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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. 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 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 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 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 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 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, 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 for details.



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UNIVERSITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

a Disciples of Christ congregation

December 24, 2013

11 p.m.

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

A CHRISTMAS CONCERT

<i>I Saw Three Ships</i>	arr. Dale Wood
<i>Ave Maria</i>	J.S. Bach/Charles Gounod
<i>Gesù Bambino</i>	Pietro A. Yon
<i>Clair de Noel</i>	arr. David Ice
<i>Sweet Little Jesus Boy</i>	arr. Daniel Burton
<i>O Holy Night!</i>	Adolphe Adam

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS IN CELEBRATION

Ringling of the Tower Bells and Lighting of the Candles

CALL TO WORSHIP

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 148O Come, All Ye FaithfulADESTE FIDELES

*CHRISTMAS LITANY
The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.
Jesus Christ is our life and light.
In His name and His love, we gather with praise!

*CALL TO PRAYER
The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.
Let us pray...

*CHRISTMAS PRAYER (in unison)
O God, who made this most hallowed night resplendent with the glory
of true light; grant that we who have known the mysteries of that light
on earth may enter into the fullness of Christ’s joys in heaven. Give us
joy everlasting as Your light fills the earth this night! Amen.

THE COMMUNITY CELEBRATES THE STORY

ANTHEM	O Nata Lux	Morton Lauridsen
O nata lux de lumine, Jesu redemptor saeculi, dignare clemens supplicum laudes preces que sumere.	O born light of light, Jesus, redeemer of the world, mercifully deem worthy and accept the praises and prayers of your supplicants.	
Qui carne quondam contegi dignatus es pro perditis. Nos membra confer effici, tui beati corporis.	Thou who once deigned to be clothed in flesh for the sake of the lost ones, grant us to be made members of your holy body.	

LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH AND CHRIST CANDLE

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE
HYMN 127Creator of the Stars of NightCONDITOR ALME

A READING OF THE PSALMSPsalm 96(Old Testament, page 550)

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

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

A READING OF THE PROPHETSIsaiah 52:7-10(Old Testament, page 683)

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN 153It Came upon the Midnight ClearCAROL

A READING OF THE GOSPELMatthew 1:18-25(New Testament, page 1)

ANTHEMVeiled in DarknessGlenn L. Rudolph
Veiled in darkness Judah lay, waiting for the promised day,
while across the shadowy night streamed a flood of glorious light,
heavenly voices chanting then, “Peace on earth, good will to men.”
Still the earth in darkness lies, up from death’s dark vale arise
voices of a world in grief, prayers of men who seek relief;
now our darkness pierce again, “Peace on earth, good will to men.”
Light of light, we humbly pray, shine upon Thy world today;
break the gloom of our dark night, fill our souls with love and light,
send Thy blessed word again, “Peace on earth, good will to men.”

HOMILYBehold, the Light of the World!

THE COMMUNITY SHARES THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

SERVICE OF LIGHT
(The minister will take the light of the Christ Candle and share it with the ushers who will in turn share it
with the entire congregation. Worshippers, please extinguish your candles following the benediction.)

*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN 145Silent Night, Holy NightSTILLE NACHT
(Words to the hymn may be found on the cards in the hymnal racks.)

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE
Ringling of the Tower Bells

*POSTLUDECarillon-Sortie on THE FIRST NOELarr. Franklin D. Ashdown

Assisted listening devices, large print bulletins and hymnals available; please ask any usher to obtain one.

IN THE SERVICE

Preaching: Larry Thomas

Worship Leaders

Ellen Lewis
Cyndy W. Twedell
Jessica Vacketta

Advent Candle Lighters

Julie and Errol Henry
Lauren Henry

Acolytes

Aria Welch and Dylan Welch

Musicians

Kyla K. Rosenberger, Senior Organist
Chancel Choir
Eric Mullins, Interim Choirmaster
Sydney Howell, harp
Jackson Yandell, baritone
Ad Deum Handbell Choir
Eric Mullins, Director

Sound and Light Technician

Jack Stewart

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

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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.

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