



## 37th Annual Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival

Saturday and Sunday, January 5 and 6, Performances at 3 & 5 p.m. daily



Each year we finish the Christmas season and start our New Year by celebrating the triumph of Good over evil and welcoming the Christ Child into the world by sharing the Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival with our community. Over 200 cast members (from energetic Sprites to worshipful Magi) along with approximately 75 musicians (Chancel

Choir, Handbell Choirs and the Fort Worth Civic Orchestra) come together to share this beautiful story through wonderful costumes, drama and dance in a festival that will touch your heart and warm your soul.

We hope you will join us and bring a friend to one of the four performances.

The festival is free but we do have reserved patron seating (limited seating available) for purchase at \$15/seat. Contact UCC at 817.926.6631 ext. 141, email [boarshead@uccftw.com](mailto:boarshead@uccftw.com), or visit the website at [www.universitychristian.org](http://www.universitychristian.org). Mastercard and Visa accepted.



### New Leadership for The Children's Closet

The Children's Closet Advisory Board is pleased to announce Heidi Reeder as the new Closet Director.

Heidi and her husband, Michael, have been active members of UCC for more than five years. They have two children, David, (age 10), and Mila, (age 5). Heidi is a self-employed bookkeeper with clients in Fort Worth and Arlington. In addition, she spends time volunteering at UCC and elsewhere within the community.

Heidi has been involved with The Children's Closet for almost five years, chairing the annual Bag-It Night which serves as a kick-off to the school year. This year alone the event provided over 2,000 uniforms to children in the Fort Worth ISD. Heidi's hopes for The Closet

are to expand its presence within the church as well as the community, and to ultimately serve more children in need.

As we look forward to Heidi's new leadership, we offer our gratitude to Gerry Houk, The Closet Operations Manager, for serving the closet so faithfully and working in both the Director position and her Operations position, during this interim. Our thanks as well, to the members of the Advisory Board: Joe Dorris, Susan Harrell, Gerry Houk, Tom Lanter, Jana Nolan, Carol Patterson, Lerii Smith and Cyndy Twedell.

The mission of the Children's Closet is to reach out to disadvantaged children in our community with God's spirit of love, help and hope by providing clothing to children in the Fort Worth Independent School District.

### 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](http://www.universitychristian.org)



The Vision of University Christian Church

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



## A Simple Gift

by Rev. Larry Thomas, Senior Minister

We received quite a bit of positive feedback in regard to the Thanksgiving service. People were inspired by the hymns we sang

and the anthem we enjoyed and by the prayers that lifted our spirits. The sermon was also well received. You may recall that I opened with the pun that involved basking robins.

I intuitively sensed that it was a great day at UCC. Folks seemed happy to be at church. Many individuals were accompanied by family and friends from out of town who were taking advantage of a long vacation week, part of which was being spent with loved ones. People lingered and visited longer than normal in the Narthex, Sanctuary and Gallery, a positive indication that the effect of the morning's worship and

educational experiences had exceeded our expectation.

As I made my way from the Narthex to my office following the eleven o'clock service, I was stopped by someone who had been tidying up the pews. I cannot recall who stopped me (*I hope you will read this and let me know as I want to thank you again*), but I did save what was given to me. This person told me it was a gift, something I really needed to see. It was one of our prayer request cards and written upon it, in a quickly scrawled handwriting, were these words, "It was a lovely day. Everyone was happy." Just beneath this expression of joy were two hearts, unmistakably drawn by the same hand who had penciled the above-mentioned words.

I have carried this card with me, every day, for the last few weeks. It has

been a consummate reminder about the importance of worship and of the necessity to create an environment where people have a positive spiritual experience. This does not mean that we dodge important issues or refuse to examine challenging theological ideas; however, it does point out the necessity of doing so constructively, with creativity and even humor every now and then.

I look forward to our worshipping together in this wonderful New Year. With hard work, determination and blessings of God's Spirit, we will continue to live into the challenge of making each Sunday a lovely day.

P.S. I would like to thank the person responsible for this gift. If you know who might have penciled these words, please let me know.

## New Hospital Visitor



Meet our newest hospital visitor, Karen Shaddox Appel. Karen, along with our ministers and lay leaders, dedicate their time making

hospital visits to our members.

Karen began as a Junior Volunteer at the age of fourteen at Harris Hospital and went on to assist in the emergency room at Cook Children's Medical Center. She was eventually employed in Human Resources for twenty-two years at two different hospitals and has a total of twenty-seven years of experience in a hospital environment.

