



Remember, Summer Sabbath Begins July 6 at 10 a.m.



It feels as if our work is never done, and yet, as children of God, we are called to rest. Finding a rhythm of work and rest is vital to our own personal health and the sustainability of our community.

As we observe Sabbath during the 10 a.m. Sunday school hour in the month of July, we are giving one another a genuine time for rest and renewal for many of our class teachers and leaders.

These four weeks will provide opportunities for individuals and groups to renew and refresh their spirits during the 10 a.m. Sunday school hour, while allowing our Sunday school teachers and shepherds to practice much needed rest.

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

•Some Adult classes will still meet and all are invited to join.

Logos (Room 227)

A variety of speakers from UCC will be facilitating conversation.

P.E.W. (Room 202)

Pray. Eat. Work. Share food and coffee while you work on various service projects for UCC ministries.

Seekers (Room 205)

Dr. Ron Flowers will teach a series on Buddhism.

•Many may choose to use this time in fellowship with one another, taking

intentional opportunities to renew spirits through conversation. Room 207 will be set-up with tables, conversation cards, coffee and a small selection of breakfast treats. This room will also have an activities table for children.

•Conversation areas will be available around the church; for example, The Gallery, The Arches, our Lobby, the Library, and near elevators on the first, second and third floors.

•The Memorial Garden and the *Growing Up Green* Community Garden are both beautiful places to sit, reflect, renew and rest.

•Bring a friend and use the 10 a.m. hour to show them your favorite places and ministries of UCC, and then invite your friend to worship with you as together we renew our spirits.

Sunday School classes will resume normal schedules on Sunday, August 3.

Try Handbell 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 have the opportunity!

Sundays, July 6, 13, 20 and 27, from 10-10:45 a.m. in 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 as you wish!

Stay Connected!

Worship

Sundays, 9 & 11 a.m.

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





Productive Planning

by Rev. Larry Thomas, Senior Minister

The ministry staff went on an overnight retreat during the last week of May. A lot has transpired at University Christian Church over the past few months—actually over the last few years—and we were in need of some time to sort and process.

I am happy to report that it was a very productive retreat. Frankly, I would go so far as to say that it was perhaps one of the most successful working retreats that I have had the pleasure of attending and certainly the most productive that I have led. I think the other members of the staff will concur. We accomplished much and had an opportunity to do some collective decompressing. What follows is a partial list of things we discussed and decisions that were reached.

- We planned a summer sermon series that addresses faith based questions raised by our Chi Rho Sunday school class. Find more on this in the article on page 4.

- We discussed Sunday evening programming and what it might look like now that we are not offering a Sunday evening worship experience. Our Children's and Youth ministry teams, along with our Adult ministry team, will do some additional exploring based on the ideas raised during our retreat. We

will be making some announcements in the not too distant future.

- We spent a tremendous amount of time discussing ideas and concerns about our website. I am glad to report that we decided upon and have implemented some new procedures that have already produced very positive results. You may have already noted some of the changes and updates. We will be introducing a unified web/church calendar in the near future. This should result in clearer channels of communication within our congregation and amongst our staff.

- We discussed and reviewed Thelia Chaffin's and Pam Reeser's new responsibilities. They are too expansive for the space provided here. I will apprise the BOS of the changes and make them available at the Front Desk early in August. Pam and Thelia are aware of their responsibilities and can help direct you to the person with whom you need to speak. Do not hesitate to call either of them.

- We took an opportunity to review our Enneagram types (something we had not done yet with our newer staff members) and discussed the strengths and growing edges of each type.

- We reviewed the congregation's most recent financial audit. We also addressed, in detail, the implications to the budget of the most recent staff reductions.

- We made new staff assignments to cover those vacated by our recent staff reductions.

- We discussed the needs of program and support staff. We will be building upon this conversation as the year unfolds.

- We discussed at length ways to expand the influence of the Elders and Deacons in our congregation. I will be sharing our ideas with both groups in the near future.

- We discussed and planned an upcoming educational event involving a member of the Brite Divinity School staff. We will share more about this specific event and, the possibility of similar events, in an upcoming issue of the *Journal*.

This is just a partial list of the issues we addressed and, we did it all in less than twenty-four hours. If I were to summarize the experience beyond the tasks and outcomes mentioned above, I would have to say that we emerged from our time together feeling much better about our individual and shared responsibilities and are now able to move forward with a positive mind set. We are looking forward to engaging each and every one of you in the many wonderful ministries to which God has called University Christian Church. We trust you will enthusiastically join us!



