



## Page Scholarship Committee Announces 2014 Winners

by Bill Landreth, Chair, Page Scholarship Fund Committee

The Page Scholarship Committee announces the 2014 winners of \$2,000 college scholarships, renewable for four years of college or a total of \$8,000 per winner.



Safa Khawaja will graduate in June from R.L. Paschal High School to major in Biology aiming toward becoming a Pediatric Oncologist. She graduated thirty-third out of 541 in her class. Safa spent many hours during her high school career in volunteer activities at Cook Children's Hospital and the Ronald McDonald House. She has received many awards for student leadership, academics and volunteer service. She will be attending Austin College in Sherman, Texas, in the fall.



Moises Correa will graduate in June from Haltom High School. He ranked thirteenth in a senior class of 607 students. Moises plans to attend the University of Texas at Austin and major in Music Education. He is a member of the National Honor Society, President of National Math Honor Society, Fort Worth Youth Orchestra and was awarded the "Best Musician Award" in 2012. He works after school as a Teacher's Assistant to the Band Director of Haltom High School.

Three other finalists, Monet Washington from James Bowie High School, Brittnei Johnson from Dunbar High School and Haymen Tu from the Oakridge School, will all receive a \$250 Page Scholarship.

This year we had over 100 applications

vying for the five finalist spots. Each young adult had amazing stories and as you can well imagine, the Page Committee carefully reviewed each applicant. We ranked them, giving special attention to need, scholastic achievement, extra curricular activities and school leadership. Applicants were also asked to write a personal essay of the obstacles they have had to overcome either in school or at home. These essays were heart wrenching. We reduced the number of candidates to five and the committee, Don Houk, Cyndy Twedell, Alice Phillips, Kay Wilson, Ken Hubbell, Alan Winter and I, spent twenty-three minutes interviewing each finalist. It was very difficult to select only two.

Thanks to the generosity of Mary Louise Page, UCC is able to help these young adults defray some of the cost of a college education that they may not have been able to afford.

## Newly Elected Elders and Deacons

We are pleased to announce the new Elders and Deacons who were approved in a Congregational meeting on May 18. Three year term begins June 1.

### Deacons

|                     |                         |
|---------------------|-------------------------|
| Berkeley Allen      | Alex Loftin             |
| Hannah Brayfield    | Emily Mooney            |
| Tina Caliga         | Lee Nelson              |
| Margaret Curtis     | Shar Pauley             |
| Daralynn Deardorff  | Heather Rodenberg       |
| Beth Floyd          | Brittany Sellers        |
| John David Gelineau | Valerie Valentine-Heath |
| Cindy Hoover        | Carter Wilken           |
| Emily Houser        | Cain Williams           |
| Danyelle Keenan     | Lauren Harris*          |
| Tom Lanter          | Will Hallgren**         |

\*Term ending 2015

\*\*Term ending 2016

### Elders

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|------------------|
| Elaine Becker    |
| Linda Brookshire |
| Art Busbey       |
| Errol Henry      |
| Stacy McCoy      |
| Urbain McKeever  |
| Doug Welch       |
| Laura West       |

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on KTCU FM 88.7  
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**Living the Good News of Jesus Christ with open minds and loving hearts**



## Meaningful Church Life

by Rev. Larry Thomas, Senior Minister

Church life is important. The past couple of months have reminded me of this fact. Like other busy people, I can sometimes find myself moving through things so quickly that I fail to appreciate them in a meaningful way. This morning, while on my walk, I mentally reviewed the many important things that have recently taken place in the life of our congregation. The partial list includes: baptisms, confirmations, infant dedications, weddings, deaths, anniversaries, graduations, ordinations, Brite's Hooding, Youth Sunday, Earth Stewardship Sunday, various community events and Easter worship where we hosted one thousand additional people this year over last year. I will state it again, church life is important.

This importance is often experienced most appreciably around the death of one of our members. We are a large congregation so it follows that we have a good bit of experience with aiding families through these difficult times. I am proud of University Christian Church, it's staff and members, for the manner in which we care for those whom God has called us to serve. Your love, hard work, and ministry of presence make a difference in the lives of those who find themselves in the midst of great loss.

