



Growing Up Green Community Garden



UCC Weekday School children cut the ribbon at the *Growing Up Green* Community Garden Ground Breaking Ceremony on Sunday, January 13.



At the Garden Workday the following Saturday, Weekday School families, TCU students, UCC members and community gardeners work together to help bring about the garden



transformation. Special thanks to Alan and Meredith Garcia of Fort Worth Lawn Sprinkler for the new garden irrigation and Elizabeth Anna's for garden design and implementation.

Lenten Journey

J.R.R. Tolkien once wrote: "... not all who wander are lost."



Lent is traditionally a time in the Christian year where we focus on journeying to the cross. The forty days of Lent are a time for spiritual reflection and discernment. This year in the morning services we will have a theme based on *Wandering* and featuring stories of wilderness/wandering from our scriptures, chosen by our ministry staff. We will together explore what it

means to wander as disciples of Jesus and what biblical stories tell us about our faith journey.

Lent will begin with Ash Wednesday on

February 13. Our Service of Ashes will be held in the Fellowship Hall around the Labyrinth beginning at 6:30 p.m. and will feature instrumental music by lute, viola da gamba and piano. Join us for a meaningful worship of prayers, music and scripture and then take time to walk the labyrinth until 9 p.m.

Our morning services during Lent will feature musical pieces and liturgies that focus our thoughts toward a time of introspection. For instance, it is customary to forgo the singing of the Gloria Patri until Easter and replace it with a Kyrie, singing "Lord, have mercy upon us."

Our evening services at *The Search* during Lent will feature spiritual practices based in the Celtic Christian movement, and feature musical pieces from Ireland and Wales.

Stay Connected!

Traditional Worship
Sundays, 9 & 11 a.m.

The Search Alternative Worship
Sundays, 5 p.m.

Live broadcast of 11 a.m. service
on KTCU FM 88.7
or on our **website**
at www.universitychristian.org



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



Wandering

by Rev. Larry Thomas, Senior Minister

Forty is a significant number in the Bible. It appears in many instances throughout the Old and New Testaments. One of

the first and most memorable uses of the number forty is linked to the flood narrative in Genesis. In chapter 7, it is reported that the rain fell upon the earth for forty days and nights, and then again, in chapter 8, we are told that forty days after the tops of the mountains appeared (the water had been receding) Noah opened a window in the Ark and released a raven.

One of the most familiar instances of the number forty in the New Testament can be found in each of the synoptic gospels as it relates to the temptation of Jesus. Matthew, Mark and Luke tell us that Jesus fasted forty days and forty nights, and then, in a greatly weakened state

at the end was tempted by the tempter. Jesus survived the ordeal both spiritually and physically and immediately thereafter, began his ministry.

These are just two of the instances where you find the passage of Biblical time marked specifically by forty days. Forty is a significant number in the Bible. It represents a time of preparation; a prelude to change.

This year, we are marking the forty days of Lent with the theme of wandering. More specifically, we will be borrowing from J.R.R. Tolkien (*The Lord of the Rings*) in pursuing the theme, "Not all those who wander are lost."

Many of the Biblical characters who played important roles in the unfolding of God's story among God's people experienced momentous seasons of preparation. Some of these experiences were marked

by specific, symbolic periods of time. Others were briefer but nevertheless, transformative experiences of preparation while some seem to have spent the better part of their lives (Moses and Abraham) waiting (sometimes patiently, sometimes not) to experience the fullness of God's love and grace.

Lent is a great time to do some spiritual preparation, individually speaking. We will be providing a variety of devotionals for individuals, families and children of all ages (available in The Arches Bookstore) that will enable you to trace your journey of preparation with scripture and prayer. We will also be hosting some special worship experiences during the season designed to enhance your wandering as we prepare to remember the Passion of God's Christ. We hope you will join us, as often as you can, on our forty-day journey.



Annual Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper

UCC's Annual Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper is February 12 in Fellowship Hall and sponsored by Men's Ministry. Join us for pancakes, sausage, fruit and all the fixins. Bring the family to Fellowship Hall for food, fellowship and music around festive tables. Activities for kids! Live Dixieland music!

We begin serving at 6 p.m. and will wrap up around 7:30 p.m.

Cost is \$5 per person (\$3 for children under 12).

Ash Wednesday Labyrinth Pilgrimage



The Labyrinth will be available on Wednesday, February 13, 7:30-9 p.m.

My Encarta dictionary defines a pilgrimage as "a journey to a holy place, undertaken for religious reasons." I think of it as a purposeful passage through time and space to find truth and peace. Whatever your definition is, you can use the Labyrinth as a tool for your Pilgrimage.

Let this Ash Wednesday be the beginning of your pilgrimage through Lent. Bring yourself and your own thoughts and hopes and dreams to the Labyrinth. It is an opportunity to ask the questions,

to take the questions to the center of the labyrinth and seek answers. Will you get an answer? Will you be able to clarify your question? Will you find more questions? Only you will know. A labyrinth walk is an opportunity to move from your head to your heart.

If you don't want to make the Labyrinth a pilgrimage, that's okay. If you decide to walk the labyrinth, the only requirement is to walk the path respectfully at your own pace making allowances for the others who are doing the same.