Batter Up! UCC Night at the Cats

Join others from UCC at LaGrave Field on Sunday, July 6, for the Cats baseball game at 6:05 p.m.

Seats are just \$5 on Sundays! Come enjoy an evening of Fort Worth Cats baseball with your UCC friends. Plan to meet at the ticket office at 5:45 p.m. so all can purchase seats in the same section.

Together we can cheer on Eric Vanderwerken as he operates the score board.

UCC Journal

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Baby Dedications



Mabel Musick Ford, daughter of Brady & Abigail Ford. Grandparents are Lana Hoover, Rick Ford and Duane & Elaine Lucca. Great-grandparents are Glenda & Wendal Hoover and Bobbi Ford.



Jacob Clay Lozano, son of Julio & Alma Lozano. Grandparents are Eduardo & Eva Murillo and Chuy & Marcelina Lozano. Jacob's siblings are JC & Audrey Lozano and Kevin & Brian Villegas.



Robert Paul Higgins Gudgen, son of Kenneth & Daniele Gudgen. Grandparents are Warren & Jane York, Dr. Ed Higgins, and Polly Higgins. Great-grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Paul Gudgen, Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Wiggin, Mr. & Mrs. Warren Higgins, and Mr. & Mrs. Fayette Dickerson. Shown with big sister Elizabeth Faye.



Cartwright Doke Quast, son of Michael & Corrine Quast. Grandparents are Erick & Pauline Hyman and Marian & William Quast.

Would You Like to Have Your Child Dedicated?



Would you like to schedule a dedication for your infant? Dedications take place during 11 a.m. worship. Upcoming dates are 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 UCC 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 UCC can help foster their family and child in the process of understanding Christ's love.

The next class will be September 7 at 10 a.m. Contact Susan in the Children's Ministries Office, susan@uccftw.com, or ext. 165 for further information.

Life of the Church

Births

*Miller Canning Humble and McQuire Stephen Humble, May 21
Parents–Todd & Elizabeth Humble
Grandparents–Steve & Mary Ann Humble*

Deaths

*Clinton "Bud" McClain, May 10
father of Kristi Hoban*

*Faye Stansbury, May 10
wife of Rev. Leonard Stansbury*

Georgia Brubaker, May 13

*Emery Teichelman, May 10
father of Alan Teichelman*

*Dr. Dean Hubbard, May 15
father of Sally King*

R. O. "Jack" Hagood, May 23

*Jim Royal, May 23
father of Stephanie Kramer*

*Larry Meeker, May 26
husband of Peggy Meeker*

*Pat Thackery, May 10
mother of Phyll Thackery*

*Ruth Salisbury, May 24
grandmother of Suzanne Castle*

*Charles Caliga, May 30
father of David Caliga*

*Mary Louise Floyd, June 2
mother of Shelley Cochran
and Courtney Ray*

Betty Patten, June 5

*Dan Prescott, June 10
husband of Emmy Lou Prescott*

*Otto Buis, June 10
father of Al Buis*

Weddings

*Jamie Reyes and Matthew Jackson
June 7*

*Shannon Parker and Jonathan Camacho
June 14*

Special Sermon Series

University Christian Church is a place where questions are welcome, everyone's questions. Says Kera Watts, Director of Children's Ministries, "We always welcome questions and instead of telling kids the answer; we encourage them to talk about what they believe. During *Worship and Wonder* each week, our first-third graders are invited to 'wonder' or ask questions about the scripture being read in

worship. Some of the most profound questions of faith are addressed weekly in *Worship and Wonder*."

Recently, our Chi Rho youth were invited to voice their questions. They may not have a theological vocabulary for their questions, but they are already asking the questions that faithful people of all ages wrestle with; insightful questions about the character of God,

the nature of salvation, does hell exist?

Beginning in July, a special series of sermons will explore some of the questions that came from our Chi Rho youth. They are important questions. Maybe they are the questions you've been reluctant to ask. Join us on July 6, 20, 27 and August 3 as we ask and wonder along with our children.

Elders to Begin a Shepherd Ministry

by Eldon Irving, Elder Chair

Elders have a rich tradition both in the Bible and in the church. In the Old Testament, God directed that seventy Elders assist Moses in leadership and pastoral care after the Israelites left Egypt and wandered in the wilderness. In the New Testament, Elders were appointed as leaders and shepherds in the early church. All through history and especially in the history of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Elders have been respected and seen as leaders and caregivers.

