poetry, history, biography and articles of

general interest. The Committee wants to honor and appreciate your creative gifts and to provide an opportunity for UCC authors to connect with UCC readers. You may showcase your work and perhaps widen your audience by participating in *Author! Author!*

The specific agenda of the day and room set-up will depend upon how many authors participate. Both space and time are limited, so please help CATA have time to finalize plans and publicize the event by submitting the form indicating your commitment

to participate no later than Sunday, September 27. Sooner is better!

Forms are available on the UCC website (click on *Author! Author!* on the calendar for November 15), at the Reception Desk, and in The Arches. Please return the completed form to Marsha Hodges in the UCC Music Office.

For more information about *Author! Author!* contact Ellen Myers at ellenmyers1@sbcglobal.net.

Join Us for Friday Fellowship

Friday, August 14, at 11 a.m., Rev. Jessica Vacketta will share her experiences from a recent trip to South Africa. Rev. Vacketta joined other young clergy to not only experience the beauty and power

of South Africa, but to explore how to pastor and serve in societies which bear the wounds of deep racism, economic disparities and social injustice.

A main entrée of chicken will be provided so if you can, bring a side dish for lunch or make a monetary donation. R.S.V.P. to danlsmith@mindspring.com or call Jessica at 817.926.6631.

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Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!



Thank you to all of our adult and youth volunteers who had fun serving as our UCC children learned about God's love in action as part of our *G-Force VBS*. VBS had over 130 children, ages two to twelve participating this year.



We had over 110 children in our building and eighteen fourth and fifth graders in the community learning about service and helping others. Twenty-five percent of the children attending VBS were not members of UCC—our evangelism at work!



All week we focused on service and missions through UCC's connection with Global Ministries and work in Africa. Through the generosity of our VBS families, 479 rolls of toilet paper and over 10,000 sheets of copy paper were donated to The Warm Place, over 75 teddy bears were donated the The Women's Center, and two large storage buckets of individual sunscreens and insect repellants will be donated to the



Day Resource Center. The VBS children also donated over \$680 to be used by our UCC Christmas Angels program in December.



It was a great week! Thank you to all who gathered supplies, planned lessons and spent time with children. VBS would not have happened without you!





Join a Music Ensemble

The Children's Choirs, Youth/Adult Handbell Choirs and Chancel Choir sign ups will be held on Sundays, August 16, 20 and 30 in the Gallery before and after services. Stop by and talk to the directors. Join in the fun and fellowship of music!

For details, email marsha@uccftw.com.



Be an Acolyte!

Youth in grades four, five and six are invited to be candlelighters at our Sunday services. Those new to this acolyte experience will receive personal training in the correct use of robes and candles and service order.

Email Kyla Rosenberger at kyla@uccftw.com to sign up. Watch the lovely job that our current acolytes do for our ministry of worship and join them!

Your child will hear more about how to be an acolyte during the Sunday school hour on Promotion Sunday, August 23.



Youth Family Roundup—August 16

All youth entering grades six-twelve and their parents are invited to a Youth Family Roundup at 10 a.m. in Walker Fellowship Hall on Sunday, August 16.

This fun orientation provides a chance to:

- Meet youth ministry staff and volunteers
- Get info on mission trips, ski trip, camps and retreats

- Learn about weekly youth programs
- Sample youth Sunday school snacks
- Enter to win door prizes
- Register for handbell choirs and Disciples Class
- Sign up for volunteer opportunities (big and small)
- Get info about our TCU football parking fundraiser
- Proof your family info for the UCC Youth directory



Promotion Hold Backs

Promotion time is coming on Sunday, August 23, and Children's Ministries is already gearing up to make our upcoming year extraordinary. To help us, please let us know if your child will *not* be promoting with their class. If you have questions about how to manage church promotion for a Kindergartner who is bridging a year or a child who is not in the same age group at church as at school, please email kera@uccftw.com for ideas and suggestions.

Information regarding next year's classes and Sunday School registration will be mailed in August.

Try Singing!



The Chancel Choir would like to invite you to "try singing" the first two Thursdays in August. You are invited to a 6:30 p.m. coffee, tea and cookie reception in Ronald L. Shirey Rehearsal Hall followed by rehearsal from 7-9 p.m. This is your opportunity to have fellowship with Chancel Choir members and enjoy a musical and spiritual experience. Child care is provided for these rehearsals by reservations only (due July 31) Email marsha@uccftw.com.