As we look forward to the next few months, we can be sure that there will be many events and opportunities to serve within the life of our church. We have a full camping season planned for this summer. We have a VBS program that promises to be exciting, as well as other

summer programs for our children. Our youth and their sponsors will be going on mission trips and, of course, we will be worshipping each week. Please be looking to your weekly email update for information about upcoming events and summer sermon topics.

Before I conclude, I want to let you know about some important staff changes. As you probably know, Jennifer Cricchio has moved to Norman, Oklahoma. Jennifer was a beloved member of our staff and will be missed. Pam Reeser has moved from part-time to full-time and will be coordinating funerals, weddings and all special events. Thelia Chaffin will be assuming the responsibility for the coordination of pastoral care. Please call either of them if you have a need or if you have any questions. They will be happy to assist you.

## Earth Sunday Tree Dedication

Brady Ford grew up at UCC playing under the shade of the huge red oak tree that stood for at least 74 years until a strong wind brought it down on June 18. Now his daughter, Mabel, will experience the benefits of growing up within the UCC community under the new tree.

The blessing of the new red oak tree was just one of many events at the Earth Stewardship Sunday celebration, planned and implemented by Caring for God's Creation. April 27 also included a combined Sunday School Class presentation by Dr. William Brown of Columbia Seminary (based on Proverbs 7 and concluding with a challenge for us to work together to heal God's creation so our children and grandchildren will have a place to play), display tables featuring information about local CSAs (Community Supported Agriculture)

and Farmer's Markets, CFGC coasters embedded with herb and wildflower seeds to be planted in home gardens, free reusable shopping bags, healthy locally grown treats at Coffee Fellowship, a luncheon of locally grown foods and

program by Elizabeth Samuido and an excellent sermon by Rev. Thomas.

Thanks to all who helped make Earth Stewardship Sunday a memorable and meaningful day.



*Brady and Mabel Ford add their blessings to the new red oak tree in the UCC Courtyard.*

## UCC Journal

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## Baby Dedications



*Sydney Margaret Blakewell, daughter of Scott & Allison Blakewell. Grandparents are Margaret & David Motheral and Bob & Suzy Blakewell. Great-grandparents are Denise Rosenfeld and Bonnie & Bill Trice.*



*Samuel Joseph Klatzkin, son of Kyle & Lindsay Klatzkin. Grandparents are Fran & Mike Bazar, Mark & Lynn Hopper, and David & Varsi Klatzkin.*



*Andrew Joseph Smid, son of Matthew & Elizabeth Smid. Grandparents are Michael & Katherine Johnston and Stephen & Janet Smid. Great-grandparents are Cohen & Mary Sue Bass, Milton & Nancy Smid, and Norman Niederstadt.*



*Sam Shaeffer Garcia, son of Alan & Meredith Garcia. Grandparents are Judy & Price Hulsey and Barbara & Art Garcia. Great-grandparents are Corinne Hulsey and Millie Logan. Shown with twin siblings, Megan and Emily.*

## Would You Like to Have Your Child Dedicated?



Dedications take place during 11 a.m. worship. Upcoming dates are: June 15, August 3 and September 14.

The baby dedication is a blessing of the child and a promise from parents to their child to raise them in a Christian home. But, it is also the public acknowledgement of a covenant with the people of University Christian Church that we as a community of faith

will surround the child with the spirit of Christ as they grow in our midst. In order to affirm these provisions, parents will participate in a Baby Dedication class to learn about some of the intricacies of a child's faith journey and about how University Christian Church can help foster their family and child in the process of understanding Christ's love.

The next class offered will be June 1 at 10 a.m. Please contact Susan Henry in the Children's Ministries Office, [susan@uccftw.com](mailto:susan@uccftw.com), or ext. 165 for further information.

