



## Search Committee Announces New Intentional Interim Senior Minister

by Zena McAdams, Search Committee Chair



With great enthusiasm, we are delighted to announce that Rev. Dr. Charles Rolen, better known as Chuck, has accepted the call to be our Intentional Interim Senior Minister beginning August 1. He will be accompanied by his wife, Linda Davis-Rolen.

Chuck has distinguished himself within the denomination as one of the best in his field--helping numerous congregations traverse difficult transitions. He is an effective communicator and his abilities as a consultant to prepare congregations to call a new pastor are exceptional.

During his time with us, he will help us to clarify our vision along with our hopes and dreams for the future.

In addition, he will work with us to discern any concerns or difficulties we need to resolve before calling our next pastor.

The search committee, staff and leadership of UCC, with confidence, know that Chuck and Linda's presence in our church will be embraced and welcomed as evidence of the Spirit moving within us. As one of his references, a regional minister, said to our committee, "Run, don't walk if you have the opportunity to call Chuck Rolen as your interim." Good advice!

We urge you to hold Chuck and Linda in prayer as he completes his current intentional interim ministry in Virginia.

### Stay Connected!

Sunday Worship at 9 & 11 a.m.

Live broadcast of 11 a.m. service

on KTCU FM 88.7

or on our website

at [www.universitychristian.org](http://www.universitychristian.org)



### New Choirmaster Arrives

Dr. Todd Prickett will direct the UCC Chancel Choir for the first time in worship on Sunday, June 5. Todd comes from Tuscaloosa, Alabama, with his wife Amy, a professional soprano, and their two children, Ethan and Maddie. Many of you may



remember Todd when he worked here in the late 1990's as a TCU student. This time around he will

be full-time with the title Director of Music/Choirmaster. Todd will also direct the handbell choirs and plan worship with the ministerial staff and Kyla Rosenberger, Director of Worship and Arts/Senior Organist.

Please give a warm, personal UCC greeting to Todd and his family. We look forward to his music ministry leadership.

## The Page Scholarship Committee Names Winners for 2016

by by Bill Landreth, Chair, Page Scholarship Fund 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.

Deja English graduated in May from the Fort Worth Academy of Fine Arts. Deja plans to attend Sam Houston State University in the fall. She was a member of the National Honor Society, National Dance Honor Society and the DCE Christian Dance Studios. Deja was also a youth leader at First Samaria Baptist Church.

Tekleab Beyene graduated in May from Fort Worth Country Day School. He plans to attend the University of Texas at Arlington and study Biology. Tekleab was active in football, wrestling, track and lacrosse. He was President of the Honor Council, member of Wiz Club, Math Club and Technical Theatre. He also spent many hours at world relief helping incoming immigrants with reading and writing.

Three other finalists Man Lun from Trimble Technical High School, Ruth Kingsbury from Richland High School and Evan

Clary from Carroll Senior High School will all receive a \$500 Page Scholarship.

This year we had over 70 applications vying for the five finalist spots. Each young adult had amazing stories and as you can well imagine, the Page Committee reviewed carefully each applicant. We ranked the candidates giving special attention to need, scholastic achievement, extra-curricular activities and school leadership. Applicants were also asked to write a personal essay of the obstacles they have had to overcome either in school or at home. These essays were heart wrenching. We reduced the number of candidates to five and a week later our committee of 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 of the 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.



### New Sanctuary Symbolism

The new green “Common Time” paraments in our Sanctuary were woven by Sherri Woodard Coffey. Commissioned by the UCC Worship Life Committee, they will replace our oldest set. Pattern and color are the basis for Sherri’s hand-dyed,

wool tapestry designs which will hang on the pulpit and lectern. She describes her work as “colorful, abstract, geometric, influenced by ancient cultures and my natural surroundings.” Spending time in the Sanctuary, envisioning the many colors of green, and thinking about the symbolic meanings in this assignment led Sherri to a unique and creative design. The design for our new green paraments is called “swirl” and had been in her sketchbook for a long time.

Sherri is a member of the Fort Worth Weavers Guild which meets monthly in our church, Contemporary Handweavers of Texas, Handweavers Guild of America, and the American Tapestry Alliance. She has received local and national awards for her distinct and precise weaving.

Thank you, Sherri, for adding your artistry to our Sanctuary. The vibrant green colors will remind us weekly of our growth, life, faithfulness and hope in Jesus Christ.

### UCC Journal

Carol Ann Fewell, Editor • Michelle Groom, Circulation

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## Thank You, Collin!



Our resident Organ Scholar, Collin Boothby, graduated with honors from the TCU School of Music on May 7. During his junior and senior years, UCC was blessed to have Collin play the organ on Sunday once a month and at special services. He was also a constant bass section leader in the Chancel Choir and rang handbells with our adult Ad Deum ensemble. Collin has learned much about church music ministry in his time here.

Collin will go to graduate school at Rice University next fall. He was accepted into the prestigious organ studio of

concert artist Ken Cowan and will work towards a Master of Music degree in Organ Performance.

After playing for UCC worship services on June 12, Collin will move to Houston and assume the position of Organist at First United Methodist Church in Pasadena, Texas. The music staff and choir hope you can join us for worship on June 12 to hear Collin’s prelude, offertory, communion and postlude music as well as his hymn and anthem playing. We all wish him the best in his very bright future serving Christ’s ministry.

## Watch for New Things Coming to UCC Communications

With gratitude and best wishes we say farewell to Carol Fewell who has served University Christian Church for fifteen years. Carol has accepted a position near her home and we hope you will join us in wishing her all the best. Most of Carol’s service has been as our Communications Director and she has been responsible for the publications you see in print and on the web as well as our advertising.