The anthems presented by the Chancel Choir for morning worship and for special performances are uplifting, moving, challenging and inspiring. The choir performs many different genres of sacred music from Renaissance to

spirituals to modern pieces. The choir presents major choral works at least twice a year, including All Saints Sunday and a Christmas Cantata in December. The choir also sings in the Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival at the beginning of January. This pieces were written for University Christian Church by Randol Alan Bass and is a long standing tradition of the church.

The choir has also traveled together for performances on many occasions including England, Scotland, Ireland, Italy the Czech Republic, North Carolina and Nova Scotia. The UCC Chancel Choir is an integral part of our worship and we would love for you to be a part of it!

Baby Dedication



*Isabel Grace Corpening,
daughter of A.V. & Megan Corpening.
Grandparents are Bill & Blanca Thompson,
Vern & Carol Spurlock,
and Scott & Shawn Corpening.
Great-grandparent is Ann Corpening.*

Would You Like to Have Your Child Dedicated?



Dedications take place during 11 a.m. worship. Upcoming dates are: August 2, September 20 and November 22. The baby dedication is a blessing of the child and a promise from parents to their child to raise them in a Christian home. But, it is also the public acknowledgement of a covenant with the people of UCC that we as a community of faith will

surround the child with the spirit of Christ as they grow in our midst.

In order to affirm these provisions, parents participate in a Baby Dedication class to learn about some of the intricacies of a child's faith journey and about how UCC can help foster their family and child in the process of understanding Christ's love. The next class offered is September 13 at 10 a.m. Please email Susan Henry in Children's Ministries at susan@uccftw.com for details.

New Members

Welcome Kitt Sechrist!

Kitt graduated from TCU with her bachelors in mathematics and her masters in secondary education. Now she is a math teacher at Paschal High School. She and her family are from Kilgore, TX.



Suzanne Carson is retired from careers as a teacher and owner of an interior landscape business in Massachusetts and a showroom manager in Dallas. Currently she is busy helping with four grandchildren here and visiting two in California and a son in Brooklyn. A Fort Worth native, she enjoys visiting with friends, reading, gardening and feeding cookies to their horses.

Life of the Church

Weddings

*Laura Peterson and Jonathan Guy
June 27*

*Courtney Reimer and Taylor Arnold
July 11*

*Ashley Barritt and Coert Williams
July 25*

Births

*Graham Douglas Robinson and
John Courtney Robinson
July 12*

*Parents, Kristen and Court Robinson
Sibling, Anna Robinson
Grandparents, Gay
and Urbin McKeever*

Deaths

*Amy Schaefer Carnagey, May 4
cousin of Laura West*

*Pat St. Germain, June 18
mother of Dana Costas*

*Frank Branett, June 25
uncle of Mark Farmer*

*Anne McNeill Carrell, June 29
cousin of Anne Sanders*

*Cara Nicole Duke Cates, June 30
daughter of Jim and Jeanne Duke*

*Betty Wood Smoot, June 30
cousin of Laura West*

*V. V. Cooke, July 8
uncle of Julie Henry*

*June Hook, July 12
aunt of Julie Henry*

Room in the Inn



UNIVERSITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Our summer session of *Room in the Inn* is off to a good start! Every Wednesday evening and Thursday morning in August, you will find a great group of

volunteers welcoming ten homeless guests to a delicious meal, a good night's sleep and a hearty breakfast, right here at UCC.

There are smiles all around, laughter and conversation, as we work together to make beds, set the tables and serve the meals. Most importantly, we are able to listen to and learn from the men who are enjoying time away from the summer heat, in a safe place, eating the good food provided by our Sunday school classes.

We hope you'll join us in preparing beforehand, cleaning up afterward or interacting with our guests. The tasks are divided so that most jobs require only a couple of hours of your time, and you choose which days you will work. You'll meet new friends, both from your own church and from the Fort Worth Day Resource Center. It's fun and rewarding! If you're not already receiving weekly email updates on RITI needs, contact carolmstewart@sbcglobal.net to learn more, or add your name to our email list.

It's 100 Degrees—And Four Months till Christmas!



UCC's annual Christmas Angels Wrap Night is Sunday, December 13, at 5 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

It is hot outside and Kate Williams and her team of Angels are already hard at work making sure children in our community experience the joy of

Christmas. Your financial contributions help us provide Angel bags filled with the essentials children need like new coats, jeans, toys and books.

If you would like to be part of this amazing ministry contact Kate Williams at katecwilliams@yahoo.com.

