

Advent

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Making room for the birth of

HOPE • PEACE • JOY • LOVE

ADVENT WORSHIP

Sunday Worship • 9:00am | 11:00am

Christmas Eve Worship • Noon | 5:00pm | 8:00pm | 11:00pm

(Childcare is available for infants to two-years old during the noon and 5:00pm Christmas Eve services)

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This fall, as our clergy gathered to begin to think and dream about Advent, we centered ourselves around this poem by Sharlande Sledge. It spoke to us about what is waiting to be born in us—both as individuals and as a church community—during this sacred season. Out of this poem came our Advent theme, Making Room.

During the four weeks of Advent, we'll make room for the birth of hope, peace, joy and love in our lives and in our world. In this season, that often demands so much of us—with holiday parties and trips to the mall—we often miss what the season offers us. Embedded deep within the text, there is the invitation to take risks, do less, give more, and let go.

We hope you'll join us for this journey through Advent, as we Make Room in our hearts and lives for all that is waiting to be born within us.

Waiting on tiptoes,



Rev. Dr. Russ Peterman
Senior Minister

Risk

*Risktaker God,
help us empty our hearts
to make room for the birth
of something new
and altogether unforeseen.*

*Cast off the shadows of whatever
we assume will sustain us,
so we can receive the light
of the unknown things
you have in store.*

*When we are full of our own ideas,
there is no room for the birth of hope.
When you are looking for a warm room
for a baby, we are inside our homes
with the doors closed.*

*During Advent may we
accept your invitation
to come out of our safe places—
to let go, to open up—
not to forsake the things and
people we treasure
but to learn to hold them lightly
and freely.*

*What do you have in store
for us, God?
While we are preparing a*



Rev. Dr. Russ Peterman • UCC Sr. Minister

*home for you,
what are you preparing for us?
What is taking up too much room
in our hearts?*

*O, God, assure us it is all right
if we don't have all the answers
because that is what Advent
is all about...
waiting without knowing
waiting with nothing but faith,
hope and love
in the company of God's love,
a love that promises everything,
even your advent,
to those who have saved you room.*

—Sharlande Sledge

Advent Sermon Series • *Making room for the birth of...*

December 2
Hope: Taking Risks
Jeremiah 33: 14-16

December 9
Peace: Doing Less
Luke 3: 1-6

December 16
Joy: Giving More
Philippians 4: 4-13

December 23
Love: Letting Go
Luke 1: 46-55

December 24
It Was Not a Silent Night
Luke 2: 1-14 (15-20)



Hanging of the Greens

Sunday, November 25 • 5:30pm

Attend this festive worship service where we decorate our Sanctuary for Christmas and the Advent season. This intergenerational experience that includes songs, readings, and performances by each of our youth handbell choirs and our children's choir. People from across the church lead the service and share the history of our symbolic decorations as we hang the greens that fill and transform the Sanctuary. After the service, join us in the Gallery for a cup of hot chocolate with a yummy toppings bar.



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A UCC Advent Gift: Mason Jar Advent Calendar

November 25 • 5:30pm | Gallery

Before there was plastic, we preserved summer's bounty in simple mason jars, so that even in the barren days of winter, we could taste God's goodness and foretaste the bounty and harvest to come.

As we "Make Room" this Advent Season, we encourage you to pick up a Mason Jar Advent Calendar, a printable Advent calendar in the form of beautifully illustrated gift tags, each with an Advent prayer or activity. Step away from the busyness and make room each day to slow down, breathe, and refocus on God's love and goodness. As each day unfolds, simply draw a card from the jar—day by day, week by week, prayer by prayer, action by action, together we countdown to that holy night when God slips into the world.

Calendars will be available in the Gallery following the Hanging of the Greens service on November 25, and in the Arches throughout the remainder of Advent.



