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Sunday school classes for children, youth, college and adults meet at 10:00am every Sunday. Adult class topics are located at the Sanctuary doors and front reception desk.
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Handicap accessible restrooms located in the Gallery (second floor)
Assisted listening devices are available; please ask an usher to obtain one.
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Childcare is provided today from 9:45am-12:15pm and 4:30pm-6:15pm.

Helping Us Worship Today

Chancel Guild
Preparing Communion for us today are: Warner Fox, Stephanie Fox, Kyle Killion, Carol Smith, and Dan Smith.

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.
**There will not be worship bags at the 5:00pm Christmas Eve service.*

OUR MINISTRY TEAM:
Rev. Dr. Russ Peterman, Senior Minister; Rev. Cyndy W. Twedell, Senior Associate Minister; Rev. Shannon Moore, Associate Minister; Rev. Dr. Todd Prickett, Minister of Music; Rev. Jessica Vacketta, Associate Minister for Adults and College; Rev. Kera Watts, Associate Minister for Children; Tyler Heston, Assistant Minister for Youth; Josh Jackson, Assistant Minister for Youth; Kyla K. Rosenberger, Senior Organist; Joshua Ridenour, Organ Scholar

OUR MISSIONARY PARTNERS:
Paul Turner, Democratic Republic of Congo | Elena Huegel, Mexico.

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UNIVERSITY Christian Church

Christmas Eve 2017
8:00pm Worship Service



Photos from UCC's Advent Season.



NOW LIVE STREAMING • UniversityChristian.org/live

Starting today, we are now live streaming all of our worship services online. The 8:00pm Christmas Eve Service will be broadcast on KTCU 88.7.

NEW THIS YEAR!

Boar's Head Feast

January 6 • 6:30pm | Walker Hall

Do you need a last-minute Christmas present? Experience the excitement of this year's inaugural Boar's Head Feast! Be entertained by the Jester, other actors and musicians that bring the excitement of the festival up close and personal! Toast the new year with family and friends and expect fun surprises along the way! *Advanced ticket purchase is required—purchase on our website.*



THE BOAR'S HEAD & YULE LOG FESTIVAL



Tickets are on sale for both the festival and the feast. Invite your family and friends! Help UCC promote to the community; stop by the Arches today to pick up a yard sign.

Red Envelope Christmas Offering

The Red Envelope Christmas offering, collected during Advent, supports all ministries of University Christian Church. Your gift makes a difference!



Combined Sunday School Class

Sunday December 31 | 10:00am • Room 207

The class will cover the topic of *What is this season of Christmastide?*

Newcomers Class

Sundays January 7, 14 & 21 | 10:00am • Room 201

All are welcome. This is an opportunity to get to know others, learn about UCC and the Christian Church (DoC). Rev. Dr. Russ Peterman will join us on January 7!



Poinsettias—Thank you!

Thank you to all who ordered poinsettias. If you wish to take your plant, please take it following the 11:00pm Christmas Eve service.

For more information, details or to register for the following, visit our website, UniversityChristian.org



Holiday Brunch

January 7 | 10:00am • Walker Hall

Bring a breakfast dish to share and join us for an hour of food and fellowship.



JYF Mid-Winter Retreat

January 19-21 • Disciples Crossing Athens, TX

Opportunity for third through fifth graders to learn about being the light in the world, make new friends and experience all that Disciples Crossing has to offer. **Register by January 10.**



MLK Day of Service

Monday, January 15 | 8:30am

Make it a day on, not a day off! Join together with others in Tarrant County to serve. Register at tarranttogether.org.



WDS Registration

WDS registration coming January 15. Stay tuned for details.



Spiritual Gifts Inventory

Sunday January 21 | 5:00pm • Room 207

An opportunity to learn about spiritual gifts and discover where your gifts may be.



Couples Retreat: Sharing Needs—Building Trust

February 2-3 | Marriott Solana

Led by Joy Allen. Cost is \$225 per couple—includes lodging, breakfast and lunch. Register on our website under Open Registrations.



Young Adult Mid-Winter Weekend Retreat

December 29-31 • Disciples Crossing

Theme: What's Love Got to do with It? **Register by December 26** at Disciplescrossing.org. Cost: \$100, scholarships are available.



Latte with the Ladies

Saturday, January 13 | 9:00am

Women of all ages are encouraged to join and meet us at Buon Giorno.



