

# UPDATE

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## Register Today for the Couples Retreat

This year's retreat, *The Gateway to The Five Love Languages*, led by Rev. Jessica Vacketta, is **February 6-7**. Total cost is \$225 per couple. \$100 deposit is due **Monday, January 5**.

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

**Music Ensembles at UCC** will resume regular rehearsal schedules after the holidays beginning **January 8**. If you or your child is interested in joining a handbell group or choir, view details on the church website or call Marsha at ext. 152.

**The Marriage Well**, a monthly enrichment program for couples, meets **Friday, January 9**, Room 207, 6-7 p.m. This month's topic: *Relationships in the Digital Age*.

**The 1's**, a monthly small group gathering for singles, meets **Friday, January 9**, Room 203, 7-9 p.m. This month, over dinner, the group will discuss the *Enneagram*. R.S.V.P. to [jessica@uccftw.com](mailto:jessica@uccftw.com). Cost is \$5.

*Childcare for both events is available 5:45-9 p.m.*

*Reservation needed by January 5—email [susan@uccftw.com](mailto:susan@uccftw.com).*

**Latte with the Ladies** is **Saturday, January 10**, beginning at 9 a.m. at Brewed (801 W. Magnolia Avenue—76104). Women of all ages are welcome to join the fellowship and great conversations on the second Saturday of each month.

**UCC's Prayer Shawl Ministry** will celebrate its tenth anniversary in worship on **Sunday, January 11**. Over 1,800 prayer shawls have been knit or crocheted since this ministry began at UCC in January 2005.

**Parish Nurses are Sponsoring a Blood Drive** **Sunday, January 11**, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. in Walker Fellowship Hall.

**Chapman University Singers** will perform 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.

**Women of Valor**, the Sunday night women's group, will meet **Sunday, January 18**, at 5 p.m. in Room 204. Please join us!

**WILD Women Book Club**—**Monday, January 19**, at 6 p.m. at Cat City Grill and **Tuesday, January 20**, at 11:30 a.m. in the UCC Library. Both will discuss *The Tower, the Zoo, and the Tortoise* by Julia Stuart.



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## 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.

**Who We Are: God's Hands and Feet**—UCC Stewardship 2015!  
We are still working towards our campaign goal but continue to make progress!  
Thank you to those who responded last week by turning in a pledge card.  
It's not too late to make a commitment! You can pledge online at  
[www.universitychristian.org](http://www.universitychristian.org) or pick up a pledge card at the Receptionist Desk.

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

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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 28, 2014

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

Celebration of Worship

Prelude

Bring A Torch, Jeanette, Isabella

arr. Robert Lau

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

Call To Worship

\*Processional Hymn 149

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

Regent Square

\*Litany of Praise

The light shines in the darkness

and the darkness has not overcome it.

The Word became flesh and lived among us,

and we have beheld Christ’s glory.

To us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

In the Word was life, and the life was the light of all people.

\*Gloria Patri 35

Greatorex

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.)

Glory to God (from Messiah)

G. F. Handel

(11 A.M.)

For Unto Us a Child Is Born (from Messiah)

G. F. Handel

\*The Doxology 46

Old Hundredth

\*Prayer of Dedication

Communion Hymn 146

From Heaven Above

Vom Himmel Hoch

(stanzas 1 and 3)

The Lord’s Supper

Invitation to the Table

The Words of Institution and the Prayers of the Elders

The Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

(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.

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

\*(11 A.M.) Hymn 163

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

W Zlobie Lezy

(No Children’s Worship and Wonder today. Program will resume next week!)

Scripture

Luke 2:22-40

(Scripture found on page 59 of the New Testament in the pew Bibles).

Congregational Response

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

(11 A.M.) Anthem

Glory to God (from Messiah)

G. F. Handel

Glory to God, glory to God in the highest,  
and peace on earth, good will toward men.

Sermon

Seeing New Life Through Tired Eyes

\*Hymn of Discipleship 164

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

In Dulci Jubilo

(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

In Dulci Jubilo

J. S. Bach

In the Service

Preaching

Larry Thomas

Worship Leaders

Michael Yandell

Ellen Lewis

Musicians

Janet Pummill, Guest Organist

Chancel Choir, Dana Hapeman, soprano

Eric Mullins, Assistant Choirmaster

Rebecca Coberly and Mary Farmer, duet

Scripture Reader

Walter Echols

Chancel Guild

Preparing communion today are

Lori Eagleton, Randy Eagleton,

Ann Lesok and Mandy Teichelman.

Elders

John Andrus and Keith Miller

Sara Wilson and Avis Herndon

Acolytes

Georgia Curtis and Emma Milton

Harrison Housley and Payne Wellman



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This Week at University Christian Church



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.

Holiday Potluck Brunch today at 10 a.m., Room 207.

No Sunday school classes will meet. Pre-school childcare is available.

**The Boar’s Head and Yule Log (BHYL) Festival** is just around the corner and we will be preparing the Sanctuary and wardrobes **today** beginning at 1 p.m. We hope you’ll consider helping us set the stage for the 39th BHYL Festival.

**Thank You** to all who ordered poinsettias. If you wish to take one home, they are available near the Reception Desk **today and tomorrow**.

**Boar’s Head “Behind the Scenes,”** a combined Sunday School class, **January 4**, 10 a.m. in Walker Fellowship Hall. Hear from Randol Bass, the composer/arranger of the original arrangement which has been recently updated, and from John Andrus, who explains the complexity of the set construction.

**Room In The Inn** winter session hosts ten homeless guests each Wednesday. Stop by the RITI signup table in the Gallery to learn more about this exciting ministry. Various service positions and times available.



The 39th Annual Boar’s Head and Yule Log Festival is Coming!

Saturday and Sunday, January 3 and 4, 3 and 5 p.m. daily.

Ring in the new year with over 300 cast and musicians as they inspire awe and humor in a glorious mix of music and song! Actors in period costumes lead us through this celebration of good vs. evil.

Plenty of free seats available or purchase reserved Patron Tickets for \$15. Call 817.926.6631 ext. 141, or visit [universitychristian.org](http://universitychristian.org).

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

Ellen Lewis

Cyndy W. Twedell

Congregational Leadership Meetings

None.

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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