



What's the General Assembly All About?

General Assembly will be held in Columbus, Ohio, July 18-23 this year.

of the church and its regions, general ministries and institutions of higher education; and guide the denomination's cooperative and ecumenical activities.

If you've attended General Assembly, you know that the words of the Design translate into worship that's uplifting and inspirational; learning that prepares for mission, relationships that last and worshipful work and service. It's exhilarating to be in worship with literally thousands of Disciples and energizing to gather new ideas and insights from speakers and learning

communities. It's a chance to renew old friendships and discover new friends. If you plan to be there and want to be a voting representative of UCC, contact Thelia Chaffin at 817.926.6631 ext. 132 or thelia@uccftw.com.

If you're not attending but want to know more about the business before the 2015 Assembly, you can see the Assembly Order of Business and Resolutions at ga.disciples.org/business/. Don't miss the "The Life of a General Assembly Resolution" video.

According to the Design of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), the General Assembly meets every other year to plan and conduct worship, education and do business (proposed policy and programs, reports and resolutions); elect officers of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the General Board; provide for the financial support

Handbell Ringers Homecoming Concert & Luncheon



Handbell ringers from UCC have toured England quadrennially for twenty-eight years. Beginning in 1987, they have played in concert and worship services in such prestigious venues as Westminster Abbey, Royal Festival Hall; Gloucester Cathedral; York Minster; Canterbury Cathedral; Coventry Cathedral; Christ Church, Oxford and Salisbury Cathedral to name a few. This summer, the nineteen-member UCC Handbell Ringers will embark on their eighth concert tour of the United Kingdom from July 9-20. Please join us in prayer as we prepare and travel.

The ringers are scheduled to perform at Christ Church, Oxford; Canterbury

Cathedral; Gloucester Cathedral and more! They will also perform in a Saturday afternoon Bell Event at Union Chapel in London July 18. In addition to their concerts, they will learn about the traditions of England that directly influence worship at UCC. Educational stops include the Whitechapel Bell Foundry (the maker of our handbells), Westminster Abbey, Windsor Castle and the Tower of London, among others. This will prove to be a wonderful experience for our young people and hopefully serve as a testament of our church's commitment to meaningful spiritual growth and exploration in our youth.

You have an opportunity to hear this wonderful group perform their concert program upon their return to Texas. The England Tour 2015 UCC Handbell Ringers Homecoming Concert will be Sunday, July 26, at 12:15 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Box lunch reservations required. Contact Marsha at marsha@uccftw.com or 817.926.6631 ext. 152 by noon Friday, July 24.

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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



The Vision of University Christian Church

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



New Sermon Series for July

by Rev. Larry Thomas, Senior Minister

At the time of the writing of this article, we were nearly finished with the sermon series *The Discipleship Checklist*.

When I began preparing for the series I was unsure how it would be received. As stated from the pulpit at least twice, I decided to offer the series because the Common Lectionary selections seemed rather tired, at least to me. I was pleased to hear positive comments from so many of you regarding the series and the content. Some of you even took time to pen me notes expressing your appreciation for the unexpected focus on discipleship. Thank you for your consideration and feedback. It better enables the staff and I to plan for future series and varied worship experiences.

I would be remiss if I failed to note my appreciation for Reverend Lewis agreeing to fill in for me while my family and I took a brief vacation in the Florida

Keys. I was fortunate to be in worship to hear her wonderful message entitled *This Way or That Way?*

As mentioned last month, and in response to the much discussed findings of the Pew Research survey, *America's Changing Religious Landscape*, the staff and I will be presenting a series of sermons on the important role the Church plays in promoting healthy individuals, families and communities. What follows is a list of titles and dates of each of the topics to be addressed:

July 12—*We Get Together*

July 19—*We Engage*

July 26—*We Rest*

August 2—*We Share*

August 9—*We Wonder*

August 16—*We Travel Together*

August 23—*We Welcome* (Fall Kickoff)


Please remember that we will be observing *Summer Sabbath* during the

month of July. All of our children's, youth and most adult classes will take a break in preparation for an active and meaningful Fall program. We hope that many of you will use the available time to just catch up with one another or have a second cup of coffee while you linger over a newspaper or surf the internet in The Arches, Lobby or Gallery.