Advent Daily Devotions—Available in The Arches

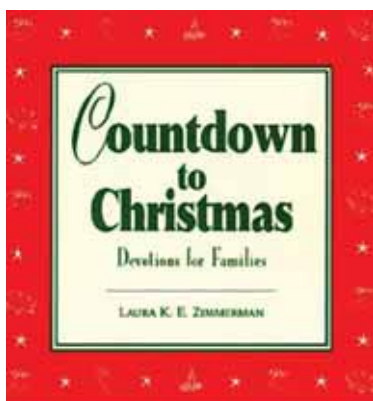
I Am Mary: 2018 Advent Devotional by *Chalice Press*

Open yourself to the divine chaos and wonder that Advent brings.

Join young Mary as she experiences the surprise, confusion, fear, anticipation, and blessing that follows her brave response to God's call: "Here am I, Lord." Listen carefully, and you may hear that call in your own life.

Best-selling author and minister Carol Howard Merritt leads us on a remarkable Advent journey with the blessed ordinary girl who becomes the holy and revered Mother of God. From the first Sunday of Advent through Christmas Day, each daily devotion includes a

scripture verse, a reflection, and a prayer. ***I Am Mary*** also features an Advent candlelighting service; a great liturgy for when you light the candles of Hope, Love, Joy and Peace, and the Christ candle at the center of the Advent wreath—and our lives.



Devotionals for Children & Families

Families, take time to count the days until Jesus' arrival through a daily family devotional. Each family will receive *Gifts of Love*, a devotion and activity booklet from Children's Ministries to guide your family in counting up the many gifts given

to each of us by God. Each day in December features a scripture passage, devotion, prayer and sticker to add to a special centerpiece. Experience Advent with your children and prepare your family to praise God for the greatest gift of love, Jesus.

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Intergenerational Advent Experience

Every Sunday during Advent, all are welcome to learn, serve and experience Advent together. This faith formation opportunity is designed for 4th graders–adults, but younger children are welcome to attend with an adult. We invite you to break out of your Sunday morning routine and join us in Walker Hall at 10:00am, December 2–December 23. Our hope is that this experience allows you to live out Advent, serve together and create new relationships across generations. Contact Rev. Jessica Vacketta with questions.

✉ Jessica@uccftw.com

A preview of what will be happening each week:

December 2—Advent Week 1 Centering for Advent

Multiple Prayer Stations and Labyrinths will be up as we invite you take time to reflect and prepare for the season ahead.

December 9—Advent Week 2 Christmas Angels

Join us as we prepare for Christmas Angels Wrap Night—when we assemble Christmas gift bags for economically disadvantaged children in Fort Worth.

December 16—Advent Week 3 Refugee Services of Texas

Jesus was a child refugee in a foreign land... We'll gather for breakfast and an interactive conversation about the refugee journey with Mama Rose from Refugee Services of Texas.

December 23—Advent Week 4 Shared Stories & Cinnamon Rolls

Share in conversations and share in cinnamon rolls as we reflect on the season and prepare for the birth of the Christ child.

Christmas Eve Worship

Noon • 5:00pm • 8:00pm • 11:00pm | Sanctuary

Celebrate the birth of the Christ Child at one of UCC's four worship services on Monday, December 24. Each Christmas Eve service is unique and beautifully culminates the season of Advent.

The noon worship service will include inspiring special music, beloved Christmas hymns and communion.

Our family-friendly worship service at 5:00pm will be youthfully inspired with music by our children's choir, Whitechapel Handbell Choir and UCC Bronze. Witness the Christmas story

retold through scripture, cherished carols and a living nativity scene, which will include live animals and feature children in the roles of angels and shepherds. Each child will receive a special gift of light to represent the beauty of Christ's light to take into the world as they exit the Sanctuary.

Thirty minutes prior to the start of our 8:00pm Christmas Eve service, experience a seasonal prelude with harp, violin, and pipe organ. This traditional worship will include Christmas hymns, communion and

symbolic candlelight. Enjoy holiday music provided by our Chancel Choir and UCC Bell Ringers during worship.

The 11:00pm candlelight worship service begins at 10:30pm with a harp, violin, and organ prelude. The Chancel Choir will sing and the Ad Deum Handbells will ring beautifully. This traditional worship includes Christmas hymns, communion and symbolic candlelight.

However and whenever you choose to worship at UCC this Christmas Eve, there is something for everyone!

