

# UPDATE

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## It's Red Envelope Offering Time!

Don't miss this opportunity for a special end-of-year gift to the ministries of UCC. Envelopes may be found in the pew racks or just scan the QR code to the left to make your online gift.

**College Christmas Party** tomorrow, 6-8 p.m., at the home of Bob & Carol Stewart. Wear your most festive Holiday apparel and bring a gift for a White Elephant gift exchange. Details on our Facebook page.

## Not Sure What to Get Your Spouse this Christmas?

Buy him/her a night away at the Couples Retreat, **February 6-7, 2015**. This year's retreat, *The Gateway to The Five Love Languages*, will be led by Rev. Jessica Vacketta.

Total cost is \$225 per couple. A \$100 deposit is due by Monday, January 5.

Register online or email [thelia@uccftw.com](mailto:thelia@uccftw.com).

**Thank You** to Kate Williams, her amazing team and all who contributed to and participated in the 2014 Christmas Angels. Thanks to you almost 500 FWISD children will have a joyous Christmas!

**UCC Offices Will Be Closed Thursday and Friday, December 25 and 26**, so that our staff may celebrate Christmas with their loved ones.

**Thank You to All Who Ordered Poinsettias.** If you wish to take a poinsettia, do so following the 11 p.m. Christmas Eve service. They will also be available near the Reception Desk on **Sunday and Monday, December 28 and 29**.

**Holiday Potluck Brunch** next **Sunday, December 28**, at 10 a.m., Room 207. No Sunday school classes will meet. Pre-school childcare is available.

## Who We Are: God's Hands and Feet—UCC Stewardship 2015!

We are still 100 pledges short of our campaign goal! It's not too late to turn in a pledge card! Pledge online at [www.universitychristian.org](http://www.universitychristian.org) or pick up a pledge card at the Receptionist Desk.

## Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival Tickets are Now On Sale!

**Saturday and Sunday, January 3 and 4**, 3 and 5 p.m. daily. Tickets are \$15. Call 817.926.6631 ext. 141, or purchase online at [www.universitychristian.org](http://www.universitychristian.org).



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For more about the Disciples of Christ,  
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**Chapman University Singers** will perform here on **Friday, January 16**, at 7 p.m. in our Sanctuary. Come hear this outstanding choir on tour from our Disciples of Christ university in Orange County, CA. Free admission.



## 12th Annual Reel Religion Film Festival at University Christian Church

**featuring films of religious, cultural & philosophical significance**

**January 30-31, 2015**

**Register at [www.lifelong.tcu.edu](http://www.lifelong.tcu.edu)**

Movies are free and open to the public. Followed by a facilitated discussion.  
Saturday box lunch available with your pre-paid reservation.

Sponsored by University Christian Church,  
Broadway Baptist Church and TCU Extended Education.

**UCC Trip to France**—May 8-17, 2015. A few spaces are still available for the *French Feast for the Senses* tour. Email [marsha@uccftw.com](mailto:marsha@uccftw.com) for details.

**Online Worship Bulletin** available on the UCC website under Resources for those who wish to view it from home.

**Do You Subscribe to Disciples News Service?** Keep up-to-date on all things Disciples at [www.disciples.org](http://www.disciples.org). You may subscribe to the newsletter by clicking the News Service tab and entering your email address.

**Listen live at 11 a.m. on KTCU FM 88.7 or on [universitychristian.org](http://universitychristian.org) under Resources**