## Life of the Church

### Deaths

*Corey Brown, May 12  
Husband of Susan Brown  
Father of Berk and Maisey Brown*

*Mary Pare, April 26  
Mother of Susan Pare*

*Darrell Duane Douthit, April 23  
Father of Gay McKeever*

*Jayne Eagle, April 23  
Aunt of Kyla Rosenberger*

*Russell Tuveson, April 21  
Grandfather of Emily Ische*

*Wanda F. Stell, April 20  
Cousin of Lorriane Stell*

*Lindy Berry, April 19  
Uncle of Carol Alexander*

*Sue Ann Mackey, April 18  
Aunt of Craig Allen*

*Joseph Richard Harris, April 16  
Son-in-law of Helen Clifton*

*Ryan Courtney, April 14  
Grandson of Carol Ehlmann  
Nephew of Claire Graham*

*Ruth Mosher Brown, April 10  
Aunt of Steve Mosher*

*Delta Glynn Boyd, April 10  
Mother of Elaine Becker*

### Births

*Michael Joseph Patterson, son of Shea and Matt Patterson, born April 21. Grandparents are Carol and Steve Patterson.*

*Sophrionia Lavender Sheridan French, daughter of Sheridan and R.W. Bo French, born April 16. Grandparents are Terri and Fred M. Willoughby; great-grandparents are Betty and Robert A. Watson.*

*Grady Gross, son of Allison and Thomas Gross, born April 12.*

*Isla Marie Buchanan, granddaughter of Paula and Terry Drennan, born April 10.*

*Parents are Kristen and Dave Buchanan of Pennsylvania. Great-grandparent is Paul Madeley.*

*Connor Thomas Oatman, grandson of Gayla Oatman English, born April 7. Parents are Kari and Ryan Oatman.*

*Lindsay Louise Muckleroy, daughter of Lauren and Zach Muckleroy, born April 2. Grandparents are Pat and Harold Muckleroy.*



## Rice and Beans–Arroz y Frijoles–Cook Off



Where are those pots and pans? Where are Grandma's recipes? Open up those cabinets. Dust off those cookbooks. Let's cook up some rice and beans to support UCC's mission pilgrimage to Nicaragua!

June 12 at 5:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall, the Mission Pilgrimage Committee is sponsoring a rice and beans cook off to raise funds for our July 20-27 Mission Pilgrimage to Nicaragua. The \$10 per person is based on the cost of feeding a family of four in Nicaragua for a day. (Cost for children is \$3.) The Rice and Beans Cook Off is a challenge between Sunday school classes, men's groups, Chancel Choir, youth groups, singles groups, women's group, any groups—show us your stuff. Register for the competition by contacting Lynn Cross by June 6. Attend the cook off, try the

different recipes and vote for your favorites. A prize will be awarded for the most votes.

Enter the raffle for a handmade Nicaraguan hammock and view slides of previous Nicaragua Mission Pilgrimages. Hand-crafted bracelets made by our friends in Nicaragua and Nicaraguan coffee (donated by Central Market) will be available for purchase. Come and have some food, fun and support our brothers and sisters in Nicaragua. *Dios le bendiga!*

## A Thank You Letter to UCC

I am writing to share our thanks for University Christian Church's involvement in the Family Pathfinders Mentoring Program. Sandra Soria and Carolyn Critz are members of the UCC Family Pathfinders Mentoring team. They are giving so generously of their time and talents to help a family in need. We are grateful for their dedication and commitment. They are truly making a difference in our community.

Our Mentoring Program matches trained volunteer mentoring teams with families on public assistance who are striving to become self-sufficient. Team members join hands with the family, helping them make the very difficult transition from welfare to work. The

secret of our success is matching volunteers and families in a way that blends different races, religions, genders, economic status and generations into teams that act as advocates, constructive examples, mentors and friends.



On April 15 we held our annual volunteer Appreciation Luncheon.

This event brought volunteers from our Mentor and Financial Capability programs together to celebrate the successes that our clients have achieved on their path to self-sufficiency. The day featured program presentations, lunch and Volunteer of the Year awards. We are pleased to inform you that Sandra and Carolyn were two of the recipients this year! It was a wonderful day for all. I have enclosed a few photos highlighting the event.

