

# UPDATE

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**38th Annual Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival**, January 4 & 5 at 3 and 5 p.m. Tickets on sale now! Call 817.926.6631 ext. 141 or purchase at [universitychristian.org](http://universitychristian.org). Plenty of free seating is always available. The composer and arranger of the music, Randol Alan Bass, has updated the musical score and will conduct this year!

Since 1976, UCC has concluded the Christmas season with this festival featuring a multi-generational cast of over 200 accompanied by a glorious mix of handbells, organ and orchestra. This celebration of the victory of good over evil marks the end of the twelve days of Christmas, also known as The Epiphany.

Marching companies, in authentic Renaissance costumes, sing the ancient songs of Christendom, as they carry in the gaily-bedecked head of the wild boar, which is conquered by the innocent goodness of the Christ Child. The program also features the original Christmas story, as shepherds and Wise Men travel to Bethlehem to bring gifts to the Christ Child.

**Thank You** to all who ordered poinsettias. If you wish to take a poinsettia, do so following tonight's 11 p.m. service. They will also be available at noon **December 29**.

**Holiday Potluck Brunch**, **December 29**, 10 a.m. in Room 207. Sunday School classes will not meet. Pre-school childcare is available. Contact [jessica@uccftw.com](mailto:jessica@uccftw.com) with questions.

**The Newcomers Class**, offered for those who are new to UCC, is **January 5, 12 and 19** at 10 a.m. in Room 201. All are welcome to attend! Questions are encouraged!

## Ministers On Call

Ministers are 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**  
Cyndy W. Twedell  
Russ Boyd

## The Church will be Closed

**Wednesday and Thursday, December 25 and 26**, in observance of the Christmas holiday. Ministers will be available if needed; simply call the church and follow the instructions for pastoral care emergencies.

## Our Missionary Partners

Laura Jean Torgerson and Tim Donaghy • Nicaragua  
Kristine Tisinger • Ghana  
Elena Huegel • Chile

**UCC Weekday School Enrollment** forms and fees for the 2014 school year will be accepted **January 27-February 10**. Contact the WDS Office or visit the website for details.

**Women of Valor**, the Sunday night women's group, meets **January 12** at 6 p.m. in Room 204. Please join us!

**MLK Day of Service:** Make **January 20** *A Day On–Not A Day Off*, working at one of over forty community agencies serving the elderly, homeless, at risk youth, families living below the poverty level, etc. Call Lynn Cross at 817.926.6631 for details.

**Just Say Know** courses provide age-appropriate, comprehensive sexuality education for children and youth in grades four through twelve. Visit [uccyouth.org/justsayknow](http://uccyouth.org/justsayknow) for details on classes in 2014.

**Hear the Chapman University Singers** in concert, **Wednesday, January 22**. This varied choral concert begins at 7 p.m. in our Sanctuary. See website for details.

**The Eleventh Annual Reel Religion Film Festival** will be held at UCC **January 24-25** and is free and open to the public. Info on the films being shown and registration may be found at <http://www.lifelong.tcu.edu/>.

**Mime Performance Boot Camp Workshop** with Enclave of the Arts is **Saturday, February 15**, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Anyone aged 15+ is invited. Make reservations online or call Marsha 817.926.6631. Cost is \$45 per person, lunch provided.

**Mission Opportunities: Spring break, March 9-15**, a multigenerational group will work in El Paso with families living in Colonias north of the Mexican border. Renovate and repair homes, get to know the families and learn about the chronic poverty there. Nicaragua Pilgrimage, **July 20-27**, works with a group of families formerly living in the Managua dump and others who serve the poorest of the poor. Contact Cyndy Twedell at 817.926.6631.

**UCC Art Exhibits** are held annually. Each year members of UCC proudly display works of art for all to view. This year, we are accepting submissions for our Art Exhibit held **March 30**. Email [marsha@uccftw.com](mailto:marsha@uccftw.com) for details.

**A Trip is Being Planned to France in 2015** by Church & the Arts. We are proud to sponsor trips exploring architecture, art and locals of religious significance. If you are interested, please email [suzanne@uccftw.com](mailto:suzanne@uccftw.com) for more info.

**Connections Class for Adults with Special Needs** meets every Sunday at 10 a.m. in Room 226. Contact Jana Morgan [janakmorgan2002@yahoo.com](mailto:janakmorgan2002@yahoo.com) for details.

**The 1's (Single Adults) and The Marriage Well (Young Adult-Boomers)** returns **Friday, January 31**, 6 p.m. Childcare reservations due by **January 22**.

**Single on Sunday** (a Sunday morning class for those who find themselves single on Sunday) meets in Room 313 for weekly contemporary conversations about how faith intersects our lives and relationships.

**Interested in Helping Minister to College Students?** Contact Rev. Jessica Vacketta, [jessica@uccftw.com](mailto:jessica@uccftw.com), to learn about ways to serve our local students and help our students away stay connected.

**College Groups** meet **Wednesdays** from 12-1 p.m. and **Sundays** from 10-10:50 a.m. & 6:30-7:30 p.m. Email [jessica@uccftw.com](mailto:jessica@uccftw.com) for details.