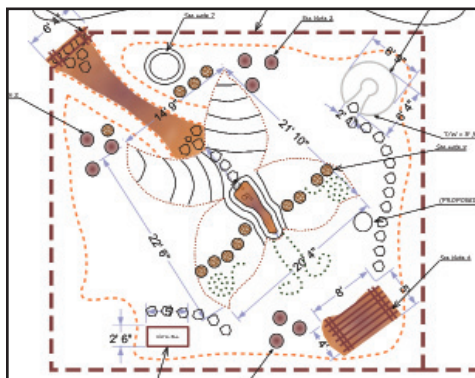
Two of our devoted and loyal volunteers, Susan Sprinkle and Royce Vick, have been making hospital visits for a combined total of forty years! UCC appreciates their commitment.

## The Transformation of UCC's Community Garden

*"If you look the right way, you can see that the whole world is a garden."*

-Frances Hodgson Burnett, *The Secret Garden*

We are very excited to announce a wonderful collaboration involving the Weekday School, UCC's Caring for God's Creation Team, TCU Department of Nutritional Sciences, Elizabeth Anna's and members of our church and community. Funded by WDS Holiday Bazaar proceeds and a grant from TCU, the current community garden (*located on the north side of the property*) will undergo an amazing transformation designed to encourage education, spiritual growth and renewal, and community.



The team from Elizabeth Anna's will

begin very soon with the "heavy lifting" aspects of this project. They will prepare the beds, define the spaces and create an opportunity for all of us to build something powerful together.

Mark your calendar for Sunday, January 13, 3 p.m. for groundbreaking ceremonies.

And between now and then, please help us name this sacred space. Keep in mind that this space will allow us to:

- Teach our young students lessons about sustainability, cycles, community, diversity and change
- Help them see the connection between what they eat and how they grow
- Use the garden as an additional classroom to cultivate gross and fine motor activities, science concepts, language and literacy development, math and arts
- Experience first-hand the wonder and joy of God's creation and their role as caretakers
- Build community
- Share our bounty

Please send your suggested names to [claire@uccftw.com](mailto:claire@uccftw.com) before January 11.

# Reel Religion 10 Gala Celebration and Film Festival



## You're Invited to an Anniversary Celebration!

Thursday, January 24

6:30 -7:30 p.m. Gala Reception

7:30-9:30 p.m. A Conversation with Drew Powell and Peter Chattaway  
hosted by Suzanne Castle

University Christian Church Fellowship Hall

Cost: \$10 per person

Make your paid reservations at [www.lifelong.tcu.edu](http://www.lifelong.tcu.edu)  
Space is limited!



Drew Powell is an actor living in LA. He has appeared in numerous TV shows, including a small co-starring role in *Malcolm in the Middle*. He played Hoss Cartwright in the prequel to *Bonanza* called *The Ponderosa*. His first starring role in a movie was in the remake of *Straw Dogs*. He was also in the recent film *Touchback*.

Read more about Drew at [www.drewpowell.com](http://www.drewpowell.com).



Peter T. Chattaway is a film critic and journalist based in Canada and a former Associate Editor at *BC Christian News*. In addition to an award-winning film column for that newspaper, his articles have appeared in such publications as *Books & Culture*, *Christianity Today*, *Bible Review*, *The Christian Century*, *Faith Today*, *Christian Week*, *The Vancouver Sun* and *Beliefnet.com*. He has also contributed

essays to the books *Re-Viewing The Passion: Mel Gibson's Movie and Its Critics* and *Scandalizing Jesus?: Kazantzakis's The Last Temptation of Christ Fifty Years On*. A member of the Vancouver Film Critics Circle, he now keeps a blog at [patheos.com/blogs/filmchat](http://patheos.com/blogs/filmchat).

## Reel Religion 10 Film Festival

Friday, January 25 & Saturday, January 26

See full brochure and register online at [www.lifelong.tcu.edu](http://www.lifelong.tcu.edu)

Lunch catered by Pot Belly Sandwich Shop

Paid \$8 reservations online at [www.lifeline.tcu.edu](http://www.lifeline.tcu.edu)

Or register in The Arches on Sunday, January 13 & 20

### Friday evening 6:45 p.m., UCC

*The Purple Rose of Cairo* – Peter Chattaway, leader

*Touchback* – Drew Powell, leader

*The Hunger Games* – Jessica Vacketta & Rachel Long, leaders

*Hugo* – Rev. Larry Thomas, leader

*Sarah's Key* – Charles and Anne Sanders, leaders

*Absence of Malice* – Paul Harral, leader

### Saturday morning 10 a.m., UCC

*I AM DAVID* – Kerry Neuhardt, leader

*It's Kind of A Funny Story* – Kelly Rand, leader

*The Lorax* – Jennifer Davis, leader

*Lemon Tree* – Judy Stempel, leader

*Win Win* – Daniel Terry, leader

*Higher Ground* – David Grebel, leader

### Saturday afternoon 1 p.m., UCC

*The Help* – Rev. Brent Beasley

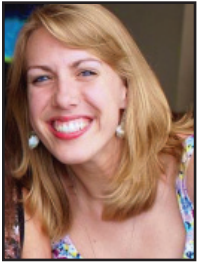
*Snowmen* – Fran Patterson & Broadway Baptist Church youth, leaders