I appreciate your support and your partnership in ministry with us.

Sincerely,  
Kathryn Arnold, Executive Director  
Family Pathfinders of Tarrant County

## Room in the Inn Summer Session

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.

A training session was held on May 18. We won't have an additional training opportunity before the summer session of RITI. If you have not been trained, 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: [carolmstewart@sbcglobal.net](mailto:carolmstewart@sbcglobal.net) or 972.239.7769.

## UCC 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.

Contact Cyndy Twedell, Associate Minister, for more information.

### Women of Valor

Usually the second Sunday evening of each month, 6 p.m. in Room 204. Join us on Sunday, June 8, as we will gather for fellowship.

### Latte with the Ladies



Saturday, June 14, beginning at 9 a.m. at Brewed (801 W. Magnolia, 76104)



### Quadrennial Assembly June 25-29 in Atlanta

A Disciples Women's event which lifts up women from around the world through fellowship, worship, service and education. Register at [www.regonline.com/2014quadrennial](http://www.regonline.com/2014quadrennial). Cost is \$400 (thru June 9). Hotel Information: Atlanta Marriott Marquis,

265 Peachtree Center Avenue, Atlanta, GA, (Room Rates: \$109 per night for single, double and quads (plus tax).

Contact Rev. Cyndy Twedell for details or to apply for scholarship funds to attend the 2014 Quadrennial Assembly!



## Alzheimer's Support Group Interest Meeting



You are not alone. More than 15.5 million Americans are caregivers for family members living with Alzheimer's and dementia diseases which can be stressful, demanding and life-changing.

UCC is forming a new support group for caregivers of those with Alzheimer's and dementia. Our professionally

led meetings offer a confidential, non-judgmental environment where participants can share their concerns, support each other and learn ways to cope with long-term caregiving. Support group sessions are open to members of the community as well.

Benefits of joining a support group:

- Exchanging information on caregiving problems and possible solutions
- Talking through challenges and ways of coping

- Sharing feelings, needs and concerns
- Learning about resources available in the community

Dr. Charles Sanders will facilitate and Leslie Dell will co-facilitate our support group and both have been trained by the Alzheimer's Association! We will host an interest meeting on Sundays, June 8 and 22, from 12:15-1 p.m., in Room 204. If you are unable to attend one of the meetings, please contact Pam Reeser at 817.926.6631 for information.



## Your Church Was New Once!

Just imagine what your life would be like if no one answered God's call to start University Christian Church.

More than two-thirds of the United States population doesn't live within close driving distance of a Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) congregation. Because of the new church movement, Disciples have started 830 churches since 2001, reaching more than

50,000 individuals who may not have had a relationship with God. Our new churches worship in at least nineteen different languages.

This year's Pentecost Offering, benefiting new church starts, will be collected on Sundays, June 1 and June 8.

## 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.*

## Ordination of Tiann Smith Morgner



UCC, along with First Christian Church of Alexandria, Virginia, and the Christian Church in the Southwest will host the Ordination to Christian Ministry of Tiann Smith Morgner, at 3 p.m., Sunday, June 1, in the UCC Sanctuary. A reception in the Gallery will follow and you are cordially invited to attend this celebration of one of our own!

Tiann grew up in Fort Worth and UCC and attended Country Day School. She earned a B.A. in Psychology from

American University with a Religion Studies concentration. Following college, Tiann enlisted in the U.S. Army, where she served as a Chaplain Assistant with the 93rd Battalion of Military Police. Her service included a Tour of Duty in Iraq during which UCC members supported the 93rd Battalion with letters, cards and gifts. Subsequently Tiann was stationed with the Old Guard at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, D.C.

Tiann received a Master of Divinity degree from Wesley Seminary in Washington, D.C. in May. During her seminary career, she served on the staff

of First Christian Church in Alexandria, Virginia. She is currently considering several ministry options.