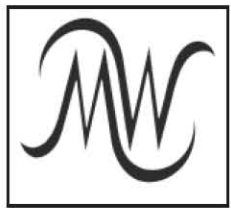
There will be docents available to help and to answer questions.

For the protection of the Labyrinth fabric, socks without shoes (unless needed for medical support) are worn to walk the labyrinth. Clean socks will be provided for those who need them.

There will be journals available to record your thoughts and feelings before or after the walk. These journals are shared with others. You may want to bring a journal or notebook of your own.

Ministers Week—It's Not Just for Ministers!

Monday –Thursday, February 18-21, 2013



UCC continues to host this long-running continuing education event. As members of UCC, we can take advantage of what

Ministers Week '13 has to offer: joyful and exuberant worship, inspiring and challenging preaching, lectures and even workshops designed to engage and energize, old friends and new friends.

Evening Worship, February 18-20, will start at 7 p.m. and offer the opportunity to experience a variety of worship styles including the traditional opening worship on Monday, an alternative service much like *The Search* on Tuesday and a traditional high church service on Wednesday. *The Wells Sermons*, for many years a regular part of Ministers Week worship, will be given this year by the Rev. Dr. Anthony Bailey, Senior Pastor of Parkdale United Church in Ottawa, Canada. An important change in this year's schedule moves the organ recital to Wednesday afternoon at 4 p.m.

Salvation and physical wholeness appear to be linked in much of scripture and the church's tradition. This year's conference explores some of the pastoral challenges encountered in relating salvation and healing. How do we address hidden wounds? What does salvation or healing mean for the chronically ill or those who view their impairments as part of who they are and not something to be healed? Rita Nakashima Brock examines moral injury, a hidden wound experienced by some combat veterans. Deborah Creamer considers how Christians have talked about disability and asks what it would mean for our liturgy, teaching, and preaching if we reconsidered what is meant by normative. Jeremy Schipper examines healing stories from Hebrew scripture in light of disability studies. Workshops are scheduled for both Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons this year.

For more information on Ministers Week events, schedule and speakers go to www.brite.edu.



Global Ministries Celebration

Our Global Ministries Celebration continues! Sunday, February 3, our guests will be Laura Jean Torgerson and Tim Donaghy, missionaries serving in Nicaragua.

They will present the program for our "Souper" Lunch of homemade soups and salad.

There is no charge for the lunch but r.s.v.p.'s are appreciated. Contact Rev. Cyndy Twedell.

Ministers Week Guest Organist Recital

February 20, 4 p.m.



Lawrence P. (Lon) Schreiber has been active as an organist-choirmaster, composer, recitalist, accompanist, and teacher since he became Minister of Music at The National City Christian Church in Washington, D. C. in 1960.

His undergraduate degree was earned at TCU under the guidance of Dr. Emmet G. Smith, and his Master of Sacred Music was earned at The School of Sacred Music, Union Theological Seminary. In 1981, TCU Honored Schreiber with a Doctorate of Music.

During his 40-year tenure at National City (he shared ministries with ten senior ministers during that period), Dr. Schreiber developed a choir which was known for its outstanding repertoire each Sunday, as well as large-scale choral works with orchestra. He supervised the design and installation of a monumental Moller organ (7592 pipes controlled by Washington's first five-manual console) and hosted concert organists from around the world in weekly recitals.

In 1973, Schreiber's choir and the legendary soprano Leontyne Price provided music for the State Funeral of President Lyndon B. Johnson, held at National City, and televised by NBC.

Dr. Schreiber announced his forthcoming retirement early in 2000, and followed his plans for trips to Egypt, Greece and other countries. But, then, upon his

return he was soon persuaded to serve as "interim" organist-choirmaster at the historic First Baptist Church of the City of Washington, D.C., established in 1808 near The White House, on the site where the US Treasury now stands. Thirteen years later, Lawrence Schreiber is still heavily involved in music ministry (just a few blocks from his first church) with First Baptist Church.

Dr. Schreiber's recital, in our Sanctuary on Wednesday afternoon of the annual Ministers Week conference, will include several exciting hymns to be sung by the congregation interspersed with solo organ pieces selected to delight and inspire. Schreiber's finale will be his own composition, a concert piece entitled *Fantasy on Five Spirituals*. UCC is honored to host Dr. Schreiber and we hope many will attend his concert.

On Compassion and Cheerfulness

by Jennifer Cricchio

We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.
-Romans 12:6-8

Compassionate and cheerful are perfect words to describe our pastoral care volunteers who visit the sick and dying, deliver a smile, hold hands and pray with those who are lonely, and celebrate with families in the births of new lives. We continue with part two of Rev.

Thomas' series on exploring the chapter of Romans 12. This ties in to Rebecca Terry's article in January, *On Saints and Strangers*.

We all have "gifts" as mentioned in the scripture Romans 12:6-8, and we all have a calling as to how we use our gifts. I consider these to be essential gifts in pastoral care ministry: patience, kindness, cheerfulness and compassion.

