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We will be observing Summer Sabbath. All Sunday Schools will resume in August.



Handicap accessible restrooms located in the Gallery (second floor)
Assisted listening devices are available; please ask an usher to obtain one.



Childcare is provided from 8:45am-12:15pm for the preschool program .

Helping Us Worship Today

Chancel Guild

Preparing Communion for us today are:
Kay Campbell, Rich Darr,
Stephanie Fox, Warner Fox
and Nancy Strickland.

Chancel Flowers

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

Worship Bags for Children

Are available at the Gallery door. Check out this new way to engage our children in worship. Please return the Worship Bags after worship.

**The cover photo is UCC's Navajo Mission Pilgrimage participants.*

OUR MINISTRY TEAM:

Rev. Dr. Chuck Rolen, Interim Senior Minister; Rev. Cyndy W. Twedell, Senior Associate Minister; Rev. Shannon Moore, Associate Minister; Rev. Jessica Vacketta, Associate Minister for Adults and College; Rev. Kera Watts, Associate Minister for Children; Whitney Peters, Assistant Minister for High School; Tyler Heston, Assistant Minister for Middle School; Dr. Todd Prickett, Director of Music/Choirmaster; Kyla K. Rosenberger, Senior Organist; Sarah Davis, Summer Intern; Ainsley Grey, Summer Intern.

OUR MISSIONARY PARTNERS:

Paul Turner, Democratic Republic of Congo | Elena Huegel, Mexico.

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UNIVERSITY Christian Church



*Open minds,
loving hearts*

July 30, 2017
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A Disciples of Christ Congregation 

This Week

AT UNIVERSITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH



Room in the Inn Opportunities
Sundays, all morning in the Gallery

Sign up for one of the many service opportunities or contact Alana at arg@att.net to sign up online.

Prayer Bead Meeting
Saturday August 5, 10:00am | Room 204.

No experience needed, beginning beader skill taught and all equipment provided. Prayer beads are provided to UCC and THR Harris Hospital for people in crisis situations.

Prayer Shawl Group

The Sunday evening Prayer Shawl group will meet at 10:00am throughout the month of July in Room 206.





UCC Youth Stockholders Breakfast
TODAY, 10:00am–11:00am | Room 207

Stockholders who supported the UCC Youth mission trips are invited to a complimentary breakfast. All others are welcome for \$3/person

CONGREGATIONAL GOVERNANCE
Personnel Committee | Tuesday, August 1 | Room 202

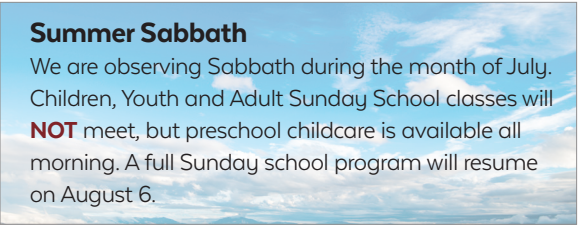


Discover the Arts
July 30 | 10:00am

Join us **TODAY** in the Sanctuary. Our Gallery Collection tour will be led by our Curator, Steve Mosher, who will guide you through the exhibit.


Summer Sabbath

We are observing Sabbath during the month of July. Children, Youth and Adult Sunday School classes will **NOT** meet, but preschool childcare is available all morning. A full Sunday school program will resume on August 6.



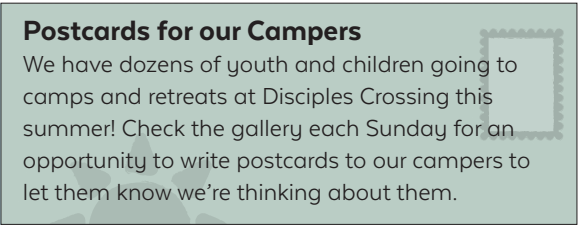
Bible Study

Every Wednesday, 10:00am | Room 203.
Led by Dr. Bobby Wayne Cook; all are welcome to join the study.



Postcards for our Campers


We have dozens of youth and children going to camps and retreats at Disciples Crossing this summer! Check the gallery each Sunday for an opportunity to write postcards to our campers to let them know we're thinking about them.




Upcoming

AT UNIVERSITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH


For more information or details on the following, visit our website, UniversityChristian.org




Yoga with Julie Vitek
Mondays 12:30pm–1:30pm | Room 205.
Cost is \$5. Bring your own mat/blanket.




Youth Back to School Retreat
August 4–6 | Brairwood Retreat Center
One last summer getaway of fun games, sweet worship and fellowship. To learn more contact Tyler Heston, tyler.heston@uccftw.com.



Alzheimer's Support Group
August 10, 3:30–5:00pm | Room 201
A group for caregivers of those suffering from Alzheimer's disease or other forms of dementia—meets the second Thursday of each month.



Women's Retreat
Mark your calendars, October 27–28 at Still Water Lodge in Glenrose—including Friday night lodging, breakfast and lunch. \$50 registration, register online: UniversityChristian.org




Senior Minister Search Committee has entered the interview phase of the process—continue to pray for them as they discern God's will in calling our next Senior Minister. Please use the comment form on the church website with any questions or concerns.

Roof Replacement Underway


Work on the roof started on Wednesday, June 21 and is expected to continue for approximately three months—it's a big roof! Thank you for your patience and please be aware of construction zones and respect the closed off sections during this time. For more information or updates on the project, visit www.universitychristian.org/roof. Please direct any questions to **John Puente, Facilities Manager**, john.puente@uccftw.com.