The number one goal born out of the Board of Stewards Retreat in February was to rethink how we share the story and mission of UCC with our community. A sub-committee, made up of Board of Stewards members has already been at work collecting information to make recommendations on what our communications will look like in the future. We are thankful that Carol was a part of giving her input to this process. This change in leadership in our Communications

department, as well as the work and insight of the Board of Stewards, will provide UCC an opportunity to reimagine how we communicate with our community and world and how we might do things differently.

Part of this process will mean changes in the summer *Journal* schedule as we evaluate the best next steps to meet our goals. Your patience and prayers are appreciated as we look to the future.

### UCC Quick Financial Summary - Unified Budget April 2016

Description	2015 YTD Actuals	2016 YTD Actuals	Budget YTD 2016	Budget Annual	YTD Variance
<b>Income</b>					
Pledges	\$783,535	\$713,513	\$784,268	\$2,115,789	(\$70,754)
Non Pledge Contributions	\$87,422	\$97,565	\$75,905	\$289,584	\$21,660
Offering	\$10,597	\$13,439	\$12,524	\$36,193	\$915
Misc. Unrestricted Income	\$91,813	\$73,849	\$99,343	\$408,209	(\$25,494)
WDS Income (Net)	\$77,567	\$60,951	\$66,838	\$75,585	(\$5,887)
Endowment Income	\$75,067	\$78,312	\$77,137	\$313,191	\$1,175
Participant/Restricted Income & Reserve Use	\$308,691	\$203,733	\$194,414	\$403,616	\$9,319
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$1,434,692</b>	<b>\$1,241,362</b>	<b>\$1,310,428</b>	<b>\$3,642,167</b>	<b>(\$69,066)</b>
Total Personnel Expense	\$528,952	\$544,177	\$559,743	\$1,813,685	\$15,566
Total Program/Admin. Expense	\$345,456	\$356,007	\$407,162	\$1,252,785	\$51,155
Total Mission/Outreach Expense	\$177,455	\$214,769	\$206,105	\$552,702	(\$8,664)
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,051,863</b>	<b>\$1,114,953</b>	<b>\$1,173,010</b>	<b>\$3,619,172</b>	<b>\$58,057</b>
<b>Net Operating Income (Loss)</b>	<b>\$382,829</b>	<b>\$126,410</b>	<b>\$137,418</b>	<b>\$22,995</b>	<b>(\$11,009)</b>

This is a summary report of our Unified Budget. The full report is available for download from the UCC website or copies can be picked up or requested from the Business Office. If you have questions regarding this report please contact Michelle Ingram, Director of Operations, at 817.926.6631 or [michelle@uccftw.com](mailto:michelle@uccftw.com).



New Members



We are happy to welcome Lindsey and Jason Price to University Christian Church. They grew up in Fort Worth where their families have lived for several generations. Lindsey is the School Counselor at Benbrook Elementary School and Jason is a Program Planner at Lockheed Martin. They have been married a little over five years and welcomed their first child, Stella, into the world in October. They love being parents to little Stella and look forward to her growing up at UCC. Jason and Lindsey are very excited to be welcomed into our congregation.



Marty Muloski is a Presidential Management Fellow with the U.S. Department of Agriculture where he designs, develops and evaluates employee training for the Natural Resources Conservation Service. He attended undergrad at the University of Illinois at Chicago where he studied Political Science and Psychology and graduate school at the University of Illinois at Springfield where he studied Cell and Molecular Biology. Marty enjoys traveling, meeting people, sports, hiking, public speaking, debate and two-stepping. He grew up in Palos Heights, Illinois, and enjoys his new home in Texas.

Thank You!



Carol and Dan Smith have served the Friday Fellowship ministry faithfully over the past several years working with staff to coordinator meals and speakers, along with helping to promote monthly gatherings. We will miss their leadership when they step down in June, but express our deepest gratitude for their ministry and service!

If you feel called to help with this ministry and want to learn what that entails, please contact Rev. Jessica Vacketta.

Nicaragua Fundraising Opportunity



Enjoy breakfast, lunch or dinner at Pegaso Mexican Diner (3516 Bluebonnet Circle) on Tuesday, June 7. Tell them you are with UCC and depending on how many UCCers participate, 10, 20 or 30% of our total for the day

will be donated to the scholarship fund for our UCC Nicaragua Mission Pilgrimage! In addition to supporting our Nicaragua Mission, it's a great way to spend time with UCC friends. We will commission those representing UCC on the Nicaragua Mission Pilgrimage on Sunday, June 28, at 11 a.m. worship.



Wanted: Youth VBS Volunteers

Want to be a rockstar and never even have to be on *The Voice*? Be a youth volunteer for VBS this year! Guaranteed fans to cheer for you and look up to you will be made as you spend time serving, having fun and developing relationships with kids.

All you have to do is go to [ucckids.org](http://ucckids.org) and register as a youth volunteer. We will meet on June 12 at 12:15 p.m. for pizza and a brief training.



Friday Fellowship

Friday, June 10, join us for lunch and games! Bring your favorite deck of cards and/or board games. We will meet at noon in Room 211. An entrée will be provided, but please bring a side dish or dessert. Please r.s.v.p. by noon on Wednesday, June 8, by calling Barb Rektorik, Ministry Assistant, at 817.926.6631 or email [barbara.rektorik@uccftw.com](mailto:barbara.rektorik@uccftw.com).

Summer Sabbath



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. UCC encourages you to observe the sacred, still place of Sabbath during the month of July.

Sabbath gives our teachers and leaders an opportunity to find rest and renewal for the upcoming year.

Here are some ways we hope to encourage a time of Sabbath...

