UPDATE

Visit www.universitychristian.org for calendar and program details!

Lenten Materials—Children's Lenten activity mailing has gone out to all children in classes twos-fifth grade. Extra packets are available at The Arches Information Desk. Adult Lenten Daily Devotionals are also available in The Arches.

Annual Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper, February 9, Walker Hall, 6-7:30 p.m. Paschal Jazz Ensemble will entertain as we begin our Lenten season. Join us for pancakes, sausage, fruit and all the fixins. \$5 each, \$3 children under 12.

Ash Wednesday Worship and Labyrinth–February 10 at 6:30 p.m. in Walker Hall. Following worship, all are invited to walk the labyrinth until 9 p.m.

New Year, New Weight Watchers Smart Points—Come to a Weight Watchers Open House, Thursday, February 11, 4:45 p.m. in Room 204. Call Yvonne Mann 817.257.6054 or email y.mann@tcu.edu for details about the UCC/TCU group.

Join us for Friday Fellowship, February 12, 11 a.m., Room 207. Doug Henry presents a Valentine's Day program of 40s-80s songs. Potluck lunch follows with main entrée provided. Email <u>danlsmith@mindspring.com</u> or call Barb at 817.926.6631 to r.s.v.p.

Latte with the Ladies—coffee house conversation the second Saturday each month meets **Saturday**, **February 13**, at 9 a.m. at Buon Giorno (915 Florence St., 76102).

You're Invited to a Prayer Bead Meeting February 13 at 10 a.m. in Room 204. No experience needed, beginning beader skill taught and all equipment provided. Prayer beads are made for UCC and THR Harris Hospital for people in crisis situations.

Third Grade Bible Presentation is **Sunday**, **February 14**, during 11 a.m. worship. We look forward to recognizing these young students for their completion of the *Learning to Use My Bible Class*.

Nomination Deadline for Elders, Deacons, Board of Stewards and Officers

is **February 15.** Forms are available at the Reception Desk, The Arches or may be made online at <u>universitychristian.org</u>.

Ministers Week 2016, February 15-18. Worship, inspiring preaching, lectures and workshops, organ recital and more. There's no fee or registration requirement. Worship Monday–Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m. See the full schedule at www.brite.edu/mw..

Hymn Sing–Recital, On **Wednesday**, **February** 17, 4 p.m., Michael Bedford, organist, presents an organ recital interspersed with congregational singing of great church hymns as part of Ministers Week. Free admission.

UCC Spring Softball Interest Meeting Thursday, February 18, 6 p.m., Third Floor Kitchen. Women and men ages 16 & up. Sign up online or email jessica@uccftw.com for details.



Learn more about
University Christian Church ministries
at universitychristian.org

For more about the Disciples of Christ, visit <u>disciples.org</u>

February Toiletries Drive for South Central Alliance

Toiletries are collected and distributed to families in need in our neighborhood. Regular size containers please. Collection bins are located in the Reception Area.

Register Your Special Dish for the Rice and Beans Cook Off

by **February 19.** Email mgroom@uccftw.com to enter! Support the July Mission Pilgrimage by attending the Cook Off on **February 28** at 12:15 p.m. in Walker Hall.

Meditation Workshop–February 20. Dr. Claire Villarreal offers the tools you need to cultivate the ability to stay present to the moments of your life. Details and registration at http://dawnmountain.org/event/claires-workshop-at-ucc-in-ft-worth/.

Walk in Peace Concert–Sunday, February 21, 3:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. UCC Chancel Choir and other choirs join Schola Cantorum in celebration of Black History month. Classic spirituals are interspersed with great readings of Martin Luther King, Jr. and Frederick Douglass. One hour concert, free admission.

Prom Dreams Volunteer Meeting, Thursday, February 25, 5 p.m. in the *Prom Dreams* Boutique above the Children's Closet. Email <u>promdreams@uccftw.com</u> for details.

A Support Group for Caregivers of those suffering from Alzheimer's disease or other forms of dementia meets the second Thursday of the month from 3:30-5 p.m. in Room 201. Led by trained facilitators, Dr. Charles Sanders and Leslie Dell.

Room In the Inn winter session runs through February. Each Wednesday we host ten homeless guests for dinner, a good night's sleep and breakfast. Come by the Gallery to sign up for one of our service opportunities or to learn more about this ministry.

