# **UPDATE**

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

**Children's Closet Bag-It-Night** is **Wednesday**, **September 9**, at 6 p.m. in Walker Hall. Adults and children will fill 2,300 orders for uniforms for thirty-two schools. Plan to be part of this exciting and meaningful ministry!

**Latte with the Ladies** is Saturday, September 12, beginning at 9 a.m. at Brewed (801 W Magnolia Ave., 76104). Women of all ages are welcome to join the fellowship and great conversations on the second Saturday of each month.

**The Newcomers Class,** offered for those who are new to UCC, is **September 13, 20 and 27,** at 10 a.m. in Room 201. All are welcome to attend! Questions are encouraged!

**Youth Groups and Children's CCF/JYF** begins **September 13** at 5 p.m. Join for fun, games and learning.

**WILD Women Book Club**–Monday, September 14, at 6 p.m. at Cat City Grill and Tuesday, September 15, at 11:30 a.m. in the UCC Library. Both will discuss *Go Set a Watchman* by Harper Lee.



#### **Women's Ministries Luncheon**

featuring Mayor Betsy Price Sunday, September 20, 12:15 p.m., Walker Hall

We'll wear blue as Mayor Price shares with us about *Blue Zones* and ways to get involved in this Fort Worth initiative. Make \$12 prepaid reservations online or in The Arches Sundays, August 30, September 6 and 13. Child care (infant-elementary) is available by reservation.

**Fort Worth CROP Hunger Walk** is **Sunday**, **September 20**. Registration at 1:30 p.m./walk at 2 p.m. at TCU Dee J. Kelley Alumni and Visitors Center. Be a part of the UCC team by walking or giving. Register or donate anytime online or pick up a fundraising packet in The Arches during the month of September.

**Monday Night Fellowship**, September 21, 6:30 p.m. at the home of Tony Allred. MNF is a four-week men's small group study of *Dare to Answer: 8 Questions That Awaken Your Faith* by John Brusacker. \$10 donation covers the cost of the book.



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**Caring for God's Creation** and Texas Interfaith Power and Light are joining the Green Chalice initiative to host a potluck dinner on **September 24** at 6 p.m. We will share a meal and listen to a panel discuss Pope Francis' address to Congress that day. All ages are welcome! R.S.V.P. to Sandra Soria at <a href="mailto:sandra.pontouf.soria@gmail.com">sandra.pontouf.soria@gmail.com</a>, or call 817.980.9654 by September 23.

**Cardboard Arcade Challenge** will be on Children's Sabbath, **October 18**, at 10 a.m. Elementary aged children will begin creating and designing their games this week in Journey Land. Check out <u>ucckids.org</u> for a link to the story that started the Imagination Foundation.

**College Sunday School,** a class just for students, meets **weekly** at 10 a.m. in the College Lounge, Room 223. Not sure where the Lounge is located? Gather in the Gallery after worship (up the stairs, lectern side) and Rev. Jessica will lead the way.

**UCC's Acolyte Ministry Needs You!** Children in grades four-six are invited. Come experience the joy of serving the church with robes and candlelighters.

Contact Kyla Rosenberger at <a href="mailto:kyla@uccftw.com">kyla@uccftw.com</a> for details.

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

Listen live at 11 a.m. on KTCU FM 88.7 or on university christian.org under Resources

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## University Christian Church

a Disciples of Christ congregation

August 30, 2015

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

arr. Austin C. Lovelace

Scripture

(The text may be found on page 49 of the Old Testament in the Pew Bibles.)

#### CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Prelude Andante Religioso Austin C. Lovelace Ringing of the Tower Bells and Procession of the Acolytes

CALL TO WORSHIP

\*Processional Hymn 25 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty Lobe den Herren

\*LITANY OF PRAISE

As God called Moses, God calls each of us.

We listen for God's calling in our lives.

As God is faithful to us, we are called to be faithful to God.

We respond to God's calling with faithful hearts.

\*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

(9 A.M.) First-Fruits\*\* arr. Austin C. Lovelace (11 A.M.) Suite Brevis David Lasky

\*The Doxology 46 Old Hundredth

\*Prayer of Dedication

Communion Hymn 390 Lord of Our Highest Love! Franconia (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

Elegy Bruce Neswick

(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 **588** Have Thine Own Way, Lord! Adelaide (stanzas 1, 2 and 4)

(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.)

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

Congregational Response

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

(11 A.M.) ANTHEM

First-Fruits\*\*

\*\*As saints of old their first-fruits brought of orchard, flock and field, to God, the Giver of all good, the source of bounteous yield, so we today first-fruits would bring, the wealth of this good land, of farm and market, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.

A world in need now summons us to labor, love and give, to make our life an offering to God that all might live; the Church of Christ is stirring us to make the dream come true:

a world redeemed by Christ-like love, all life in Christ made new.

In gratitude and humble trust we bring our best today to serve your cause and share your love with all along life's way. O God, who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ your Son, teach us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.

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Sermon

Remember Who You Are

\*Hymn of Discipleship 482

O Christians, Haste

Tidings

(stanzas 1 and 2)

(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

Festive Recessional

David Lasky

#### In the Service

**Preaching:** Larry Thomas

Worship Leaders
Jessica Vacketta and Christi McDowell

Musicians

Kyla K. Rosenberger, Senior Organist

Chancel Choir

Eric Mullins, Assistant Choirmaster

Natasha Costello, flute

**Chancel Guild** 

Preparing communion today are

Kay Campbell, Rich Darr

and Nancy Strickland.

Scripture Reader: Walt Junker Acolytes

Miles Baker and Maria Gober Gabriela Yarbrough and Isabel Terry

Anne Sanders and Charles Sanders Doug Cox and Linda Smith

**Elders** 

#### Chancel Flowers

The flowers in the Chancel are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Gerry and Don Houk's 60th wedding anniversary by their sons, Steve and Tom Houk, and their families.

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## This Week at University Christian Church

**Join a UCC Music Ensemble Today!** Children's Choirs, Youth/Adult Handbell Choirs and Chancel Choir sign ups in the Gallery before and after services. Talk to the directors and join in the fun and fellowship of music!

For more information email <a href="mailto:marsha@uccftw.com">marsha@uccftw.com</a>.

**College Tour of Building Today!** New to UCC or still find yourself getting turned around when trying to find things in the building? Meet Rev. Jessica Vacketta in the Gallery following worship for a quick tour. (Important things like exits, bathrooms and the College Lounge.)

**Welcome to Worship for First Graders** continues **today** in Room 218 at 11 a.m. This is an opportunity for first graders to learn about worship in preparation for First Grade Inclusion on September 27.

**College Cook-Out Tonight** at Bob and Carol Stewart's house, 5-6:30 p.m. Email jessica@uccftw.com for the address and/or if you are interested in carpooling from the church.

**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.

**College Lunch Bunch**, a free lunch and weekly gathering for students, meets **Wednesdays** from 12-1 p.m. in the College Lounge (Room 223). Swing by in between classes for a quick bite! Email jessica@uccftw.com for more information.

#### September is Back-to-School Month at the Children's Closet!

As school starts we hold the children of our community in our prayers. We can give those prayers life by contributing or volunteering at the Children's Closet Mondays and Thursdays 10 a.m. to noon.

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 Kera Watts

### Congregational Leadership Meetings

#### Personnel Committee

Tuesday, September 1, 5:30 p.m., Room 202

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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