# **UPDATE**

Visit www.universitychristian.org for calendar and program details!

**Do You Know Someone** welcoming and enthusiastic about greeting guests each week or who would be a spiritual leader for the congregation? Recommend them for Nomination to the Board of Deacons or Elders. Additionally, current Assembly members may make recommendations for new members to serve on the Board of Stewards or as an Officer of the Board. Forms available at the Reception Desk, The Arches Info Desk or online at <u>universitychristian.org</u>.

The Homeless Count for Fort Worth will launch from UCC on Thursday, January 28, at 8 p.m. Visit ahomewithhope.com for details or to volunteer.

**UCC's Couples Retreat at The Cliffs Resort** is at Possum Kingdom Lake, **February 5-6.** You can still register for the retreat up until February 1. Total cost is \$225/couple due at registration. Register online or email <u>jessica@uccftw.com</u>.

**The Newcomers Class,** offered for those who are new to UCC, is **February 7, 14** and **21** at 10 a.m. in Room 201. All are welcome to attend! Questions are encouraged!

**Annual Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper**, February 9, Walker Hall, 6-7:30 p.m. The award winning Paschal Jazz Ensemble will entertain as we begin our Lenten season. Join us for pancakes, sausage, fruit and all the fixins. \$5 each, \$3 children under 12.

**Hymn Sing–Recital,** On **Wednesday**, **February** 17, 4 p.m., Michael Bedford, organist, presents an organ recital interspersed with congregational singing of great church hymns as part of Ministers Week. Mr. Bedford is Organist/Choirmaster of St. John's Episcopal Church in Tulsa, OK, and a nationally known composer of church choral, children's, handbell and organ works. Free admission.

**Walk in Peace Concert**–Sunday, February 21, 3:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. UCC Chancel Choir and other choirs join Schola Cantorum in celebration of Black History month. The choirs will perform classic spirituals interspersed with great readings of Martin Luther King, Jr. and John F. Kennedy. One hour concert, free admission.

Rice and Beans (Arroz y Frijoles) Cook Off in support of the July UCC Mission Pilgrimage to Nicaragua is Sunday, February 28, at 12:15 p.m. in Walker Hall. Register your special dish for this contest by February 19.

Call or email Michelle at <a href="mgroom@uccftw.com">mgroom@uccftw.com</a> to save your entry space!

**Room In the Inn** winter session runs through February. Each Wednesday we host ten homeless guests for dinner, a good night's sleep and breakfast. Come by the Gallery to sign up for one of our service opportunities or to learn more about this ministry.



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Mission Pilgrimage Opportunities—Spring Break Mission Pilgrimage to El Paso, March 13-19, for families, youth and adults. \$50 deposit due by February 1. \$300 per person/\$175 for youth twelve and under. Nicaragua Mission Pilgrimage, July 3-10. Contact Cyndy Twedell for more information.

**Weekend Trip to Crystal Bridges** in Bentonville, AR–April 22-24. \$275 includes transportation, hotel (double occupancy/single available), museum fees, breakfast and gourmet dinners at the museum and the famous 21c Hotel. A non-refundable \$150 deposit is due by March 1. Email <a href="mailto:marsha@uccftw.com">marsha@uccftw.com</a> to reserve your spot!

**College Lunch Bunch**–Every Wednesday, students gather in the college lounge for food, fellowship and prayer. Volunteers are needed to provide a meal for approximately thirty people. We still need to fill dates for the spring semester. Email <a href="mailto:barbara.rektorik@uccftw.com">barbara.rektorik@uccftw.com</a> if you would like to learn how to help this ministry.

**Week of Compassion** is on the ground assisting in Rowlett and Garland in response to the recent Texas tornados. UCC continues to receive your contributions to Week of Compassion, the year round emergency relief, refugee and development mission fund of the Christian Church.

**Online Worship Bulletin** available on the UCC website under Resources for those who wish to view it from home.

**Do You Subscribe to Disciples News Service?** Keep up-to-date on all things Disciples at <a href="www.disciples.org">www.disciples.org</a>. You may subscribe to the newsletter by clicking the News Service tab and entering your email address.

Listen live at 11 a.m. on KTCU FM 88.7 or on university christian.org under Resources

# **Our Missionary Partners**

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#### PROGRAM CONTACTS

Rev. Larry Thomas, Senior Minister; Rev. Russ Boyd, Assoc. Minister for Youth; Rev. Ellen Lewis, Assoc. Minister of Administration; Rev. Cyndy W. Twedell, Assoc. Minister of Outreach, Women's Ministries and Membership; Rev. Jessica Vacketta, Assoc. Minister for Adults and College; Rev. Christi McDowell, Assoc. Minister of Pastoral Care, Alison Nicoll, Assist. Minister for High School Tyler Heston, Assist. Minister for Middle School; Kyla K. Rosenberger, Dir. of Music and Sr. Organist; and Kera Watts, Dir. of Children's Ministries.