The Apostle Peter, speaking as an Elder, presents this challenge in his New Testament letter: "I exhort the Elders among you to tend the flock of God that is in your charge, exercising the oversight, not under compulsion but willingly, as God would have you do it...And when the chief shepherd appears, you will win the crown of glory that never fades away." (I Peter 5:1,4)

Accepting this challenge, the Elders of University Christian Church are

beginning an Elder Shepherd Ministry. The congregation is being divided into small flocks with an Elder as a shepherd of each flock.

You will be receiving a letter informing you whom your Elder is, and you are invited to share prayer requests with him or her.

This Elder Shepherd Ministry can help all of us to feel closer to the church, closer to each other and closer to God.

Online Member Directory



We're excited to announce the release of the new UCC Online Member Directory! This is a photo directory that supplements

our printed one. We want to encourage communication between our church members and we found a way to provide easier access with greater efficiency.

Maintaining our members' personal information as securely as possible was our priority. After some research, we selected an option which will keep all data in a password protected format. The new directory includes two options for access. First, for those who wish to view the directory on a home computer, a password will be needed to access it. Please email Mary Ann at maryann@uccftw.com to request a password and obtain further information. For verification purposes, the email address

you submit your request from will be matched to information which already exists in our member database.

The second option is for those who wish to have mobile access to the directory through a downloadable app. This option will require a smart device (iPhone, iPad, Android or Kindle Fire) and your email address must be listed in the online directory. Additional information on this feature can also be obtained by emailing maryann@uccftw.com.

You may recall that we were taking directory photos over the winter for this very purpose. Along with having your picture taken, we had families sign an authorization form which provided us with names and contact information to include on each family's page and permission to include them in the online directory. If a family is not found on the directory, it's either because they haven't had their photo taken yet or they've opted out. Additional

Family Photo Days will be scheduled periodically so that we can update and add families. Please check the Update portion of the Sunday Worship bulletin regularly for upcoming dates and times.

If you prefer to use your own digital photo for the directory, it is important that you visit the Online Directory page on our website by visiting the home page and clicking on the Resources tab in the top right corner, which will drop down a menu with several choices. Click "Online Directory" on that drop-down menu to navigate to the page. Alternatively, go directly to the page by typing this URL into the address bar of your web browser. <http://www.universitychristian.org/resources/online-directory/>.

For additional information, or to request a password, please email Mary Ann Piñon at maryann@uccftw.com.

UCC Women



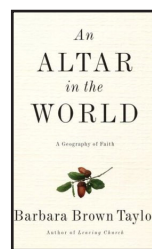
Women's Ministries engages women in meaningful enrichment, spiritual growth, study and worship while advocating for and reaching out to women in our community and around the world.

Contact Cyndy Twedell, Associate Minister, for more information.



Latte with the Ladies

Saturday, July 12, beginning at 9 a.m. at Buon Giorno (915 Florence Street, 76102).



Women of Valor

Usually the second Sunday evening of each month, 6 p.m. in Room 204. Join us on Sunday, July 13, as we gather for fellowship and discussion of Barbara Brown Taylor's book, *An Altar in the World*.

Tarrant Churches Together



TARRANT CHURCHES TOGETHER

Building Relationships. Transforming Lives.

University Christian Church has a long rich history of partnership with Tarrant Area Community of Churches. UCC helped start TACC back in the 1950's to bring congregations and community organizations together to address needs

and positively impact lives across Tarrant County. So you'll want to know about its new name: Tarrant Churches Together.

Kristie Gibson currently serves as UCC's representative on the Tarrant Churches Together Board. TCT focuses on transformational initiatives involving education, poverty, homelessness and more, putting resources together to impact the community in ways we couldn't do as churches alone. UCC provides funding for the work of TCT

and we participate each year in TCT sponsored events, including the MLK Day of Service, the Sack Lunch Chuck Wagon and ecumenical worship services celebrating Christian Unity and Thanksgiving. Again this year UCC will host the Home for the Holidays lunch.

Find out more about the new name and new look of Tarrant Churches Together at www.tarranttogether.org.

Lessons from Chile

by Rev. Cyndy W. Twedell



Elena Huegel (pictured above left) is doing what all good missionaries do. She's working herself out of a job. A life-long member of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Elena serves with Global Ministries at the invitation of the Pentecostal Church of Chile. She is a teacher, storyteller, poet and artist who "receives sustenance and inspiration from the intricate, mysterious natural world."