Students Away Ministry



Are you or someone you know headed off to college? Have you transferred schools or moved out of the dorm

and into an apartment or house since May? Then we need your information. University Christian Church is committed to staying connected and supporting our students away as they navigate the challenges of college life.

A beloved part of our Students Away Ministry are the cards and care packages sent to students throughout the year. Please send your mailing address and a current email address to Rev. Jessica Vacketta, jessica@uccftw.com, to ensure we have accurate information.

Newcomers Class



All are welcome to be part of the Newcomers Class! Join us Sundays, September 13, 20 and 27, at 10 a.m. in Room 201. Take this

opportunity to invite a friend to learn more about University Christian Church.

The Newcomers Class provides an opportunity to get to know others, meet Rev. Thomas, learn about UCC and the

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Questions always welcome. For details, contact Michelle Groom, Ministry Assistant to Rev. Cyndy Twedell, at 817.926.6631 ext. 138, or email mgroom@uccftw.com.

UCC Mission Statement

University Christian Church is dedicated to proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ through deeply spiritual worship, study and service.

Founded on the campus of Texas Christian University and shaped by our academic heritage,

University Christian Church encourages a spirit of openness and freedom of thought.

We are called to create a loving and caring community for all people, and work together for justice and peace in our world.

Recognizing that our spiritual journeys are all different,

we strive to be respectful and inclusive concerning each individual's relationship with God.

Women's Ministries



Women's Ministries engages women in meaningful enrichment, spiritual growth, study and worship while advocating for and reaching out to women in our community and around the world. Contact Cyndy Twedell, Associate Minister, for more information.

Chic Women United

Fashion Show & Luncheon

Saturday, August 15, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at First United Methodist Church (800 W. 5th St., 76102). Tickets are \$25. Fashion courtesy of Dillard's Department Store.

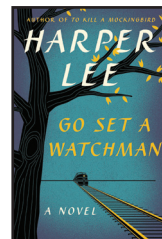


Latte with the Ladies

Saturday, August 8, beginning at 9 a.m. at Buon Giorno (915 Florence St., 76102)

Wild Women Book Club

Join us Monday, September 14, at 6 p.m. at Cat City Grill or Tuesday, September 15, at noon at UCC in the Library (11:30 a.m. if you like to come early to share lunch and conversation) as we discuss Harper Lee's newsworthy sequel to *To Kill a Mockingbird*, *Go, Set a Watchman*.



Prayer Shawl Ministry



Join the Sunday Prayer Shawl group at 5 p.m. during the month of August at Anne Darr's house (2542 Stadium).

In September, the Sunday Prayer Shawl group will once again meet at the church each week at 5 p.m. in Room 206.

The Wednesday morning group continues to meet at 11 a.m. each week.

All are welcome and encouraged to participate. No previous experience required. We are happy to teach beginners and have needles and yarn to use.

Sacred Shadows

by Judy Williamson



Sometimes the exquisite things we see around University Christian Church exist as by-products of God's grace and positive artistic choices made by good people. Natural shadows are a dynamic art form. People and sun light can cooperate together. Think about the beauty of the shadows at UCC.

Few people who build a church begin by considering the shadows the structure might cast at various times of the day in a year. Yet, the shadows that University Christian Church and gardens cast add delight and spirituality to every sunny day. A significant number of people simply walk on the UCC sidewalks to the TCU campus in the mornings. Their heads are often down, but their

eyes can still experience the remarkable opportunity to walk through shadows of tiny crosses cast by the loops in the UCC fencing. People can almost dance or hopscotch through these shadows. The natural shadows of these wrought iron crosses appear to be open crosses. The sunshine beams through the loops.

Could the shadows on the sidewalk provoke thoughts of what is sacred? Could a person be encouraged? Could a person think about walking beyond crosses? Could a person think about seeing life through open crosses? Sunlight and shadows can surprise us as artistic visual blessings inside and outside of galleries.

College Happenings

- August 12, *Toy Story* in Sundance Square
- August 16 & 23, Welcome Students in Gallery
- August 19, Volunteer at Room in the Inn followed by a trip to Melt
 - August 23, Fall Kickoff
- August 26, Lunch Bunch Begins College Lounge, 12 p.m.
- August 30, Pickleball & Popsicles Fellowship Hall, 4:30–6 p.m.

Children's Ministries Spark 2015 Opportunities



Check out
ucckids.org
for all of our
Children's
Ministries
Program
Details!

teaching
a faith
to live
by

Promotion Sunday August 23

Be on the lookout for your child's Sunday school promotion day information. Each family will receive a mailing

which provides new room assignments for kids and information on yearly registration at ucckids.org.