I want to conclude with a word or two about the events of June 17 in Charleston, South Carolina. I am at a loss when it comes to ideas about how to prevent these sorts of occurrences. I have heard a lot of people offer suggestions. I have witnessed very heated conversations about what must be done to prevent this sort of thing from ever happening again. I have listened, without jumping into the conversations, because I can, without much effort, find sizeable holes in the logic of most. In other words, it doesn't take much effort to conceive of alternative methods of carrying out deranged or hateful acts of homicide. Much of what is being offered up as solutions are little more than weak attempts to mitigate symptoms. What we need to do is muster the courage to address the core causes of societal breakdown. We need to identify, understand and address collective and individual culpability.

I am not optimistic about the prospects of this happening anytime soon. It will require a kind of thinking and doing that eclipses the binary rhetoric that seems to have high-centered the evolution of our society. In the meantime, I will suggest that we get beyond the politically correct nomenclature that is a primary contributor to our arrested societal development and be honest about what happened in Charleston on June 17. It was not a tragedy; it was an atrocity.

“Does Church Matter?”



**Join us for
a special
sermon series
July 12-August 23
exploring
this question.**

Special Music July 5!

Join us for special music in honor of the birth of our country. Everyone will sing the great national hymns. The Chancel Choir will sing two anthems, one a new setting of the Navy hymn, *Eternal Father, Strong to Save*, arranged by Dan Forrest, the other an arrangement of *This is My Song*, by the late Robert MacDonald. A special prelude that morning will be performed by guest trumpeter, Taylor White, and Organ Scholar, Collin Boothby—the world premiere of *Processional* by American composer Michael Deak. Come and celebrate!

Page Scholarship Committee Names Winners for 2015

by Bill Landreth, Chair, Page Scholarship Committee

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



Juan Valles graduated in June from Lake Worth High School. He ranked fifth in a senior class of 165 students.

Juan plans to attend the University of Texas at Austin and major in Biology and Pre-Med. He is a member of the National Honor Society, band and athletics and received award for All-state Academic Team in football. He works after school at Genghis Grill.



Taylor May graduated in June from Azle High School. She graduated fourteenth out of 373 in her class. Taylor

spent many hours during her high school career in volunteer activities at Ronald McDonald House, Relay for Life and Azle's Elderly Community Centers. She has received many awards for student leadership, academics and volunteer service. She will attend the University of Texas at Austin in the fall to major in Civil Engineering.

Three other finalists, Dakota Guerro from The Oakridge School, Katherine Jennings from Carroll Senior High School and Zachary Spero from James Martin High School, will all receive a \$250 Page Scholarship.



This year we had over 85 applications vying for the five finalist spots. Each young adult had an amazing story and as you can well imagine, the Page Committee reviewed carefully each

applicant. We ranked the candidates giving special attention to need, scholastic achievement, extracurricular 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 a week later our committee, Don Houk, Cyndy Twedell, Alice Phillips, Kay Wilson, Ken Hubbell, Alan Winter and I, spent twenty to thirty minutes interviewing each of the finalists. It was very difficult to select only two.

Thanks to the generosity of Mary Louise Page, University Christian Church is able to help these young adults defray some cost of a college education that they may not have been able to afford. We ask each of you if you see a place in your budget to help increase the Page Scholarship in the future, please contact Michelle Ingram or myself to discuss this great need for our young people in Tarrant County.

Books Seeking New Homes

The May issue of the *UCC Journal* reported on plans to refurbish and update the Parlor/Library space. Part of that project involves re-sizing and relocating the Library. Church staff have already reviewed the Library holdings and identified books that will be kept as part of the smaller collection. Now we need to find a new home for the remaining books. That's where *you* come in!