Elena was instrumental in starting Centro Shalom, a spiritual and environmental retreat facility in the foothills of the Andes Mountains in

Chile. Since it's beginning she has served as program director. In recent years she has stepped back so capable Chileans who have been mentored and trained by Elena can fill the leadership roles. Now Elena's position is that of chaplain and consultant for organizations partnered to Global Ministries who want to learn from the peace education, environmental education and spiritual development programs of the Shalom Center.

Elena has touched countless lives in Chile since she began her service there in 1996. Her nurturing leadership has mentored numerous young leaders in the Pentecostal Church of Chile, including Magyolene "Mayito" Rodriguez (pictured right), who now serves with Global Ministries as a missionary in Nicaragua. I met Mayito in 2008 when the first UCC group traveled to Chile. She is an amazing young woman with a deep faith, a contagious joy and a strong commitment to Christ's Church and the work of environmental education and conflict transformation.

Our Nicaragua Mission Pilgrimage participants will work with Mayito in July when we travel there for our fourth pilgrimage to Nicaragua. The first three years our mission in Nicaragua gave us the chance to work with Laura Jean Torgerson and Tim Donaghy, the missionaries whose positions were funded by UCC's financial commitment to Global Ministries. Laura Jean and Tim have returned to the US, having completed their three-year foreign service.

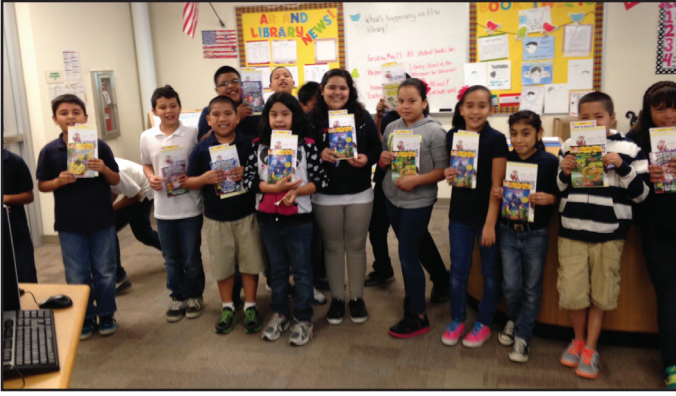
So why are we returning to Nicaragua this fourth year? Our relationship with Nicaragua continues, because of something larger than a particular person—unity in Christ.

We are one in Christ's Spirit. From Texas to Chile to Nicaragua to yet untraveled places in God's world, Christ's Spirit calls us to love our brothers and sisters as we serve and learn and walk together in the light of God's love.

Dios le bendiga!

UCC Ends Second Year of *Kids Hope* with a Day of Celebration

by Dr. Alice Phillips, UCC's Kids Hope Director



June marks the beginning of summer and the successful completion of UCC's partnership with Rosemont Elementary school through *Kids Hope*. *Kids Hope USA* is the catalyst for an expanding network of church/school partnerships. These partnerships take on the enormous challenge of kids at risk—One Child, One Hour, One Church, One School at a time—through one-on-one mentoring relationships.

This year over twenty church members served weekly as mentors, prayer partners and substitute mentors. Many

of our students were continuing their second year of meeting with a mentor and new students were added to the program. There is a desperate need among America's at-risk children to be the "one-and-only" in the life of a caring adult. This need for love can only be met one child

at a time. At the end of the year UCC members were weekly meeting with fourteen at risk students.

To cap off our second year we celebrated with our Annual *Kids Hope* Summer Reading Book drive, plus an Appreciation Luncheon for all staff and teachers at the school. In the morning each of the 620 students filed through the library with excitement and anticipation to choose a book. These books again were generously provided through donations made by UCC members and Outreach dollars. As each student chose

their book they handed us a handmade thank you card to express their wishes of appreciation and gratitude. These will be on display at UCC. After the book drive was complete we shared lunch with the staff and teacher's of the school.

Our work with the students is making a difference. We hear this weekly from teachers, students and parents. Data for students who met with a *Kids Hope USA* mentor for just one year showed:

- 65% improved in educational success
- 79% improved in socio/emotional competency
- 56% improved in attitude toward risky behavior

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this program in any way big or small. If you are interested in joining our dedicated group of mentors and prayer partners, we have great need. Currently, I have four students waiting for a mentor to step into their lives. For more information contact Alice Phillips at ucckidshope@gmail.com for details.