Tiann is the daughter of Patricia Smith and the late Thad Smith. Last October, Tiann married Ryan Morgner, and her family now includes Ryan's daughter Savannah. Other family members are sister, Tanis Smith Sinnett, her husband, John, and two nieces and a nephew.

Tiann's Congregational Care Team is composed of Judy Stempel, Russ Boyd, Mary Mac Elliott, Bill Proenza, Mark Montague and Bill Arnold.

## Fort Griffin Fandangle Adventure



The Church and the Arts Committee has planned a great trip to visit historic Albany, Texas, to join in the fun of the famous Fort Griffin Fandangle parade and outdoor western show on Saturday, June 21. The

\$35 tour cost includes van transportation from the UCC parking lot and admission to the evening outdoor show.

Tour participants should plan to meet at UCC to depart for Albany at 12 p.m. After arrival we will have time to see the local sights, including the Old Jail Art Center, before the big Fandangle Parade at 5 p.m. The first ten participants have the option to sign up for seating at the (very small) Biscuit Restaurant (owned and operated by former UCC member Jim Stuart) or pick from among the several restaurants in town for dinner (not included). There will be plenty of

good dining choices for everyone, or guests may opt to pack a picnic dinner. The famous outdoor old west show, the Fandangle, begins at 8:30 p.m. For more information on the performance visit <http://fortgriffinwandangle.org/>.

We plan to arrive back in Fort Worth around 12:30 a.m. Come on and enjoy a day of fun and fellowship and cowboy culture.

Space limited to fifteen guests, so sign up soon by contacting Marsha at 817.926.6631 ext. 152 or [marsha@uccftw.com](mailto:marsha@uccftw.com).



## UCC Night at Hip Pocket Theater

Make plans for a fun night under the stars! Church and the Arts is sponsoring UCC Night at Hip Pocket Theater on Saturday, June

7, to see *Pinocchio Commedia* by Johnny Simons, adapted from Carlo Collodi. The theater, established and operated by UCC's own Diane and Johnny Simons, is located at 1950 Silver Creek Road, White Settlement, 76108. This is their 38th season! Performance begins at 9 p.m.; gates open at 7 p.m. Dinner is

available for about \$10. Wine, beer, soft drinks and snack foods are also available.

Due to the show popularity, we recommend calling 817.246.9775 for reservations or go online at [hip.pocket.org](http://hip.pocket.org). Adults, \$20; seniors (55 and up)/military/teachers, \$15. Hope to see you there!

## Decorative Arts Exhibit Wrap Up

Church and the Arts recently sponsored a Decorative Arts exhibit with 22 participants from our congregation. Around 250 church folk came through the exhibit and ooh-ed and ah-ed at baskets to woodworking. Later that day a reception for the artists was held and artists, friends, and family enjoyed appetizers, beverages, and chatting with each other. Thanks to all the artists and the Church and the Arts committee members (current and former) for a successful exhibit. And a reminder, 2015 is a Fine Arts exhibit. Start painting, drawing, sculpting and shooting photos.



## New Sunday School Class Forming



*Community*, a new Sunday school class for adults in their 20s and 30s,

will launch in August. This class is for couples and single adults who are in graduate school, beginning careers, transitioning relationships, and starting families.

This summer, a small group will begin meeting to discuss class topics, plan

social events, and pray for the future of the class and its members.

If you are interested in being part of this class, the planning team, or know of someone who might be interested, please contact Rev. Jessica Vacketta, [jessica@uccftw.com](mailto:jessica@uccftw.com).

## New Members



*Samantha Copeland is a Sport Psychology Major at TCU and a fourth generation Frog! Her minor is music and she enjoys singing her heart out to the radio. She is "super excited to be going on the UCC pilgrimage to Nicaragua this summer!"*

*She is also "excited to be a part of this wonderful church that has helped her so much over her freshman year and given her so much love and support."*

*Sam's home church is United Disciples Christian Church in Richardson.*



*Amy Yandell is originally from South Carolina but moved to Fort Worth most recently from Tennessee, where she was an Associate Professor of Music. She now works for a non-profit in Arlington, Texas, that empowers and promotes women-owned businesses. She sings in the Chancel Choir at UCC and enjoys working with Room in the Inn. Amy is married to Michael Yandell, UCC's Assistant Minister for High School Youth.*