## Our Missionary Partners

Kristine Tisinger • Ghana

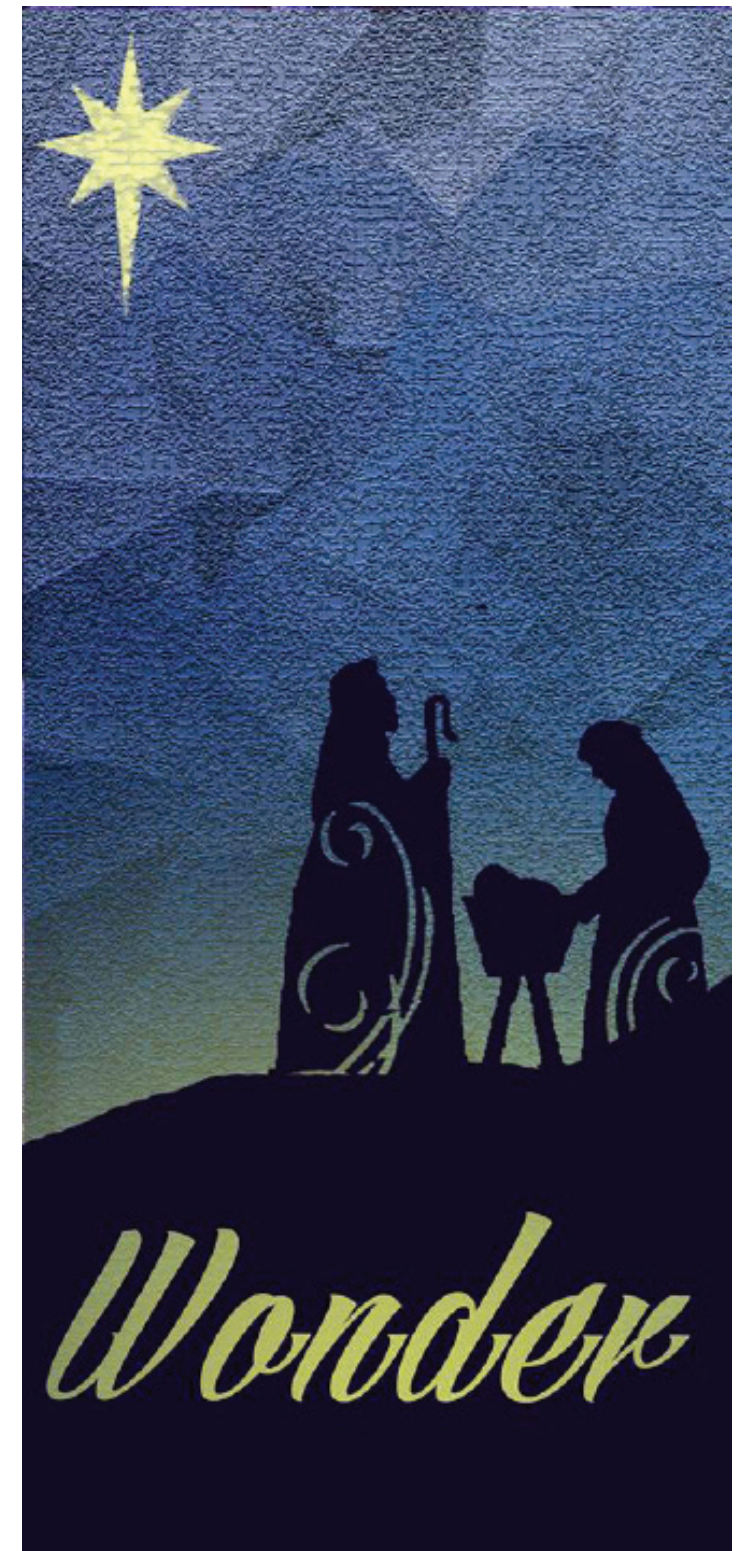
Elena Huegel • Chile



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## PROGRAM CONTACTS

**Rev. Larry Thomas**, Sr. Minister; **Rev. Russ Boyd**, Assoc. Minister for Youth; **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.



## UNIVERSITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

*a Disciples of Christ congregation*

December 21, 2014

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



CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Of the Father’s Love Begotten

arr. Wilbur Held

WELCOME

INTROIT

Of the Father’s Love Begotten

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM  
Ringing of the Tower Bells and Procession of the Acolytes and Bell Trees

CALL TO WORSHIP

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 119

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

\*LITANY OF PRAISE  
During Advent, we ignite the wonder of expectation.  
**Open our eyes, O Lord, to behold your glory.**  
During Advent, we look for the light that shines in the darkness and embrace the hope that enlivens the soul.  
**Open our eyes, O Lord, to behold your glory.**  
During Advent, we welcome the Savior who beckons the world and rejoice in the One who reclaims the lost.  
**Open our eyes, O Lord, to behold your glory.**

\*GLORIA PATRI 35GREATOREX

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH AND ADVENT READING

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

The Wonder of Christmas

(see pew card)

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

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) & CHORAL RESPONSE

THE RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS  
(9 A.M.)

What Sweeter Music

John Rutter  
(11 A.M.)