UCC Recycling News

You've seen the new recycling bins in our hallways. Maybe you've even seen the new recycling dumpster in the north parking lot. Now that the right containers are on hand, we're slowly living into new recycling habits here at the church. For many years, the staff recycled office paper, old bulletins and empty boxes. All of that went in to the old green and yellow dumpster that stood in our parking lot and that got emptied at no cost to the church. And like you, we

dropped cans and plastic bottle in the blue bins that were emptied faithfully by volunteers. Now that we're doing single stream recycling—everything in a single bin—we're learning to see what more can be recycled.

The good news is that while we're being good stewards of the earth by reducing what we send to the landfill, we're also being good stewards of the church's resources. As we gradually redirect material away from the trash dumpster and into the recycling bins, we'll reduce

the number of trash pick-ups we pay for every week. Even though the new recycling process is a service we pay for, we could actually save money since the lower trash removal costs would offset the additional charge for having the recycling dumpster emptied every week. That's if we don't have so much recycling that we have to call for extra pick-ups or a bigger dumpster. You can help us—by doing your recycling at home. Our goal was to do more to care for the earth; saving money comes as an unexpected bonus!



Thank You!

Thank you to all volunteers and children who made *Workshop of Wonders* VBS 2014 and Mission VBS 2014 a success!

Check out the August *Journal* for our full update and pictures from a fun-filled and meaningful week.

New Sunday School Class Begins August 3



Community, a new Sunday school class for adults in their 20s and 30s, will start meeting in Room 315 on August 3. This

class is for couples and single adults who are in graduate school, beginning careers, transitioning relationships, and starting families. A variety of Sunday morning programming (including outside speakers and class members), service to church and community, and fellowship will create a lasting "community" with one another and the

church. Room 315 is located just above the Gallery on the third floor. You can get to the classroom from the stairs adjacent to the Gallery on the north side of the Sanctuary. If you are interested in being part of this class, or know of someone who might be interested, join us on August 3 or contact Rev. Jessica Vacketta, Jessica@uccftw.com.

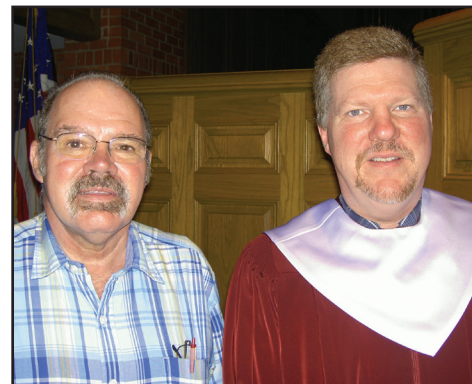
New Members



Jennifer Jones teaches at HEB ISD and next year she will be at their new school, Viridian, teaching K-6th Resource for kids with special needs. Jennifer will marry Pepper Ackers in our Sanctuary on August 2 and says "We cannot wait!" Jennifer's children, KaLeigh and Parker, are very excited about being members of UCC, and make sure their mother gets them here every Sunday. KaLeigh confirmed her faith as part of the Disciples Class in April is very happy to be part of the church family. She loves going to youth and rarely misses a Sunday. Parker loves the children's program and "Ms. Kera" as he calls her. Next school year (after their move) KaLeigh will attend seventh grade at McClain and Parker will attend third grade at Tanglewood. Jennifer says, "We are very excited to be starting our new family with UCC."



Welcome Brittany Jade Sellers. Brittany is a senior at TCU and has been at UCC for five years. During her time here she has served as a choir leader in the Chancel Choir, sponsor to our youth, and assistant director of the children's choir. In addition, she proudly says, "I have now been given the honor of serving as a Deacon!" "Having come from a Disciples church in my hometown, Corpus Christi, I am so pleased to have found an extension of my church family here at UCC. Many thanks to the ministerial staff and my fellow congregants for making me feel so loved and welcome. Now, I can't wait to give that same love right back!"



Welcome Richard Alfie and David Sprunck. Richard is a TCU graduate and an RN for Mission Hospice and considers his ten years of hospice work a God given ministry. He works nights and admits, "Although I may not be as vibrant and awake some Sundays, I am afraid I will miss a blessing from the sermon, the music, the choir and/or the congregation members. I truly desire to be in worship every Sunday" and says, "I feel blessed at my new Church home." David works for Huguley Memorial Hospital as a vending tech and says, "I have been involved in music of some kind all of my life. It was therefore natural for me to be drawn to this church because of the beautiful music. I immediately joined the vocal and bell choirs. One of my dreams has been to be a part of a well established and large church."