*A Separation* – Nancie Wingo, leader

*Fly Boys* – Jack Stewart, leader

*The Way* – Darren Middleton, leader

*Inherit the Wind* – Harry Parker, leader



## New Assistant Minister for Middle School

Alison Nicoll has accepted a call to serve as Assistant Minister for Middle School, providing leadership for UCC's ministries to youth in grades six through eight. A native of West Des Moines, Iowa, Alison just completed her first semester at Brite Divinity School. She is a 2012 graduate of Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa where she majored in Social Work.

Alison brings with her a wealth of experience in both church and camp settings. She grew up at West Des Moines Christian Church, a large congregation where she served as a summer intern as a college student. Alison also interned at the Christian Conference Center, the Disciple camp in Newton, Iowa, and most recently has volunteered at First Christian Church in Cleburne as a youth sponsor and a singer in the contemporary service. She is passionate about youth ministry, and

plans to continue serving in that field after she completes her studies at Brite and is ordained.

You can reach Alison at the church via phone at 817.926.6631 ext. 268 or by email at [alison@uccftw.com](mailto:alison@uccftw.com). In addition to her time at church on Sundays, she will typically be at UCC between classes on Mondays and Fridays and shares the Assistant Ministers' Office (Room 301) with Jessica Vacketta and Mark Weathers.

## Calling All UCC Artists!

The 2013 University Christian Church Art Show will be held on Sunday, February 24. This year the show will feature fine art creations: paintings, drawings, printmaking, photography and small sculptures. Entry forms will be available Sunday, January 6, at the Reception Desk and at The Arches Information Desk.

Deadline for entries is February 10.

For additional information, contact Carolyn Critz at 817.292.6705 or email [carolyncritz1954@att.net](mailto:carolyncritz1954@att.net).

## On Saints and Strangers

by Rebecca Terry

*Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.*--Romans 12:13

I don't know about you, but when I think about the word "saint," I usually conjure images of famous historical figures deemed holy by the Catholic church, islands in the Caribbean, or athletic teams. "Fellow followers of Christ" rarely-to-never pops into my imagination. But in truth, this is precisely who this text is talking about. The Apostle Paul is asking the church in Rome to take care of one another, help one another, be the Church to one another. And, he adds, "extend hospitality to strangers." Extend God's grace and goodness to those who we do not know, too! I love this pairing! Help one another *and* be gracious to those you don't know.

Here at UCC in the New Year, Rev. Thomas will be exploring the full

chapter of Romans 12 and how we might more fully live into this challenge offered by Paul. There are many saints here at UCC who give of their time and talents to ministries they are passionate about. And, there are others who see the good work being done and "contribute to the needs of the saints," sometimes with financial resources, and sometimes with their own time and effort. Likewise, UCC "extends hospitality to strangers" through a variety of ministries. We need more people to look around this congregation of fellow saints, see the needs expressed, and offer to join in the effort!

Please consider how you might contribute to the needs of the saints and extend hospitality to strangers and then join in!

## Christmas Angels

Thank you to Heather Junker, her Committee and all who worked to make Christmas special for 500 community children.



*Susan Harrell, Larry Thomas, Steve Patterson, Carol Patterson and Mark Davis enjoy a break from the evening's busy pace.*

## Happy Anniversary Prayer Shawl Ministry



UCC's Prayer Shawl Ministry will celebrate its eight year anniversary in worship on Sunday, January 13. Over 1,630 prayer shawls have been knit or crocheted since this ministry began at UCC in January 2005. To mark each anniversary, our Prayer Shawl Ministry members pray again for everyone who has ever received a prayer shawl.

Prayer shawls are given in gratitude, to those undertaking a new journey in life, and to those facing surgery, treatment or loss. For the last few years, our Room in the Inn guests have received warm prayer scarves and caps thanks to the Prayer Shawl Ministry. Baby blankets have also been given to families at the Blessing and Dedication of their children.

Each prayer shawl is lovingly knit or crocheted, held by the group as they pray for its recipient and then presented to someone who needs to be wrapped in God's loving embrace. Open to the wonderful working of God's Spirit, this ministry welcomes all who wish to participate. Join us on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. or Sundays at 4 p.m. in Room 206.