Journey Land Multi-age Kick Off

Journey Land kicks off a new year on Sunday, August 23. Our *Spark Rotation* curriculum will spark curiosity, faith development and fun as we study a year of Witness to God's Presence. Children will begin in their assigned new classrooms, then all Journey Land kids will travel Walker Fellowship Hall to celebrate a new year, a new theme, new opportunities and learn about our Cardboard Arcade Program. Parents will pick up their children at 10:50 a.m. in Walker Hall. We invite you to stay with us in worship while first graders start *Welcome to Worship* and second and third graders participate in *Worship and Wonder*. Don't forget, to join us for the Fall Kickoff lunch following our 11 a.m. worship service as we gather around food trucks and fellowship together.



Worship and Wonder

In order to allow our children to fully experience worship, they must be active participants in worship. Hearing, reading, singing and observing a body of faith praise God is a primary aspect of faith development; however, children must also have the opportunity to interact with worship on their own developmental level. In an effort to meet both goals, children in first through third grades are invited

to join a *Worship and Wonder* leader in the Gallery during the hymn following Communion (*see bulletin*). This group of children will have an opportunity to read the scripture, hear the story of faith on their own level, and will then return to worship to participate in the Hymn of Discipleship. We will rejoin the congregation during the final hymn, sitting together in reserved space. Parents can pick up their child from the Sanctuary following the service.

If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please contact Kera Watts at kera@uccftw.com.



First Graders

Welcome to Worship

Wiggle, wiggle, squirm, shhhhh, dropped pencil, bathroom trip, and repeat—if you have an incoming first grader that will be joining you in our worship services for the first time, your “big church” experience will soon change. However, we hope that by providing our new first graders a five week course on how to observe, participate and experience worship, the outcome will be rewarding and meaningful for both you and your child; we also hope the typical wiggle, wiggle, squirm sequence can be slightly altered.

Our own Barbara Tucker will lead *Welcome to Worship* with curriculum she created to introduce children to the intricacies of worshipping as a group. The class will provide children the ability to recognize the cues from our leaders and those around them for direction of their own behavior in a manner of worship. The children that have participated over the last three years in *Welcome to Worship* have truly experienced a simple and meaningful transition into worship. The program begins August 23 at 11 a.m. (*check mail for specifics*) and will continue each Sunday for five weeks, when parents are invited to join their children in their final class on September 20. All of the learning and preparation will be celebrated during 11 a.m. worship on September 27 with the First Grade Inclusion ceremony. You and your first grader will benefit from this opportunity!



children's christian fellowship
junior youth fellowship

A Great Year Ahead for CCF/JYF

CCF (first-third graders) and JYF (fourth-fifth graders) will rev back up on Sunday, September 13, with tons of fun. CCF/JYF is a growing group of elementary aged kids playing and learning together each Sunday night. Our worship, service and fellowship experiences will enrich your kiddo's faith development. Bring your child and their friends so they can join in on the fun.

Children's Ministries is Gearing Up for the New School Year—Check out these opportunities to be a part and prepare to serve!



Journey Land Tour

Calling all almost first graders and their parents—join us on August 16, at 9 a.m. for a behind the scenes tour of *Journey Land*. Parents and children, together, will have the opportunity to learn about what the coming years will hold for them on the second floor in our hands-on, rotational Sunday school program, *Journey Land*. Catch a glimpse of each of the classrooms and have all of your questions answered. We will gather in Expedition Room 211 at 9 a.m., and will conclude by 9:45 a.m.

Training Opportunities

New and veteran preschool teachers and *Journey Land* Shepherds, it is time again to pass on our wisdom to new teachers, and brush up on skills for seasoned veterans.

Preschool Teacher Training Luncheon

August 16, 12:15 p.m., Room 211

Journey Land Shepherd Training

August 23, 9 a.m., Room 211

Attention Children's Ministries Parents, Grandparents and Friends—We Need You!



Summer is sailing by, but it's not too late to say a big *thank you* to all the parents, grandparents and friends that helped to make this past

year in Children's Ministries an amazing place for our children to learn and grow in their faith and to feel the presence of God's love each and every Sunday with dedicated teachers, shepherds,

workshop coordinators and classmates. We appreciate all of you!

