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At Christmas and always we give thanks to God for the ministry of *Room in the Inn* as we offer hospitality and a warm place to sleep to ten homeless guests each Wednesday night this winter. Prayers for our guests and volunteers are appreciated!

Journey Land (Sunday school for first through fifth grades) will meet together in Room 211 at 10 a.m. on **January 3** for a Boar's Head themed story. Journey Land begins the *Lord's Prayer* rotation January 10.

Special Combined Sunday School Class on **January 3**, 10 a.m. in Walker Hall. Come and learn about what went into the writing and illustrating of *The Boar's Head Festival: A Christmas Celebration*, a new book based on our Epiphany festival!

Regift Game Night, **Friday, January 8**, at 6 p.m. Women of all ages are welcome to bring a \$10ish gift to regift and a snack. Enjoy an evening of games and regifting fun! For more information contact the Women's Ministries Office.

Young Adult Retreat, **January 8-10**, at Disciples Crossing in Athens, TX. Register online at disciplescrossing.org or email jessica@uccftw.com with questions.

UCC's Prayer Shawl Ministry will celebrate its eleventh anniversary in worship on **Sunday, January 10**. Over 1,880 prayer shawls have been knit or crocheted since this ministry began at UCC in January 2005.

Third Grade Learning to Use My Bible Class begins **January 10** at 10 a.m. in Room 218. All third graders are invited to attend this six-week class, followed by the presentation of a Bible for each child during worship on February 14.

Sunday Morning Bible Study begins **January 10**, 10 a.m. in Room 313. Join us as we begin a study on the book of James. Email jessica@uccftw.com with questions.

Christian Children's Fellowship and Junior Youth Fellowship for first through fifth graders resumes at 5 p.m. on **January 10** in Room 211 to begin the R.E.A.D.Y!—Preparing for the Journey Global Ministries program—guaranteed fun, learning and opportunities for service!

UCC Music Ensembles resume regular rehearsal schedules after the holidays beginning **January 7**. If you or your child are interested in joining a vocal choir or handbell ensemble, visit universitychristian.org or call Marsha at 817.926.6631 for details.

Weekday School Registration for cribs through Kindergarten begins **January 11**. Email ingrid@uccftw.com for more details.



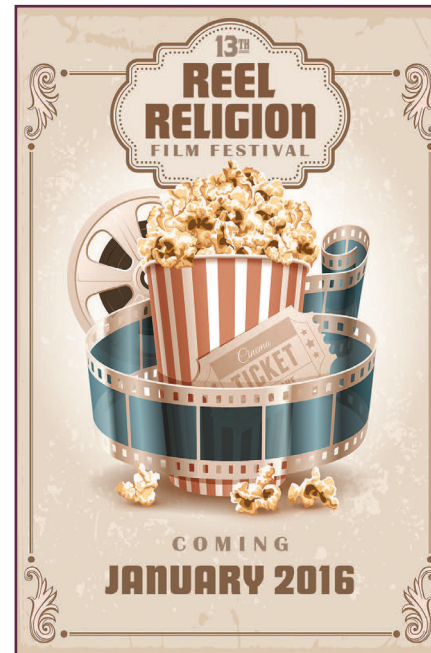
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WILD Women Book Club—Monday, **January 18**, at 6 p.m. at Cat City Grill for discussion of *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen and **Tuesday, January 19**, at 11:30 a.m. in the UCC Library to discuss *Deep Dark Down* by Hector Tobar.

Latte with the Ladies—coffee and conversation the second Saturday each month at local coffee houses, will meet **Saturday, January 19**, beginning at 9 a.m. at Brewed (801 W. Magnolia Avenue—76104).

JYF Midwinter Retreat for third, fourth and fifth graders is **January 22-24** at Disciples Crossing in Athens, TX. Cost is \$45. Visit ucckids.org for registration details.



**Reel Religion
Film Festival**
at University Christian Church
January 29-30, 2016

featuring films of religious,
cultural & philosophical significance

Registration opens **December 21**
at www.lifelong.tcu.edu

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

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PROGRAM CONTACTS

Rev. Larry Thomas, Senior Minister; Rev. Russ Boyd, Assoc. Minister for Youth; Rev. Ellen Lewis, Assoc. Minister of Administration; Rev. Cyndy W. Twedell, Assoc. Minister of Outreach, Women's Ministries and Membership; Rev. Jessica Vacketta, Assoc. Minister for Adults and College; Rev. Christi McDowell, Assoc. Minister of Pastoral Care, Alison Nicoll, Assist. Minister for High School Tyler Heston, Assist. Minister for Middle 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 24, 2015 • 8 p.m.