Did you know we have volunteers who give their time every week to visit members who are hospitalized and

those who are homebound? These folks receive visits from our Church Friends committee and flower arrangements from our Flower Ministry. I often hear positive comments from members who received a visit in the hospital or a fresh bouquet of flowers from the Sunday morning chancel arrangement. "How kind of my church to remember me," people say. Guests attending a funeral mention how appreciative they were to have been greeted so warmly by a volunteer from our Funeral Ministry. If you would like to give your gifts, please consider serving this vital ministry.



Greetings

by Bea Smith

I've been a volunteer with Room in the Inn for four years.

I've helped set-up, joined the kitchen crew, and brought food for breakfast, sack lunches and dinner, but my favorite role is Greeter.

I don't really know why I love being a Greeter so much. Maybe it's the stories I've heard. I've talked to people with an amazing array of careers, from a man who was the town horticulturist to the guy who was a cook in a greasy spoon. People share stories about their

lives, usually dividing their existence into prehomeless and now. One guest is from Chicago, and he longs to go back, but his estranged daughter lives in the area and he hopes to reconnect. Another guest was born and raised in the Virgin Islands, and the musical cadences of his speech make any story a joy to hear. These men have made me laugh and have almost moved me to tears. But, always, they make me think. Spending one day a week with them enriches my own life experiences and restores my perspective. I would like to think that the time I take to talk, and more importantly, to listen, has added

to their lives in some way. Many of my friends, though they are kind people, are mystified by my commitment to Room in the Inn. The homeless are people to avoid, whose gaze my friends would rather not meet as they shift their eyes away uncomfortably.

"What on earth do you talk about?" they ask. "Everything," I reply. "But they're homeless. What can you possibly have in common?" they persist. "Well, I just remove the 'homeless' label from them in my mind as we speak. Once I do that, I'm simply sharing time with a fellow human being. Then, the words always come."



Third Grade Bible Presentation

The third graders of UCC have been enjoying a special six-week class on *Learning to Use Your Bible*. The series will continue through February 17, during the 10 a.m. Sunday school hour. The class culminates that day with the presentation of Bibles during 11 a.m. worship. The Bible gifts are made possible by the generous giving of the

following: an endowment, created in memory of Mrs. May Henson, a beloved teacher who taught children in Church School at University Christian Church for over forty years; a foundation created in loving memory of Jeff D. Conatser; and Steve and Amy Shineman.

Please extend your thanks to Lynita and Jake Yarbrough and Jeanne Duke who helped provide leadership and

expertise during the series. Our goal for third graders receiving Bibles is to help children view the Bible as more than a book with big words; and instead, help children feel confident in navigating through the pages with knowledge and inspiration. It truly takes our entire church family to mentor our children in faith. We are blessed to have adults sharing their time and talents in this way.

UCC Mission Statement

University Christian Church is dedicated to proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ through deeply spiritual worship, study, and service. Founded on the campus of Texas Christian University and shaped by our academic heritage, University Christian Church encourages a spirit of openness and freedom of thought. We are called to create a loving and caring community for all people, and work together for justice and peace in our world. Recognizing that our spiritual journeys are all different, we strive to be respectful and inclusive concerning each individual's relationship with God.

Friday Fellowship

Did you know there is a regional branch of the National Archives and Records Administration in Fort Worth? Even if you have made use of the NARA resources for genealogy research at their new facility on West 7th Street, you may not be aware of the huge facility south of town that houses federal records for Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana.

Friday, February 8, Aaron Holt from the NARA will describe what those records include and how they can be accessed. You might be amazed to learn, that historical records related to Native Americans, the military, highways and pretty much anything else that involved the federal government are among the holdings of the local regional branch of

the National Archives.

If you are retired and free the second Friday of each month, we meet at 11 a.m., in Room 207. A potluck lunch follows the program; please bring a side dish to share.

We Need Your Recommendations for Church Lay Leader Nominations

The period of January 15-February 15 is set aside for you to recommend committed members of the congregation for positions as Deacons or Elders for three-year terms beginning June 1, 2013. Recommendation forms for consideration by the Committee on Leadership and Governance (CLG) are available at drop boxes located at the Reception Desk, The Arches and our website. Each completed form should be

placed in a sealed envelope and returned to one of the drop boxes provided at those locations. Further details are provided on the forms. Questions may be directed to Sandra Soria, CLG Chair, 817.924.6262, or sandrael@charter.net. You may find a list of current Assembly Elders and Deacons on our website and on the bulletin board in the Reception Area. Remember: completed recommendation forms must be returned to one of the two drop boxes

by the end of business on February 15. During the same timeframe, the CLG will be receiving recommendation forms from current members of the Assembly (Elders, Deacons, Ministry Area Leaders and Stewards) for possible nomination as members or officers of the Board of Stewards. Information on this process is being mailed directly to members of the Assembly. Again, questions may be directed to Sandra Soria, CLG Chair.