The Building & Grounds Committee is holding two "Book Give-Away Days" in July.

Sunday, July 12, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Monday, July 13, 4-6 p.m.

Take home a cherished favorite. Rediscover a book donated by you or a family member that's been shared and

enjoyed with your church family over the years. Find an out-of-print book you've been looking for.

After the book give-away, the books that are still left will go to recipients like the Theological Book Network, which provides books to under-resourced seminary libraries around the world.

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Wish to Schedule a Dedication for Your Child?

Dedications take place during 11 a.m. worship. Upcoming dates are: August 2, September 20 and November 22.

The 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 offered will be on September 13 at 10 a.m. Email Susan Henry in Children's Ministries at susan@uccftw.com for details.

College Happenings

- Mondays in July, 6.30–8.30 p.m.
College Bible Study
Locations vary, contact Jessica for details.

- Wednesdays in July
Room in the Inn

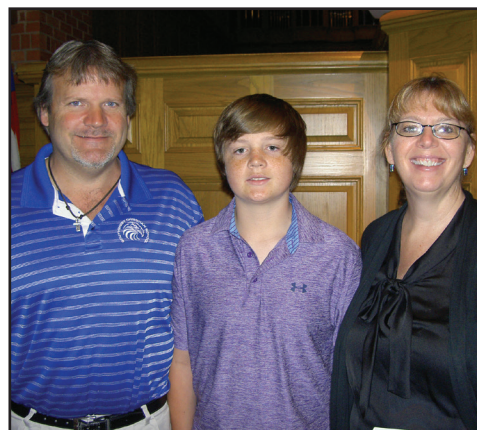
- July 11, 9 a.m.
Volunteer at Tarrant Area Food Bank
R.S.V.P. to jessica@uccftw.com

- July 26, Painting with a Twist
R.S.V.P. to jessica@uccftw.com

New Members

The Benton family is excited about beginning this new chapter at UCC. Kristi and Robert have been married for twenty-five years and their son, Bradon, is thirteen and an eighth grade student at Southwest Christian School.

Kristi is the librarian at the Southwest Christian Lower Campus. She graduated from TCU in 1994 and received her Masters in Library Science from Texas Woman's University and has been a librarian since 1999. Robert grew up in White Settlement and has owned his own plumbing business for over twenty years. Bradon enjoys playing baseball, football, and basketball and recently completed the Disciples class at UCC. The youth programs were a big draw for the family as well as the welcoming atmosphere and great music.



Jim and Linda Starnes have been visiting UCC for some time and really enjoy the caring and friendly atmosphere and the wonderful choir. They said, "Even though UCC is a large church it has a very personal feel to it that influenced our desire to become members." Jim is retired from the Texas and Pacific Railroad and is an avid golfer. Linda has been with TCU for over twenty-five years and enjoys quilting. They love to go camping with their daughter, son-in-law and grandson, (the Bentons). They also go to North Padre Island every summer with their family and close friends.

Joyce Rainwater is happy to be back at UCC. She said, "It feels like home." Joyce is a retired special education teacher and a graduate of TCU. She has two wonderful daughters, Kelley, who rejoined UCC when Joyce did, and a daughter still living in California. Joyce's hobbies include gardening and attending various social activities.



Houston McCullough joins UCC as a student member and her home church is First United Methodist Church of Camden, AR. She just completed her first year at TCU as a Film/Television/Digital Media major with a minor in General Business. She is an active member of Delta Gamma. Houston is the granddaughter of Ellen Myers.

New Members

Mark Tentinger joins as a student member and is a Junior Mechanical Engineering major (Mathematics Minor) at TCU.