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.



UCC Softball Win

*The UCC softball team
finished
the season on May 23
with a victory over
First Presbyterian Church.*



The Chancel Choir Wants You!

Are you a singer? Do you like to make a joyful noise to the Lord? Then Chancel Choir has a place for you! UCC has a long tradition of choral excellence that we want you to be a part of. Save the dates, September 5-6, and join us for our annual retreat at Stillwater Lodge in Glen Rose. We will do some important rehearsing of fall anthems, Christmas Cantata and our new Boar's Head music. For details contact Marsha at 817.926.6631 ext. 152 or marsha@uccftw.com.

Silent Movie Night



Thursday, October 30, save the date for our third annual Silent Movie Night featuring *The Phantom of the Opera* starring Lon Chaney. Theater organist, Thomas Helms, will return to the UCC Sanctuary organ to accompany this classic silent film.

Snacks at 6:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. viewing. Sponsored by UCC Music Department and TCU Film Department.

Christmas in July



Though it may be July work has already begun for Christmas Angels Wrap Night. Mark your calendars and plan to be part of this amazing annual event on Tuesday evening, December 9.

Your financial contributions help us stack the tables with new jeans, coats, toys and books to fill Christmas Angel bags for children in our community.

Gallery Notes

by Bill Walker

If you haven't recently toured our Gallery, this is another invitation to do so. This time, search out our original works of art as opposed to the reproductions. Most everyone is familiar with the work commissioned in 1994 by UCC titled *Jesus and the Gergesene Demoniac*. It is currently being restored and is conspicuous by its absence. We all eagerly await its return.

On loan from Brite Divinity School, is the contemporary *Jesus Knocking at the Door* by artist John Crank. It is displayed on the landing of the stair from the Gallery to the third floor.

The sculpture entitled *Meditating Woman Presents Memorial Wreath* is presumed to be a late nineteenth century work created in Brussels, Belgium. It is made of beautiful white marble and the sculptor is anonymous.

The remaining originals are gifts to UCC. I find it interesting to browse through the Gallery to find them.

The *Madonna and the Child Jesus* is a twentieth century Italian mosaic by Roberto Maria Anselmi. The tiles making up the background are covered in pure gold leaf and the scene is an oft-used symbol in Christian art.

The *Crucifix*, the subject of a recent Gallery notes article, is also a twentieth century work from the Protestant Monastery at Taize France. The artist is unknown.

The Holy Family is a late twentieth century painting on wood by Konstantinos Dibolis, who works for the Greek Orthodox Church in Athens, Greece.

We have an original early twentieth century Flemish tapestry entitled *Madonna and Child*. The artist is unknown.

Lastly we have a Czech work by T. Svecova entitled *Gothic Reminiscence: Mary the Mother of Jesus*. This is enamel and gold leaf on metal and dates to 1977 in Prague.

Have fun and locating these wonderful original works in our Gallery.

Journey Land Teachers Needed for Summer



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 *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.

Promotion Hold Backs



Promotion time is coming on Sunday, August 24, and Children's Ministries is already gearing up to make our upcoming year extraordinary. To help us, please let us know if your child will not be promoting with their class. If you

have questions about how to manage church promotion for a Kindergartner who is bridging a year or a child who is not in the same age group at church as at school, please contact kera@uccftw.com for ideas and suggestions. Information regarding next year's classes and Sunday School registration will be mailed in August.



Room in the Inn

A house fire, a serious illness, a lay-off, a family unable to support a brother or a son—there are many reasons a person becomes homeless. Living on the streets is dangerous, depressing and exhausting.

The Day Resource Center of Fort Worth provides shelter from the heat. Organizations like the Union Gospel Mission and the Presbyterian Night Shelter provide a basic meal and a mat on the floor. And then, there is Room in the Inn.

Every Wednesday afternoon in July and August, three volunteers pick up ten men from the DRC and bring them to our Room in the Inn suite. Others have already made beds and set the table. There is a crew in the kitchen serving dinner prepared by a Sunday school class, and hosts welcoming our guests. Two of us spend the night. Others prepare

breakfast and pass out sack lunches as the men are picked up by three other volunteers and returned to the DRC. Then we straighten and clean. A night spent at RITI is a welcome respite. The remarkable people of UCC go all out to show our guests a good time, and provide a safe place and a good night's sleep. We share a family-style meal, play games and best of all, we listen. We affirm the value of every person.