*Welcome Carol Pierce. Carol worked at NASA-JSC for thirty-one years as a Flight Data File Senior Editor/Publication Manager. Now that she's retired, working on family genealogy is her primary focus.*

*She also enjoys reading, traveling and watching TCU sports. Carol says, "What do I like about UCC? It's alive!"*



*Meredith Buckley's home church is First Christian Church in Wichita Falls. She is a sophomore at TCU, studying Speech Pathology with an emphasis in Deaf Children, and psychology with an emphasis in children. She has "an awesome family, mom Susan, dad, John, and sister, Ainslee, and without their love and support being in Fort Worth and going to TCU wouldn't even be an idea in our heads." Her favorite thing about UCC is how welcoming everyone is, and that she found a church home so early in her college career with people she can go to for help or just to hang out with.*

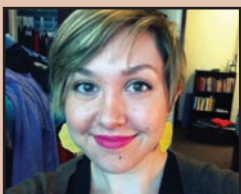


*Sam Baxter is a sophomore at TCU. He's an Entrepreneurial Management major from McKinney where he's been very involved at First Christian Church. He likes to hang out with friends and family, do anything outdoors and run. He recently finished his second half marathon! Both of his older sisters are TCU graduates. His mom works in the Allen ISD and dad is a Collin County Judge. Sam is a TCU tour guide through Student Foundation, a fraternity member, and a summer Orientation Leader. Sam says, "I am thrilled to be a part of UCC because I am able to continue my involvement within the church, and have already met so many great people."*



## Welcome 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.



Brenda Mapel just completed her junior year at TCU where she is majoring in Religion with a minor in Anthropology. She is a native of Arkansas City, Kansas.



Kirstin Meyers just completed her sophomore year at Eureka College in Eureka, Illinois, where she is majoring in Religion and Philosophy. She is a native of Seymour, Indiana.

Brenda and Kirstin 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 Kirstin and Brenda a warm welcome as they join our staff for the summer.

## Another Successful Youth Sunday



*Over 70 middle and high school youth planned and led our worship services as part of UCC's annual Youth Sunday on May 4.*

## Congratulations Graduates!



*UCC's 2014 high school graduates at the conclusion of the annual Senior Banquet.*





## Important Summer Dates for Children

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

Opportunities are available to shepherd kids, tell bible stories, lead preschoolers, participate in missions and create fun snacks. All volunteer forms can be found at [ucckids.org](http://ucckids.org).

### Vacation Bible School

**June 24-June 27**

Our two's through third graders will be a part of UCC's *Workshop of Wonders* while fourth and fifth graders will be participating in *Mission VBS*. VBS online registration continues; however, we have some wait lists for age groups that are full.



*Workshop of Wonders* is \$20 per child or \$40 per family; however, four day volunteers receive discounted registration. *Mission*

VBS registration is \$35. Visit [ucckids.org](http://ucckids.org) to register and pay online or pick up forms in The Arches.

**Volunteers Needed:** In order to serve the children that have already signed up, we need more adult volunteers.

**Youth Vounteers:** 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 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!



### Summer Fun

Summer Fun begins June 2. We will have a full preschool of infants through entering

Kindergartners learning, having fun, and building friendships on Mondays and Wednesdays in June and July. If you have any questions, please contact Joy Milton at [cjoym@yahoo.com](mailto:cjoym@yahoo.com).

## Disciples Class Baptisms



*Participants in the Disciples Class were baptized or confirmed in worship on April 13 and 27.*

*Want to know more about Disciples Class? Contact Russ Boyd, Associate Minister for Youth.*

## College Ministry Happenings



*College students relax during finals week at Cinco de Finals Feast.*

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



## Buy Stock in Youth Mission Trips

Looking for an easy way to support our youth? Stop by the table in the Gallery any Sunday through June 22 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 Austin and the CYF Mission Trip to Yakama Christian Mission in Washington.