Originally from Omaha, Nebraska, he attends First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) with his mother, Barbara, and father, Randy. He is in Fort Worth this summer as an intern in Air Vehicle Design for Bell Helicopter. In his free time he particularly enjoys golfing, and hopes one day to own his own golf company. He is excited to join UCC so that he can engage further in the service that the church does. He is already a member of the college outreach committee and plans to serve as an usher. He loves the warmth

and hospitality of this congregation and is excited for what God has in store him as a member of the UCC family.



Kelley Rainwater has returned to her native Fort Worth after living in Silicon Valley for the last twenty-two years where she served as an organizational transformation and development leader for companies such as Netapp, Symantec and Cisco. After completing her Master's in Transpersonal Psychology and certificates in Grief Counseling and Christian Pastoral Counseling, she started and maintained a small home church community in 2009. Now in Fort Worth she works for a prominent company supporting their organizational transformation. She also recently opened

a commercial healing space near the Stockyards to support community members in spiritual discernment, worship and guidance. Kelley loves cooking, walking in nature with her two dogs, reading and contemplation and designing interior spaces to create peaceful sanctuaries for others to enjoy.

Dr. Louadah Waggoner's career has been in the field of education administration.

She has three degrees and ten teaching certificates (she loves going to school). In Lubbock, where she lived for forty-five years, she worked as Director of Special Education at Region 17 Education Center, serving 64 school districts; taught at Texas Tech University, and was interim headmistress of a 500 student private school after retirement. She moved to Fort Davis and built and operated a bed and breakfast and served her church as Clerk of the Session, Librarian and Elder. They also made over 100 dresses for young girls in Africa.

Louadah enjoys sewing, cross-stitch, watercoloring, gardening, researching, reading, crossword puzzles, music, art, writing and traveling.



Life of the Church

Weddings

Bekah Hale and Tyler Pollock, May 30

Arianne Pardue and Adam Walker, June 6

Brianna Taylor and Ryan Christian, June 20

Births

John Franklin Tucker, May 21

Parents-Melissa and Wynn Tucker
Grandparents-Suzanne and John Tucker,
Kathi and Scott Mahaffey

Great grandmother-Clara Jo Broyles

Molly Kate Miller, May 22

Parents-Emily and Jay Miller
Grandparents-Laura and Tod Miller
Great grandmother-Jacki Shrode

Ben Guitar Witherspoon, Jr., May 31

Parents-Lauren and Ben Witherspoon
Grandparents-Harriet and Jim Redwine
Great grandmother-Sally Tomlinson

Beckett Frederick Thomas, June 1

Parents-Karen and Alan Thomas
Grandparents-Bridget and Jerry Thomas

Samuel Lyle Silva, June 10

Parents-Erin and Al Silva
Siblings-Stella and Adam Silva

Deaths

Rev. Leonard Stansbury, Jr., May 8

Joice Elliott, May 12
mother of Kathy Johnson

William Hotard, May 14
brother of John Hotard

Mary Frances Clifton, May 19
wife of Clay Clifton
mother of Rob Clifton

Lorene Mains McComas, May 21
mother of Barbara Williams

Michelle Math, May 22
niece of Susie Swain

Margaret Keller, May 23
mother of Michele Keller

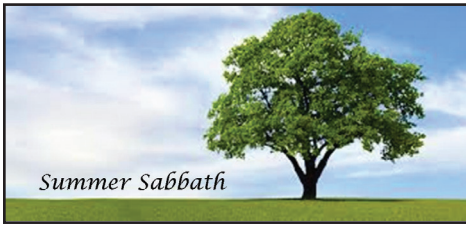
the father of Jacob Yemba, May 25

Dora Mae Atteberry, May 27
mother of Betty Boisselier

Chris Phillips, June 3
husband of Valerie Phillips, son-in-law of
Mary Kay and Greg Hughes

William Walker Sisney, June 8
grandson of Judy and Jack Stempel

Summer Sabbath



For the second year in a row, we are giving ourselves intentional time and space to observe *Summer Sabbath* during the month of July. As we observe Sabbath during the 10 a.m. Sunday school hour, we are making room for a genuine time for rest for teachers, shepherds and congregational leaders. Keeping Sabbath, making time holy is an invitation to something other than the routine. Our hope is that this Sabbath will inspire you to find sacred spaces to connect with God.