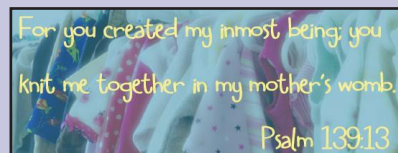
All of this takes a lot of volunteers, each giving a couple of hours. Those who are involved in RITI say that they receive more than they give. We live into Jesus' constant emphasis on loving our neighbors.

If you are already on the RITI database, you will receive weekly reminders of openings to be filled by volunteers. If you haven't been receiving these messages, but would like to, email carolmstewart@sbcglobal.net. We can't do this without you. Please volunteer!

Journey Land First Grade Tour

Curious about what your soon-to-be first grader will be doing next year in Journey Land? You and your child are invited to join us on Sunday, August 3, at 9 a.m. in Room 211 to take a tour of Journey Land, learn about the program, see how adults can volunteer, and to get excited about the next step in your child's faith journey at UCC.

Questions?
Contact kera@uccftw.com.



What is Berry Sweet Babies?

by Sandra Soria

A ministry of University United Methodist Church, *Berry Sweet Babies*, provides gently used infant and toddler clothing, educational resources and guidance to pregnant teens and teen moms in the community.

Utilizing a classroom in their building just across the street from Paschal High School, this loving congregation has reached out to teenagers. In August, the Logos Class will collect diapers in the UCC Reception Area. This is a relatively expensive item that is given to the new moms as a way of showing support and encouraging them to stay in school. Please help support this idea conceived by our Methodist brothers and sisters!

Learn more by calling 817.454.8702, or emailing bsb@uumcfw.com.



Crop Walk Returns to Fort Worth!

Mark Sunday afternoon, October 26 on your calendar. UCC will field a group to walk and help raise funds in this ministry of Church World Service that works to combat hunger locally and internationally. Watch for details!

Musical Musings—Why Organ?

by Kyla K. Rosenberger, Director of Music



Upon entering our UCC Sanctuary, the visitor is immediately struck by the dignified Romanesque architecture, the painted beams, the beautiful Chancel Cross, and the silver and copper pipes of the organ on the brick wall surrounding the Rose Window. This room leads us to expect structured and stately worship in awe of God. We all understand

the purpose of choosing a particular architectural style. What reasons does the Church have for using the pipe organ?

- The pipe organ is an acoustic wind instrument. Through the use of blowers, air moves through the pipes of the organ to blend with the human voice and other instruments. Wind instruments lead and inspire singing with pure, natural sound. The large sound field of the organ undergirds and guides choral and congregational singing.

- Pipe organs have set the tone and tempo of Christian worship for hundreds of years. They serve as a musical bridge to past traditions and still inspire composers. The organ's ability to play many voices in many colors make it able to lead simple chant, hymns in four parts, or complex solo works—all in praise of God.

- The pipe organ has the ability to accompany choirs and soloists with many different sounds. A good organist can accent the texts of a solo, anthem or hymn by using trumpets, flutes, chimes or strings. Our worship experience is enhanced and elevated and our communion with God is more profound when felt through the myriad sounds of pipes.

- Solo liturgical music (such as preludes, offertories, hymn introductions, and postludes) is well served by the pipe organ. Hymn-based repertoire, transcriptions of music for other instruments, or original literature from all over the world are all possible. By being able to play for every part of the service, worship is unified.

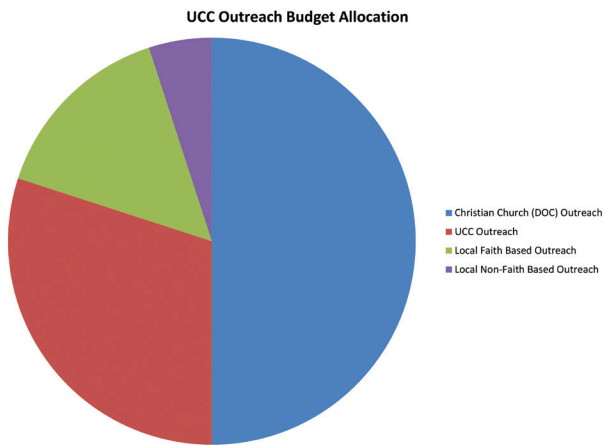
Soli Deo Gloria! To God be the Glory for the King of Instruments—the versatile pipe organ.