- No youth or children’s classes meeting (Preschool classes and child care will be provided as usual).
- Most adult classes will not be meeting. Specific details on classes will be provided.
- Most committees will observe Sabbath by not meeting in July.
- Enjoy an extended coffee hour at 10 a.m.
- July Sabbath is a wonderful time to experience time together as a community.
- Many may choose to use this time in fellowship with one another, taking intentional opportunities to renew spirits through conversation.
- Pray and knit with the Prayer Shawl Ministry at 10 a.m. in Room 206.
- The Memorial Garden and the 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.

According to Walter Brueggemann, “Sabbath is the practice of breaking the vicious cycle of production and consumption that leaves us restless and dissatisfied...it’s putting ourselves on the receiving end of life and not the taking.”

We will resume our regular Sunday programming on August 7 with a mindfulness of creating space to find life and grace in the midst of our lives.

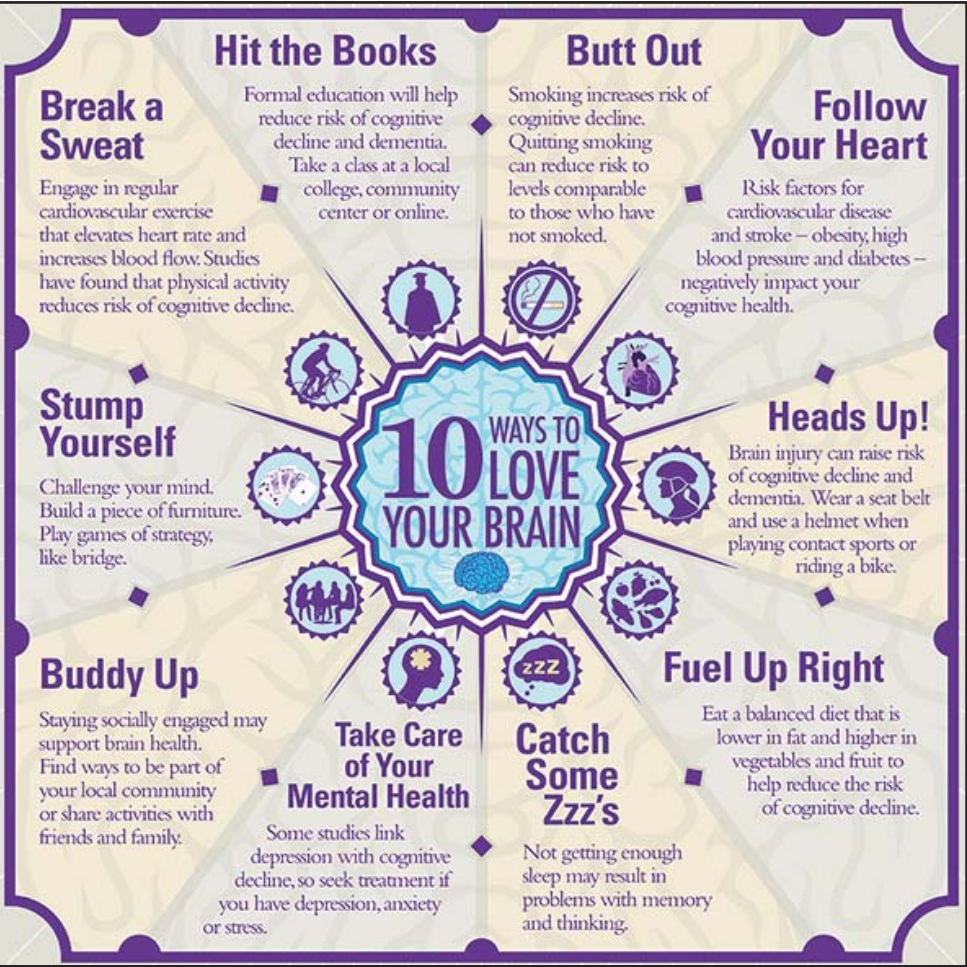
June is Alzheimer’s and Brain Awareness Month

Experience the Virtual Dementia Tour on Sunday, June 12, from 10 a.m. until noon in the Room in the Inn space.

To increase awareness of this fatal disease that affects the ability to remember, think and plan, you can literally walk in the shoes of someone affected by Alzheimer’s or other dementias. Reserve your time slot in The Arches beginning May 22.

Worldwide, 47 million individuals are living with Alzheimer’s, and this number is set to rise dramatically unless we do something about it. While we cannot prevent Alzheimer’s disease, people can help reduce their risk of cognitive decline.

In recognition of Alzheimer’s and Brain Awareness Month, here are ten way to love your brain:





Important Summer Dates for Children’s Ministries



Summer! It’s Here!

Vacation Bible School is June 21-24

UCC VBS Surf Shack (ages two to third graders) and Mission VBS (fourth and fifth graders) is happening soon! VBS is possible only because we have wonderful volunteers willing to share time, have fun and *Catch the Wave of*



*God’s Amazing Love* with our children. **Volunteers Needed:** In order to serve the children that have already signed up, we need more adult volunteers. Opportunities are available to shepherd kids, tell Bible stories, lead preschoolers, participate in missions and create fun snacks. All volunteer forms can be found at [ucckids.org](http://ucckids.org).

Want to volunteer, but not sure what you could do? Please email [kera@uccftw.com](mailto:kera@uccftw.com). There is a place for all volunteers at VBS and we will find a good fit for you! The number of children we can serve is dependent on the number of volunteers willing to serve. Please consider spending time with our children during this fun event.

**Youth Volunteers:** Sign up today to serve and let us know where you would most like to work. Volunteer registration available at [ucckids.org](http://ucckids.org).



**Summer Fun** begins June 6. We will have a full preschool of infants through entering Kindergartners learning, having fun and building friendships on Mondays and Wednesdays in June (6, 8, 13, 15, 27 and 29) and July (11, 13, 18, 20, 25 and 27). Contact Children’s Ministries with questions.