What activities will take a break?

- No youth or children's classes (Preschool classes and child care provided as usual).
- Most adult classes not meeting. (*Seekers* and *Harmony* will meet).
- Most committees will observe Sabbath by not meeting in July.

Consider using this gift of time in fellowship with one another.

- Extended coffee hour at 10 a.m. in Room 207 on Sundays.
- The Sunday Prayer Shawl Ministry group will meet at 10 a.m. in Room 206.

While we take a break from a few activities, there are still many ways to serve and participate in different ministries during July. To name just a few:

- Room in the Inn* will host guests each Wednesday night and Thursday morning.
- We will collect items for "Start-Up Kits" for those moving from homelessness into supportive/transitional housing.
- Bible studies during the week for adults (Wednesday morning) and college students (Monday evening).
- Mid-week Prayer Shawl Ministry (Wednesday at 11 a.m.)

These are just a few ways to engage the Sabbath during the month of July.

A Special UCC Chancel Choir Invite



If you like to sing and/or have played a musical instrument, here is your chance to see and hear what it is like to join your voice with the UCC Chancel Choir. In fact, your UCC music leadership and Chancel Choir members are working to make it even more inviting to join us this July and try us out.

So, beginning Sunday, July 12, each Sunday through August 2, all you music

lovers are invited to "robe up" in the UCC Choir Room (*Ronald L. Shirey Hall*) at 10:15 a.m. and join us for any or all of those Sundays. We will then rehearse at 10:20 a.m. the service anthems and responses for the 11 a.m. service.

In addition, the normal 7-9 p.m. Thursday rehearsals are cancelled during the weeks preceding those Sunday services. Therefore, the Chancel Choir will only be rehearsing on those Sunday mornings to make it even more inviting. Each visitor will have a choir member next to them to assist with any part of the rehearsal and/or procedures, and through the worship service.

We sincerely want to assure you will have a meaningful and enjoyable experience supporting the vital music ministry of your University Christian Church.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call your UCC Music Office at 817.926.6631 and ask for Marsha or Kyla. If you would prefer to speak to one of our long term choir members, please do not hesitate to call the choir vice president, Bill Proenza, at 817.581.9600, or the choir social chair, Laura West, at 817.551.5761. We are all looking forward to your interest and it is our hope that you will consider joining your UCC Chancel Choir.

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.

Women's Ministries



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.

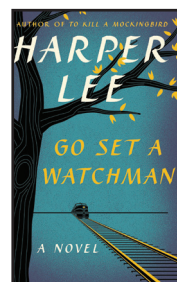


Latte with the Ladies
Saturday, July 11,
beginning at 9 a.m. at
Black Rooster Bakery
(2430 Forest Park
Blvd., 76110)



Latte with the Ladies Evening Option

Are you having trouble waking up early on Saturday mornings to join us for *Lattes with the Ladies* (second Saturday of each month)? Would you like another chance at fellowship at a later time? Then join us Thursday, July 16, at The Cup (3909 Camp Bowie Blvd., 76107) anytime from 5-7 p.m. for some great fun and conversation!



Wild Women Book Club
To be released July 14, Harper Lee's new book, *Go, Set a Watchman*, is the September book for the Club. In February when the Wild Women were reading *To Kill a Mockingbird*,

the announcement was made of the discovery of its sequel, Harper Lee's first published work in 50 years. So in September, we'll discuss this newsworthy second book whose title is taken from Isaiah 21:6 (KJV).