UCC Family Camp



This year's Family Camp doubled in size, as 170 participants from all over North Central and East Texas traveled to our denomination's camp, Disciples Crossing, in Athens, Texas, for a relaxing weekend. Can you pick out the twenty-four campers from UCC? (Photo courtesy of Andrea McDonald)

Your Outreach \$\$ at Work



45-55% to the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) programs and ministries

25-35% to UCC Outreach programs and ministries

10-20% to local faith-based groups/organizations

0-5% of total funds to local non-faith based programs/organizations

Members of the UCC Outreach Division have been hard at work this year “shepherding” the precious funds that have been entrusted to the group for the purpose of serving others both locally and around the world.

In 2013, the Division adopted guidelines for use by the Outreach Finance Committee in considering new requests for funding. Distributional goals for the allocation of the annual Outreach budget are as follows:

These guidelines were then used by the Committee to consider requests in 2013 and 2014. The following gifts were joyfully made after review and prayerful consideration:

- A \$10,000 gift to Week of Compassion’s endowment fund, “Circle of Compassion,” in support of WOC’s disaster response at home and around the world

- \$2,500 for the *Growing Up Green Community Garden*, now a teaching garden for our Weekday School in conjunction with TCU

- \$5,862 increased Mission Pilgrimage support to accommodate offering a third pilgrimage, one domestic and two international

- \$20,000 over three years to Galileo Church, a new church start in Mansfield

- \$3,000 a year for three years will be held aside to fund a Brite named ministerial scholarship during their 2015 centennial year

- \$10,000 a year for three years to the Backpacks for Kids Program at Tarrant Area Food Bank increasing the number of school-age children who receive food for the weekend

- \$5,000 a year for three years to Juliette Fowler Homes in support of the new Ebby House transitional housing and mentoring program for young women who “age out” of foster care

These gifts are “in addition to” the annual allocations already determined by the entire Outreach Division. The entire Outreach Division budget is available from the Business Office.

UCC Quick Financial Summary - Unified Budget May 2014

Description	2013 YTD Actuals	2014 YTD Actuals	Budget YTD 2014	Budget Annual	YTD Variance
Income					
Pledges	\$929,551	\$976,544	\$967,673	\$2,047,567	\$8,871
Non Pledge Contributions	\$90,407	\$99,459	\$105,673	\$276,300	(\$6,213)
Offering	\$16,160	\$15,379	\$16,346	\$38,700	(\$967)
Misc. Unrestricted Income	\$62,847	\$65,493	\$61,877	\$161,605	\$3,616
WDS Income (Net)	\$68,993	\$56,073	\$62,264	\$86,088	(\$6,191)
Endowment Income	\$70,957	\$74,828	\$76,428	\$291,010	(\$1,600)
Participant/Restricted Income & Reserve Use	\$328,289	\$261,560	\$263,758	\$389,196	(\$2,198)
Total Income	\$1,567,203	\$1,549,335	\$1,554,018	\$3,290,466	(\$4,683)
Total Personnel Expense	\$724,369	\$736,686	\$754,643	\$1,760,791	\$17,957
Total Program/Admin. Expense	\$509,200	\$382,946	\$444,390	\$1,041,366	\$61,445
Total Mission/Outreach Expense	\$158,746	\$206,634	\$181,981	\$483,135	(\$24,654)
Total Expenses	\$1,392,316	\$1,326,266	\$1,381,014	\$3,285,293	\$54,748
Net Operating Income (Loss)	\$174,887	\$223,069	\$173,004	\$5,174	\$50,065

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. Please note Assembly approved 2014 Budget Revisions. If you have questions regarding this report please contact Michelle Ingram, Director of Accounting, at 817.926.6631 or by email to michelle@uccftw.com.



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Congregational Meetings

In observance
of the Summer Sabbath,
no congregational governance
meetings will be held
in the month of July.

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

Fall Kickoff Sunday



Make plans to join your church family on August 24 for worship, lunch
and fun as we promote children's Sunday school classes and celebrate the
beginning of our fall programming for all ages.

Grab lunch from food trucks
(college kids eat free with a voucher available in The Gallery August 17 and 24).
A photo booth will be available along with kids activities.