Sweet Holy Child

Mary E. Caldwell

\*THE DOXOLOGY 46OLD HUNDREDTH

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

COMMUNION HYMN 161

I Wonder as I Wander

I WONDER AS I WANDER

THE LORD’S SUPPER  
INVITATION TO THE TABLE  
THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND THE PRAYERS OF THE ELDERS

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

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP  

Ave Maria

J.S. Bach/C. Gounod  
(All followers of Christ are invited to share in the bread and 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.**

\*(11 A.M.) HYMN 160

Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming

ES IST EIN ROS  
(Parents, during 11 a.m. worship, please bring your first-third graders to join a Worship and Wonder leader in the Gallery. Children will return to the Sanctuary during the Hymn of Discipleship.)

SCRIPTUREIsaiah 61:1-4, 8-11  
(Scripture found on page 691 of the Old Testament in the pew Bibles).

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE  
The Word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

(11 A.M.) ANTHEM

What Sweeter Music

John Rutter

SERMON

The Wonder of Hope

\*HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP 153

It Came upon the Midnight Clear

CAROL  
(stanza 1)  
(All those who are inspired to confess their faith in Christ or make a discipleship covenant with our congregation are invited to join the pastors at the front of the church.)

\*BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE  
Ringing of the Tower Bells

\*POSTLUDE

From Heaven Above to Earth I Come

Johann Pachelbel

IN THE SERVICE

Preaching: Larry Thomas

Scripture Reader: Liza Cox

Worship Leaders

Cyndy W. Twedell and Jessica Vacketta

Elders

Susan Hotard and John Hotard  
Walter Echols and Mary Ruth Jones

Musicians

Collin Boothby, Organ Scholar  
Chancel Choir  
Eric Mullins, Assistant Choirmaster  
Janna McKinley, alto

Acolytes

Tevy Sek and Kendall Lehman  
Gabriela Yarbrough and Abby Ellison

Chancel Guild

Preparing communion today are  
Kay Campbell, Rich Darr, Roxanne Penix  
and Nancy Strickland.

Advent Candle Lighters

(9 a.m.) Dr. Megan Murphy  
& Jonathan Peinado  
(11 a.m.) Stephanie, Payne & Jamie Wellman  
Herb & Kathy Stephens



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This Week at University Christian Church

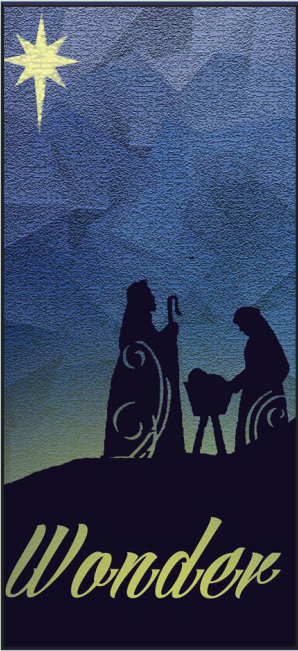
**Online Directory Photos**—Don’t forget! It’s your last chance to have your photo taken in 2014 for the online directory. Photo stations are available on the first and second floors after both services **today!**

**Gifts of Hope**, the alternative gift ministry of UCC, are offered **today** in the Gallery for those looking for meaningful gifts that represent the spirit of Christmas.

**There Will Be Room In The Inn** on Christmas Eve as we offer warm hospitality and home cooked meals to ten homeless guests. Stop by the RITI signup table in the Gallery **today** to learn more—various service positions available.

**Reunion Breakfast** for our Students Away **today** in Room 223 at 10 a.m.

**Today Rev. Russ Boyd Begins a Three Month Sabbatical** for rest, renewal and study. If you have questions related to youth ministry during his absence, email Susan Henry at [susan@uccftw.com](mailto:susan@uccftw.com).



Journey with Us

**December 24—Christmas Eve**  
Experience the Wonder of Christmas  
**12 p.m. Worship**  
Noon service with communion  
**5 p.m. Family Worship**  
Children’s Choir, bells, live Nativity with carols  
**8 p.m. Traditional Worship**  
Chamber Choir, bells, communion & candlelight  
**11 p.m. Candlelight Worship**  
Chancel Choir & bells

*30 minute instrumental concert prior to each service!*

Childcare provided from 8:45 a.m.-12 p.m. for infants-preschool.  
A complete Sunday school program for all ages meets at 10 a.m.  
Handicap accessible restrooms located in the Gallery (second floor).  
Assisted listening devices are available; please ask an usher to obtain one.

**Ministers are On Call** and 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  
Larry Thomas

Congregational Leadership Meetings

**Elders Meeting Cancelled**

*Members of the congregation may attend congregational meetings with the exception of any portion of a meeting held in Executive Session.*



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