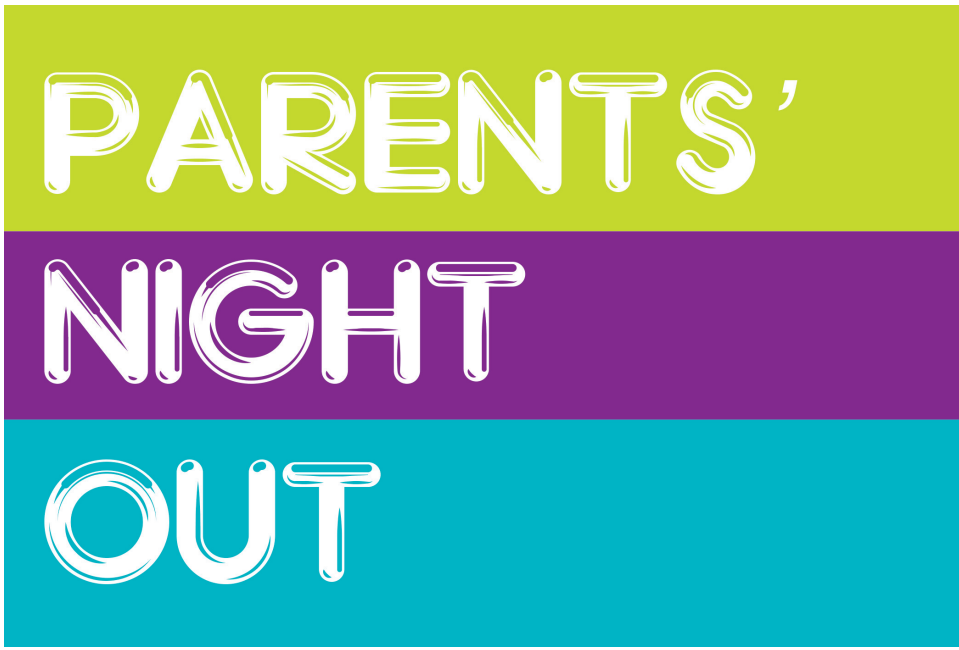
Join the Monday night group, September 14, at Cat City Grill at 6 p.m. or the Tuesday group, September 15, noon in the UCC Library (or 11:30 a.m. to share lunch and conversation) as we discuss the book everyone will be talking about, Harper Lee's *Go, Set a Watchman*.

Pentecost 2015



Pentecost worship was graced by liturgical dance on May 24. UCC members Andrew Coffey and Sofia Yarbrough, along with TCU graduate, Jenna Meador, accompanied the Chancel Choir and trumpet anthem with beautiful choreography. The Sanctuary was accented with the Pentecost theme and colors complete with fans in the pews. Many in attendance wore red to celebrate the beginning of Christ's church and the presence of the Holy Spirit.

Parents' Night Out



What: Fun activities and programs for children (infant-sixth grade)

When: Friday, July 10, 6-9 p.m.
(reservation due by July 1)

Cost: \$5 per child - \$10 max per family

Register: online at universitychristian.org

Kids, please eat dinner before or bring your dinner with you.

Promotion Hold Backs



Promotion time is coming on Sunday, August 23, 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 email kera@uccftw.com for ideas and suggestions. Information regarding next year's classes and Sunday School registration will be mailed in August.

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 16, at 9 a.m. in Room 210 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? Email kera@uccftw.com.



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! Journey Land will not be meeting in July as part of our *Summer Sabbath* plan. Preschool child

care will be available as usual from 8:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. As our volunteers get some time off, we encourage you to take part in some of the many opportunities available during July at UCC.

To finish out our programming year in Journey Land this summer, we are asking

volunteers to teach *one* week in 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! Email susan@uccftw.com with the date that works for you.

VBS Thank You!



Thank you to all volunteers and children who made *G-Force, God's Love in Action* VBS 2015 and Mission VBS 2015 a success!

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



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Join the Sunday Prayer Shawl group at 10 a.m. in Room 206 during the month

of July while Sunday school classes are on *Summer Sabbath*. The Wednesday morning group will continue to meet at 11 a.m. each week. All are welcome and

encouraged to participate. No previous experience required. We are happy to teach beginners and have needles and yarn to use.