# University Christian Church

a Disciples of Christ congregation

January 24, 2016

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

#### CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Prelude Vesper Voluntary No. 3 Edward Elgar Ringing of the Tower Bells and Procession of the Acolytes

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun \*Processional Hymn 95 Duke Street

#### \*LITANY OF PRAISE

Just as the body has many parts,

so does the church have many members.

Let us come together as one body,

to worship and celebrate the Lord!

\*Gloria Patri 35 Greatorex

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

CALL TO PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Let us pray...

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER (using debts and debtors) & CHORAL RESPONSE

THE RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

The Heavens Proclaim\*\* (9 A.M.)B. Marcello/arr. Hal H. Hopson (11 A.M.)The Spirit of the Lord is upon me Edward Elgar

\*The Doxology 46 OLD HUNDREDTH

\*Prayer of Dedication

**COMMUNION HYMN 392** Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether Union Seminary (stanzas 1 and 3)

THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND THE PRAYERS OF THE ELDERS

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

(All followers of Christ are invited to share in the bread and cup which represent the life, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, as they nourish us in our life together in His name.)

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

\*(11 A.M.) **HYMN** 5 O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing Azmon

(No Children's Worship and Wonder today. Program will resume next week.)

\*The congregation is invited to stand at these times of the service. Feel free to remain seated if need be.

Congregational Response

Scripture

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

(11 A.M.) ANTHEM The Heavens Proclaim\*\* Benedetto Marcello

\*\*The heavens proclaim the Lord of Life; the heights show forth God's majesty. Each day awakes to the rising sun; each night unfolds from night to night. No word is heard, yet their voices ring through the earth. From morning dawn to setting sun, praise God, Creator, mighty One. God made the earth and heaven above and rules o'er all in might and love. The heavens proclaim, the heights show forth, show forth God's glory. O praise the Lord. The heavens proclaim the Lord of life; the heights show forth God's glory for evermore, for evermore.

-arr. and words by Hal H. Hopson

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SERMON Homecoming

\*Hymn of Discipleship 475 The Church of Christ in Every Age Wareham (stanzas 1 and 5)

(All those who are inspired to confess their faith in Christ or make a discipleship covenant with our congregation are invited to join the pastors at the front of the church.)

\*Benediction and Choral Response Ringing of the Tower Bells

\*Postlude Postlude on an old Irish church melody Charles Villiers Stanford

#### In the Service

**Preaching:** Larry Thomas

#### **Worship Leaders**

Tyler Heston and Jessica Vacketta

#### Acolytes

Tevv Sek and Novvn Sek Gabriela Yarbrough and Isabel Terry

#### **Chancel Guild**

Preparing communion today are Lori Eagleton, Randy Eagleton, Ann Lesok and Mandy Teichelman.

Scripture Reader: Harold Muckleroy

#### **Elders**

Lorraine Stell and Linda Smith David Jarman and Ginger Jarman

#### Musicians

Collin Boothby, Organ Scholar Chancel Choir Eric Mullins, Assistant Choirmaster

#### **Chancel Flowers**

The flowers in the Chancel are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Eleanor Holmes' 105th Birthday by Dick & Marsha Holmes, Cathy & Tim Taylor and Family.



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# This Week at University Christian Church

Register for Film Festival in The Arches today 9:40 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Common Ground Sunday Morning Bible Study 10 a.m., in Room 313. Join us as we study the book of James. Email <a href="mailto:jessica@uccftw.com">jessica@uccftw.com</a> with questions.

**Join Us for Pickleball tonight** from 4:30-6:30 p.m. in Walker Hall (no experience necessary). Swing by at any time or stay for the entire evening!

# CCF/JYF for First Through Fifth Graders will not meet tonight.

More than twenty children and adults will be resting following the JYF Midwinter Retreat at Disciples Crossing in Athens, TX, this weekend.

Enrollment for the 2016-17 Weekday School Year continues through

**January 27.** If you are a church member and wish to request a space for your child(ren), packets are available in the WDS Office between 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday-Friday. Questions? Contact Claire Graham, Weekday School Director, at 817.926.3960 or email claire@uccftw.com.



## **Reel Religion Film Festival**

at University Christian Church **January 29-30, 2016** 

featuring films of religious, cultural & philosophical significance

**Registration opens December 21** at www.lifelong.tcu.edu

Movies are free and open to the public. Followed by a facilitated discussion. Saturday box lunch available with pre-paid reservation.

Sponsored by University Christian Church, Broadway Baptist Church and TCU Extended Education.

Childcare provided from 8:45 a.m.-12 p.m. for infants-preschool. A complete Sunday school program for all ages meets at 10 a.m. Handicap accessible restrooms located in the Gallery (second floor). Assisted listening devices are available; please ask an usher to obtain one

## Ministers are On Call and available

after hours and on weekends for pastoral care emergencies. If you have a need, call us at 817.926.6631, and follow the prompts.

On Call this Week Russ Boyd Jessica Vacketta

# **Congregational Leadership Meetings**

# **Assembly Meeting**

Tuesday, January 26, 12:15 p.m., Walker Hall

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



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