Camps for Children and Families at Disciples Crossing

\*Family Camp II: August 12-14 (families with at least one child under 18 and an adult over 21)

\*JYF Camp I: July 4-8 (completed third, fourth or fifth grade)  
\*\*UCC’s Anne Darr will be co-directing

\*JYF Camp II: August 1-5 (completed third, fourth or fifth grade)

*\*Camp registrations must now be approved by Disciples Crossing Camp Directors and are based on space availability.*

UCC Welcomes Summer Youth Ministry Interns

This summer our youth ministry will again welcome two full-time interns who will be learning about ministry here at UCC. After advertising the positions nationally and accepting applications, several adults and youth assisted the staff in selecting the interns.



Communication Studies with a minor in

Allison Bright just completed her junior year at Truman State University in Kirksville, Missouri, where she is majoring in

Philosophy and Religion. She is a native of Macon, Missouri.



Josh is a native of Grapevine, Texas.

Josh and Allison started their internships at the end of May and will wrap up in early August. They will spend part of their time here providing leadership in

Josh Jackson just completed his sophomore year at TCU where he is majoring in Religion and History with a minor in Classical

the youth ministry in Sunday school, at youth events, on mission trips, at camps, and around the office. The rest of their time will be devoted to exploring their own calls to ministry by shadowing and learning from other ministers at UCC and in the Fort Worth area. Both interns will be keeping a journal that chronicles their experiences, and at the end of the summer each one will write a reflection paper that synthesizes what they will take away from the experience. Please give Allison and Josh a warm welcome as they join our staff for the summer. You can reach them each via email at [allison.bright@uccftw.com](mailto:allison.bright@uccftw.com) and [josh.jackson@uccftw.com](mailto:josh.jackson@uccftw.com).

Thank You College Ministry Committee!

Once again, UCC welcomed TCU students to relax and take a break at our Spring Finals Feast on Monday, May 2. This year’s theme was “*Keep Calm and Luau On!*” Students played pickleball, beach ball, bounced in a Hawaiian themed bounce house and feasted on food provided by UCC members.

Thank you! Thank you to all who made this Finals Feast possible, particularly our college ministry committee, Stacy McCoy, Carol Stewart, David Nolan, Bob Stewart, Charlece James, Mark Tentinger, Jared Cline, Rachel Long and Samantha Copeland, and college ministry supporters Carolyn

Critz and Mary Ruth Jones (who are excellent dishwashers!).

If you are interested in helping with UCC’s college ministry, or if you know a student who will be in town over the summer, please contact Rev. Jessica Vacketta.

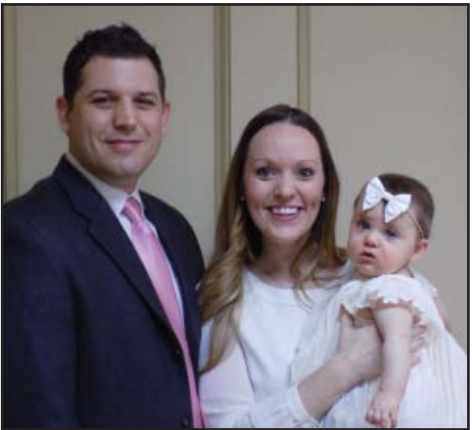
Baby Dedications



Emery Katherine Price, daughter of Paul & Katie Price. Grandparents are Tom & Betsy Price and Alan & Mandy Teichelman. Great-grandparents are Ken & Joy Noel.



Margaret Alann Yack, daughter of Alex & Jennifer Yack. Grandparents are Alan & Mandy Teichelman. Great-grandparents are Ken & Joy Noel.



Stella Mae Price, daughter of Lindsey & Jason Price. Grandparents are Dusty Griffith, Karen Nance, Lou Anne Price and Ted Price. Great-grandparent is Virginia Noah.



Colin McIntyre Wheatley, son of Scott & Heather Wheatley. Grandparents are Buddy & Dixie McIntyre and Herman & Barbara Wheatley. Great-grandparent is Jean Clayborne.

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: June 21, August 2 and September 18. The baby dedication is a blessing of the child and a promise from parents to their child to raise them in a Christian home. But, it is also the public acknowledgement of a covenant with the people of University Christian Church that we as a community of faith

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

The next class offered will be on June 14 at 10 a.m. in the Bride’s Room. Please email Susan Henry in Children’s Ministries at [susan@uccftw.com](mailto:susan@uccftw.com) for further information.

Life of the Church

Births

Madeline Claire Murphy, April 15  
Parents, Anne and John Murphy  
Grandmother, Lyn Willis

Deaths

Jeanette Widmer  
mother of Larry Widmer  
and Gail Landreth  
grandmother of Angie Butler, April 14

Forrest Brown  
husband of Ann Brown, April 27

Martha Gay Callaway  
daughter of Mary Hall, April 27

Jack Teague  
father of Lisha Brewer, April 30

Helen Schuck  
mother of Melanie Rosen, May 3

Weddings

Kristy Borneman and Jovan Dewaal  
April 23

Another Great Month of Preaching at UCC!

June 5: Rev. Dr. Katie Hayes,  
Galileo Church

June 12: Rev. Russ Boyd

June 19: Rev. Cyndy W. Twedell

June 26: Rev. Dr. Bryan Feille



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, Senior Associate Minister, for details.



**Latte with the Ladies**  
Saturday, June 11  
beginning at 9 a.m.  
Press Café, 4801 Edwards  
Ranch Rd. #105, 76109.



**Women’s Cook Out**  
Saturday, June 18, 4  
p.m. at the home of  
Karen Rigby. Karen  
will supply the meat  
and everyone brings  
a side. Karen has the perfect backyard  
for gatherings and is a great chef! Please  
email her for directions and to let her  
know if you are coming at [the2rigbys@  
sbcglobal.net!](mailto:the2rigbys@sbcglobal.net)



**CCSW Disciples  
Women’s Assembly**  
June 24-26  
Dallas Marriott Las Colinas

For online registration or for more  
information, go to [www.ccsw.  
org/disciples-women](http://www.ccsw.org/disciples-women). Early bird  
registration ends June 5. Registration  
deadline is June 15.



