



Disciples Crossing Capital Campaign



For several generations, many of our youth and children have headed off for time at a special place, Disciples Crossing, for fellowship, fun and faith development. This camp facility near Athens (Texas, that is) is operated jointly by the three areas of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in northeast Texas.

The camp is now conducting a capital campaign, *The Future is Now*, to raise

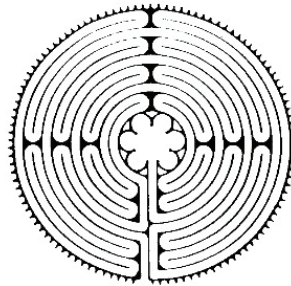
the funds necessary to expand and improve their current facilities. These enhancements will provide space to accommodate larger and more varied meetings as well as needed updates to current facilities. For more specifics about these improvements, you may visit <http://disciplescrossing.org>.

At its April meeting, your Board of Stewards unanimously voted to support this campaign. Rather than share members' personal information with the camp organization, we decided to conduct our own effort within the congregation for the benefit of the camp's capital needs. Our effort will be very brief, ending in August, and our goal is to have commitments for \$100,000.

Please prayerfully consider making a commitment to this campaign. To support this effort, you may either make a contribution or a pledge that may be paid over the next year, and either of these may be done online or by contacting the Business Office. You may access forms online through Youth Ministry, Giving or Outreach on UCC's website or by going to <http://www.universitychristianchurch.org/outreach/disciples-crossing/>.

Our recent Youth Sunday services were a reflection of what our youth experience at this camp. How much does this camp experience mean to our youth? They committed \$10,000 from their fundraising efforts to support this campaign!

Walk the Labyrinth at *The Search*



On Sunday, June 16, *The Search* will combine the traditional and the contemporary through the spiritual practice of walking the Labyrinth.

The Search is a living worship event that seeks to engage worshippers experientially through prayer stations, art, music, word and fellowship. In just this way, the Labyrinth is a spiritual practice that goes beyond the mind to

engage worshippers through movement and the senses. The labyrinth is a chance to link body and soul; to simultaneously have a physical and spiritual experience. The journey is one foot after another, a path to the holy place inside us.

Join us for *The Search*, Sundays, 5 p.m., in Fellowship Hall.

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





A Time of Rejuvenation

by Rev. Larry Thomas, Senior Minister

There has been a great deal of concern expressed within the congregation regarding the Sunday school Sabbath in July.

Knowing that it is impossible to visit with everyone who has questions or concerns, I thought I might offer this explanation.

First, not every Sunday school class will be resting during the month of July. As we began to share the idea of a Sunday school sabbath with the participants and parents, we were clear that adult Sunday school classes could and would proceed as they saw fit. Most of you have discussed this at length and have made your decisions. It appears that a number of classes will continue to meet as we had anticipated. I know I speak for the staff and lay leaders when I say that I have been encouraged by the process and with the decisions. Please know that we will continue to promote your program over the summer months.

Now, let me speak to the need for a sabbath for our children's Sunday school,

also known as Journey Land. As some of you probably know, our education program for children is extensive. It requires the efforts and commitment of many people for the better part of the year. Many of the people who are committed to this program are also engaged in other ministries within the church. As we began to prepare for our summer children's programming, which includes a number of additional programs that do not exist during the rest of the year—regional camps programs, VBS, music camps, etc.—it became apparent that we were asking too much of those upon whom we so regularly depend for support and leadership. It was patently clear that we needed to take an intentional break; a period that would allow us to better staff alternative summer programming as well as take a breather in advance of our fall programming.

While this may be a new experience for UCC it is hardly new in the world of congregational programming. Many congregations dismiss Sunday school for the entire summer. Some of the

curriculum we use in other age groups reflects this gap. Those congregations who do take Sunday school breaks have found them to be everything they were intended to be; a much needed rest that allowed them to be better prepared for the remainder of the year.

As I have discussed this matter with some, I have discovered that there is a real concern that this may be a portend of things to come...in other areas of the church, such as worship. Let me be the first to offer a final word on this matter by saying that this is not at all the case. Such things have not been and are not being considered. This is not a sign of things to come. We are not in retreat: we are advancing in a different, much needed direction. So, you can rest assured that everyone will be back in August and that the same high quality programming that you have come to expect from our Children's Ministry will be firmly in place.