Each share is only \$10, and every share you buy helps purchase building materials and supplies for work projects during the trips.

## Musical Musings

by Kyla K. Rosenberger, Director of Music



### Why Choirs?

Ephesians 5:18-19 admonishes us "...be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart." All of you, in the congregation of UCC, do this in Sunday morning worship as you sing the *Gloria Patri*, *Doxology* and hymns. Your voices together are the central instrument of praise and prayer to God during our hour together. Why then do we have choirs?

We should be thankful for church choirs. Church choral music has had a prominent and beloved place in American Protestant worship since the Civil War. Indeed, we are proud of our

large, skilled choir at UCC that sings the finest of religious literature gleaned from a diverse, historically rich choral library. Let us consider a list of positive reasons for church choirs:

1. We are edified through the gifts of others. By giving skilled singers the opportunity to share their talents in more complex music than hymns, we are all enriched. The educated choir deepens and compliments our understanding of the spoken word.

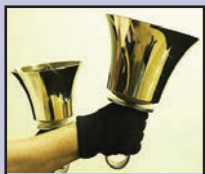
2. When the choir members don their matching robes and blend their voices, they become clear worship leaders who encourage all of us to sing heartily to God. Whether they are processing among us or facing us from the Chancel, the choir helps us direct our corporate, musical prayers.

3. When the congregation listens to and feels the music of a capable choir they are internalizing and reacting to a high form of worship. The wide ranges of feeling and emotion you receive by the

blessing of a powerful spiritual or hymn arrangement or classical masterpiece all aid you in your journey of faith. We feel connected in a historic manner to the roots and successive periods of communal Christian worship.

4. Choir music blesses and graces the choir members, too. Deep, intense weekly practice of rich, scripturally-based texts in the midst of a caring community led by a gifted teacher-director is no less important to provide to our church members than Sunday School groups. It is another way to attract members and to bring God to their lives.

With these thoughts and ideas, might you prayerfully consider aiding the UCC choirs by either enrolling your children in Children's Choir, talking to Jerry McCoy about joining the Chancel Choir or renewing your commitment to come to weekly worship with your ministers and choirs? Let us lift our voices together!



### Try Ringing!

Do you love the sound of our handbell choirs?

Have you ever rung a beautifully tuned brass bell made in England?

During the month of July you will be able to!

During the usual 10 a.m. Sunday school hour, come to Room 229, put on white gloves and Eric Mullins and Mimi Rogers, Directors of Handbells at UCC, will introduce you to this unique instrument. All ages are welcome to come learn about our Whitechapel bells.

"Come and Go"

10-10:45 a.m.; July 6, 13, 20 and 27.

## UCC Softball



The UCC softball team is all smiles after a victory on the field!



## Nurses Notes



### June is National Safety Month

During this month, UCC Parish Nurses are working to help reduce the risk of injuries. We encourage you to learn more about important safety issues such as prescription drug abuse, distracted driving and slips, trips, and falls.

Prescription Drug Abuse: Prescription painkiller overdoses are a growing problem in the United States, especially

among women. An estimated eighteen women die every day from a prescription painkiller overdose—more than four times as many as in 1999.

Distracted Driving: Doing other activities while driving, such as texting or eating, increases your chance of crashing. Approximately one in five accidents (18%) with injuries sustained involved distracted driving.

Slips, Trips and Falls: One in three older adults fall each year. Many falls lead to broken bones and other health problems.

Outdated Prescriptions: Bring outdated prescriptions to the Nurses Office to be disposed of properly.

Compressions Only CPR Class: A short ten minute course in how to save a life using chest compressions only. Inquire in the Nurses Office on Sundays.

Medication Review Consult: Set up a consultation to review all medications to prevent duplications, and to answer any questions. See notice on Nurses Office door.

Matter of Balance Classes: A national award-winning program designed to manage the fear of falling and improve strength, balance and flexibility in those 60 and older. Call 877.THR.WELL to find a class or visit [TexasHealth.org/Classes](http://TexasHealth.org/Classes).