Ushers for Christmas Eve Worship

Our UCC ushers help ensure that everyone who passes through our doors are warmly welcomed and have everything they need to experience God through worship. Ushers are especially important for holy days like Christmas Eve where we have lots of guests who will need our hospitality. If you can serve at one (or more) of our four Christmas Eve services, please contact Rev. Shannon Moore.

✉ shannon.moore@uccftw.com.



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Longest Night

A worship service and labyrinth walk for those dealing with grief and hardship during the holidays.

December 21 • 6:00pm | Walker Hall

Not everyone is happy and cheerful during the holiday season. Grieving the death of a loved one, facing life after divorce or separation, coping with job loss, or living with disease are just a few situations which can make Christmas a painful time. If you are experiencing hardships this Advent season, you are not alone. Join us for this special worship service around our labyrinth; a time of solace and hope for anyone faced with grief, loss or pain during a time when the whole world seems to rejoice.



Christmas Poinsettias

Beautiful red poinsettias complement the greenery in our Sanctuary throughout Advent. Celebrate the season and/or remember, honor, or appreciate the special people or events in your life. Poinsettias are available to purchase for \$25 each. Orders may be placed November 25 through December 16. Order online, universitychristian.org/poinsettias, or pick up an order form at the Reception Desk or Arches Information Desk. **Contact Pam Reeser at pam@uccftw.com for more information.**

Purchased poinsettias may be picked up following the 11:00pm Christmas Eve worship service.

Room in the Inn—We Need Your Help!

More than 2000 years ago, a couple expecting the imminent arrival of a child walked through the streets of Bethlehem, looking for a place to rest. In Bethlehem, they were homeless. They must have felt abandoned and desperate when they were told over and over, “There is no room for you here.”

In our own city, there are many without homes who are told the same thing: “There is no room for you.” Many of these people count on radical hospitality that offers them a safe and nurturing place to spend the night, and to enjoy fellowship and good food.

Room in the Inn at University Christian Church is just such a

ministry. For ten years, UCC has opened its Inn every Wednesday evening in December through February and July through August—the coldest and hottest months—to ten homeless men who are greeted enthusiastically and affirmed as children of God.

Over 25 volunteers are needed weekly to bring this ministry to life at UCC. Absolutely essential to our program are the innkeepers who spend the night, and drivers to pick up and return our guests. We also need adults and kids to make beds, set tables and get food ready to serve; hosts to visit and eat with our guests and people to tidy up afterwards. Behind the scenes,



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others prepare the meals, wash linens and bring groceries.

The Holy Family found shelter in a stable. Each week, ten men receive assurance of God’s love in the warm welcome they receive at Room in the Inn. Holy families are found in many different configurations. We are not just hosts and guests, but friends.

We need your help! If you would like to serve in this enriching experience, contact carolmstewart@sbcglobal.net.

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UCC Belltower Series Presents: Texas Boys Choir

Saturday, December 8 • 7:00pm | Sanctuary—Free Admission



As a world-class boy choir, the mission of the Texas Boys Choir (TBC) is to develop personal excellence and to inspire a lifelong passion for choral artistry. For the past 72 years, the choir has been an educational and performance

institution that has continued to provide any boy, regardless of socioeconomic or ethnic background, a structured environment in which to learn the fundamentals of world-class vocal performance.

Extensive training in both music and academics enables the choir to maintain the standard of excellence established when the choir was founded in 1946. This high level of performance has garnered TBC two GRAMMY® Awards, three George

Washington Honor Medal Awards and a Bronze Award from the International Film and Television Festival. In addition, TBC has also received a championship medal in the Mixed Boys' Choirs Division at the 2004 Choir Olympics in Bremen, Germany. Throughout the years, the choir has sung for Popes and other religious leaders, presidents, kings and other heads of state. Additionally, the choir has appeared on national television and radio broadcasts. With over 40 professional recordings with Columbia, Decca, Mark Masters and other independent labels, the Texas Boys Choir continues to earn its reputation as one of the premier boy choirs in the world.