## Second Annual Sack Lunch Chuck Wagon

It's time to saddle up for the second Annual Sack Lunch Chuck Wagon—a great mission project that lends a big hand to the homeless men and women who are day laborers working the 2013 Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo. 225 day laborers will report for duty each day of the Stock Show and we can

help them use their earnings wisely by providing a nutritional sack lunch of healthy, non-perishable food items.

Last year our Children's Fellowship (CCF and JYF) ran a very efficient assembly line and filled sacks with nutritional and non-perishable food bought with generous funds of the adult Sunday school classes. This year you can help fill 225 sack

lunches by dropping off cans of Vienna sausages by Friday, January 18. All other items to be included will be purchased in bulk.

And join us to assemble the sack lunches on Sunday, January 20, at 12:15 p.m. in the East Bay of Fellowship Hall.

## Senior Adult Fellowship

Jean and Dave Frick traveled to London with Lay Witnesses for Christ International during the Summer Olympics. LWFCI is a Sports Ministry attending their eighth Olympics. They worked with local Churches and Community Centers in "Bridging the Gap-UK Outreach." The Frick's have prepared a slide show of this outreach program. Come to see the impact this

ministry had in presenting Christ to thousands of Londoner's.

Following their work with the Lay Witnesses for Christ organization during the Olympics, Dave and Jean secured press credentials for the 2012 Paralympics. A slide show program has been prepared showing the inspirational efforts of these athletes. How would

you respond to losing an arm, a leg or both legs? These athletes responded by making a new life in spite of a perceived disability. They do things most of us can only dream about being able to do.

Join us for this enlightening and informative program Friday, January 11, at 11 a.m., in Room 207. A main dish will be provided; bring a side dish to share.

### UCC Quick Financial Summary - Unified Budget November 2012

Description	2011 YTD Actuals	2012 YTD Actuals	Budget YTD 2012	Budget Annual	YTD Variance
<b>Income</b>					
Pledges	\$1,767,402	\$1,821,161	\$1,806,796	\$2,082,155	\$14,365
Non Pledge Contributions	\$203,730	\$216,213	\$238,016	\$324,000	(\$21,803)
Offering	\$32,988	\$28,914	\$30,948	\$36,500	(\$2,034)
Misc. Unrestricted Income	\$109,084	\$100,002	\$97,520	\$139,270	\$2,482
WDS Income (Net)	\$66,488	\$85,164	\$70,937	\$79,702	\$14,228
Endowment Income	\$171,775	\$177,516	\$179,056	\$237,847	(\$1,541)
Participant/Restricted Income & Reserve Use	\$465,344	\$331,611	\$317,746	\$388,218	\$13,865
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$2,816,811</b>	<b>\$2,760,581</b>	<b>\$2,741,019</b>	<b>\$3,287,692</b>	<b>\$19,562</b>
Total Personnel Expense	\$1,663,587	\$1,628,936	\$1,654,144	\$1,791,777	\$25,208
Total Program/Admin. Expense	\$1,003,639	\$821,783	\$917,516	\$993,164	\$95,733
Total Mission/Outreach Expense	\$363,042	\$364,444	\$373,445	\$476,606	\$9,002
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$3,030,269</b>	<b>\$2,815,163</b>	<b>\$2,945,105</b>	<b>\$3,261,547</b>	<b>\$129,942</b>
<b>Net Operating Income (Loss)</b>	<b>(\$213,457)</b>	<b>(\$54,582)</b>	<b>(\$204,086)</b>	<b>\$26,145</b>	<b>\$149,504</b>

*This is a summary report of our Unified Budget. The full report is available for download from the UCC website or copies can be picked up from the Business Office. You may contact Michelle Ingram, Director of Accounting, at 817.926.6631 or by email at [michelle@uccftw.com](mailto:michelle@uccftw.com) with any questions or comments.*

## UCC Journal

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## Learning to Use My Bible

A Special Class for Third Graders

Families of third graders will receive a letter giving details about the special class, *Learning to Use My Bible*, that begins January 13. The six week class will conclude on Sunday, February 17 with a special moment in the 11 a.m. worship service when each child will receive a Bible as a gift from UCC.

Please be sure your third grader is with us each Sunday at 10 a.m., in Room 218, to participate in engaging lessons and activities that will give them the skills they need to be able to use their new Bibles, now and for a lifetime.

If you have questions, please contact Kera Watts in Children's Ministries.

## Love and Logic Class



*Love and Logic* is a philosophy of raising and teaching children which allows parents to be happier, empowered and more skilled in their interactions with their children. Love allows children to grow through their mistakes. Logic allows children to live with the consequences of their choices. Combined, these techniques lower stress levels in families which in turn increases

reports of happy, healthy, children and parents.