**Wild Gathering**  
Tuesday, June 28, 12 p.m.  
Both evening and daytime  
friends are welcome and encouraged  
to come to Carol Stewart’s house (3636  
South Hills Ave., 76109). Bring a salad to  
share and good book recommendations!  
Contact [carolmstewart@sbcglobal.net](mailto:carolmstewart@sbcglobal.net) or  
972.239.7769 for details or to r.s.v.p.

Rev. Allison Nicoll Accepts Call To Serve Ankeny Christian Church



After serving as an Assistant Minister  
here at University Christian Church since  
December of 2012, Rev. Allison Nicoll has  
accepted a call to serve as Associate Pastor

at Ankeny Christian Church in Ankeny,  
Iowa. Alison graduated from Brite  
Divinity School at TCU on May 7, and was  
ordained to Christian ministry on May 28  
at West Des Moines Christian Church,  
her home congregation in Iowa. As  
Ankeny Christian Church’s first Associate  
Pastor, Alison will work collaboratively  
with the Senior Pastor in a variety of  
leadership roles: preaching, coordinating  
and leading worship, providing pastoral  
care, overseeing the Christian education  
program, and encouraging ecumenical  
cooperation with other congregations. She  
will be serving a thriving congregation

in the third-fastest growing city in the  
country, and her role at the church  
provides an opportunity to take what she  
has learned here at UCC and branch out  
into new and different areas of ministry.

Alison’s last Sunday at University  
Christian Church will be June 26, and  
you’re invited to wish her well at  
receptions following each worship service  
in the Gallery. She has touched many lives  
as she served our congregation faithfully  
for over three years, so be sure to let her  
know how much you appreciate her as  
she transitions to an exciting new calling!

Blue Zones Update

by Elaine Becker, UCC’s Blue Zones Ambassador



Summer is almost  
here, and I see about  
our town, fresh  
plants. Some are  
lovely flowers; some  
are herbs, fruits and  
vegetables. How  
about making a small garden for your  
porch, so you can enjoy a fresh herb or  
vegetable? There is nothing like growing

your own produce. You can start small.  
It can be a relaxing endeavor, with a  
reward at the end. The easiest thing for  
you to do is just stop at a local nursery  
and walk the aisles. You can enjoy the  
sights and smells of local plants. Another  
“field trip” would be to go to the farmers  
market. That way, you can benefit from  
the local produce. Are you getting my  
message this month? This is

the time of year to get out and enjoy the  
living things available to us all. Enjoy  
life. Savor it!

We are still in the process of making UCC  
a *Blue Zones* Faith-Based Organization.  
We need a few more pledges. Please  
consider reading the Personal Pledge  
Card that you will find in various places  
within UCC, and making that pledge!

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.*



Room in the Inn Orientation and Training

“We want you, we  
need you, we love  
you, Godspeed  
you...” but enough of Elvis Presley  
lyrics. We do want you and need you  
to join us in an exciting and fulfilling  
ministry. Every Wednesday evening in  
July, August, December, January and  
February, we welcome ten homeless  
men to *Room in the Inn*. We “*Rock  
Around the Clock*” (oops, sorry) to  
prepare beds and dinner tables, serve  
a delicious meal brought by UCC  
members, talk with our guests, play  
games and watch movies. Innkeepers  
spend the night and a kitchen crew  
arrives Thursday morning to prepare

breakfast. Drivers deliver the men and  
take them back to DRC (formerly the  
Day Resource Center.) Volunteers  
clean up, and wash the laundry.

The tasks are divided into easily  
manageable time slots, so that only  
a few hours are required of each  
volunteer. And “*Since I Don’t Have You*”  
(somebody stop me!) we hope you’ll  
sign up for our next RITI orientation  
to learn more, receive the instructions  
you’ll need, and join our ranks.

This year, UCC is hosting an orientation/  
training session for volunteers from  
every RITI church in the Fort Worth

area. Bruce Frankel, DRC Director,  
will be with us to inform us of the  
needs of the un-housed community.  
The primary goal of DRC is to get  
people into housing. According to  
Bruce, the men most likely to find and  
maintain permanent housing are those  
who participate in RITI. We provide  
them with a community of affirmation  
and encouragement.

*Room in the Inn* Training &  
Orientation  
Sunday, June 26, 2-4 p.m., at UCC

For details or to sign up for this event,  
email [carolmstewart@sbcglobal.net](mailto:carolmstewart@sbcglobal.net).



Children’s Closet News

This April Thomas  
Mullins from  
Longhorn Council  
of Troop 720  
chose the UCC  
Children’s Closet  
as the recipient  
of his Eagle Scout  
project. In order to move from a Life  
Scout to an Eagle Scout, Thomas had  
to create a project and show hands-on  
leadership skills while also doing the  
work himself. He made a plan to help the  
Closet re-organize its storage facilities to  
accommodate more uniform boxes.

Thomas, his family, friends and scout  
troop members spent two weekends  
on the project which included:  
relocating Bag-It Night and Christmas  
Angels supplies, removing shelves  
blocking storage, filling cracks in  
the floor with concrete, disposing  
of unneeded items like old files and  
paint cans and cleaning the area of old  
dust and debris. After removing all  
the uniform boxes, they replaced old  
wooden pallets with thirty-five new  
plastic pallets which were purchased  
by Thomas’ family. With a clean floor  
and new pallets, the uniform boxes

were replaced in the facility in order  
by size and type.