Leap into Good Health on Leap day, **February 29**, at 6 p.m., at *Blue Zones* approved restaurant, Terra (2973 Crockett St., 76107). Parking is free-the restaurant will validate your ticket. Email mgroom@uccftw.com to let us know if you're coming!

Nicaragua Mission Pilgrimage, July 3-10. Contact Rev. Cyndy Twedell for more information or plan to stay after the Rice and Beans (Arroz y Frijoles) Cook Off event on February 28 at 12:15 p.m. in Walker Hall to learn more!

Listen live at 11 a.m. on KTCU FM 88.7 or on university christian.org under Resources

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PROGRAM CONTACTS

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

February 7, 2016

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

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Prelude Prelude on Kyrie Jean Langlais Ringing of the Tower Bells and Procession of the Acolytes

*Processional Hymn 4 Holy, Holy, Holy NICAEA

*LITANY OF PRAISE

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;

The whole earth is full of God's glory.

The Lord asks, "Whom shall I send to proclaim my glory?"

Here I am, send me!

*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

Fairest Lord Jesus** (9 A.M.)Derek Hakes Be Thou My Vision (11 A.M.)Hal H. Hopson

*The Doxology 46 OLD HUNDREDTH

*Prayer of Dedication

COMMUNION HYMN 391 These I Lay Down Laying Down (stanzas 1 and 5)

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

(9 A.M.)Be Thou My Vision Hal H. Hopson

(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 452** Here I Am, Lord

(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.)

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

Congregational Response

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

(11 A.M.) ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE

Fairest Lord Iesus**

Derek Hakes

**Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature, O thou of God to earth come down; thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, thou, my soul's glory, joy and crown. Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring: Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing. Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling starry host; Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels heaven can boast. Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations! Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forever more be Thine!

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SERMON *After the Ashes*

*Hymn of Discipleship 666

The Voice of God Is Calling (stanzas 1 and 3)

MEIRIONYDD

(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 Praeludium Hermann Schroeder

In the Service

Preaching: Larry Thomas

Worship Leaders

Jessica Vacketta and Christi McDowell

Acolytes

Jacob Burton and Owen Perry Miles Baker and Payne Wellman

Chancel Guild

Preparing communion today are Linda Austin, Mark Muller and Roxanne Penix.

Scripture Reader: Mark Alland

Elders

Bob Stewart and Carol Stewart Art Busbey and Imma Jeanne Alexander

Musicians

Collin Boothby, Organ Scholar Chancel Choir Jackson Yandell, Assistant Choirmaster **UCC** Ringers Mimi Rogers, Director

Chancel Flowers

The flowers in the Chancel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Eli Bradford by Allison, Paul, Janie and Jack Bradford.



HERE I AM, LORD

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Today at University Christian Church

Newcomers Class, for those who are new to UCC, is today and February 14 and 21 at 10 a.m. in Room 201. All are welcome-questions encouraged!

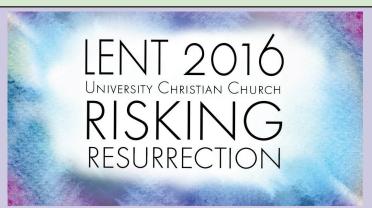
Today is the Souper Bowl of Caring. UCC's youth are collecting money for hunger relief as part of this nationwide effort. You're encouraged to drop a dollar (or more) in a soup pot as you leave the Sanctuary.

College First Sunday Lunch today. Students are invited to meet Rev. Vacketta in the Gallery after 11 a.m. worship and walk to Dutches for a free lunch.

Our Volunteer Church Friends Ministry team provides home visits, communion and flowers to homebound members. If you are interested in this ministry, join us **today** at 12 p.m. in Room 226 to learn how to be involved.

UCC's Alzheimer's Committee will be in the Gallery **each Sunday** following worship this month to raise awareness of Alzheimer's Disease. A Memory Tree will hold names of loved ones affected by Alzheimer's or dementia.

Common Ground Bible Study today at 10 a.m. in Room 313. Join us as we study the book of Ephesians. Email jessica@uccftw.com with questions.



The Lenten season begins on February 10. Receive weekly devotionals from our ministerial staff by emailing "subscribe" to lentendevo@uccftw.com.

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 Christi McDowell Kera Watts

Congregational Leadership Meetings

Finance Committee

Tuesday, February 9, 5:30 p.m., Room 203

Investment Committee

Wednesday, February 10, 11:30 a.m., Room 202

Endowment Committee

Wednesday, February 10, 12 p.m., Room 203

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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