WiLD Women Book Club

January 15 | 6:00pm • Cat City Grill

January 16 | 11:30am • Room 150

Both groups will discuss *Home Going* by Yaa Gyasi.



Room in the Inn—Service Opportunity

There is Room in the Inn for 10 homeless guests each Wednesday night at UCC. Help provide hospitality and hope by serving in whatever way you can. Sign up under Open Registrations.



2018 Mission Pilgrimage Opportunities

- Spring Break Hurricane Harvey **March 11-17**
- Navajo Partnership with Broadway Baptist Church **June 8-16**
- Nicaragua **July 15-22.**

Contact Cyndy@uccftw.com to learn more.

Executive Minister Search Committee

A committee has been formed to search for and call a new Executive Minister. If you know of a qualified candidate, please contact Carol Wilkerson at uccexecsearch@gmail.com.

Special thanks to
the TCU students in
our string quartet:
Santiago Ariza
Rodriguez, violin
Grace Kimbrough, violin
Iva Raykova, viola
Shengni Liao, cello

The homily is a type
of message based on
scripture that helps
to strengthen faith
within the gathered
community.

University Christian
Church is a warm,
welcoming faith
community, and we
are so happy you
chose to worship with
us tonight. We wish
you and yours a Merry
Christmas and pray
with hope that the
New Year will bring
more peace, love,
and joy to our world.

Congregational Response

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

Anthem

How Great Our Joy! • arr. Craig Courtney
Chancel Choir and Dr. Todd Prickett, choirmaster

Homily | Do Not Be Afraid

Reverend Russ Peterman

Service of Light

The light of Christ will be shared with all, beginning at the Christ
Candle and in turn shared with the congregation. Worshippers
please extinguish your candles following the benediction.

*Closing Hymn 145 | Silent Night, Holy Night

Hymn Tune: STILLE NACHT

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright,
round yon virgin mother and child, holy infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night. shepherds quake at the sight,
glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing alleluia;
Christ, the Savior is born, Christ, the Savior is born!

Silent night, holy night. Son of God, love's pure light,
radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn
of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord at thy birth,
Jesus, Lord at thy birth.

Silent night, holy night, wondrous star, lend thy light;
with the angels let us sing, alleluia to our King;
Christ, the Savior, is born, Christ, the Savior, is born.