Our storage facilities look terrific. We  
deeply appreciate all the hard work this  
project entailed. We now have more room  
to separate all the different items we have  
stored so they are much more accessible.  
The daily volunteers appreciate the gift  
of this organization immensely!

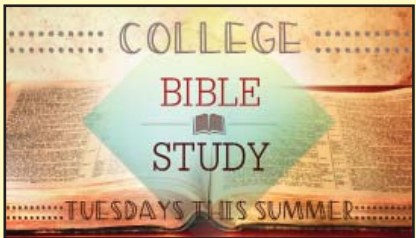
Eagle Scout projects require a lot of  
planning, support and hard work.  
Thomas’ Scoutmaster is Dan Cooper  
from UCC. Thank you, Thomas!

Buy Stock in Youth Mission Trips

Looking for an easy way to support  
our youth? Stop by the table in the  
Gallery any Sunday through June  
26 to buy shares from our mission  
trip stock sale.

Everyone who buys stock in the trips will  
be invited to a “shareholders luncheon”  
on July 31 to hear and see what happened  
on the Chi Rho Mission Trip to Houston  
and the CYF Mission Trip to Los Angeles.

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

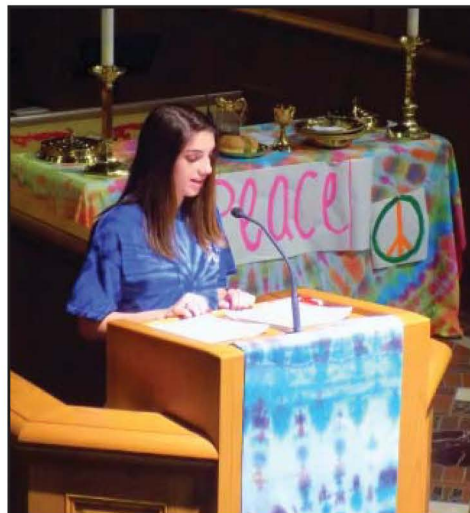


Summer College Bible Study

College-age young adults, and recent graduates, are invited to join us  
on Tuesdays, June 7-July 26, at 6:30 p.m. for dinner and Bible study.  
We will meet at different homes each week as we explore the  
book of Revelation and favorite childhood Bible stories.  
Dinner locations will be posted to the UCC College Ministry and  
Students Away Facebook pages. Questions? Contact Rev. Jessica Vacketta.



## A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words



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### Endowment Funds of University Christian Church

Beulah Johnson Organ Fund Endowment  
 Boar's Head Endowment  
 Bob McMahon Endowment  
 Brian and Kristie Gibson Adult Education Endowment  
 Cagle Building Endowment  
 Cagle General Endowment  
 Carolyn Zaepfel Endowment  
 Charles F. Kemp Outreach Endowment  
 Charles F. Kemp Pastoral Care Endowment  
 Chet & Sally Werst McKeen Endowment  
 Children's Closet Endowment  
 Clyde D. & Mary Gene Foltz Endowment  
 Dee J. Kelly Endowment Fund  
 Dorris Evans Student Assistance Endowment  
 Edgar & Laura Keltner General Endowment Fund  
 Elizabeth & Ed Winton Endowment  
 Embry Trust  
 Fillingim Foundation  
 Florence Kerr Capital Endowment  
 Frieda McMahon Endowment  
 Gaile H. Aston Endowment Fund  
 Gilbert & Hilda Davis Endowment  
 Hanging of the Greens Endowment  
 Harold & Beulah Johnson Building Endowment  
 Helping Hands Endowment  
 Heyer Trust  
 Iris McGaugh Capital Endowment  
 Jean White Endowment  
 Jennings General Endowment  
 Jim & Lucille Moudy Endowment  
 Jo Taylor Endowment  
 John B. Craddock, Jr. Endowment  
 Johnson Remainder Trust  
 Josie and Joe Minyard Endowment  
 Ken Lawrence Memorial Endowment  
 Lawrence & Rosemary Alland Endowment Fund  
 Lee & Linda Brookshire Endowment Fund  
 Leigh Ann Brown Endowment  
 Lisa Kurz Endowment  
 Lynn Cross Endowment Fund  
 Mary Ingle and Gentry Shelton Music Endowment  
 Mary Louise Page Outreach Endowment  
 Mary Louise Page Scholarship Endowment  
 May Henson Endowment  
 Needlers Endowment  
 Paul & Martha Youngdale General Endowment  
 Rev. Ora Shelton Endowment  
 Ron Shirey Chancel Choir Endowment  
 Susan M. Harrell Endowment Fund  
 Suzanne Yarbrow Memorial Endowment  
 UCC Building Fund Endowment  
 UCC General Endowment  
 UCC Youth Alumni/ae Scholarship Fund  
 Valerie & Ben Hogan Endowment  
 Vera Edelbrock Endowment  
 W. A. & Gail Landreth Weekday School Endowment  
 Weekday School Endowment  
 William A. Buttram Endowment

### NEW ENDOWMENT FUND

#### *Dee Kelly Endowment Fund for Music*

*By Jeanne Duke,  
Vice Chair Board of Stewards*



Easter 2005. Dr. Colglazier was our Senior Minister. Ron Shirey was Choirmaster. There was music. Perhaps a choral introit. Likely a handbell offertory. And brass, lots of brass. The benediction was probably Handel's *Halleluiah* from *Messiah*. I was a member of the Chancel Choir and Ad Deum Handbells at the time. I should remember more of that morning's glorious worship, but I don't.

The music that our UCC ensembles provide during worship creates a space in time for God's grace to change lives. Music touches the souls of the community gathered to glorify God. It transforms hearts and minds though words and harmony. Easter morning 2005 was no different from any other in that respect, but at least one worshipper experienced something extraordinary.