Thank you for your time, prayers and consideration.

Rosemont Book Drive Success



Carolyn Critz, Kids Hope mentor, and some of the 624 students who received books for Summer reading from UCC's book drive.

Rosemont librarian, Mrs. Farris, pictured with Dr. Alice Phillips, UCC Kids Hope Mentor Program Coordinator.



**I Got Mine!!!
Now Get Yours!!!**



Buy Stock in UCC Youth Mission Trips

Looking for an easy way to support our youth? Stop by the table in the Gallery any Sunday through June 23 to buy shares from our mission trip stock sale.

Everyone who buys stock in the trips will be invited to a "shareholders dinner" at the end of the summer to hear and see what happened on the Chi Rho Mission trip to Houston and the CYF Mission trip to Memphis. Each share is only \$10, and every share you buy helps purchase building materials and supplies for work projects during the trips.

Summer Sabbath at UCC

Summer Sabbath

And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

Genesis 2:2-3 NRSV

It feels as if our work is never done, and yet, as children of God, we are called to rest, renew our spirits and care for ourselves and one another. Summer Sabbath at UCC is a time to allow our congregation time to rest and renew spirits. By taking a Sabbath break from 10 a.m. Sunday school during the month of July, we are giving one another a genuine time for rest and renewal. These four weeks will provide opportunities for individuals and groups to renew and refresh their spirits in a multitude of ways.

•Some groups will not meet, allowing teachers and Shepherds opportunities for true Sabbath rest. These include the following: Preschool Sunday School (although child care will be provided from 8:45 a.m.-12 p.m. as usual), Journey Land and Youth.

•Adult classes will determine what is best for their group. If parents in the class have elementary or youth aged children, we ask that you include those children into your class activities or provide resources that coincide with

your class. Russ and Kera are happy to help provide ideas and resources.

•Many may choose to use this time in fellowship with one another, taking intentional opportunities to renew spirits through conversation. Conversation areas will be available around the church; for example, The Gallery, The Arches, in our Lobby, the Library and near elevators on the first, second and third floors.

•The Chapel of the Good Shepherd will be open for quiet prayer to renew your spirit. The Memorial Garden is a beautiful place to sit, reflect, renew and rest.

•The *Growing Up Green* Community Garden can be a place for rest, renewal and conversation among the beautiful foods and flowers grown.

•Finally, provide a place for renewal for someone not familiar with UCC. Bring a friend and use the 10 a.m. hour to show them your favorite places and programs of UCC and invite them to worship with you as together we renew our spirits.

Summer Sabbath in July at UCC will help each of us to replenish and renew our spirits in our own ways. By intentionally programming Sabbath time, we are giving ourselves an opportunity to take the Sabbath as God modeled for each of us on the seventh day. Sunday School classes will resume normal schedules on Sunday, August 4, fully refreshed, renewed and excited about the coming opportunities at UCC.

Life of the Church

Births

Oscar Vance Calkins, son of Lindsay and Ryan Calkins, born April 24.

Grandparents are Vance and Leslie Dell.

Olivia Katherine, daughter of Leah Helme and Brandon Akins of Steamboat Springs, CO, born April 23. Great-Grandparents are Frank and Pat Helme.

Ellis Marie Wilken, daughter of Chris and Josh Wilken, born April 14.

Deaths

Charles E. Keim, May 10
Brother of Art Keim

Gloria Johnson, May 2

Elsie Lewis, April 26
Mother of Sheila Ross

John Nieman, April 27
Brother-in-law of Pat Holmgren

Floria Bell Larry, April 30
Mother of Louis Larry

Gwendolyn Tandy Upchurch, April 30
Niece of Jan and Jay Upchurch

James R. Gilger, April 13
Father of Mark Gilger

Carole Siepielski, April 13
Mother of Michelle Allred

Weddings

Kelsey George and Lance Thompson
May 4

Shannon Peterson and Joe Hathaway
May 18

Fort Worth Bike Sharing Program



UCC member and Fort Worth Mayor Betsy Price shows off her new wheels from the Fort Worth Bike Sharing program at the UCC Downtown Members Luncheon.