Details are being finalized regarding a *Love and Logic* Class provided for six weeks on Sunday nights for parents with children ages infants through adolescence (child care will be provided by reservation) at University Christian Church. Keep your eye on the *Update* for final details and cost information. If you have any questions regarding the class, please contact [rebecca@uccftw.com](mailto:rebecca@uccftw.com). Contact [thelia@uccftw.com](mailto:thelia@uccftw.com) for registration information.

## CCF/JYF is Going Camping in January



Children's Christian Fellowship (first through third grades) and Junior Youth Fellowship (fourth and fifth grades) will kick off 2013 with a month focusing on camp songs, games and fun from Disciples Crossing in Athens, TX! This

will give us a small taste of the fun possible at our JYF Mid-winter Retreat at Disciples Crossing in Athens, TX, January 25-27 (see JYF Mid-winter retreat article on page 7 for additional details).

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 January — and bring a friend!



## Backpacks for Kids

Tarrant Area Food Bank supplies backpacks filled with child-friendly, nonperishable and nutritious food

for weekends that mean hunger for children who depend on school meals for their primary nutrition.

The backpacks are handed out discretely at school 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. Join us at TAFB (2600 Cullen Street) January 23. Questions, call Cyndy Twedell 817.926.6631.



## The Search

5 p.m. Sundays, Fellowship Hall

## Baby Dedications



*Huw Dane Rose, son of John & Rhiannon Rose. Grandparents are Linda & Peter Mayne and Mary & Norman Rose.*



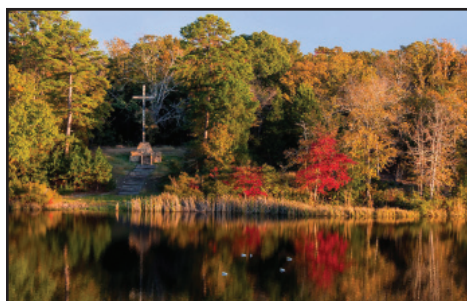
*Elliot McWhirter, daughter of Grant & Brooke McWhirter. Grandparents are Gwen & Richard Daniel and Janet & Jim McWhirter. Great-grandmother is Norma Daniel. Shown with big sister, Rowan.*

## JYF Mid-Winter Retreat

Who: Third, Fourth, and Fifth Graders  
Where: Disciples Crossing, Athens, TX  
When: January 25-27

What is it? JYF Mid-Winter Retreat is a chance for our third through fifth graders to experience Disciples Crossing in Athens, TX, develop and strengthen relationships with friends from UCC and in our Trinity Brazos Area and to grow in faith. This year we will focus on prayer and will fill the weekend with creative ways to encourage children to be active participants in prayer. All worship opportunities will be created by kids, for kids. Of course, the weekend will also be full of camp fires, songs,

games and lots of free time to explore the beauty of Disciples Crossing. Children's Ministries will email registration forms, as well as have them available in The Arches. Registration is due by January 12. Scholarships are available. Contact Kera Watts, [kera@uccftw.com](mailto:kera@uccftw.com), for any questions.



## Share Your Energy and Improve Our Church Camp

Want to share your time, energy and talent to improve Disciples Crossing, our church camp in Athens? Come to the first annual Disciples Crossing work weekend! You can choose to attend as an individual, family, Sunday School class or other group to help the camp prepare for one of the busiest summers of camps and conferences. Work day projects will include (but are not limited to) painting, staining, replacing flooring, pouring concrete slabs, replacing rotten siding, installing new tin on ceilings, building a boat shed, installing lighting on a basketball court and clearing walking trails. Regardless of your age or skill level, there's a project for you!

The work weekend will take place February 15-16 (Friday-Saturday) and the \$75 registration cost covers meals, overnight lodging and work supplies. You may also register to attend Friday or Saturday only for \$35 per person. To register, download a form at [www.uccyouth.org](http://www.uccyouth.org) or contact Sharyn Peterson at [sharyn@uccftw.com](mailto:sharyn@uccftw.com). Questions? Contact Beth Morris, TBA Youth Minister, at 817.831.4442 or [moonriver27@att.net](mailto:moonriver27@att.net).



## Animal Mission OUTreach

You can tell a lot about the character of a country by the way it treats its animals. As Christians we believe showing mercy and kindness to all living creatures is something

Jesus would have encouraged. Now that the hub-bub of the holidays is over, let us think of those four-legged pets who are still waiting for forever homes in our local animal shelters. UCC's annual Animal Mission OUTreach is January 13-19. The recipient of our donations this year is the Fort Worth Animal Care & Control Shelter, 4900 Martin St. They are in dire need of pet food, blankets, quilts, towels, petbeds, bathroom-sized rugs, cloth toilet seat covers (cats love them) and toys. These items can be used, but should be clean and in good repair. Even cleaning supplies (paper towels, Chlorox, Lysol etc.) would be gratefully accepted. Bins will be placed on the first floor near the Reception area. Bless you and thank you.