Faithfully Fit Forever Program Pushes, Prepares Participants



It's much more than a little exercise program these days. The *Faithfully Fit Forever* exercise participants at UCC say they are stronger, funnier, friendlier,

and, yes more faithful. Most say it's now a habit and miss it when they are not in town, have an appointment or other reason they must miss a session.

Begun in the early 2000's, the program has roots through the nursing program. The idea is to encourage people to exercise their bodies physically, mentally, spiritually and intellectually. Each one-hour class is led by a different instructor with stretching, hand weights and bands with music. Water and laughs provided.

While the program has been ongoing for close to thirteen years, there has never been a formal invitation. Word of mouth is most often the reason new folks wander in to the class. There are many members who can only come one day a week. With that considered, plus Monday holidays, and snow and ice days earlier this year, the three classes collectively average 126 participants each month. Classes are on Mondays beginning at 4 p.m.; Wednesdays and Fridays at 11 a.m. All sessions are held in Room 205. Please consider this your invitation to join a *Faithfully Fit* class session soon.

New Name—Expanded Mission

Day Resource Center for the Homeless is now



Community Solutions to End Homelessness

Announced in June: Day Resource Center for the Homeless has a new name and expanded mission. It is now the DRC and has adopted a new service structure that makes Housing First the heart of its work in offering community-based services to help individuals and families facing homelessness. Housing

First, one of the recommendations of the 2014 City of Fort Worth ad hoc committee report on ending homelessness, places individuals or families in housing as quickly as possible and then provides services that help people remain housed. It also encourages collaboration. DRC will expand to share space and strengths with partner agencies.

DRC social services and day shelter staff will continue to provide services at the agency shelter at 1415 E. Lancaster Ave.

as long as needed. Its partnership with twenty-two local churches in providing Room in the Inn will remain a cherished part of its programming, Bruce Frankel, DRC Executive Director, said. Since 2007, Fort Worth's *Room in the Inn* has counted on the DRC for screening of guests for this ecumenical ministry. University Christian Church is pleased to be part of the *Room in the Inn* mission of sharing Christ's table of hospitality and respect with our homeless guests. Learn more at fwdayresourcectr.org.

Room in the Inn Opportunities to Serve

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 DRC 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 summer session will take place every Wednesday in July and August. This program is an excellent opportunity for UCC members of all ages to follow Jesus's instructions to us to care for one another. Our guests especially enjoy meeting our kids of all ages. RITI is also a perfect place for students to get community service credit.

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 attended an orientation/training session at some time. If you haven't been trained yet, there are many areas in which you can serve behind the scenes. If you'd like to be included in our weekly "help wanted" email, or attend a brief orientation, contact me at carolmstewart@sbcglobal.net.

Thank You UCC!



"I believe I can fly with a book."

"Thank you for books We love books Reading is fun thank you so much I love books"

"Thank you Kids Hope for the book I will take care of it for as long as I live I promise and the hand represents by love and most thanks I can't wait for the next time"

"Thank you You roke You or some"

Thank you for donating books to us and giving us books to read over the summer. Sorry if you don't understand my writing I can't read in English."

"Thank you Kids Hope for the books to read. To read to our family. And maybe to our pets."

This is a small sampling of the sentiment in the hundreds of thank you notes we received from the children at Rosemont Elementary School at the May distribution of books. Thanks to your generous donations and the hard work of Alice Philips and the Kids Hope mentors almost 600 children received a new book to take home for summer reading. For this year's 50's Rock and Read event students and teachers dressed the



part—in pink poodle skirts or slicked back hair with their collars up. Even a few leather jackets and sunglasses were spotted!

Check out the second floor bulletin board at the top of the stairs to see the many thank you notes carefully created and presented in gratitude to you!