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## UNIVERSITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

*a Disciples of Christ congregation*

December 24, 2013

6 p.m.

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

A CHRISTMAS CONCERT		
O Holy Night	arr. Adolphe Adam	
Angels We Have Heard on High	arr. Sylvia Woods	
Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas	Hugh Martin and Ralph Blane	
Away In A Manger	arr. Sylvia Woods	
Deck The Halls	arr. McDonald-Wood	
The First Nowell	arr. Sylvia Woods	

Ringling of the Tower Bells

CALL TO WORSHIP

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 148	O Come, All Ye Faithful	ADESTE FIDELES
*CHRISTMAS LITANY		
God with us Emmanuel,		
We welcome Your light!		
Old and young, from near and far,		
We welcome Your light!		
With angels and shepherds and all of creation,		
We welcome the light of the newborn king!		

*CHRISTMAS PRAYER (in unison)		
O God of love and light, may the light of Jesus Christ shine through us this holiday season, and may the lives of those who feel in the dark be brightened by Your love. Amen.		

*HYMN 153	It Came Upon a Midnight Clear	CAROL
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LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH AND CHRIST CANDLE

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE		
HYMN 127	Creator of the Stars of Night	CONDITOR ALME

SCRIPTURE	Luke 2:8-19
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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)

CALL FOR OFFERING AND THE RECEIVING OF GIFTS		
	Sussex Carol	arr. Arnold B. Sherman

*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN 163	Infant Holy, Infant Lowly	W ZLOBIE LEZY
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\*The congregation is invited to stand at these times of the service. Feel free to remain seated if need be.

THE CHRISTMAS STORY IS TOLD

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN 147	Away in a Manger	AWAY IN A MANGER
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THE LORD’S SUPPER		
COMMUNION MEDITATION		
WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND PRAYERS OF THE ELDERS		
THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP		
(All followers of Christ are invited to share in the bread and the 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.		

REVEALING THE LIGHT

*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN 145	Silent Night, Holy Night	STILLE NACHT
(Words to the hymn may be found on the cards in the hymnal racks.)		
*BENEDICTION		
Ringling of the Tower Bells		

*POSTLUDE	Masters in this Hall	arr. Jeffrey Blersch
Assisted listening devices, large print bulletins and hymnals available; please ask any usher to obtain one.		

IN THE SERVICE		
Worship Leaders		Angels
Larry Thomas		Suzanne Castle
Kera Watts		Paul Logsdon
Cyndy W. Twedell		Shelby Smith
Musicians		Shepherds
Janet Pummill, Associate Organist		Pam Bingham
UCC Ringers		Jerry Bingham
Eric Mullins, Director		Michael Bingham
Jennifer Betzer, harp		Shari Bingham
Elders		Bell Boyd
Sandra Soria and Walter Echols		Carolyn Critz
Advent Candle Lighters		Emory Watts
Greg and Martha Farr		Davis Watts
Drew and Erin Farr, Ethan and Sydney		Whitney Watts
Holy Family		Sound and Light Technician
Russ and Sarah Boyd		Jack Stewart
Graham Boyd		Costumer
Director		Andrea Gilroy
Diane Simons		

UNIVERSITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH PROGRAM CONTACTS	
Rev. Larry Thomas, Sr. Minister; Rev. Russ Boyd, Assoc. Minister for Youth; Dr. Suzanne Castle, Assoc. Minister for Worship & the Arts; Rev. Ellen Lewis, Assoc. Minister of Administration; Dr. Daniel Terry, Assoc. Minister for Men’s Ministry; Rev. Cyndy W. Twedell, Assoc. Minister of Outreach, Women’s Ministries and Membership; Rev. Jessica Vacketta, Assoc. Minister for Adults and College; Alison Nicoll, Assist. Minister for Middle School; Michael Yandell, Assist. Minister for High School; Kyla K. Rosenberger, Dir. of Music and Sr. Organist; and Kera Watts, Dir. of Children’s Ministries.	

Keep Connected with our Community!

Traditional Worship Services • Sundays, 9 & 11 a.m.  
The Search Alternative Worship Service • Sundays, 5 p.m.  
Sunday School for all ages at 10 a.m. Sunday mornings  
Underground for adults, Sundays, 6:30 p.m.

Learn more about our ministries at [universitychristian.org](http://universitychristian.org)

Watch sermon videos on our website under the **Resource** tab

Listen in the car or at home on **KTCU 88.7FM** at 11 a.m. Sundays

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Find us live each week on your **mobile device:** [www.youversion.com/groups/thesearch](http://www.youversion.com/groups/thesearch)

Sunday Opportunities for Children

10 a.m. **Preschool Sunday School** classes & nursery available 8:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m. for infants through Kindergartners.

10 a.m. **Journey Land** (first-fifth graders) meet in workshops for a multi-sensory rotation experience with Bible stories and themes.

11 a.m. *Worship and Wonder* experience for first-third graders during a portion of the worship service.

12 p.m. **Children’s Choirs** meet (K-sixth grade).

6-7:30 p.m. **CCF/JYF**--First-fifth graders join for snack supper, fellowship, worship, spiritual growth and service.

Stay updated at [ucckids.org](http://ucckids.org)