## MLK Day of Service

Join us  
Monday,  
January 21,  
for the third

Annual MLK Day of Service, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Details of where to meet and a list of service site will be available soon! Here's your chance to make a difference in the Fort Worth community. Set your sights on service and make this holiday a day on *not* a day off!

## Mary Ruth Jones Celebrated at TCU

by Kay Higgins



Mary Ruth Jones as Grand Marshal for TCU Homecoming 2012

Mary Ruth Jones began her love affair and deep commitment to TCU when she entered as a freshman in 1954. Mary Ruth was active with TCU throughout the years, but in September of 1982 she came to the University as administrative assistant in the housing office.

In that role, Mary Ruth talked to thousands of students and their families, always smiling. Whatever the anxiety, Mary Ruth calmed many parents, saying, "My twin boys are here. My daughter, Julie is a student at TCU." All three graduated from TCU.

As hundreds of students come to her desk every year, she serves their requests and then develops a relationship. "Oh, you are from Italy? You are coming to my house for Thanksgiving!" "I saw your rebound last night! You look great!" The conversations and connections are endless. All these relationships lead Mary Ruth to every TCU commencement ceremony. She photographs all of "her students" as they walk by her. The following week, she mails the picture to the graduate with her best wishes!

When one thinks of Frog Camp, Mary

Ruth and her famous "Icky Dicky Do Wah!" cheer come to mind. She has taught cheers (Icky Dicky being her signature) to hundreds of incoming new students. It remains a favorite of all the alumni!

Mary Ruth has hosted international students and served as the Zeta Tau Alpha chapter advisor. Mary Ruth is a TCU Campus Mentor and Ally. She and her husband Louie served as co-presidents of the TCU Fort Worth Alumni Chapter. She also served on the Board of Directors for the TCU National Alumni Board. Her list of involvements is endless.

Therefore, it was no surprise earlier this fall, when the Clark Hall residents, where she now serves as receptionist, hosted a surprise event, "Mary Ruth Jones Day" commemorating her thirty years on staff at TCU! Current and former staff, faculty and students came, as did some friends from the community.

In addition to all of the TCU commitments, Mary Ruth is a devout member of UCC. She has volunteered at The Children's Closet and Habitat for Humanity, serves as an Elder, and has even chaired the UCC College Program!



### Newcomers Class

All are welcome to be a part of the Newcomers Class! Join us Sundays, January 6, 13 and 20, 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 always welcome.

For more information, contact Michelle Groom, Ministry Assistant to Rev. Cyndy Twedell, at 817.926.6631 ext. 138., or email [mgroom@uccftw.com](mailto:mgroom@uccftw.com). The next Newcomers Class will be offered in March.

### Dementia and the Search for the Cure

Bill Crawford, Jr., Dementia Care Specialist from Comfort Keepers In-Home Care, will present *Dementia 101*, Thursday, January 17, 6-7:30 p.m., Room 207. This presentation will include:

- Basic understanding of dementia and the types and causes of dementia
- Memory decline of normal aging verses dementia
- Challenges (communication and behaviors) and solutions of dealing with dementia
- Steps to take if dementia is a family/friend issue

Dr. Sid O'Bryant, PhD, in Clinical Psychology at the University of North Texas Health Science Center, will discuss the promising avenues for a cure for Alzheimer's Disease. Dr. O'Bryant will

present the latest update of the research that is showing promise both worldwide and the research being conducted at University of North Texas Health Science Center. Dr. O'Bryant will discuss the blood test for Alzheimer's disease he has developed and the risk factors associated with dementia. Dr. O'Bryant will also provide helpful healthy aging tips and will provide time for questions and answers.

Don't miss this opportunity to hear a world-renowned researcher on Alzheimer's disease and leave with a better understanding of dementia, the hope for the future and the wonderful work being done at UNTHSC right here in Fort Worth!

This event is open to everyone; no reservation needed. Hosted by Pastoral Care Ministry.