Pictured left to right: Ann Richardson, Jennifer Cricchio, Bobby Hawley, Steve Shineman, Mayor Betsy Price, Thelia Chaffin and Scott Wheatley.

What's Growing On in the Garden?



Summer garden workdays are June 18, July 15 and August 20 (the third Saturday), 9 to 11 a.m. Experience the joy and wonder of our UCC *Growing Up Green* Community Garden and help keep it "growing" until the Weekday School Children and TCU students return in the fall.

Several people enjoyed the chance to tour the Garden as we celebrated Earth Stewardship Sunday. The Trinity Brazos Area (TBA) Community Garden group also spent time learning about the UCC Community Garden. TBA Community Gardeners, along with Church World Service, Week of Compassion and Foods



Resource Bank, have come together to form the TBA Growing Project to help build sustainable agriculture systems in villages in the Dominican Republic. You can support the TBA Growing Project by attending an Old Fashioned Fish Fry Saturday, June 15, 6 to 8 p.m. at First Christian Church, 910 South Collins in Arlington.

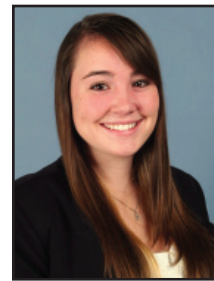
UCC Welcomes Summer Youth Ministry Interns

This summer our youth ministry will again welcome two full-time interns who will be learning about ministry here at UCC. After advertising the positions nationally and accepting applications, several adults and youth assisted the staff in selecting the interns.



Amanda DeWitt just completed her second year at Bluegrass Community and Technical College in Lawrenceburg, KY. She will transfer to Eastern Kentucky University in the fall

where she plans to major in Sociology with a minor in Religion. She is a native of Lawrenceburg.



Albuquerque, NM.

Amanda Tatlock just completed her sophomore year at Chapman University in Orange, CA, where she is majoring in Health Science with a minor in History. She is a native of

Amanda and Amanda start their internships at the end of May and will

wrap up at the beginning of August. They will spend part of their time here providing leadership in the youth ministry in Sunday school, at youth events, on mission trips, at camps and around the office. The rest of their time will be devoted to exploring their own calls to ministry by shadowing and learning from other ministers at UCC and in the Fort Worth area. Both interns will be keeping a journal that chronicles their experiences, and at the end of the summer each one will write a reflection paper that synthesizes what they will take away from the experience. Please give them both a warm welcome as they join our staff for the summer.



Journey Land Teachers Needed for Summer!

The summer is upon us and everyone will be taking some time to refresh and rejuvenate after a long school year. Children's Ministries understands!

Therefore, we are asking volunteers to teach *one* week in Journey Land this August. We need you to take one week that you will be in town and can commit to serving as a leader.

Fun new *Spark* curriculum makes planning easy and the kids love it.

Be a part this summer—Children's Ministries needs you! Contact susan@uccftw.com with the date that works for you.

Spring Children's Musical Highlights

The Carol Choir and Alleluia Singers (grades K – 6) combined forces to present *Table for Five Thousand, The Miracle of the Loaves and the Fishes* on Sunday, April 28, after morning worship. Over 200 friends, family and congregation members warmly applauded this moving musical based on a famous parable. Mary Farmer, UCC Children's Choir directed and music was composed by Allen Pote.



UCC Journal

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Important Summer Dates for Children's Ministries

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

VBS online registration continues; however, we have some wait lists for age groups that are full.

every time they see you at UCC and in the community. Spend some quality time this summer creating fun memories and developing relationships as a role model—your help matters!



Vacation Bible School June 25-28

Be part of *God's Backyard Bible Camp* (ages two through third graders) or *Backyard Mission VBS* (fourth and fifth graders).

We will focus on serving our family, serving friends, serving community, and serving Jesus.

God's Backyard Bible Camp is \$20 per child or \$40 per family; however, four day volunteers receive half-price registration. *Mission VBS* registration is \$35. Visit www.ucckids.org to register and pay online or pick up forms in The Arches. All volunteer forms can be found at www.ucckids.org.