Christmas with Texas Boys Choir is one of our oldest traditions, and we are excited to be bringing it to University Christian Church in Fort Worth for the first time this year. This holiday concert will feature all of the Texas Boys Choir ensembles, including our Training and Intermezzo choirs,



as well as our top-level ensemble, the Tour Choir. The program will feature selections from a wide-range of styles and traditions, both sacred and secular, from the Renaissance to the present day. With music by Tallis, Rutter, Schubert, Ernani Aguiar, Kinley Lange, and more, kids from one to ninety-two will surely find themselves in the holiday spirit at this year's Christmas with Texas Boys Choir concerts. We look forward to sharing the season with you!

Chancel Choir Presents World Premiere

December 16 • Sunday Worship | Sanctuary

The University Christian Church Chancel Choir will present the world premiere of a new choral masterwork, "Gloria" by Michael John Trotta at the 9:00am and 11:00am worship services on December 16, 2018. This three-movement setting uses a tapestry of sonorous harmonies that are triumphant, reflective and energetic to encompass both the

history and the relevance of one of the oldest texts in the Christian tradition. Gramophone describes Mr. Trotta's music as "tender harmonies and a palette of glowing vocal and instrumental colors... rapturous". This brand new work was made possible by the support of a consortium of nine choirs across the U.S. in which UCC participated.

The choir will be accompanied by brass quintet, organ, timpani and percussion, and conducted by Rev. Dr. Todd Prickett, Minister of Music. Mr. Trotta will also be speaking between worship services on the subject, "The Anatomy of Creativity: From Inspiration to Publication". Please join us for these exciting events during the Advent season at UCC.



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Gifts of Hope *(Order form on opposite page and description of organizations on page 8.)*

UCC celebrates its nineteenth year of thoughtful and creative giving opportunities through Gifts of Hope. Join us for a unique holiday shopping experience at the Gifts of Hope Market on Sunday, December 2, after both worship services. Honor your loved ones by shopping our

alternative gift market that keeps on giving to those in need. You can purchase food, building materials, water tanks or even farm animals that benefit multiple local and global charitable organizations along with some of UCC's signature outreach ministries.

An order form is included on the next page and copies will be widely available. For those who miss the Gifts of Hope Market or wish to purchase additional gift cards, we will be at The Arches Information Desk December 9 and December 16.



SAVE THE DATE! Christmas Angels Wrap Night
Sunday, December 9 • 5:00 pm | Walker Hall

All are welcome and encouraged to help assemble the gift bags—the more the merrier!

Childcare will be available for those ages 5 and under.

Christmas Angels is a long-standing UCC outreach ministry made possible by your faithful giving year after year. Through donations provided by our UCC family, we are able to provide hundreds of children a gift that builds confidence and encourages education and play.

Donations of all amounts make an impact and are appreciated. Approximately \$80.00 provides a gift bag that gives each child a new coat, sweatshirt, jeans, shoes, underwear, outdoor toy, a book and Bible. You can make a gift online at universitychristian.org/christmas-angels, or by completing and turning in the form below.

If you have any questions, contact 2018 Christmas Angels Chair, Kate Williams.

✉ katecwilliams@yahoo.com.



Christmas Angels Ministry at University Christian Church

(Please remit this form, along with your contribution, to the Reception Desk)

I (we) support the Christmas Angels Ministry by sponsoring _____ children at a total of \$_____.
(number)

I (we) support the Christmas Angels Ministry through a contribution of _____.