UCC Quick Financial Summary - Unified Budget December 2012

Description	2011 YTD Actuals	2012 YTD Actuals	Budget YTD 2012	Budget Annual	YTD Variance
Income					
Pledges	\$2,104,387	\$2,090,073	\$2,082,155	\$2,082,155	\$7,918
Non Pledge Contributions	\$299,448	\$294,360	\$324,000	\$324,000	(\$29,640)
Offering	\$41,089	\$37,142	\$36,500	\$36,500	\$642
Misc. Unrestricted Income	\$148,958	\$156,753	\$139,270	\$139,270	\$17,483
WDS Income (Net)	\$69,557	\$96,274	\$79,702	\$79,702	\$16,572
Endowment Income	\$229,332	\$241,950	\$237,847	\$237,847	\$4,103
Participant/Restricted Income & Reserve Use	\$500,035	\$379,315	\$388,218	\$388,218	(\$8,903)
Total Income	\$3,392,807	\$3,295,866	\$3,287,692	\$3,287,692	\$8,174
Total Personnel Expense	\$1,816,792	\$1,785,699	\$1,791,777	\$1,791,777	\$6,078
Total Program/Admin. Expense	\$1,097,247	\$901,167	\$993,164	\$993,164	\$91,998
Total Mission/Outreach Expense	\$456,597	\$463,393	\$476,606	\$476,606	\$13,213
Total Expenses	\$3,370,636	\$3,150,258	\$3,261,547	\$3,261,547	\$111,289
Net Operating Income (Loss)	\$22,170	\$145,608	\$26,145	\$26,145	\$119,463

This is a summary report of our Unified Budget. The 2012 YTD totals are subject to year end adjustments and won't be final until they are audited in March. You may contact Michelle Ingram, Director of Accounting, at 817.926.6631 or by email michelle@uccftw.com with any questions or comments.

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Important Summer Dates for Children's Ministries



Put these exciting opportunities for children and families on your calendar!

Vacation Bible School, June 25-28

Mark your calendars now so you can be a part of *God's Backyard Bible Camp* (ages two to third graders) or *Backyard Mission VBS* (fourth and fifth graders).

VBS online registration for UCC members at ucckids.org will begin March 1 and continue through April 1.



Summer Fun

(for children two months to entering K)

Mondays and Wednesdays, 9 a.m.–noon
Session I–June 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19
Session II–July 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24
\$120 per session

UCC member registration begins Sunday, February 10, 8:30-11 a.m. Register at the Reception Area by Crib Room 118. Open registration for non-members begins February 25 if space is available.

For more information, contact Joy Milton at cjoym@yahoo.com.

Camps for Children and Families at Disciples Crossing in Summer 2013

Grand Camp • May 31-June 2
(children ages 4-10 and a grandparent)

Discovery Camp • May 24-26
(completed second or third grade and a parent)

Family Camp • June 7-9
(families with at least one child under 18 and an adult over 21)

JYF Camp I • July 8-12
(completed fourth or fifth grade)

JYF Camp II • July 15-19
(completed fourth or fifth grade)

CCF/JYF...Compassion, Justice and Service



Children's Christian Fellowship (first through third grades) and Junior Youth Fellowship (fourth and fifth grades) will join the youth for Super Bowling on

February 3, 2-4 p.m. The remainder of the month will be spent focusing CCF/JYF style on compassion, justice and service. We begin each week at 6 p.m. in Room 218 with a snack supper (\$3). Join us for fun, fellowship, learning, service and worship on Sunday nights in February—and bring a friend, or two!

A big CCF/JYF thank you to the group

of thirty-five third, fourth and fifth graders and our sponsors who spent an amazing weekend at Disciples Crossing in Athens, TX learning about prayer and having lots of fun. It was a wonderful experience that could not have happened without the help of David Schones (CCF/JYF Coordinator), Anne Darr, Bill Hallgren, Noemi Sek and Mary Katherine Spalding.

A Note to University Christian Church

First of all I would like to give a special thank you to all the volunteers involved in the Room in the Inn program. I always enjoy any Wednesday I'm able to come – meeting new friends and old ones, sharing a meal together, conversation, playing games and having a safe place to sleep. Everyone goes out of their way to make us feel comfortable and welcome.

With that being said, on January 5, I came to the annual Boar's Head and Yule Log

Festival with Nurse Carole Widmann and John Rodenberg and his family, Tamara and Matthew. There were four others who came from Room in the Inn. We had a great time. I thought I was at a Broadway play with all the beautiful costumes and every one in them putting on a wonderful show. I can just imagine all the rehearsal that was done and whoever coordinated it did a superb job. And after thirty-seven years I can only see it getting better. Ooh, I don't want to

forget all the musicians and singers. That was the best part for me – I love music!

Again thank you for inviting me. It is an experience I will cherish and always remember.

Truly your friend, Calvin Oliver

P.S. The jester was very funny! And thanks to Jeff, Sandra and Pam for your smiles and time.

UCC Art Show

Are you someone who likes to paint or draw in your spare time? Are you the one with the camera in front of your face on vacations? How about sculpting or printmaking? Here is an opportunity to share your creativity with others at University Christian Church and meet others with your interests. Fill out a form found at the Reception Desk on the first floor or pick one up on the counter in The Arches on the second floor and be a part of University Christian Church's Art Show for 2013.

Deadline for entry is February 10. Art will be accepted and hung on Saturday, February 23.

The art show will be Sunday, February 24 with light refreshments. All ages are welcome.