Indeed, we are blessed at UCC to have a myriad of resources, talented staff and committed families. Each and every one of us can and does make a difference in sharing faith with our children. In that spirit, will you now consider how you will make a difference in Children's Ministries this year? We are in need of teachers (Preschool and *Journey Land*

Rotations) to start off our year which begins Promotion Sunday, August 23.

Contact Kera Watts at kera@uccftw.com if you are interested in teaching. Early teacher sign-ups for Journey Land rotations will be in The Arches on August 9, 16 and 23. Bring your calendars and get first pick for your rotation preference. Remember, our Children's Ministries rely on *you*, and in turn, your heart will be broadened by the children you serve!

Back-to-School Retreat for Middle and High School Youth



UCC's youth ministry will kick off a new year of programming with the annual Back-to-School Retreat, August 7-9. All youth entering grades six through twelve are invited to come away for a special weekend at Briarwood Retreat Center in Copper Canyon, where they will grow closer to God and one another through teambuilding activities, prayer, fellowship, worship and grade-based small groups. We will depart UCC at 7 p.m. on Friday, August 7, and return in time for Sunday school August 9.

\$50 participant cost covers lodging, meals, activities and transportation. Scholarships available upon request. To register, visit uccyouth.org/backtoschool or email susan@uccftw.com.

Cardboard Arcade—October 18



Children's minds are made to be creative, imaginative and inquisitive. Children also intrinsically want to be of service to others. A challenge in today's culture is finding ways to allow imagination to flourish, without constraints and boundaries while at the same time satisfying a child's need to serve others.

The Children's Ministry Team has committed to a new program that will provide opportunities to meet all

of our needs for kids by creating the Cardboard Arcade and participating in the worldwide Cardboard Challenge.

Beginning on promotion Sunday, we will introduce the Cardboard Challenge idea and in the following weeks, leading up to Children's Sabbath, October 18, we will allow children time to create, imagine and design cardboard arcade games.

The UCC's Cardboard Arcade will take place on Children's Sabbath, at 10 a.m. in Walker Hall. This church wide event for all ages provides an opportunity for everyone, no matter age, to purchase a Fun Pass and play some child imagined,

designed and created arcade challenges.

All money raised by the children through the UCC Cardboard Arcade will be donated to a local charity determined by the children of UCC. If you have a child, please make sure they have an opportunity to participate by having them in *Journey Land* regularly, beginning with promotion Sunday on August 23.

If you are a grown up, please mark October 18 on your calendar and commit to being a part of playing cardboard arcade games. This will be a time of fellowship, imagination, helping others and having fun.



Back-to-School Month at The Children's Closet

The mission of The Children's Closet, a ministry of University Christian Church, is to spread God's spirit of love, help and hope by providing new school clothing to children in need in the Fort Worth community.

Did you know The Children's Closet is UCC's largest outreach program?
We offer new school uniforms, a requirement in public schools, to FWISD students.

Who we reach:

- 82 FWISD elementary schools
- 26 FWISD middle schools
- SafeHaven Women's Shelter
- Women's Center

How many uniforms?

- 7,200 uniforms (at a cost of \$100,000) distributed in 2014-15 school year

How we fund it:

- UCC Outreach budget = \$39,000
- Unsolicited donations including endowments, trusts and gifts over and above pledges

How we distribute:

- Bag-It Night–Wednesday, September 9, starting at 6 p.m., volunteers will fill 2,300 orders for uniforms for thirty-two schools. With 400+ volunteers, we can fill all the orders in slightly more than one hour. This is an intergenerational night with children and adults of all ages working to make sure all children in need have a school uniform for 2015-2016. Don't miss it!
- Back-to-School Month–During the remainder of September, volunteers at the Closet (located in the brick duplex next to the church) will fill orders for over 50 schools (a total of 2,000 uniforms). These orders will be filled on Mondays and Thursdays with new volunteers working from 10 a.m. to noon along with experienced volunteers. Stop by to help!

How can you help?

- Volunteer–Bag-It Night, Back To School month or volunteer to fill orders throughout the year
- Donate–Gift the cost of one uniform, two uniforms or an entire classroom!

There are many children in need of uniforms—an estimated 85% of students in FWISD. Despite distribution of around 7,200 uniforms last year, we still reach less than 10% of students. Our goals are to raise awareness and raise funds to support this growing need in our community. We hope these funds will allow us to continue our current level of distribution and reach even more children. Join the Children's Closet in making this September special for our precious school children.