Name/Group: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____



Gifts of Hope Order Form

Organizations/Gifts	Each	Qty	Total
UCC Signature Outreach Ministries			
<input type="checkbox"/> Kid's Hope <i>Road Runner take home study bag</i>	\$25		
<input type="checkbox"/> Mission Pilgrimage <i>Support a youth or an adult on a Puerto Rico Mission Pilgrimage</i>	\$25		
<input type="checkbox"/> Page Scholarship <i>College scholarships awarded to local high school students</i>	\$25		
<input type="checkbox"/> Prom Dreams <i>A prom dress and accessories for a student</i>	\$25		
<input type="checkbox"/> Christmas Angels <i>Coat, clothing, shoes, toy, book and Bible</i>	\$80		
Center for Transforming Lives (CTL)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Safely shelter a homeless woman fleeing abuse for 1 night	\$10		
<input type="checkbox"/> Keep a homeless child in a CTL Child Development Center for 1 full day	\$15		
<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation to and from work for an impoverished mother	\$25		
The Children's Closet			
<input type="checkbox"/> Children's socks	\$6		
<input type="checkbox"/> One school uniform	\$15		
<input type="checkbox"/> Uniforms for a classroom of students	\$300		
Global Ministries			
<input type="checkbox"/> School supplies at House of Hope in Haiti	\$10		
<input type="checkbox"/> Alliance for Sustainable Resources Management in Puerto Rico	\$25		
<input type="checkbox"/> Support a Global Mission Coworker in Ghana	\$50		
Heifer International			
<input type="checkbox"/> Share of a goat	\$10		
<input type="checkbox"/> Flock of geese	\$20		
<input type="checkbox"/> Honeybees	\$30		

Organizations/Gifts	Each	Qty	Total
Refugee Services of Texas (RST)			
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 bus passes for a refugee family	\$10		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 sewing kit for RST's sewing collective	\$25		
<input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor family of 3 to obtain TX state IDs	\$48		
Southwest Good Samaritan Ministries			
<input type="checkbox"/> Support of families/children at Casa Bethel	\$30		
<input type="checkbox"/> 25lb bag of rice, 25lb bag of beans	\$40		
<input type="checkbox"/> Food/housing assistance to asylum seekers	\$50		
Tarrant Area Food Bank (TAFB)			
<input type="checkbox"/> 30 meals for seniors on fixed incomes	\$6		
<input type="checkbox"/> 60 meals for impoverished working families	\$12		
<input type="checkbox"/> Food for 5 children in the Backpacks for Kids program	\$25		
Tarrant Churches Together (TCT)			
<input type="checkbox"/> 3 days of snacks for a child at Ready, Set, Go! Program	\$5		
<input type="checkbox"/> 3 books for TCT's 2019 Summer Reading Program	\$8		
<input type="checkbox"/> Lunch support for MLK Day of Service volunteers	\$25		
True Worth Place (Presbyterian Night Shelter)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Adult underwear	\$10		
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal care kit	\$15		
<input type="checkbox"/> Foot washing, massage and toenail clipping for 10 clients	\$25		
Week of Compassion			
<input type="checkbox"/> 10lbs of roofing nails to repair hurricane damaged homes in Puerto Rico	\$5		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 sheet of drywall, mud and tape for homes damaged by Hurricane Harvey	\$15		
<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Water Filtration System for disaster zones in Indonesia	\$50		
Grand Total:			

Your Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Paid By: ☐ Cash ☐ Check ☐ Credit Card | Last 4 digits of credit card used: _____





Gifts of Hope Organizational Descriptions

University Christian Church Signature Outreach Ministries offer help and hope to individuals and families within our community, country, and world.

Center for Transforming Lives (formerly the YWCA) helps homeless and impoverished women, children and families move from poverty to independence.

The Children's Closet, a ministry of University Christian Church, provides clothing to children in Fort Worth who need school uniforms.

Global Ministries, in mission in more than 90 countries and in covenant with more than 160 partner churches and ecumenical bodies around the world, is the joint global mission outreach effort of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the United Church of Christ.

Heifer International provides families with income-producing plants and animals and training in their care. HPI educates partners in community building and sustainable agriculture, providing daily nutrition and additional income for basic needs and education of children.

Refugee Services of Texas (RST) welcomes refugees, immigrants, and other displaced peoples and supports them in integrating and thriving in their new communities.

Southwest Good Samaritan Ministries provides assistance to hundreds of people in need, especially Central American political refugees, and individuals from other countries in political and economic turmoil. Their ministry is to teach the love of Jesus Christ by building a renewed wholeness and dignity in those who are broken, disenfranchised and displaced.

Tarrant Area Food Bank (TAFB) empowers communities to eliminate hunger by providing food, education and resources through innovation and collaboration.