Youth Volunteers...It is not too late to sign up to be a volunteer for VBS! Spending time having fun and serving as a role model for younger kids is the best way to become famous—younger kids will remember the relationships formed and look up to you each and



Summer Fun

(for children two months to entering K)
Mondays & Wednesdays
9 a.m.–12 p.m.

Session I – June 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19
Session II – July 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24
\$120 per session

Contact Joy Milton at cjoym@yahoo.com for information and availability.

Music Makers Camp-Sign Up Now!



It's not too late to be a part of summer youth music at UCC! Music Makers Camp provides all types of musical

activities for grades two-five and lunch too! No matter what their interest is: singing, music history, percussion, composing or just being with friends; this camp has it all. Camp meets 12-3 p.m. Tuesday, June 25, through Friday, June 28, immediately following VBS.

This camp is an incredible opportunity for children to gain confidence socially,

grow musically and have a great time with their friends. Visit www.universitychristian.org to register your child online. Space is limited to thirty-five children. Questions? Contact marsha@uucftw.com or Mary Farmer, Director of Children's Choirs, via email maryelizabethfarmer@yahoo.com. Open to all, tell your friends!

Youth Sunday

Over 60 middle and high school youth planned and led the morning worship services as part of UCC's annual Youth Sunday on May 5.



The Water of Life Graces UCC's Memorial Garden

by Steve Mosher



This life-sized figure of Jesus stands in a pool of water in the UCC Memorial Garden. Sculpted by the accomplished artist Michael Pavlovsky of Fort Worth, Jesus is depicted offering a basin of life-sustaining water to all who pass. This inspirational work of art, which is considered part of the UCC Gallery Collection, was commissioned by members Max and Janet Ragsdale, and Kathryn and Morris Matson.

The finished sculpture, installed in Autumn, 2008, was dedicated December 7, 2008 in honor and memory of Dr. Kenneth T. Lawrence, 1935–2006. Dr. Lawrence was as a long-time member of UCC and retired Professor of Religion and the Arts at Texas Christian University as well as serving with the UCC staff.

The bronze sculpture is finished with a pale green patina. This figure of Jesus presents a peaceful countenance to all who enter the calming space of the Memorial Garden, A broadly shaded, park-like space for prayer, remembrance and contemplation, surrounded by colorful flowering plants nestled within the outstretched arms of the UCC Sanctuary and the Chapel of the Good Shepherd.

Jesus is dressed in a plain fabric garment, free of adornment that would divert attention from his face and the small basin of water extended toward the visitor. It is a symbolic gesture of his gift to us, the "water of life," a gracious metaphor for the faith that sustains us day-by-day.

Standing near this pool and the figure of Jesus one is reminded of the passage from the Book of John, Chapter 6, verses 37 and 38: *"Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'"*

Singles Ministry



The singles ministry of UCC is growing! In addition to the Sunday morning class, *Single on Sunday*, we are re-naming the Friday night

social group from *The Well* for Singles to *The 1's*. We will kick off the summer events with *Concerts in the Gardens*:

A Tribute to the Beatles on June 15. For information contact Lori Gallagher at lori@ftworthhomes.net.

The 1's will have several social events throughout the summer and will resume regularly scheduled meetings in September. Stay tuned for a variety of opportunities to join in the fun.



New Members

We are pleased to welcome the Coy family to UCC! The Coy's live in Mistletoe Heights and are excited to be new members of the church along with their son, Charlie, who is one year old. Taylor is a banker with Goldman, Sachs & Co., and Claire is a Licensed Specialist in School Psychology with Fort Worth ISD. The family enjoys riding horses, cooking and playing tennis.

Elder Orientation

Orientation for Elders will be on Sunday, June 2, at 12:05 p.m. in Room 205 for new and current Assembly Elders. R.S.V.P. to Shirley Branham at shirleyanneb@aol.com.

General Assembly 2013

If you are going to General Assembly in Orlando and would like to be a voting delegate for UCC, please contact Thelia Chaffin for more information at 817.926.6631 ext. 132 or email thelia@uccftw.com.

Baby Dedications



Elaine Lindsey Escott (Lainey), daughter of Taylor & Becky Escott. Grandparents are Mark & Nan Matson and Lindsey Escott. Great-grandparents are Rosemary & Ralph Brinegar.