Mission Pilgrimage Opportunities

El Paso Spring Break Mission Pilgrimage March 10-16

UCC members are invited to travel together to El Paso to continue their work in partnership with Rippling Hope ministry. Making homes safe, secure and sanitary; tending a community garden which serves the local food pantry and assisting social service agencies on the U.S. side of the border is the plan for the week. In addition to this important service, participants will learn about complex border issues from people who live and work there. The group will also spend time seeing the sights of El Paso.

Cost is \$250 per person—children 12 and under \$175. A \$50 deposit is due February 1. Orientation meeting for all participants is Sunday, February 17, at noon. For further information, contact Cyndy Twedell at 817.926.6631 ext. 134 or cyndy@uccftw.com.

Nicaragua Mission Pilgrimage July 21-July 27

A group from UCC will travel again to Nicaragua to work with Project Chacocente and La Mision Cristiana. Mark your calendars to be part of this life-changing mission. Contact Cyndy Twedell for further information.



Backpacks for Kids

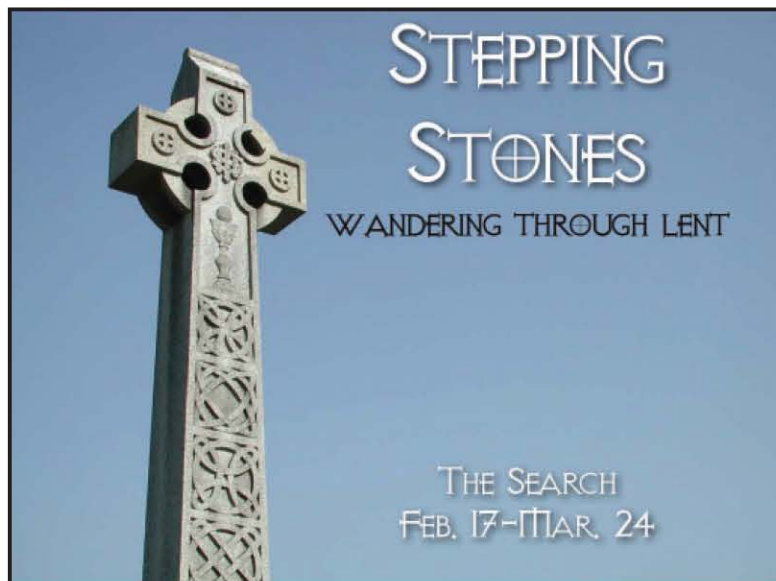


Join us at Tarrant Area Food Bank (located at 2600 Cullen Street) on February 27 for Backpacks for Kids. Weekends can mean hunger for children who depend on school meals for their primary nutrition. TAFB supplies backpacks filled with child-friendly,

nonperishable and nutritious food each Friday to those students most at risk of being hungry on the weekend.

UCC participates in filling the backpacks from 6-7:30 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of each month during the school year.

This is a great activity for the whole family. Questions, call Cyndy Twedell 817.926.6631.



Week of Compassion Special Offering

February 17-24

Sharing Brings Joy. To us. To others. To God. Week of Compassion (WOC), the disaster and relief agency of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), works throughout the year and around the world.

Have you ever imagined what brings joy to the Holy One? God knows joy when we take actions that restore the well-being of God's children everywhere. When we reach out to others with helping hands, we share love and justice with our brothers and sisters with whom we are one. When we cannot physically go to meet needs in person, our gifts go together to assist others. WOC, through its network of partner relief organizations, is efficient, effective and faithful in disaster response, humanitarian aid and sustainable development. WOC represents us as the hands and feet of Christ serving a hurting world.

As you commit your offering to Week of Compassion, share cheerfully and abundantly, knowing that you are not only sharing your resources you are helping to change lives.

Toiletries Drive

During February, UCC will collect toiletries for South Central Alliance of Churches. The Alliance serves families in need in our neighborhood. Individuals, Sunday school classes and other UCC groups are encouraged to select one or more of the following items to collect and deposit in the bin near the Reception

Desk: shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, bar soap, toilet tissue, deodorant, razors and shaving cream. Regular size rather than travel size are requested.



Newcomers Class

All are welcome to be a part of the Newcomers Class! Join us Sundays, March 3, 10 and 17 at 10 a.m. in Room 201. Take this opportunity to invite a friend to learn more about University Christian Church.

The Newcomers Class provides an opportunity to get to know others, meet Rev. Thomas, learn about UCC and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and tour the building. Questions are always welcome.

For more information, please contact Michelle Groom, Ministry Assistant to Rev. Cyndy Twedell, at 817.926.6631 ext. 138., or email her at mgroom@uccftw.com. The next Newcomers Class is offered in May.

Music Staff Transition

Randy Jordan, Choirmaster of the UCC Chancel Choir, has resigned his position. He needed to step away for health reasons. Randy has been a talented leader of our choral program since immediately after the death of Ron Shirey in 2009. We salute him for his countless hours of preparation and inspiration. Randy's excellent abilities as a teacher, conductor, composer and soloist will be missed by the congregation.