*Benediction and Choral Response

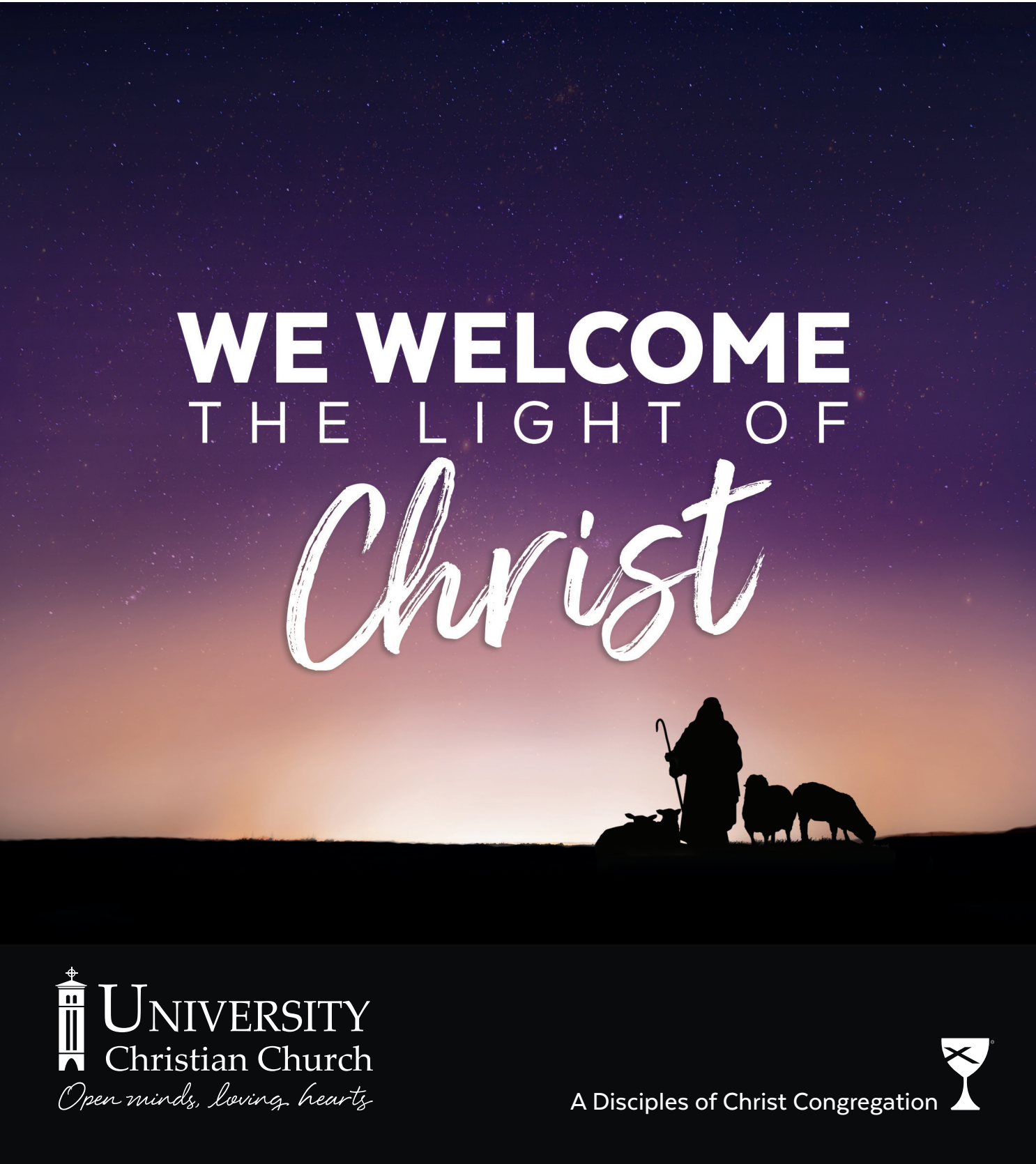
*Ringing of the Tower Bells

*Postlude

Unto Us a Boy Is Born! • arr. Albert Zabel

Christmas Eve Worship

December 24, 2017 | 8:00pm



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.

The Advent Wreath is a tradition that symbolizes the passage of the four weeks of Advent, the time of preparation for Christmas. Beginning the first Sunday of Advent, a candle is lit and an additional candle is lit each subsequent week. The candles represent Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. Tonight as we celebrate the birth of Jesus, we light the Christ candle in the center of the Advent wreath.

You can find tonight's scripture readings on page 865 of the Old Testament and page 58 of the New Testament in your pew Bible.

Prelude

Rhapsody on Christmas Themes • Eugène Gigout
Four Carols of Christmas • arr. Robert J. Powell
Divinum Mysterium • arr. Richard Purvis
Greensleeves • arr. Richard Purvis
Kyla K. Rosenberger, organ
Wexford Carol • arr. David Evan Thomas
Carrie Brown, flute
Pastorale (from “Christmas Concerto”) • Arcangelo Corelli
String Quartet

Ringling of the Tower Bells and Procession of the Acolytes

Eric Self and Emerson Self

Welcome and Call to Worship

Reverend Jessica Vacketta

*Processional Hymn 148 | O Come, All Ye Faithful

Hymn Tune: ADESTE FIDELIS

*Christmas Litany

One: Your faithful have gathered, joyful and triumphant.
All: We sing and rejoice with choirs of angels!
One: We embrace God's light of hope, peace, joy, and love.
All: Let us adore the babe of Bethlehem!

Lighting of the Advent Wreath and Christ Candle

Keith Miller, Pam Miller, Erinn Miller

Congregational Response | Away in a Manger

Hymn Tune: CRADLE SONG

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay close by me forever and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear children in thy tender care, and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

A Reading from the Prophets | Micah 5: 2-5a

Congregational Hymn 144 | O Little Town of Bethlehem

Hymn Tune: ST. LOUIS

Call to Prayer

Reverend Cyndy Twedell

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

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

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.