Be Still and Know God is Here!

A CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Meditation on "I Wonder as I Wander" arr. John G. Barr
Variations on a Theme in Ancient Style Carlos Salzedo
O Come All Ye Faithful arr. McDonald-Wood
The First Noel arr. Yolanda Kondonassis
Interlude (from A Ceremony of Carols) Benjamin Britten
What Child Is This? arr. Yolanda Kondonassis
Angels We Have Heard on High arr. Yolanda Kondonassis

VOCAL SOLO & LITURGICAL DANCE *Gesu Bambino* Pietro Yon

Ringing of the Tower Bells

WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT AND PROCESSION OF THE ACOLYTES
Still, Still, Still arr. Norman Luboff

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 150 *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* MENDELSSOHN

*CHRISTMAS LITANY

Tonight we gather with joyful hearts to receive God's greatest gift, given for all people.

Joy to the world, the Lord has come!

Tonight we join in steadfast wonder and welcome the Savior whose birth has forever changed our lives.

Joy to the world, the Lord has come!

*CALL TO PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Let us pray...

*CHRISTMAS PRAYER (in unison) AND LORD'S PRAYER (using debts and debtors)

Gracious Lord, throughout this Advent season we have tried to be still and know you. As we celebrate the coming of Christ, open our eyes to see your wonder, open our hearts to know your joy, and open our lips to tell of your glory. For to us a Child has been born, to us a Savior has been given. We pray this in the name of Christ, our Lord, our Emmanuel. Amen.

A READING FROM THE PROPHETS Micah 5:2-5

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN 151 *The First Noel* THE FIRST NOEL
(stanzas 1, 2 and 4)

LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH AND CHRIST CANDLE

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 128 *One Candle is Lit* CRADLE SONG

CALL FOR OFFERING AND THE RECEIVING OF GIFTS

Sing We Now of Christmas arr. Kevin McChesney

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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

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

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Peter Pindar Stearns

(All followers of Christ are invited come forward 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.

*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN 163 *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* W ZLOBIE LEZY

A READING FROM THE GOSPELS Luke 2:1-20

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *Hush, My Babe* arr. Wayland Rogers
 Appalachian Carol

HOMILY *Be Still and Know God is Here!*

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.)

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

*BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

Ringing of the Tower Bells

*POSTLUDE *The Night of the Star* Robert Elmore

IN THE SERVICE

Worship Leaders

Larry Thomas, Jessica Vacketta,
 Ellen Lewis and Cyndy W. Twedell

Elders

David Jarman and Elaine Becker

Advent Candle Lighters

James & Jenny Sanders,
 Amanda, Maggie and Melanie

Acolytes

Owen Perry and Ward Butler

Musicians

Kyla K. Rosenberger, *Senior Organist*
 UCC Ringers

Mimi Rogers, *Director*

UCC Chamber Choir

Eric Mullins, *Assistant Choirmaster*

Jessica Russell, *Harp*

Jennifer Chung, *Soprano*

Liturgical Dancers

Jenna Meador, Michael McNay
 and Andrew Coffey



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Welcome to University Christian Church



New to UCC? Welcome! We hope you'll join us for the Newcomers Class in **February**, 10 a.m. Sundays, for a chance to get to know others while learning about UCC and its ministries.

Thank You to All Who Ordered Poinsettias.

If you wish to take one, do so following the 11 p.m. service **tonight**. They will also be available in the Sanctuary **Sunday, December 27** after worship.

UCC Offices Will Be Closed Friday, December 25, and Monday, December 28, so that our staff may celebrate Christmas with their loved ones.

Holiday Potluck Brunch Sunday, December 27, at 10 a.m., Room 211.

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



The Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival

returns **Saturday and Sunday, January 2 and 3**, 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.

Still Need a Gift for Your Spouse this Christmas?

Buy him/her a night away at the Couples Retreat, **February 5-6**, at The Cliffs Resort at Possum Kingdom Lake. Cost is \$225/couple. A non-refundable \$100 deposit is due by **Monday, January 4**. Register online at universitychristian.org.

Home from College? Be sure to check our UCC Students Away Facebook page for upcoming fellowship and service opportunities over break.



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. Select "red envelope gift" under payment designation.

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
 Christi McDowell
 Cyndy W. Twedell

Keep Connected with our Community!

Traditional Worship Services • Sundays, 9 & 11 a.m.
Sunday School for all ages at 10 a.m. Sunday mornings

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