Charles Remington Coy, son of Taylor & Claire Coy. Grandparents are John & Kerry Coy, Bob & Mary Lo Devine and Frances Seiler. Great-grandparents are Norman & Meredith Wade.



Wyatt Hardy Corning, son of Scott & Halie Corning. Grandparents are Cheril Hardy, Wayne & Joyce Hardy and Stuart Corning, Jr.



Wish to Have Your Child Dedicated?

Dedications take place during 11 a.m. worship or *The Search*. Upcoming dates are: June 16 (Father's Day), August 4 and September 15. The dedication is a blessing of the child and a promise from parents to their child to raise them in a Christian home. It is also the public acknowledgement of a covenant with the people of UCC that we as a community of faith will 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 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 classes are offered June 2 and September 8 at 10 a.m. Contact Susan Henry in Children's Ministries at susan@uccftw.com or ext. 165 for details.



Hannah Elizabeth Kramer, daughter of Scott & Stephanie Kramer. Grandparents are Bob & Katrinka Kramer, Larry & Linda Head and Jim & Libby Royal.



Blythe Lorena Heydenburk, daughter of Joel & Courtney Heydenburk. Grandparents are Bill & Lorena Heydenburk and Jim & Lynn Miles. Shown with big sister, Asher.



Theodore Thomas Lamsens, son of Frank & Caroline Lamsens. Grandparents are Carol & Vern Spurlock and Kathleen Lamsens. Shown with big sister, Charlotte.



Kaleb Thomas Kruse, son of Mason & Kelly Kruse. Grandparents are Thomas & Elaine Reeder and Jerry and Alice Kruse. Great-grandparents are Hugh & Rosalie Reeder, Grady Johnson and Kenneth & Em Kruse. Shown with big sister, Ellie.

Wari Tour at The Kimbell Museum



Enjoy a Private Tour of the Kimbell Museum's New Exhibit, *Wari: Lords of the Ancient Andes* on July 12. Join with other UCC members for a Kimbell

Art Museum tour of the first North American exhibition devoted to the art of the Wari, the ancestors of the Inca who, between 600 and 1,000, created a complex society that many today regard as ancient Peru's first empire.

This momentous exhibition explores the Wari's artistic achievements through some 145 startingly beautiful objects in all the major media in which

they worked—polychrome ceramics, ornaments made of precious metals or colorful mosaics, sculpted wood and stone objects and sumptuous woven garments that are among the finest ever made in the Andes, home of one of the world's most accomplished textile traditions. Call Marsha Hodges at 817.926.6631 ext. 152 to sign up for the tour at 5 p.m. on July 12. Space is limited to forty with two rotating groups.

Deacons Orientation and Meeting



An orientation for the new Deacon class of 2016 and our regular quarterly meeting will be held Sunday, June 30, from 12:15-1:45 p.m., in Room 207. At 1

p.m., we will have usher training in the Sanctuary for the new class of Deacons and a refresher for our returning Deacons.

Lunch will be provided for \$5 per person. If you would like to be included for lunch, please email Jennifer at jennifer@uccftw.com

or call 817.926.6631 ext. 133 no later than Monday, June 24.

Childcare is available by reservation due by noon Thursday of the prior week. Contact Ann Bowling at 817.926.6631 ext. 159 or ann@uccftw.com with your child's name and age.

UCC Quick Financial Summary - Unified Budget April 2013

Description	2012 YTD Actuals	2013 YTD Actuals	Budget YTD 2013	Budget Annual	YTD Variance
Income					
Pledges	\$713,291	\$779,263	\$804,383	\$2,136,134	(\$25,120)
Non Pledge Contributions	\$65,534	\$74,660	\$74,595	\$300,000	\$65
Offering	\$12,162	\$13,703	\$12,705	\$36,500	\$998
Misc. Unrestricted Income	\$40,270	\$56,383	\$43,510	\$156,176	\$12,873
WDS Income (Net)	\$60,171	\$84,785	\$71,378	\$95,646	\$13,407
Endowment Income	\$53,875	\$70,957	\$66,043	\$257,872	\$4,913
Participant/Restricted Income & Reserve Use	\$225,125	\$302,584	\$311,197	\$479,796	(\$8,613)
Total Income	\$1,170,428	\$1,382,334	\$1,383,811	\$3,462,124	(\$1,477)
Total Personnel Expense	\$597,349	\$578,968	\$614,558	\$1,814,346	\$35,590
Total Program/Admin. Expense	\$292,349	\$400,044	\$419,632	\$1,154,742	\$19,587
Total Mission/Outreach Expense	\$128,390	\$150,075	\$123,752	\$474,335	(\$26,323)
Total Expenses	\$1,018,088	\$1,129,088	\$1,157,942	\$3,443,424	\$28,854
Net Operating Income (Loss)	\$152,340	\$253,246	\$225,869	\$18,699	\$27,377

