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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 universitychristian.org.

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!

College First Sunday Lunch is **February 7**. Students are invited to meet Rev. Vacketta in the Gallery following 11 a.m. worship and walk to Dutches for a free lunch!

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.

Ash Wednesday Worship and Labyrinth–February 10 at 6:30 p.m. in Walker Hall. A candlelight service around the labyrinth with scripture, prayer, a string ensemble from TCU’s Collegium Musicum and the imposition of ashes. Following worship, all are invited to walk the labyrinth until 9 p.m.

New Year, New Weight Watchers Smart Points–Come to a Weight Watchers Open House, **Thursday, February 11**, 4:45 p.m. in Room 204. Call Yvonne Mann 817.257.6054 or email y.mann@tcu.edu for details about the UCC/TCU group.

Join us for Friday Fellowship, February 12, 11 a.m., Room 207. Doug Henry presents a Valentine’s Day program of 40s-80s songs. Potluck lunch follows with main entrée provided. Email danlsmith@mindspring.com or call Barb at 817.926.6631 to r.s.v.p.

Latte with the Ladies–coffee house conversation the second Saturday each month meets **Saturday, February 13**, at 9 a.m. at Buon Giorno (915 Florence St., 76102).

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.

Meditation Workshop, Saturday, February 20, join Dr. Claire Villarreal for a two-part workshop offering the tools you need to cultivate the ability to stay present to the moments of your life. For more information and to register visit <http://dawnmountain.org/event/claires-workshop-at-ucc-in-ft-worth/>.



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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.

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.

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 mgroom@uccftw.com to save your entry space!

Leap into Good Health on Leap day, **February 29**, at 6 p.m., at *Blue Zones* approved restaurant, Terra (2973 Crockett St., 76107). Parking is free-the restaurant will validate your ticket. Email mgroom@uccftw.com to let us know if you’re coming!

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 marsha@uccftw.com 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 barbara.rektorik@uccftw.com if you would like to learn how to help this ministry.

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

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Our Missionary Partners

Elena Huegel, Chile

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PROGRAM CONTACTS

Rev. Larry Thomas, Senior Minister; **Rev. Russ Boyd**, Assoc. Minister for Youth; **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 31, 2016

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

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Andante Tranquillo from Sonata No. 3

Felix Mendelssohn

Ringling of the Tower Bells and Procession of the Acolytes

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 517

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

BEECHER

*LITANY OF PRAISE

God is love!

Let us love one another, because love is from God.

God is love!

Let us share in God’s love as we worship.

*GLORIA PATRI 35

GREATOREX

(11 A.M.) BABY DEDICATIONS

HYMN 362

Filled with the Joy and Gladness

O PERFECT LOVE

(stanza 2)

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

(9 A.M.)

hope, faith, life, love... **

(11 A.M.)

O Rest in the Lord from Elijah

Felix Mendelssohn

*THE DOXOLOGY 46

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

COMMUNION HYMN 409

I Hunger and I Thirst

IBSTONE

(stanzas 1, 2 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

Trio

Julius Reubke

(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

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

*(11 A.M.) HYMN 526

The Gift of Love

GIFT OF LOVE

(Parents, during 11 a.m. worship, please bring your first-third graders to join a Worship and Wonder leader in the Gallery. Children will return to the Sanctuary during the Hymn of Discipleship.)

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

SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

(The text may be found on page 165 of the New Testament in the Pew Bibles.)

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

(11 A.M.) ANTHEM

hope, faith, life, love... **

Eric Whitacre

**Eric Whitacre (b. 1970) is one of the most prolific contemporary concert composers today. Whitacre set his favorite e.e. cummings’ texts in a choral set titled *Three Songs of Faith*. e.e. cummings (1894-1962) was a famous American poet greatly influenced by his father, a nationally known minister of Old South Church in Boston. The middle movement is our anthem this morning. Whitacre chose just eight words and set them as a repeating and introspective meditation. The words are: hope, faith, life, love, dream, joy, truth and soul.

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SERMON

The Still More Excellent Way

*HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP 523

Live in Charity

UBI CARITAS

(sing three times)

(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

Ringling of the Tower Bells

*POSTLUDE

Praise to the Lord the Almighty

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

IN THE SERVICE

Preaching: Larry Thomas

Worship Leaders

Jessica Vacketta and Christi McDowell

Acolytes

Jack Bradford and Luke Jones

Hattie Castillo and Caroline Waldvogel

Chancel Guild

Preparing communion today are

Linda Austin, Mark Muller

and Roxanne Penix.

Scripture Reader: Gay McKeever

Elders

Phyllis Allen and Mary Graham

Errol Henry and Laura West

Musicians

Collin Boothby, Organ Scholar

Chancel Choir

Eric Mullins, Assistant Choirmaster

Emily Haskins, alto

Chancel Flowers

The flowers in the Chancel are given to the glory of God and in memory and celebration of the lives of Ginny Holmes and Helen Painter by the Tim Taylor Family.

Baby Dedication

Benjamin Mark Klatzkin, son of Kyle & Lindsay Klatzkin.

Grandparents are Mike & Fran Bazar, Mark & Lynn Hopper and David & Varsi Klatzkin.

Great-grandparents are Ray & Dixie Hunt and Mildred Hopper.



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This Week at University Christian Church

UCC’s Couples Retreat at The Cliffs Resort 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 jessica@uccftw.com.

Registration for Spring Break Mission Pilgrimage to El Paso ends **February 1.** Families, youth and adults are welcome. Registration forms are in The Arches for the Marcy 13-19 pilgrimage. Contact Cyndy Twedell for details.

Women’s Ministries Rose Circle meets **Tuesday, February 2,** at 10 a.m. If you are interested in joining this circle, please contact Women’s Ministries.

February Toiletries Drive for South Central Alliance

Toiletries are collected and distributed to families in need in our neighborhood. Regular size containers please. Collection bins are located in the Reception Area.



The Lenten season begins on **February 10.** Receive weekly devotionals from our ministerial staff by emailing “subscribe” to lentendevo@uccftw.com.

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
Kera Watts
Cyndy W. Twedell

Congregational Leadership Meetings

Personnel Committee

Tuesday, February 2, 6:30 p.m., Room 202

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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