Tarrant Churches Together (TCT) is a nonprofit network of diverse Tarrant County churches, working together to resolve community needs especially related to: high-school completion for students of all ages, homelessness and poverty.

True Worth Place is a comprehensive resource center and day shelter in Fort Worth providing guests who are currently experiencing homelessness with access to help, hope and respect.

Week of Compassion is the relief, refugee and development mission fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

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THE BOAR'S HEAD & YULE LOG FESTIVAL



43rd Annual Boar's Head & Yule Log Festival

Visit **UniversityChristian.org** or call 817-926-6631, Ext. 139
for more information or to purchase tickets.

The New Year not only brings peace and joy from Christ's birth, it also brings UCC's 43rd Annual Boar's Head & Yule Log Festival. Come celebrate the triumph of good over evil and the true meaning of Christmas the first weekend of January. The BHYLEF is a wonderful way to celebrate Epiphany and ring in the New Year. Beautiful music,

costumes and pageantry make the festival a unique experience you don't want to miss!

Performances are at 3:00pm and 5:00pm on Saturday, January 5 and Sunday, January 6. Limited reserved seating will be on sale for \$15 beginning Monday, November 26. As always, there are hundreds of free seats available.

Boar's Head Feast • The Boar's Head Guild is excited to announce the **2nd Annual Boar's Head Feast on Saturday, January 5**. This addition to the Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival is UCC's unique twist on a traditional madrigal dinner. You are invited to attend this yuletide banquet of fine food, good cheer, and hearty merriment in Walker Hall following the 5:00pm Saturday performance. Costumed actors will be your hosts as the revelry from the Sanctuary continues! Seasonal music will be provided by a vocal octet from the Chancel Choir. Advance tickets are required. Pricing is determined by your desired proximity to the actors; the show and food per each price point is identical—\$50, \$40, \$25 and \$12 for 5th graders and under. **Reserve your tickets today by visiting universitychristian.org or call 817-926-6631, Ext. 139.**

Church Friends Christmas Eve Lunch

Monday, December 24 • 1:00pm | RM 207

UCC's Church Friends Ministry connects a caring friend with someone whose age or illness keeps them mostly at home and unable to come to church. These friends stay in regular contact, make visits and share communion. On Christmas Eve they will bring their friends to the church for worship and a chance to gather around the table together for lunch. Thank you, Church Friends! And thank you to all who make Christmas just a little brighter for dear ones here at UCC and beyond. Contact Rev. Cyndy Twedell if you'd like to help with the lunch or know of a homebound friend who would like to be included.

✉ cyndy@uccftw.com



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Thursday, December 6
11:00am • Room 150

This year's First Thursday December gathering will include a visit from the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present, and Future as we add some UCC flavor to Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*. We will also put a flavorful spin on some well-known carols, enjoy a delicious catered meal, and be delighted by delectable desserts. Don't be a Scrooge—come join the fun! Contact Rachel Ngurukie to make a reservation by Tuesday, December 4.

✉ rachel.ngurukie@uccftw.com

UCC Women's Christmas Tea

The Women of UCC will gather for Christmas Tea on December 8th at 2:00pm at the Montgomery Street Antique Mall Secret Garden Restaurant. Register and make your \$15 payment on the UCC website, universitychristian.org/tea. Sign up early! For more information please contact Rev. Cyndy Twedell, Senior Associate Minister.

✉ cyndy@uccftw.com



Young Adult Christmas Party

The Young Adult Christmas Party is Wednesday, December 19, at 6:30pm. Catch up with friends and celebrate the season with dinner, dessert and an ornament exchange at the home of Tom and Jennifer Lanter. RSVP to Rev. Jessica Vacketta by Monday, December 17.

✉ jessica@uccftw.com



Finals Feast

Monday, December 10 • 5:00pm-7:00pm | Room 207

College students give your brain a break, grab your most festive sweater, and join us for Finals Feast! Refuel with a traditional homemade Christmas meal, sweet treats and a gift from your UCC family. Spread some holiday cheer and invite all your friends—all are welcome at our table—all means all!