Have a great summer and stay safe!

## Weight Watchers



Summer is almost here and Weight Watchers is inviting you to join us for

a hot deal. Join our monthly meetings and you will get free e-Tools and an automatic renewal to help make it all easier! The cost is \$39.95 a month for the Monthly Pass.

We will have an Open Meeting June 5, at 4:45 p.m. in Room 204. Call Yvonne Mann 871.257.6054 or email [y.mann@tcu.edu](mailto:y.mann@tcu.edu).

Come on, we are saving a seat for you!

### UCC Quick Financial Summary - Unified Budget April 2014

| Description                                 | 2013 YTD Actuals   | 2014 YTD Actuals   | Budget YTD 2014    | Budget Annual      | YTD Variance      |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Income</b>                               |                    |                    |                    |                    |                   |
| Pledges                                     | \$779,263          | \$825,062          | \$821,973          | \$2,047,567        | \$3,090           |
| Non Pledge Contributions                    | \$74,660           | \$89,632           | \$91,435           | \$276,300          | (\$1,803)         |
| Offering                                    | \$13,703           | \$13,271           | \$13,479           | \$38,700           | (\$208)           |
| Misc. Unrestricted Income                   | \$56,383           | \$42,897           | \$42,477           | \$161,605          | \$420             |
| WDS Income (Net)                            | \$84,785           | \$64,380           | \$77,010           | \$86,088           | (\$12,630)        |
| Endowment Income                            | \$70,957           | \$74,828           | \$76,428           | \$291,010          | (\$1,600)         |
| Participant/Restricted Income & Reserve Use | \$302,584          | \$228,262          | \$230,322          | \$376,042          | (\$2,060)         |
| <b>Total Income</b>                         | <b>\$1,382,334</b> | <b>\$1,338,333</b> | <b>\$1,353,122</b> | <b>\$3,277,312</b> | <b>(\$14,790)</b> |
| <b>Expenses</b>                             |                    |                    |                    |                    |                   |
| Total Personnel Expense                     | \$578,968          | \$603,417          | \$619,359          | \$1,760,791        | \$15,943          |
| Total Program/Admin. Expense                | \$400,044          | \$297,411          | \$351,686          | \$1,041,366        | \$54,276          |
| Total Mission/Outreach Expense              | \$150,075          | \$189,428          | \$180,072          | \$483,135          | (\$9,356)         |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>                       | <b>\$1,129,088</b> | <b>\$1,090,255</b> | <b>\$1,151,118</b> | <b>\$3,285,293</b> | <b>\$60,863</b>   |
| <b>Net Operating Income (Loss)</b>          | <b>\$253,246</b>   | <b>\$248,069</b>   | <b>\$202,004</b>   | <b>(\$7,981)</b>   | <b>\$46,064</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 or requested from the Business Office. If you have questions please contact Michelle Ingram, Director of Accounting, at 817.926.6631 or by email [michelle@uccftw.com](mailto:michelle@uccftw.com).*



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## Congregational Meetings

### Deacon Orientation

Sunday, June 1, 12:15 p.m., Rm 207

### Personnel Committee

Tuesday, June 3, 5:30 p.m., Rm 202

### Communications Committee

Wednesday, June 4, 5:30 p.m., Rm 202

### Board of Stewards Orientation

Saturday, June 7, 9:30 a.m., Rm 207

### Elder Orientation

Sunday, June 8, 12:15 p.m., Rm 203

### Building & Grounds

Sunday, June 8, 12:15 p.m., Rm 202

### Finance Committee

Tuesday, June 10, 5:30 p.m., Rm 203

### Board of Stewards

Tuesday, June 17, 6:30 p.m., Rm 207

### Elders Meeting

Tuesday, June 24, 6:30 p.m., Rm 207

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

## Prom Dreams Ministry



*Volunteers from Prom Dreams enjoying an appreciation lunch courtesy of Prom Dreams Chair, Cheryl Conatser. Prom Dreams accepts donations of formal wear, shoes and accessories year-round. Contact Jessica Vacketta for details!*