Ron Shirey received a letter shortly after that Easter morning. Longtime member Dee Kelly thanked Ron for the Easter worship music and included a check for his annual pledge plus an additional \$10,000 for UCC's music ministry. He noted that wanted the music funds to be available for any other opportunities for musicians that might arise.

Over the following years, Dee would help overcome the inevitable budget shortfalls at UCC so that Ron could hire professional musicians to accompany major choral works. The additional funds helped Ron and UCC's Chancel Choir create great music.

Dee continued to support the music ministry of UCC after Ron's death in 2009. Rev. Larry Thomas nurtured Dee's unofficial ministry, and with more than \$5,000 of memorial gifts, UCC established the Dee Kelly Endowment Fund for Music. The endowment, to include an additional \$100,000 bequest, is a fitting continuation of Dee's love of and commitment to worship at UCC.



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### NEW ENDOWMENT FUND Youth Alumni/ae Scholarship Endowment Fund By Rev. Russ Boyd, Associate Minister for Youth

In 2011, UCC's Youth Ministry Committee set a goal of establishing a scholarship fund to assist "alumni/ae" of church's youth ministry



pursuing theological education. Over the next few years, committee members looked at similar scholarships provided by other congregations and determined that establishing an endowment to generate income for the scholarship on an annual basis would be the best approach. The Youth Ministry Committee asked the Board of Stewards to designate \$50,000 from the Youth General Reserve to begin funding the endowment. Funds in the Youth General Reserve are primarily raised by youth and parents parking cars for TCU football games and are primarily used to offset camp and mission trip costs. As football parking grew more lucrative over the last five years, it became clear that funding for a major initiative like an endowment was possible.

The primary purpose of the UCC Youth Alumni/ae Scholarship Endowment Fund is to ensure individuals who grew up at UCC will receive financial support from the congregation if they discern a call to ministry and commit to graduate-level theological education (or a similar ministry training program). To be eligible for the scholarship from the Fund, an individual must have been a participating member of UCC at the time of graduation from high school. Candidates must complete an application in order to be considered, and must expressly state a desire to pursue Christian ministry as a vocation. They are not restricted by age, but must be enrolled in a theological institution or certificate of ministry program and must be under care of the Ordination Committee of UCC. Candidates may renew the award for up to three additional years while enrolled in a theological education program. Scholarships will be

administered under the supervision of the Youth Ministry Committee.

At UCC we encourage our young people to seriously consider ministry as a vocation, and this endowment makes it clear that their church is serious about supporting their calling. Our rapidly shifting religious landscape means that ministers with a solid theological education will be even more critical in our society, and our congregation is committed to helping make that education affordable when one of our own answers the call to ministry.

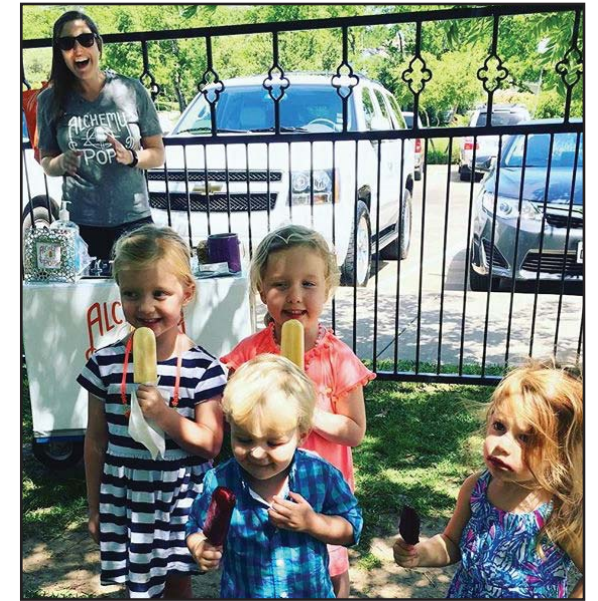
### BROOKSHIRE ENDOWMENT FUND

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Linda and Lee have supported a variety of local organizations over the years, including both arts and social service organizations. Many days and nights are spent enjoying the wonderful opportunities for art – visual, musical, and theater – our great city has to offer; they credit their parents for providing their appreciation of the arts. Their commitment to social services has led them to support organizations offering opportunities to all people regardless of age, race, ethnicity and sexual orientation, which are values they hold close.

Although Lee is a graduate of Baylor and Baylor Law School, together Linda and Lee support TCU, the hometown team, by attending athletic events, on-campus programs and alumni socials. Linda is also an active member of the Brite Divinity School Board of Trustees.

The Brookshire's motivation for their endowment gifts is not public recognition. In fact, it took some persuading to have them tell their story. The Brookshires understand that previous endowment gifts to UCC have allowed the church to sustain the level of service to the community that its congregation expects. Their motivation came in the form of, "a desire to inspire others to share their resources by contributing to the UCC endowment fund now and also in the future." Linda and Lee are truly examples of the impact UCC has on our church family and our community.







## Endowment Fund 2015 Annual Report

### CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

by David Nolan, Endowment Committee Chair

It is my honor to introduce the 2015 Annual Report for the University Christian Church Endowment. In the following pages, we seek to provide you with clarity about the endowment's financial position, examples of the benefits provided to our congregation and some thoughts on future opportunities.

This past year presented some challenges from an investment return perspective. The equity markets were volatile and commodity prices on which much of our local economy relies continued to decline. The investment committee continues to work closely with the Christian Church Foundation to ensure our funds are managed well for the long term in spite of the current challenges.

Thanks to the support of many, UCC has been able to expand its endowment fund over the years, the income from which is now providing a significant portion of the general operating budget and direct support for special ministries and programs. Your gifts and bequests are vital to supporting the ministries of our congregation and they create a legacy for our future. We give special thanks for the honor roll of donors who have established permanent funds through direct gifts and/or bequests and those they recognize and honor.