## 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.



*Todd and Angela Waldvogel recently relocated to Fort Worth after retiring from the Air Force at Scott Air Force Base, Illinois. Todd serves as TCU's Associate Vice Chancellor for Facilities. Angela is a full-time stay-at-home mom to Caroline (7), a first grader at Tanglewood Elementary, and Julia (3). They are pleased with the prospect of permanently settling into, and engaging in, our local community and church.*



*Welcome Jaime and Connie Garcia and their daughter, Golden. The Garcias have been visiting UCC off and on for many years and are happy to call UCC their church home now. Jaime is a regional director with Papa Murphy's Pizza. Connie is the coordinator for Brain Injury Transitional Services at Texas Health Harris in Fort Worth. Golden is a seventh grader at McLean Middle School and enjoys volleyball and track.*



*Welcome the Rosanio family. Salvatore, originally from Italy, has joined UNT Health Science Center as an attending Cardiologist and Professor of Medicine. Lori, who grew up in Houston and graduated from Texas A&M, is busy as a stay at home mother. Their children, Nicholas and Greta, are eleven months old. In their spare time, Sal enjoys cooking traditional Italian meals, exercising, and reading. Lori enjoys eating Sal's delicious foods, exercising, and, of course, both love spending time with each other and their children.*



*James McDonald is a senior at TCU pursuing a degree in political science with a business minor. James is involved in Disciples on Campus, Alpha Phi Omega Service Fraternity, TCU Transfer Student Advisory Board (he serves as Vice Chair), the TCU Collegiate Entrepreneurs Organization, and UCC Lunch Bunch. James went to preschool at UCC and dreamed of attending TCU. He's glad to be officially part of UCC where he appreciates the open arms of welcome and the nonjudgmental atmosphere. James says UCC is "seriously a wonderful church and I wanted to be a part of it."*

## Life of the Church

### Births

*Eleanor Catherine Hughes, granddaughter of Joyce and Bob Hughes, and Nancy Stewart, born December 3. Parents are Laura Kay and Bob Hughes of Boston.*

*Sydney Emerson Farr, daughter of Erin and Drew Farr, born November 10. Grandparents are Martha and Greg Farr.*

*Stella Barton Hyman, daughter of Carolyn and Ryan Hyman, born November 9.*

*Jackson Jeremy Galloway, son of Gina and George Galloway, born November 8.*

### Deaths

*Eileen Rall Minch, December 4*

*Al Costanzo, November 27  
Father of Chuck Costanzo*

*Dr. Vernon A. Lee, November 19  
Husband of Carol Lee*

*Kathy Lewis, November 18  
Daughter of Donovan Lewis*

*Jean Maxwell, November 12*

*Dr. Glenn C. Routt, November 11*

*Mary Jane Dawson Swank, November 8  
Aunt of Chad Cline*

### Weddings

*Margot Zanner and John Athon  
December 8*

## Guest Minister for Global Ministries Sunday



Rev. Julia Brown Karimu, President of the Division of Overseas Ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada will preach

at the morning services and be part of *The Search* worship on Sunday, January 27 as UCC celebrates Global Ministries Sunday.

Rev. Karimu provides leadership for the Disciples' overseas ministries and is accountable for the Division of Overseas Ministries program development, planning and evaluation, as well as

for its organizational, financial and personnel managements. As President of DOM, she is also the Co-Executive of Global Ministries, a common witness with the Wider Church Ministries of the United Church of Christ, which administers the common program of the Division of Overseas Ministries and the Wider Church Ministries.

Most of Julia's career has been spent in service to the Christian Church, as Vice President of the Division of Overseas Ministries (1986-2010) and Director of Voluntary Service in the Division of Homeland Ministries (1977-1985). She completed her high school and college education in Mississippi and received a

B.S. degree from Jackson State University. Her Master of Divinity Degree is from Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis. She was ordained November 18, 1990 by the Christian Church in Indiana at Geist Christian Church, where she is a member. Rev. Karimu is married to Christian Abdul Karimu and they are the proud parents of twins, Christopher Lahai and Kona Jihan, who are sophomores at Kentucky State University.

We are pleased to welcome Rev. Julia Brown Karimu to UCC. A lunch honoring Julia will be held following the 11 a.m. service on January 27. Call Cyndy Twedell for reservations.

### Baby Dedications

Would you like to schedule a dedication? Upcoming dates are January 20, February 24 and March 13 during worship. The dedication is a blessing of the child and a promise from parents to their child to raise them in a Christian home and public acknowledgement of a covenant with the UCC community of faith to surround the child with the spirit of Christ as they grow in our midst.

To affirm these provisions, parents participate in a Baby Dedication 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 in Children's Ministries, [susan@uccftw.com](mailto:susan@uccftw.com), or ext. 165 for details.

### Mission Pilgrimage Opportunities

#### El Paso Spring Break Mission Pilgrimage Opportunity March 10-16

A UCC group will again travel together to El Paso to 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.

Cost is \$250 per person—children 12 and under \$175. \$50 deposit due January 22 and noon orientation meetings will be scheduled on Sundays in February. For more information, contact Cyndy Twedell at 817.926.6631 ext. 134 or [cyndy@uccftw.com](mailto:cyndy@uccftw.com).