In the meantime, Eric Mullins, UCC Director of Handbells, will add Interim Choirmaster to his duties. Contact him at eric@uccftw.com. Jackson Yandell, a former assistant in the Music Department, will be Interim Assistant Choirmaster. Please welcome and encourage them in the months ahead as we prepare to find new leadership for our Chancel Choir.

New Members

What a joy it is to welcome new faces to the UCC family of faith! Please take time to get to know these who make our community richer by their presence.

Linda Gilley celebrated her birthday by joining the church. She works as a customer service rep and IT technician for DataPak Fuel Management Company. A native of Fort Worth, her two children and two grandchildren live in the area. Linda enjoys genealogy research, music, art and reading. She's very excited that UCC is her new church home, and being part of this family has brought her tremendous joy. She feels very blessed to worship with this wonderful congregation.



Welcome the Brewer family. Rob is the IT manager for All Covered located in Irving. Cally is a stay at home mommy with Riley who turned two October 13. Rob and Cally both lived in Fort Worth before moving to Dallas back in 2004. They returned last year to Fort Worth and love being back close to family. Cally grew up in Fort Worth and Rob grew up in Houston before moving up here to go to college. Cally attended Arlington Heights then attended TCU and she's a huge horned frog fan!

Lindsay Daniel was raised in Fort Worth and could not imagine living anywhere else. One of the biggest reasons she decided to join UCC is because her sister and family are also members. She teaches ninth grade Geography and coaches the girls golf team at Timberview High School in Mansfield. Lindsay and her fiancée love music and enjoy going to concerts and seeing local musicians around Fort Worth. She looks forward to growing in her relationship with Jesus as well as building new relationships with those at UCC.



Welcome the Flores family. Joel, Charity, Miguel and Xavier relocated to Aledo in September from Indiana. They moved here to be closer to family to support their young sons. Joel has taken a position with FTS International as a DOT Compliance Specialist. Charity works remotely as a Senior Program Manager for McGraw-Hill Education. Miguel will begin kindergarten in the fall. Xavier enjoys going to preschool and reading books, his favorite is "Goodnight Cowtown."

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Drew and Erin Farr married at UCC ten years ago this June. Die hard Horned Frog fans, they met at TCU where they both majored in Elementary education and Erin was a cheerleader. Drew is an assistant principal at Forest Oak Middle School in Fort Worth ISD and Erin is an Elementary Math Specialist with the district. Ethan is five years old and attends Southwest Christian School. Sydney is three months old. The Farris love UCC for many reasons; "Pastor Larry's inspiring sermons, our great Bridges Sunday school class, and the wonderful children's ministry for our kids!"



Monica De La Torre was introduced to UCC by a friend about four years ago.

Thankful for the beautiful music and meaningful worship, she is pleased to now call UCC her church home. After doing domestic and international work-related travel for many years, she is happy to be settled in Fort Worth as the Membership Director of the City Club. Monica enjoys spending time with her son, daughter-in-law and 22-month old granddaughter as well as friends and family in Fort Worth and Austin. For relaxation she enjoys Pilates classes, reading (mostly mysteries), and watching football and golf on television.

Lauren Otto is the head volleyball coach for the Seguin Cougars in Arlington where she also coaches girls soccer and teaches sophomore English. In her "spare time" she coaches a club volleyball team for Texas Advantage Volleyball. A TCU Alum and letterman for volleyball, she is the daughter of John and Kristi Otto. Lauren loves all the different ways she can be involved in UCC and is excited to find a Sunday School Class to join!



Worship Committee Notice

A change was made in the first service worship time in July, 2012. We are now meeting at 9 a.m. instead of 8:45 a.m. If you would like to share thoughts with the Committee about this change, they are taking written suggestions this month. Forms available in the Music Office and in The Arches.

Life of the Church

Births

Kaleb Thomas Kruse, son of Kelly and Mason Kruse, born January 12

Levi James Hendrix, son of Courtney Morton and Mike Hendrix, born December 21. Grandparents are Sue Ott, and Kellie and Mike Morton.

Elysia Kinley Gomez, daughter of Lacey and Zach Gomez, born December 8.

Anna Grace Robinson, granddaughter of Gay and Urbin McKeever, born December 4. Parents are Kristen and Court Robinson of New Orleans.

Ryan James Gonzales, son of Mark and Shannon Gonzales, born November 20.

Deaths

*Ann Gwin, January 15
Mother of Sue Ott*

*Wyllene Harrison, January 11
Mother of Mike Harrison*

*Al Hennemersdorf, January 7
Father of Gary Hennemersdorf*

*Tom Bessant, Sr., January 5
Father of Tom Bessant, Jr.*

*Gale Humble, January 5
Father of Steve Humble*

*Denny Mattoon, January 1
Father of Ken Mattoon*

*Willie Cleo Blanton, December 25
Grandmother of Craig Allen*

*Bradford G. Corbett, Sr., December 24
Father of Pamela Corbett Murrin*

*Mildred Reich, December 22
Grandmother of Kristie Gibson*

*Barbara Ann Moore, December 15
Wife of Martin S. Moore*

*Mary Batis, December 11
Grandmother of Michelle Dowell*

*Stephen Tottenham, December 6
Brother of Joan Buell*

*Frances Johnson, December 5
Grandmother of Steve Shineman*

Weddings

*Lauren Pitts and Chandler Warren
January 12*

*Lindsay Ray and Joseph Davis
January 19*



UCC Weekday School Registration Deadline Information

Members of the UCC Weekday School Board are planning for the forty-sixth year of the school's program, which will begin in the fall of 2013. The school follows the *High*

Scope Approach to preschool education; an experiential, developmentally appropriate curriculum. The Weekday School offers morning classes from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. for cribs (eight weeks) through Kindergarten. Optional Early Bird (8-9 a.m.) and Discovery Time (12-2:30 p.m.) enrichment programs are also available.

