UPDATE

Visit www.universitychristian.org for calendar and program details!

First Grade Journey Land Tour is **August 16** at 9 a.m. Entering first graders and parents are invited to meet in Parable Pictures, Room 210 for a tour of Journey Land in preparation for promotion on August 23.

Youth Family Roundup is **Sunday**, **August 16**, at 10 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. All sixth through twelfth graders and their parents are invited to enjoy food and fun while learning about our youth ministry's plans for 2015-16.

Join a UCC Music Ensemble! The Children's Choirs, Youth/Adult Handbell Choirs and Chancel Choir Sign Ups are **Sundays**, **August 16**, **23 and 30**, in the Gallery before and after services. Talk to the directors and join in the fun and fellowship of music! For more information email marsha@uccftw.com.

As the First Day of School Nears we hold in our prayers the children of our community and give thanks to God for the work of UCC's Children's Closet. Celebrate Back-to-School month with a special contribution to The Children's Closet. And plan to participate in the September 9 Bag-It Night at 6 p.m.

Crop Walk Coordinator needed! Please email <u>jessica@uccftw.com</u> if you are interested in helping with this ministry raising funds and awareness for hunger relief.





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Sunday Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet at the Darr home **during the month of August** at 5 p.m. All are welcome to participate. No experience required. We're happy to teach beginners and have needles/yarn to use.

Fall Kickoff–Join your church family **August 23** for worship, lunch and fun as we celebrate the beginning of fall programming for all ages. Grab lunch from food trucks at noon (college kids eat free with a voucher available in The Gallery August 16 and 23). Inside dining, along with a photo booth and kids activities await.

Promotion Sunday for all Children and Youth is August 23 at 10 a.m.

Sunday, August 23, is *Bring a Friend* **Sunday!** Invite your friends, neighbors and family members to join us for worship, Sunday school and Fall Kickoff. Special invitation cards at the Reception Desk and The Arches Information Desk–grab a few to hand out!

Do You Subscribe to Disciples News Service? Keep up-to-date on all things Disciples at www.disciples.org. You may subscribe to the newsletter by clicking the News Service tab and entering your email address.

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



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August 9, 2015

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

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Processional in C Hal. H. Hopson Prelude Ringing of the Tower Bells and Procession of the Acolytes

Call To Worship

*Processional Hymn 611 Rise Up, O Saints of God

FESTAL SONG

John Leavitt

SWENEY

*LITANY OF PRAISE

All the earth tells of your glory, O God.

Your beautiful creation fills us with wonder.

Your presence is revealed in the people we encounter.

We are filled with wonder that we are made in your image.

*Gloria Patri 35 Greatorex

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

Let All the People Praise You** (9 A.M.) (11 A.m.)What Shall I Do, Lord? Anthony Giamanco

*The Doxology 46 OLD HUNDREDTH

*Prayer of Dedication

COMMUNION HYMN 397 Come, Risen Lord Holborn (stanzas 1 and 4)

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.

More About Jesus Would I Know *(11 A.M.) HYMN **348**

(stanzas 1, 2 and 3)

(No Children's Worship and Wonder today. Program will resume next week!)

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

Congregational Response

SCRIPTURE

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Let All the People Praise You** (11 A.M.) ANTHEM John Leavitt **Let all the people praise You, O God; yea, let all the people praise You.

Let the nations be glad and all people sing for joy, for You judge with righteousness and guide nations on the earth! The earth has vielded its increase; and God, our God, has blessed us. May God continue to bless us; let the ends of the earth revere Him! May God be gracious to us and bless us and make His face to shine upon us, that Your way may be known upon earth, Your saving power among all nations. Glory to the Father, the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As in the beginning it is now and ever shall be. Amen!

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SERMON We Wonder

*Hymn of Discipleship 274

I Love Your Church, O God

St. Thomas

(stanzas 1, 2 and 4)

(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 Postlude on ST. THOMAS

Dennis R. Johnson

IN THE SERVICE

Preaching: Kera Watts

Scripture Reader: Lynita Yarbrough

Acolytes

Janie Bradford

Worship Leaders

Ellen Lewis and Bobby Hawley

Musicians

Kyla K. Rosenberger, Senior Organist Chancel Choir

Eric Mullins, Assistant Choirmaster Jackson Yandell, Baritone

Chancel Guild

Preparing communion today are Cindy Hoover, Carol Smith and Dan Smith.

Gabriela Yarbrough **Elders**

Bobby Hawley and Diane Hawley Brenda Cline and Chad Cline

Chancel Flowers

The flowers in the Chancel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Bobbie Harris from her daughters, Toni Collins and Timi Ross.



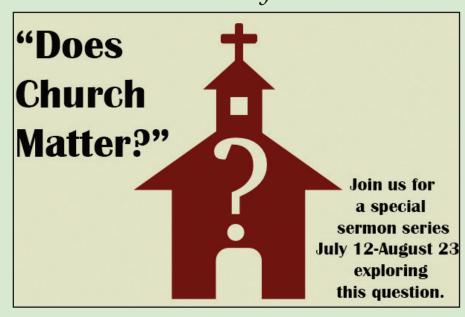
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This Week at University Christian Church



Room in the Inn Summer Session needs you! Stop by the signup table today in the Gallery to learn more and sign up to serve. Keep our guests and volunteers in your prayers.

Send Mail to Our Campers and Counselors who depart Monday, August 10, for JYF II Camp at Disciples Crossing in Athens. Pre-addressed postcards are available today on the table in the Gallery.

"Try Singing!" Join the Chancel Choir Thursday, August 13. Coffee, tea and cookie reception in Shirey Hall at 6:30 p.m., followed by rehearsal from 7-9 p.m. Childcare deadline has passed. Email marsha@uccftw.com. We'd love you to join us!

Join Us for Friday Fellowship, August 14, 11 a.m. in Room 207. Rev. Jessica Vacketta will talk about her recent trip to South Africa with the Bethany Fellows. Potluck lunch follows, with the main entrée (fried chicken) provided.

Childcare provided from 8:45 a.m.-12 p.m. for infants-preschool. A complete Sunday school program for all ages meets at 10 a.m. Handicap accessible restrooms located in the Gallery (second floor). Assisted listening devices are available; please ask an usher to obtain one

Ministers are On Call

and 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 Ellen Lewis Jessica Vacketta

Congregational Leadership Meetings

Building & Grounds

Sunday, August 9, 12:15 p.m., Room 226

Investment Committee

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

Endowment Committee

Thursday, August 13, 12 p.m., Room 203

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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