An Outreach Opportunity

The director of First Street Methodist Mission, Elizabeth Becker, spoke to Logos Sunday School class recently and inspired them to consider a new outreach opportunity.

She described the First Street Mission as an outreach program of the First United Methodist Church which houses their food bank, clothing bank and infant formula for individuals and families with a home. Another service provided is the "Basic" Start-up Kit program for those moving from homelessness into supportive/transitional housing programs. These kits include items we

all need when moving into a new place. This past year over 400 Start-up Kits were given out.

Logos Sunday School class would like to invite other UCC Sunday School classes and groups to consider supporting our friends at First Street Methodist Mission and their Start-up Kit program.

We will gather the supplies during the month of July to coincide with the beginning of the summer session of our Room In The Inn ministry. During July collection bins will be out at the reception area for these needed items.

Kit items (new or *gently* used) include:

- plates, glasses, coffee cups, bowls
- bath towels, face towels, washcloths
- knives, forks, spoons
- a set of twin sheets, blanket/bedspread
- hand held can opener
- bath mat, shower curtain
- skillet, pot/pan



Chilean Pilgrimage

January 16-26, 2016

University Christian Church has been invited to join our missionary partner, Elena Huegel, in Chile for one last pilgrimage before she leaves Chile to begin a new ministry in March of 2016. UCC's Rev. Cyndy Twedell will assist in leadership as the group focuses on restoring and caring for the environment.

As in previous pilgrimages to Chile, our group will be matched with a Chilean group as we stay in their homes, worship with them and then participate together in retreat at Centro Shalom, the beautiful camp Elena helped establish in the foothills of the Andes. The 2016 delegation will stay in Vichuquen and work with the Chilean participants to

install a peace pole in this historic colonial city.



The cost per person (18 years and older) is \$650 plus airfare. Each participant will arrange his or her own flight to and from Santiago (currently around \$1,500). Space is limited. Email

Cyndy Twedell at cyndy@uccftw.com if you are interested in participating.

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. Check out her blog at <http://colibrienchile.com> or her web page at globalministries.org/mission/missionaries/Elena.



UCC Quick Financial Summary - Unified Budget May 2015

Description	2014 YTD Actuals	2015 YTD Actuals	Budget YTD 2015	Budget Annual	YTD Variance
Income					
Pledges	\$976,544	\$960,268	\$905,502	\$2,062,615	\$54,766
Non Pledge Contributions	\$99,459	\$103,047	\$89,865	\$274,468	\$13,182
Offering	\$15,379	\$13,152	\$15,261	\$37,202	(\$2,109)
Misc. Unrestricted Income	\$65,493	\$133,235	\$127,992	\$421,656	\$5,243
WDS Income (Net)	\$56,073	\$64,559	\$81,984	\$101,947	(\$17,425)
Endowment Income	\$74,828	\$75,776	\$74,690	\$305,518	\$1,086
Participant/Restricted Income & Reserve Use	\$261,560	\$403,905	\$425,333	\$615,674	(\$21,428)
Total Income	\$1,549,335	\$1,753,942	\$1,720,627	\$3,819,080	\$33,315
Total Personnel Expense	\$736,686	\$663,935	\$688,845	\$1,793,708	\$24,910
Total Program/Admin. Expense	\$382,946	\$589,291	\$694,142	\$1,460,915	\$104,851
Total Mission/Outreach Expense	\$206,634	\$172,322	\$165,035	\$524,668	(\$7,287)
Total Expenses	\$1,326,266	\$1,425,548	\$1,548,023	\$3,779,292	\$122,475
Net Operating Income (Loss)	\$223,069	\$328,394	\$172,604	\$39,788	\$155,789

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 regarding this report please contact Michelle Ingram, Director of Accounting, at 817.926.6631 or michelle@uccftw.com.



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Congregational Meetings

Finance Committee

Monday, July 14
5:30 p.m., Room 203

No other congregational meetings
scheduled this month.

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



Mark your calendars and bring your friends!