Enrollment forms and fees for the 2012-2013 school year will be accepted from Monday, February 4, through Tuesday, February 19. If you are a church member not currently enrolled in the school and are interested in requesting a space for your child(ren), packets will be available in the main Weekday School Office, Room 101, beginning on Monday, February 4, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Accommodating church members is a priority, but please be aware of the demand for our program and that the number of church members turning in packets may be greater than the number of classroom spaces available in any given age level. Requesting a space does not guarantee a place for your child. Please note that the church member must be a parent or legal guardian in order to pick up a packet.

WDS Priority Placement Guidelines:

Crib Room:

1. Church members' children—Please note that the church member must be a parent or legal guardian. (If all things are equal, number of years of church membership will be considered.)
2. Siblings of current students
3. Children on waiting lists

One year olds - four year olds:

1. Students currently enrolled in the program (Priority will be given to those families with the most years in program.)
2. Number of years family has been enrolled in program
3. Siblings of current students

4. Church members' children who are not currently enrolled—Please note that the church member must be a parent or legal guardian. (If all things are equal, number of years of church membership will be considered.)

5. Children who have been placed on the waiting lists throughout the year

Kindergarten:

Placement of the Kindergarten Class will be determined using the same guidelines listed above. However, acceptance will also take into account girl/boy ratio and age balance within this class. Director discretion will be used in final placement. Additional information about the Kindergarten program is available in the WDS Office.

The UCC Weekday School Board invites all interested church members to come by the office to learn about our outstanding program. Additionally, if you have any questions concerning Registration, please call Katie Stadler, WDS Enrollment Chair, at 469.644.2061 or Claire Graham, Director of the UCC Weekday School, at 817.326.3960.



The Church and The Arts Division has requested a few words about the reproduction of Eugene Burnand's *Les Disciples*, which hangs on the west wall of the UCC Gallery. It's the painting that depicts "Peter and John Running Toward the Sepulchre on the Morning of the Resurrection." I first saw the original in the Musee d'Orsay in Paris, France, on one day of Dr. Kenneth Lawrence's last study trip to Europe in June, 2006. The next day I returned to become better acquainted with this "Easter" painting.

Burnand was born in Switzerland in 1850 and studied in the School of Fine Arts in Geneva, and later with Jean-Leon

Gallery Notes

by Steve Mosher

Gerome in Paris. A prize-winning artist known for his landscape paintings, he also studied engraving and became an illustrator of periodicals and literary works during the late 19th Century.

Three years after the study trip while viewing the UCC Gallery collection it seemed that the "Easter" painting might be a worthy addition to our Gallery. After some research with a local fine art gallery, a proposal was presented to the Church and Arts Division for consideration. Approval followed, and the framed reproduction was installed in our Gallery just before Easter Sunday, April 4, 2010.

This painting, to me, beckons each of us as Disciples of Christ to imagine with Jesus' disciples that glorious morning of the resurrection. Although Jesus does not appear in this earthly setting his presence is evident through the wonder and anticipation of his disciples

Peter and John hurrying to the tomb, allowing us to contemplate the reality of The Risen Christ to dwell among us. Set against background colors of dawn illuminated in glorious light, their anticipation is clearly portrayed in their movement, gestures and expressions.

Burnand, to my mind, captured the essence of the Disciples' faith in a way that we can relate to. The action in the painting draws the viewer in as a participant in a new dawn, and into the mystery of our faith in the unseen Christ. Elsewhere in the Gallery are many fine images, imaginings-of Jesus. But few depict that manifestation of faith we as believers may feel as Burnand does in this painting. There are probably a great many ways to express visually the reality of our Christian faith. Surely Eugene Burnand has vividly captured one of them.



Just for Women

Women's Ministries engages women in meaningful enrichment, spiritual growth, study

and worship while advocating for and reaching out to women in our community and around the world. Women's Ministries works to bring together women of all ages and both a.m. and p.m. worshipping communities in creative opportunities to share the good news of God's love and the mission of Jesus the Christ. For more information about Women's Ministries please contact Cyndy Twedell, Associate Minister, 817.926.6631.

Don't miss these upcoming events:



Catch Your Breath

The Women's Ministries retreat is March 1-2. \$75 covers overnight stay along with dinner,

breakfast and lunch (vegetarian options available if requested ahead of time) at the Brazos House Retreat Center! As we gather on Friday we will exhale our cares away. On Saturday we will inhale the fresh air of God's spirit.

Sign up at The Arches Information Desk Sundays, February 10, 17 and 24 or contact Michelle Groom. Space is limited so make your reservation soon!