Volunteers are needed to provide food and clean-up after the event. **Sign up online under open registrations to serve or contact Rev. Jessica Vacketta for more information.**

✉ jessica@uccftw.com

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Youth Christmas Parties

Chi Rho (Grades 6-8)

Sunday, December 16 • 5:30pm-7:00pm | Home of the Lehman Family

Bring a favorite side or dessert, \$5 white elephant gift and family and friends can join the party. A fun prize will be given for most festive costume!

CYF (Grades 9-12)

Sunday, December 16 • 5:45pm-7:15pm | Home of the O'Neil Family

Bring a favorite side or dessert and something from your home for a re-gift exchange. It's a party—bring family and friends to join our Christmas celebrations! A fun prize will be given for most festive costume!

✉ jamie.plunkett@uccftw.com

Children's Christmas Party

JYF (Grades 1-5)

Sunday, December 16 • 5:00pm-6:15pm | RM 211

UCC children will celebrate Christmas together with a scavenger hunt. Bring friends and family to join us for food and fun!

✉ kera@uccftw.com

Special Christmas Offering



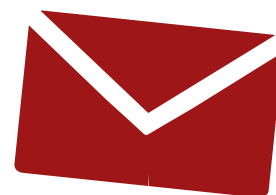
A special Christmas offering will be collected on December 16 and 23. Envelopes will be located in the pew racks and your gift can be placed in the offering plate during worship.

The Christmas Special offering supports the many ministries of our denomination's regions. Your gifts connect congregations to each other, nurtures the development of a new generation of pastors, assists churches in calling new ministers, leads the Church to address racism and much more.

Red Envelope

Throughout Advent, prayerfully consider this opportunity for a special Christmas gift to the ministries of University Christian Church. Red envelopes have been mailed to your homes and may be found in the Sanctuary pews. Your gift makes a difference! Contact Michelle Ingram for more information.

✉ michelle@uccftw.com





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Celebrate this joyful holiday season by taking advantage of one or several of the many Advent events, services and worship provided at this time of year. Please visit our website, UniversityChristian.org, for detailed information.

Event	When	Where	Who	Contact/Sign-up
Hanging of the Greens	Sunday, November 25 5:30pm	Sanctuary	All	Rev. Jamie Plunkett jamie.plunkett@uccftw.com
Advent 4-week Sunday Sermon Series	December 2, 9, 16, 23 9:00am and 11:00am	Sanctuary	All	Rev. Dr. Russ Peterman russ.peterman@uccftw.com
Gifts of Hope Market	Sunday, December 2 After both services	Walker Hall	All	Michelle Groom mgroom@uccftw.com
Intergenerational Advent Experience	December 2–December 23 Sundays • 10:00am	Walker Hall	4th graders and up	Rev. Jessica Vacketta jessica@uccftw.com
First Thursday Fellowship	Thursday, December 6	RM 150	Adults	Rachel Ngurukie rachel.ngurukie@uccftw.com
Christmas Tea (Special Latte with the Ladies)	Saturday, December 8 2:00pm	Montgomery St. Antique Mall Secret Garden Tea Rm	Ladies of all ages	Rev. Cyndy Twedell cyndy@uccftw.com
Belltower Series: Texas Boys Choir	Saturday, December 8 7:00pm	Sanctuary	All	Rev. Dr. Todd Prickett todd.prickett@uccftw.com
Christmas Angels Wrap Night	Sunday, December 9 5:00pm	Walker Hall	All	Kate Williams katecwilliams@yahoo.com
Ugly Finals, Uglier Sweaters Feast	Monday, December 10 5:00pm–7:00pm	RM 207	College Students	Rev. Jessica Vacketta jessica@uccftw.com
Chancel Choir Presents World Premier	Sunday, December 16 9:00am and 11:00am	Sanctuary	All	Rev. Dr. Todd Prickett todd.prickett@uccftw.com
JYF Christmas Party	Sunday, December 16 5:00pm–6:15pm	RM 211	All	Rev. Kera Watts kera@uccftw.com
Chi-Rho Christmas Party	Sunday, December 16 5:30–7:00pm	Home of the Lehman Family	All	Rev. Jamie Plunkett jamie.plunkett@uccftw.com
CYF Christmas Party	Sunday, December 16 5:45–7:15pm	Home of the O'Neil Family	All	Rev. Jamie Plunkett jamie.plunkett@uccftw.com
Young Adult Christmas Party	Wednesday, December 19 6:30pm	Home of Tom & Jennifer Lanter	Ages 18–25	Rev. Jamie Plunkett jamie.plunkett@uccftw.com
Longest Night	Friday, December 21 6:00pm	Walker Hall	All	Rev. Shannon Moore shannon.moore@uccftw.com
Christmas Eve Worship	Sunday, December 24 Noon 5:00pm 8:00pm 11:00pm	Sanctuary	All	Rev. Shannon Moore shannon.moore@uccftw.com
Boar's Head & Yule Log Festival	Saturday & Sunday January 5–6 3:00pm 5:00pm	Sanctuary	All	Rev. Dr. Todd Prickett todd.prickett@uccftw.com
Boar's Head Feast	Saturday, January 5 6:30pm	Walker Hall	All	Rev. Dr. Todd Prickett todd.prickett@uccftw.com