#### Nicaragua Mission Pilgrimage July 21-July 27

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

### 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.*



## Just for Women

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. 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. For more information contact Cyndy Twedell, Associate Minister, 817.926.6631.

Don't miss these upcoming events:

### Cup of Blessing Bible Study

Thursdays, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Room 211 – begins meeting again after our winter break on January 10. Bring your bag lunch and join this spirit filled group for study of the book of Judges.

### Women's Circles

First Tuesday October through May

– Circles will not meet in January but make plans to join either on February 5 at 10 a.m.:

Lily of the Valley–Home of Grace Adams  
3812 Candlelite Ct – 76109

Rose Circle–Home of Gerry Houk  
4129 Coral Circle – 76126

### 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.–January 12 at Brewed, 801 West Magnolia Avenue, 76104.

### Sunday Evening Women's Group

January 13, 6 p.m., Room 204

### WILD Women Book Club

Third Tuesday, 12-1 p.m., UCC Library – January 15 we continue our year of mystery with a discussion of *Finding Nouf* by Zoe Ferraris.

**Planning ahead**–mark your calendar for the next Women's Retreat–March 1-2.



## Habitat Dedication

*New Habitat Home owner, Samuel Elizondo, received the key to his new home and a Bible at the recent Habitat House Dedication Service. Carolyn Critz and Judy Clinkscales were among the UCC folks to share in the celebration.*



## Room in the Inn Reflections by Pat Helme

"...and when did we see You hungry?"  
When did I see You hungry? More than once I've seen you standing on the corner, holding a sign; asleep in the subway; under a bridge...and then came the chance to feed the hungry. Room in the Inn was born at UCC.

I went through the training program. I began working with the clean up crew cleaning the bathrooms. I wanted to be able to interact with our guests (ten men) so I became a driver from the Day Resource Center on East Lancaster. The drive itself was an eye-opener for me. East Lancaster is decidedly different from West Lancaster. One time a guest requested "road rage remedy" on 101.1FM (WRR). We talked about lots of things most days. Some days everyone seemed to want to be quiet.

I have helped with set up, brought food, knit scarves, done laundry. Frank and I have given money to the program in honor of family members and friends around the country.

There are so many ways to be a part of this marvelous outreach ministry of hospitality -- I invite others at UCC folks to join in. You will be blessed beyond measure.

## 2ND ANNUAL

**DAY RESOURCE CENTER**  
for the homeless

**Jazz Concert**

**SAVE THE DATE!!!**

*Presents*

## The Victor Cager Sextet

*featuring Ms. Jennifer Martin*  
*An Evening of Song Celebrating*  
*The Great American Songbook*

**February 23, 2013**

Silent Auction: 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Jazz Concert: 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Raffle: 8:30 p.m.

Auction Checkout: 9:00 p.m.

## Men's Lunch

Men's Third Thursday Lunch is a monthly time of food, fellowship and meaningful conversation at noon on the third Thursday of each month at Café Bella, located at 3548 South Hills Drive.

Our next gathering is on Thursday, January 17.

## Congregational Meetings

**Personnel • Thursday, January 8**  
5:30 p.m., Room 202

**Communications**  
**Wednesday, January 9**  
5:30 p.m., Room 202

**Building & Grounds**  
**Sunday, January 13**  
12:05 p.m., Room 202

**Finance • Tuesday, January 15**  
5:30 p.m., Room 203

**Board of Stewards**  
**Tuesday, January 22**  
6:30 p.m., Room 207

**Assembly • Tuesday, January 29**  
6:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall

**Elders • Wednesday, January 30**  
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.*



## Kid's Hope

*Several of UCC's Kid's Hope Mentors met at Rosemont Elementary School for orientation. Some began meeting with their students in December. For information on being a Kid's Hope Mentor or Prayer Partner, contact Alice Phillips at [ucckidshope@gmail.com](mailto:ucckidshope@gmail.com).*

# FIT Worth

## FitWorth Competition

As a follow-up to *FitWorth*, the Fort Worth fitness program that was presented at UCC by Mayor Betsy Price in October, our Parish Nurses will be sponsoring a team fitness competition. There will be prizes for winners, but the best prize will be your healthy, fit body! Beginning Friday, January 4, and continuing for six weeks, teams will compete in areas of healthy eating, hydration, physical activity and Bible verse memory. You may begin choosing your team, Teams can be any number of members and any age group. Your team can be your family, a group of friends, or a Sunday school class. To sign-up, contact Carole Widmann at [RNcarole@gmail.com](mailto:RNcarole@gmail.com) or call 817.964.1659. Brochures are available in the Parish Nurse Office on Sunday mornings and at the Reception Desk.