Call to Offering and Receiving of Gifts

Away in a Manger • arr. Joel Raney
UCC Bell Ringers and Dr. Todd Prickett, conductor

Prayer of Dedication

Reverend Shannon Moore

Communion Hymn 163 | Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Hymn Tune: W ZLOBIE LEZY

The Lord's Supper | Invitation to the Table
The Words of Institution and Prayers of the Elders
Rich Darr, bread and Anne Darr, cup

The Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

O Holy Night • Adolphe Adam
Amy and Todd Prickett, duet

The Peace

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

*Congregational Hymn 143 | Joy to the World

Hymn Tune: ANTIOCH

A Reading from the Gospels | Luke 2: 1-20

Ryan Wilkerson, reader

You are welcome to give via text to 817-241-2780. Simply text the giving amount and follow the prompts. You may also give via “ShelbyNext Giving” available in the app store.

The Lord's Supper (also called communion) is a celebration of Christ's love for the world. We share this meal each week and everyone is welcome to participate. Our communion bread is free of gluten, wheat, dairy, yeast, eggs, soy, nuts, and corn.

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

Our parents and grandparents, LaLonnie Lehman and Libits and Charles Kendall, by Greg, Meg, Kendall and Marshall Lehman

Paul Madeley by his family

Paul Madeley by Carol and Dean Wilkerson

Our grandsons, William Stinson Jones, Samuel Nolan Jones, Benjamin Alan Murphy and Nathan Frasher Murphy, by Ann and Jay Murphy

My great-grandparents, Joy and Ken Noel, by Maisie Yack

Mary Jane Spears by John and Pam Reeser

My grandparents, Mandy and Alan Teichelman, by Maisie Yack

Reed, Ryan and Braden Wilkerson by Carol and Dean Wilkerson

Jake, Lynita, Sofia and Gabriela Yarbrough by Walton and Judy Williamson

In celebration of:

Madison, Tanner and Henry Alexander by Cheryl and Bill Alexander

Olivia, Audra and Jenna Alland by Mom and Dad

Jack Bradford by Allison and Paul Bradford

Janie Bradford by Allison and Paul Bradford

Our children and grandchildren by Paula and Terry Drennan

Faithfully Fit Class by Susan and Jim Smith

Our children, Kendall and Marshall Lehman, by Gregg and Meg Lehman

Our new Senior Minister, Rev. Dr. Russ Peterman and his family, by the UCC congregation and staff

Jamie Plunkett and the Youth Minister Search Committee by Kendall Lehman

Christopher, Sadie, Libby and Michael, our wonderful grandchildren, by Charles and Anne Sanders

Our children, Brian, Kristian, Laura and Derek, by Kathy and Bart Tucker

Our new grandson, Brock Brian Tucker, by Kathy and Bart Tucker

John and Suzanne Tucker's 50th Wedding Anniversary by Stephen and Leigh Scanlon

In appreciation of:

My mother, Billie Herring, by Karen Burge

Peggy Ivy by anonymous

Our ministers and church staff by Carol and Dean Wilkerson

Rev. Ernie O'Donnell by The Harmony Class

Sue Ott by Brian, Lauren, Kate and Harris King

Dr. Todd Prickett, Kyla Rosenberger and the UCC choirs for their beautiful music to the Glory of God by Susan and John Hotard

Pam Reeser by anonymous

Our awesome siblings, Laura and B. K. Roberts and Paige and Shay Smith, by Bill and Stacy McCoy

Our wonderful parents, Dick and Nancy Smith and Sue McCoy, by Bill and Stacy McCoy

Cyndy Twedell by anonymous

UCC ministers and staff by Karen and Harry Parker

The Women in My Family by Bill McCoy



2017 Poinsettia Donors



December 24, 2017

The shape of the poinsettia's brackets and leaves resemble the Star of Bethlehem, which led the Magi to the Christ Child. The Red Color reminds us of Christ's Blood, shed for our salvation. White poinsettias remind us of Christ's purity. Green symbolizes life and hope.

In memory of:

Leona Ackers by Pepper and Jennifer Ackers and Larry Ackers

Nancy and David Alexander by Bill and Cheryl Alexander

Rosemary “Mama” Alland by Olivia, Audra and Jenna Alland

Evelyn Blankenship by Kay and Buz Campbell

Eli Bradford by Allison, Paul, Janie and Jack Bradford

Marcia and Paul Cato by Bill, Kelly, Abby, Trip and Kate

Marcia Anglen Cato by Sally and Bill Hanley

Nancy Cook by Harmony Class

Nancy Cook by Her Spirit Sisters

Melinda Cato Cross by Bill, Kelly, Abby, Trip and Kate

Melinda Cato Cross by Sally and Bill Hanley

Elsie, Bill, Art and Rod Davies and Wardene Churchill by Sheila and George Ross

Janet Dromgoole by Dr. Maggie B. Thomas, Jenn and Dennis, Brian, Drew, Beri and Meridee LeBow

My parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Edwards, by Pat Record

Marion and Lon Evans by The Loveless Family

Gladys V. Faris by Joanie and Jim Grimm

Our parents, Esther and Jim Fierke and Gladys and Russell Latshaw, by Linda and Jay Fierke

Robin Turner Forsyth by Bill and Debbie Monroe, Larry and Vicki Chism and Bob and Marsha Turner

Mary Lou and George A. Friedley by The Towle Family

Peggy and Ralph Glenn by Heather, Walt, Wesley, Anika Junker and Clayton, Bernadette, Rowan and Colin Glenn

Family members by Mary Graham

Beau and Jim Griffith, Esther Friedley and Bessie Dobbins by The Towle Family

Margaret and Pres Hallman by Martha and Charlie Martin

Susan Harrell by Allison, Paul, Jane and Jack Bradford

Our son, Barrett Martin Havran, by Joy Ann and Bob Havran

Muriel and Ed Havran by Joy Ann and Bob Havran

My father, Bill Herring, by Karen Burge

Mary Wright Hilburn by Ann Hilburn

Dr. and Mrs. Cecil A. Jarman and Capt. and Mrs. C. A. Jarmon, Ret. by The Robert G. Rymell Family

Freddy L. Jones by his family

Louis Jones, Jr., Charlie Milam and Mary Lou Holcombe by Mary Ruth Jones, Julie and Ben Milam, Susan and Mark Jones

Wally and Liz Lamberth by Kristen Lamberth

Nita and Warren LeMaster by Brenda Zogg

Jane and Roy Loveless by The Loveless Family

Ann Madeley, with love, from Paul Madeley and family

John M. McCoy, Jr. by Bill, Stacy, Jessica and Mindy McCoy

Betty Minyard by Stephen and Leigh Scanlon

Betty Minyard by Suzanne and John Tucker

Bill and Hilda Monroe by Bill and Debbie Monroe

Our parents, Hallie and J. Nolan Murphy, Jr. and Jo Ann and William Frasher Powell, M.D., by Ann and Jay Murphy

Jane Pollack by Margaret and Stuart McDonald, Malcolm and Sarah Jane

Our parents and grandparents, Ben and Myrtle Quaife and Rudy and Mary Kubik, by Clay and Judi Quaife, Jennifer Hardin, Heidi Quaife and Scott Quaife

Our parents, Victor and Helen Reeser and Walter and Lucile Opp, by John and Pam Reeser

David H. Robinson, Sr. by Anna Beth Robinson and family

Novella, Bill and Shannon Ross by Shelia and George Ross

Dr. Glenn and Ruth Routt by Rosalind Routt Schliske and Charles Routt

Gentry and Mary Ingle Shelton by Bill Shelton, John, Mary Mac, Kenton, John, Carol and Adelaide Elliott

Betty Sides by Suzanne and John Tucker

Roy J. Smith, brother of Emmet Smith, by Emmet and Judy Smith

Elizabeth and W. H. Swain by their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren

Elizabeth Swain by Suzanne and John Tucker

Charles Towle, Jr. by The Towle Family

Bill and Patty Turner by Bill and Debbie Monroe

My parents, Joy and Martin Weaver, by Joy Ann Weaver Havran

Charles and Elizabeth Weissenborn by Cheryl and Bill Alexander

Our father and grandfather, Wayne Wetsel, by Gregg, Meg, Kendall and Marshall Lehman

Dr. and Mrs. C. Kenneth Wilhelmus by The Robert Swain Family

Dr. and Mrs. James R. Wright, Jr. by Ann Hilburn

Rev. and Mrs. James R. Wright, Sr. by Ann Hilburn

In honor of:

Blythe Carpenter by Blake and Casey Carpenter

Grace Carpenter by Blake and Casey Carpenter

Wynn Carpenter by Blake and Casey Carpenter

John and Mary Costas by John, Sarah, Sarah Beth and Alexandra

Johnnie Drennan by her family

Our grandchildren, Anna Cate, Bode, Max and Milo, by Linda and Jay Fierke

Our parents and grandparents by Brian, Lauren, Kate and Harris King