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 michelle@uccftw.com with any questions or comments.

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.

Mid-Winter Mission Pilgrimage to Chile



UCC has a long-standing relationship with Elena Heugel, our Global Ministries Missionary Partner in Chile. A group from UCC spent time in Chile

with Elena in 2008 and 2009. Our next Mission Pilgrimage to Chile is set for early 2014. This time UCC will partner with others from the Trinity Brazos Area to participate in a CONPAZ Peace Building Camp at Centro Shalom in the foothills of the Andes Mountains

(near Talca) January 25 to February 4. The Texas group will be matched with a Chilean group to work together, learn together and walk together the path of peace at Centro Shalom. Then the Texas delegates will enjoy a weekend stay at the homes of the Chilean participants and worship with them at their church.

Estimated cost is \$2,100 for in country experience and round trip airfare including taxes. This opportunity is limited to ten adults. Contact Cyndy Twedell at cyndy@uccftw.com if interested.

Check out Elena's blog: <http://colibrienchile.blogspot.com> or visit her page on the Global Ministries website: www.globalministries.org/mission/missionaries/Elena.

Elena is bi-lingual and bi-cultural. With over twenty years experience in camp settings in Mexico, Paraguay, the U.S. and Chile, Elena is a teacher, a storyteller, a poet and an artist who receives sustenance and inspiration from the intricate, mysterious natural world. She uses a variety of imaginative teaching methods to impart knowledge about ecology and peace building.

Room in the Inn

by Carol Stewart



One of my favorite quotes, attributed to St. Francis of Assisi, is "Preach the gospel, and if necessary, use words." At Room in the Inn, I see volunteers preaching the gospel by making beds, preparing and serving meals, driving men to and from the Day Resource Center and serving as overnight innkeepers. Most importantly, I see them visiting with

our guests, eating and playing games with them and listening to their stories. The love of God is abundantly shared between hosts and guests, and it flows both ways.

Our next RITI sessions will take place every Wednesday in July and August. This program is an excellent opportunity for many UCC members of all ages to follow Jesus' instructions to us to care for one another. Most tasks take only a couple of hours. The most rewarding activities involve interacting with the ten homeless men who stay with us from Wednesday evening until Thursday morning. All who spend time

with our guests are required to have training.

Our next training session will be in the Room in the Inn rooms, on the first floor by the north entrance, at 12:15 p.m. on June 9. Training will take about an hour and a half and lunch will be served. If you can participate, please reserve your lunch by contacting me at carolmstewart@sbcglobal.net or 972.239.7769. If you can't attend the training, there are many areas in which you can serve behind the scenes. Let me know that you're interested and I'll include you on our contact list.

Carter Blood Mobile Unit Rolls into UCC



It has been a couple of years since UCC members were called upon to donate blood to help replenish the blood supply at Carter Blood Center.

Please note the date and time and make this event a priority.

It doesn't take very long and your efforts will help someone with a life saving gift.

This year, we will have Carter's mobile unit parked in the North parking lot off Rogers Street (the lot next to the *Growing Up Green* Garden) 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Sunday, June 2.

With all the recent bus accidents, the West Texas plant explosion, tornados and the usual anticipation of a greater need for blood in the summer months, Carter is seeking help from the community. UCC members have always been faithful donors to help this cause and we want to continue to support our local blood center.

UCC Parish Nurses will be there to greet you and walk you through the process. See you there! Sponsored by UCC Parish Nurses in conjunction with Pastoral Care.