Gallery Floor Restoration


Please excuse the current state of the Gallery floor. The multi-step process involves stripping the old wax, cleaning the grout and finally an application of a new matte sealant. The final result will be a fresher and cleaner looking floor.




Latte with the Ladies
Saturday, August 12 | 9:00am at Brewed (801 W Magnolia Ave—76110). Women of all ages are welcome to join—second Saturday of each month.



Youth Family Roundup
Sunday, August 13 | 10:00am
Come learn about everything in the upcoming year of UCC Youth and how you can give your support.



Celebration Sunday • August 20 | All Day
Join us for an exciting worship followed by an all church lunch. Celebrations include children and youth promotions to a new program year and Youth Group Kick Off.



UCC Plus One has several events throughout the week, visit their group page on Facebook, www.facebook.com/groups/uccplusone, to find out more detailed information.



This morning's anthem text was written by Bianco da Siena, an Italian mystic poet popular in the Middle Ages. Based upon a hymntune by Vaughan Williams, it was arranged by Houston composer David Ashley White.

The Sermon is a message based on a scripture reading that proclaims the good news of Jesus Christ.

If you have made the decision to proclaim Jesus as Christ and would like to become part of the family of faith at University Christian Church, we invite you to come forward during the Hymn of Discipleship to be greeted by our ministers.

Congregational Response

One: The Word of God, for the people of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

(11:00am) Anthem | *Come Down, O Love Divine* • David Ashley White
Chancel Choir—Dr. Todd Prickett, conductor

Come down, O Love divine, seek thou this soul of mine, and visit it with thine own ardor glowing; O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear, and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing. O let it freely burn till earthly passions turn to dust and ashes in its heat consuming; And let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight, and clothe me round, the while my path illuming. And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long, shall far outpass the pow'r of human telling; for none can guess its grace, O till Love create a place where-in the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

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Sermon | A Love Beyond Comparison

***Hymn of Discipleship 265, stanzas 1 & 4** | *Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart*
Hymn Tune: MORECAMBE

***Benediction and Choral Response**

Ringin of the Tower Bells

***Postlude** | *Trumpet Tune* • Robert Lau

Celebration of Worship

July 30, 2017 | 9:00am & 11:00am



*Living the good news of Jesus Christ
with open minds and loving hearts*

The information in these margins will help guide you through worship. If you have any questions, please ask a minister or anyone with a name tag.

Red text is read by the congregation.

Asterisks (*) indicate times when you are invited to stand. Feel free to remain seated if need be.

Gloria Patri (Latin for “Glory be to the Father”) is an ancient prayer of praise. Early Christians usually referred to God in masculine terms. You might sing “Mother” or “Creator” instead of “Father,” depending on how you think about God.

The Lord’s Prayer is a prayer that Jesus taught his disciples. We say this prayer together each week. It asks God to help us be generous, thankful, and humble.

Prelude | Aria • Robert Lau
Kyla Rosenberger, organ

Ringling of the Tower Bells and Procession of the Acolytes
Acolytes: (9:00am) Ward Butler and Ethan Prickett
(11:00am) Amelia Alsleben and Whitney Watts

Welcome and Call to Worship
Reverend Cyndy Twedell

***Processional Hymn 14 | Womb of Life, and Source of Being**
Hymn Tune: IN BABILONE

***Litany of Praise**
One: God of all, you are our eternal dwelling place.
All: Before the mountains were made,
One: and before you formed the earth,
All: from everlasting to everlasting, you are God!

***Gloria Patri 35**
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Prayer for the Pastoral Search Committee

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Call to Prayer
One: The Lord be with you.
All: And with your spirit.
One: Let us pray

Pastoral Prayer, Lord’s Prayer and Choral Response
All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Receiving of Tithes and Offerings
(9:00am) *Come Down, O Love Divine* • David Ashley White
Chancel Choir—Dr. Todd Prickett, conductor
(11:00am) *Herald March* • Mark Thewes
Joseph Hartley, trumpet

***The Doxology 46**
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**
Reverend Chuck Rolen

Communion Hymn 384, stanzas 1 & 3 | Here at Thy Table, Lord
Hymn Tune: BREAD OF LIFE

The Lord’s Supper
Invitation to the Table
The Words of Institution and the Prayers of the Elders
Elders: (9:00am) Lorraine Stell, bread and Pamela Atchison, cup
(11:00am) Art Busbey, bread and Pamela Atchison, cup

The Sharing of the Bread and the Cup | Largo • Mark Thewes

The Peace
One: The peace of the Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.

***(11:00am) Hymn 540, stanzas 1, 2 & 3 | O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go**
Hymn Tune: ST. MARGARET

Worship and Wonder for first through third graders will not meet throughout July—we will resume August 6.

Scripture | Romans 8:31–39
Glynnis Paterson

You can now give via text to 817-241-2780. Simply text the amount you want to give and follow the prompts or you may also give through “ShelbyNext Giving” available in your app store.

Doxology is Greek for “words of glory.” We use this ancient form of praise to thank God as the offering is brought forward with the bread and juice for the Lord’s Supper.

The Lord’s Supper (also called Communion) is a celebration of Christ’s love for the world and a remembrance of his death and resurrection. We share this meal each week and **everyone** is welcome to participate.

The Passing of the Peace is one of the most ancient worship responses. Having received Christ’s peace, we pass it on.

You can find today’s scripture reading on pages 158-159 of the New Testament in your pew Bible.