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We invite you to shine God's light and live out your faith in tangible and meaningful ministries. Make a positive and life changing impact by sharing your time, providing food, financial support and prayers.

GIFTS OF HOPE MARKET

When: Sunday, December 2 | 9:00am-1:00pm
Where: Gallery
Benefits: Multiple UCC Outreach ministries, local and international organizations
Needed: Volunteers to work the Market and Gifts of Hope shoppers
Contact: Kim McAdams-Baker • idytm96@gmail.com

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

When: Tuesday, December 4 | 11:30am-1:00pm
Where: Wester Hills UMC
Benefits: Those transitioning from homelessness into homes—a collaborative effort with Tarrant Churches Together
Needed: Greeters, prepared hot dishes, desserts, set-up and clean-up help
Contact: Phyllis Allen • wpallen@swbell.net

ROOM IN THE INN

When: December 5-February 28 | Wednesday afternoons through Thursday mornings
Where: Room 121, Walker Hall and Walker Hall Kitchen
Benefits: Homeless men—share in fellowship, meals and a warm, safe place to sleep for one night a week
Needed: Drivers, greeters, meals (dinner, breakfast, sack lunches), set up on Wednesday afternoon and clean up on Thursday morning, volunteers to wash towels and bedding
Contact: Carol Stewart • carolmstewart@sbcglobal.net

CHRISTMAS ANGELS WRAP NIGHT

When: Sunday, December 9 | 5:00pm
Where: Walker Hall
Benefits: 500 children/families in our community
Needed: Everyone! Join us as we assemble gift bags for underprivileged children in FWISD
Contact: Kate Williams • katecwilliams@yahoo.com

FINALS FEAST

When: Monday, December 10 | 5:00pm-7:00pm
Where: Room 207
Benefits: Stressed and anxiety filled college students preparing for Finals
Needed: Prepared side dishes, desserts, greeters and help with set-up/clean-up
Contact: Rev. Jessica Vacketta • jessica@uccftw.com

RED ENVELOPE GIFT

When: Throughout Advent
Where: Mailed to you and in Sanctuary pews
Benefits: UCC ministries
Needed: Monetary gifts
Contact: Business Office, michelle@uccftw.com

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS OFFERING

When: Sunday Worship | December 16 & 23
Where: Envelopes located in Sanctuary pews
Benefits: The mission and ministries of the Southwest Christian Church Region (our region).
Needed: Monetary donations
Contact: Business Office, michelle@uccftw.com

KIDS HOPE USA

When: 1 hour weekly mentorship, during the school year
Where: Rosemont Elementary School
Benefits: Children at Rosemont
Needed: Mentors
Contact: Mike Wagner • tcuwags@aol.com

CHRISTMAS EVE GREETERS & USHERS

When: Christmas Eve Worship Services
Where: Sanctuary and outer doors
Benefits: Attending guests, visitors and members
Needed: Individuals to serve communion, pass out bulletins, open doors and help guests find a place to sit in the Sanctuary
Contact: Rev. Shannon Moore
shannon.moore@uccftw.com

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