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:

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. June 8 we are at Buon Giorno (915 Florence St 76102).

Women of Valor

Meets Sunday evenings once a month at 6 p.m. in Room 204. We will meet during the summer months on Sundays, June 9, July 14 and August 11. Hope you will join us as we gather for fellowship and spiritual direction!

After being known as The New Sunday Evening Women's Group for some time, *Women of Valor* has been selected as their official name. From Rachel Held Evans, the writer, this group began their sessions following in her words:

"Eshet chayil—woman of valor in Hebrew—has long been a blessing of praise in the Jewish community.

Husbands often sing the line from Proverbs 31 to their wives at Sabbath meals. Women cheer one another on through accomplishments in homemaking, career, education, parenting and justice by shouting a hearty *"eshet chayil!"* after each milestone. Great women of the faith, like Sarah and Ruth and Deborah, are identified as women of valor. One of my goals after completing my year of biblical womanhood was to "take back" Proverbs 31 as a blessing, not a to-do list, by identifying and celebrating women of valor."

June 11—Girl's Night Out

At *A Piece of Work*—visit www.apieceofworkonline.com to register or to find out more about *A Piece of Work*.

June 21-23—2013 Southwest Women's Assembly in Houston

Growing in God's Service. Registration (\$110) must be postmarked by June 7. Hotel reservations may be made at the Hilton Houston NASA Clear Lake Hotel. Check www.ccsww.org for more details and registration information.

September 12

Cup of Blessing Bible Study resumes

September 17

WILD Women Book Club resumes

September 22

Women's Ministries Lunch

Our own Diane Hawley will speak about her travels to the Mungeli Hospital in India.

November 10

The Invisible War

Lunch, documentary and discussion

Therapy Dog Training

Many of you have inquired about therapy dog training this year. Unfortunately, Sharon Creel, our instructor, is not available to lead us in training this year and there are no other instructors in our area.

You do not need to have your dog go through the classes to take the certification test. Although it is preferable, you can work with your dog on a regular basis to be prepared to test. Testing is done at various times of the year all over Texas. For information about Therapy Dogs International, visit their website, tdi-dog.org, where you can learn about training, certification and testing. Sharon will be back next year! If you have any questions, email UCC Parish Nurse Carole Widmann at RNcarole@gmail.com.

Girls' Night Out



"Uncork your creative side" Tuesday, June 11, at 6:30 p.m. at A Piece of Work (5714 Locke Avenue, 76107).

Cost is \$30 per person. Enjoy snacks, drinks and a fun evening of painting.

Invite your friends to be a part of this special women's event! Fun for beginners and seasoned artists! More information and registration at <https://www.apieceofworkonline.com/calendar> or email Judy Jones at judy_secret@yahoo.com.



Café Bella to Managua

Benefits the 2013 UCC Mission Pilgrimage to Nicaragua Monday, June 10, 11 a.m.-10 p.m.
Café Bella, 3548 South Hills Avenue, Fort Worth

Make a lunch or dinner visit to Café Bella. Identify that you are a member of University Christian Church and they will donate 10% of their proceeds from your bill to the UCC scholarship fund for Mission Pilgrimage participants.



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Congregational Meetings

Elder Orientation

Sunday, June 2, 12:05 p.m.
Room 205

Personnel Committee

Tuesday, June 4, 5:30 p.m.
Room 202

Communications Committee

Wednesday, June 5, 5:30 p.m.
Room 202

Building & Grounds

Sunday, June 9, 12:15 p.m.
Room 202

Finance Committee

Tuesday, June 11, 5:30 p.m.
Room 202

Board of Stewards

Tuesday, June 18, 6:30 p.m.
Room 207

Deacon Orientation

Sunday, June 30, 12:05 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.



*UCC's 2013 high school graduates at the conclusion of the annual Senior Banquet.
Front Row (L-R): Allison Hix, Katie Swanson and Lauren Henry.
Second Row: Eric Gunderson, Macy Trotter, Rykr Carpenter, William Bowling,
Timothy Alland, Willis Harvey and Ben Phillips.
Back Row: John Younger, Robert Rapp, John Perry, Jay Woodall, Brett Tebbe and Ben Noel.*