Children's Closet Uniform Order Form



☐ 1 student uniform, \$15

☐ 2 student uniforms, \$30

☐ 10 student uniforms, \$150

☐ A classroom of uniforms, \$300

☐ A grade level of uniforms, \$1,200

One Uniform Includes:

- navy or white polo
- khaki pants or jeans
- socks
- underwear

Total Donation: \$ _____ *

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

* Attach check made out to UCC with "The Children's Closet" in the memo. Call UCC for other payment options.

Music Makers Camp Re-cap

by Mary Farmer, Camp Director

The third year of *Music Makers* Camp was a great success and growing experience for all! The camp was led by me, Mary Farmer, UCC Children's Choir Director, and Elementary Music Teacher, Annie Yandell, and took place directly following VBS. Twenty-one children, aged 7-13, gained musical experience, had fun with friends and created together.



The children created their own musical centered around four biblical stories that were emphasized at VBS; *God Calls Moses*, *Solomon Builds the Temple*, *The Healing of Bartimaeus* and *The Three Women at the Tomb*. The children related to and learned from these stories. They displayed creativity as they planned how to present them through music

and acting. They selected characters they would play, composed the music, choreographed the dances and came in each day with new ideas they had been thinking about outside of camp to add to the musical. It was wonderful to see them look forward to creating together! Their smiles and excitement were contagious!



We concluded with a performance of the musical they had worked on all week. It was incredible! The children were confident in what they had done and excited to share it with their families. Annie and I were blown away and so moved by the presentation. After the performance was over and the children had gone, we were already talking about next year and making plans!

I believe if all children could have a positive musical experience like *Music Makers* we would have many more musicians and music appreciators in our world. Music should never be intimidating to children. It should be exciting, fun and a way to express emotion. *Music Makers* Camp accomplishes that. They feel comfortable and gain confidence. Most children do not get enough musical experience in school unless they are involved in extracurricular activities such as a children's choir, piano lessons or camps like *Music Makers*. It's a wonderful way to involve children in music and the arts. Annie and I thank all those who participated this summer and we look forward to offering it again next year!



UCC Quick Financial Summary - Unified Budget June 2015

Description	2014 YTD Actuals	2015 YTD Actuals	Budget YTD 2015	Budget Annual	YTD Variance
Income					
Pledges	\$1,141,561	\$1,110,512	\$1,066,432	\$2,062,615	\$44,080
Non Pledge Contributions	\$119,385	\$118,167	\$106,989	\$274,468	\$11,178
Offering	\$17,816	\$15,319	\$17,675	\$37,202	(\$2,356)
Misc. Unrestricted Income	\$76,182	\$160,874	\$154,479	\$421,656	\$6,395
WDS Income (Net)	\$7,955	\$19,706	\$44,364	\$101,947	(\$24,658)
Endowment Income	\$145,878	\$151,099	\$150,866	\$305,518	\$233
Participant/Restricted Income & Reserve Use	\$280,046	\$431,545	\$469,698	\$618,826	(\$38,153)
Total Income	\$1,788,824	\$2,007,223	\$2,010,504	\$3,822,232	(\$3,281)
Total Personnel Expense	\$875,840	\$804,946	\$833,754	\$1,793,708	\$28,808
Total Program/Admin. Expense	\$466,469	\$688,933	\$825,381	\$1,464,067	\$136,449
Total Mission/Outreach Expense	\$274,200	\$244,092	\$236,127	\$524,668	(\$7,965)
Total Expenses	\$1,616,509	\$1,737,971	\$1,895,262	\$3,782,444	\$157,291
Net Operating Income (Loss)	\$172,315	\$269,253	\$115,242	\$39,788	\$154,010

This is a summary report of our Unified Budget. The full report is available for download from the UCC website or copies can be picked up or requested from the Business Office. If you have questions regarding this report please contact Michelle Ingram, Director of Accounting, at 817.926.6631 or michelle@uccftw.com.



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Congregational Meetings

Personnel Committee

Tuesday, August 4, 5:30 p.m., Rm 202

Building & Grounds

Sunday, August 9, 12:15 p.m., Rm 202

Deacons Meeting

Sunday, August 9, 12:15 p.m., Rm 203

Investment Committee

Thursday, August 13, 11:30 a.m., Rm 202

Endowment Committee

Thursday, August 13, Noon, Rm 203

Board of Stewards

Tuesday, August 18, 6:30 p.m., Rm 207

Elders Meeting

Tuesday, August 25, 6:30 p.m., Rm 206

All members of the congregation may attend congregational meetings with the exception of any portion of a meeting held in Executive Session.

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