Women's Circles—first Tuesday October through May – make plans to join either on February 5 or March 5 at 10 a.m.:

Lily of the Valley Circle

February-Home of Grace Adams
3812 Candlelite Ct – 76109

Men's Ministry

Monthly Third Thursday Lunch

Join us on Thursday, February 21, at 12 p.m. at Café Bella on South Hills Avenue.

Our February speaker is Mark Weathers, Assistant Minister at UCC. Mark works primarily with *The Search* and college students. Mark will speak as part of our ongoing series, *Men @ Work*, and will talk about the work he's chosen to do in the world and what that work means to him.

March-Home of Katherine Wallach
5301 Bryant Irving Rd 76132
Broadway Plaza - Parlor

Rose Circle

February-Library (Room 150) at UCC
March-Home of Carol Lee
4308 Wood Wick Ct – 76109

Latte with the Ladies—coffee and conversation the second Saturday each month at local coffee houses beginning at 9 a.m. and continuing for those who prefer to come at 10 a.m. February 9 at Buon Giorno (915 Florence St 76102).

Sunday Evening Women's Group—February 10 at 6 p.m. in Room 204

WILD Women Book Club—third Tuesday noon to 1 p.m. in the UCC Library – (*we will meet one week early due to Ministers Week*) February 12 we continue our year of mystery with a discussion of *Silent Girl* by Tess Garritsen.

Cup of Blessing Bible Study—Thursdays, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Room 211 – bring your bag lunch and join this spirit filled group for the book of Judges. (*We will not meet February 21 due to Ministers Week.*)

Clergy Women's Breakfast

Again this year, the Women of UCC will host the Clergy Women Breakfast during Ministers Week. Wednesday, February 20, at 8 a.m. women ministers from across the Southwest Region will be treated to a delicious breakfast and an opportunity to spend time together in Room 207. Thanks to the generosity of the women who share in the *Cup of Blessing* Bible Study.

Breakfast with the Guys is on Saturday, March 2, at 8:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Join us for a hearty breakfast, great fellowship and an intriguing conversation with Homer Erekson, Dean of the Neeley School of Business at TCU. Dr. Erekson will speak on "*Creating Value by Creating Values in Business.*"

Youth and sons are welcome to attend. \$5 at the door.

College-Designed Worship

Join us for a special worship event at *The Search* on February 10 at 5 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Our college group will be leading worship as an expression of their faith.

Our UCC CORE group has students in a wide variety of majors who come together weekly through music, food and fellowship to explore what it means to be a young adult person of faith. Come and support their endeavors for worship expression. If you would like to serve with our college ministry, please contact Carol Thomas Elliott via email: CElliott@Officeauthority.com.

Baby Dedications

Wish to schedule a dedication for your infant? Dedications take place during 11 a.m. worship or *The Search*.

Upcoming dates are: February 24, March 13 and April 21. The dedication is a blessing of the child and a promise from parents to their child to raise them in a Christian home. Parents will participate in a class to learn about some of the intricacies of a child's faith journey and how UCC can help foster their family and child in the process of understanding Christ's love. The next class is February 3 at 10 a.m. Contact

Susan Henry in the Children's Ministries Office, susan@uccftw.com or ext. 165 for details.

Brite Divinity School Black Church Studies Program Presents...

Bishop Vashti Murphy McKenzie
Occupy the Heart: Social and Spiritual Transformations Within Black Communities and Society

Friday, February 15
Details and registration at www.brite.edu



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Congregational Meetings

Deacons • Sunday, February 3
12:15 p.m., Room 205

Personnel • Tuesday, February 5
5:30 p.m., Room 202

Communications
Wednesday, February 6
5:30 p.m., Room 202

Building & Grounds
Sunday, February 10
12:15 p.m., Room 202

Finance • Tuesday, February 12
5:30 p.m., Room 202

Board of Stewards
Tuesday, February 19
6:30 p.m., Room 207

Elders • Tuesday, February 26
6:30 p.m., Room 207

All members of the congregation may attend these meetings with the exception of any portion of a meeting held in Executive Session.



Second Annual Day Resource Center for the Homeless Jazz Concert

Saturday, February 23
Fellowship Hall
University Christian Church

- The Victor Cager Sextet featuring Ms. Jennifer Martin
- Silent Auction from 5:30–7 p.m.
- Concert at 7 p.m.
- Raffle Drawing at 8:30 p.m. with Auction Checkout at 9 p.m.

This event is a collaboration of sixteen congregations in Tarrant County that host Room in the Inn guests from the Day Resource Center for the Homeless. All proceeds benefit the Day Resource Center.

Online tickets purchased at www.fwdayresourcectr.org/events through February 16 receive free raffle ticket(s). Tickets purchased online will be available at the UCC Front Desk the night of the event. Price includes light appetizers, non-alcoholic beverage and *free* valet parking. Learn more at www.drctbenefit.com.

General Seating C (incl. 1 raffle ticket):\$25
 Section B (incl. 1 raffle ticket):\$30
 Section A (incl. 2 raffle tickets):\$50
 Corporate Table (incl. 8 raffle tickets):\$800