We look forward to continuing to find new ways to recognize those who have already contributed and to creating additional opportunities for further investment in our future as we "live the Good News of Jesus Christ with open minds and loving hearts."

### NEW ENDOWMENT FUND

**Lee and Linda Brookshire  
Endowment**

by Amanda Stallings,  
Endowment Comm. Member

Linda and Lee Brookshire began their journey at UCC in 1995. As a newly married couple, they were looking for a church that combined their faith in God and their commitment to social service, with educational opportunities and a welcome to all. Together, they found their new church home at UCC. Over the last 21 years, Linda and Lee have supported UCC by giving of their time and treasure. Linda is currently serving as an Elder and Lee is currently serving as a member of the Board of Stewards. They attend Sunday School regularly and participate in small group fellowship. Having this passion for their UCC family, Linda and Lee chose to make lasting gifts to the endowment fund to support the church that has given them so much.

The Brookshires wanted to leave a gift to sustain the church, its clergy and programs. However, the couple also wanted to encourage giving in others. Therefore, Linda and Lee created an endowment with a gift of \$15,000 to support the overall functions of the church so that others, for years to come, could enjoy what they love so much. The couple not only wants to encourage others to give now, but also to make bequests to UCC in their Wills. Linda and Lee say, "Hopefully, for generations to come others can enjoy what we love so much here at UCC."

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### INVESTMENT REPORT

The objective of UCC's investment strategy is to provide money annually to enhance ministry while growing the Endowment Fund's purchasing power over the long term.

Endowment Funds are invested with the Christian Church Foundation (CCF). Additionally, UCC is the beneficiary of trusts managed by third-party trustees. Investments at CCF are in pooled funds. The Campbell Multi-Strategy Fund seeks higher returns with lower volatility by investing in equities and alternative assets. The Common Balanced Fund holds a mix of equities and fixed income instruments to produce strong returns with modest volatility. The Brown Fund is designed to maintain stability by holding a majority of its investments in fixed income.

	12/31/2014	12/31/2015
Cash	\$25,198	\$255,875
<b>Managed Investments</b>		
CCF Campbell Multi Strategy Fund	4,271,395	4,025,725
CCF Common Balanced Fund	4,528,427	3,933,735
CCF Brown Fund	3,555,677	3,301,115
<b>Total Managed Investments</b>	<b>12,355,499</b>	<b>11,260,575</b>
Beneficial interests in trusts	1,267,169	1,180,051
<b>Total Asset Market Values</b>	<b>\$13,647,866</b>	<b>\$12,696,501</b>

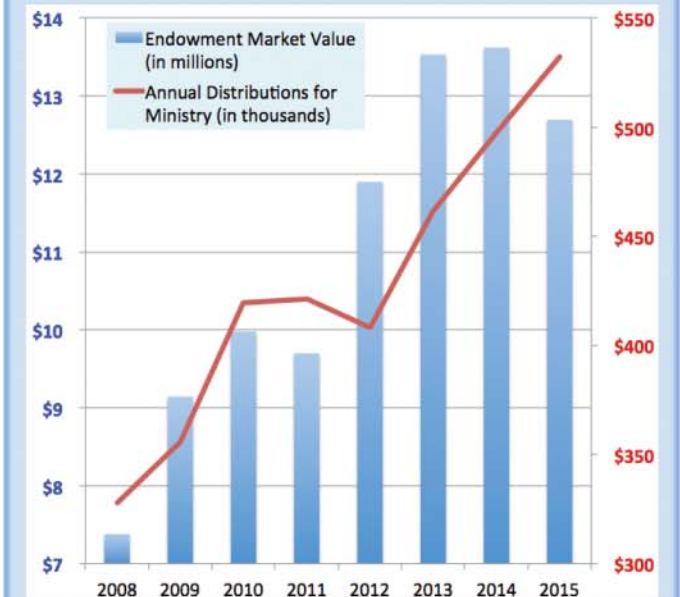
Investment income, realized gains, and unrealized losses, approximated a -5.8% return on investments during 2015, which followed a return of 2.7% in 2014.

<b>Managed Investments, 12/31/14</b>	<b>\$12,355,499</b>
Contributions invested	150,237
Distribution withdrawal	(532,300)
Investment Income, net of expenses	552,618
Realized Gain (Loss)	26,175
Unrealized Gain (Loss)	(1,291,654)
Net Change in Investments	<b>\$(1,094,924)</b>
<b>Managed Investments, 12/31/15</b>	<b>\$11,260,575</b>
<b>Estimated Return on Investment</b>	<b>-5.8%</b>

The 2015 distribution rate was unchanged from 2014 at 4.5%; the distribution rate was 5.0% in 2013 and 2012. Reductions in the distribution rate have been a key strategy of the Endowment Committee's objective to establish sustainable future distributions and avoid reducing the Endowment Fund's long-

term purchasing power. The Endowment Committee and Board of Stewards have approved an unchanged distribution rate of 4.5% for 2016.

### Historical Endowment Fund Asset Growth and Support of UCC Ministries



For more detailed reports of activity, please contact Michelle Ingram, Director of Operations, at 817.926.6631 or by email at [michelle@uccftw.com](mailto:michelle@uccftw.com).

### HOW TO LEAVE A LEGACY GIFT TO UCC IN YOUR WILL

Your bequest language can be as simple as,

"I devise and bequeath [X% of my estate or residue] OR [\$ specific dollar amount] to University Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Fort Worth, Texas."

By including UCC in your estate planning, you ensure that we continue to be a community that lives the Good News of Jesus Christ with open minds and loving hearts. Thank you!

We urge you to discuss your ideas for giving with your legal or financial advisors. Information provided by UCC is not intended as tax, legal, or financial advice.

For more information about planned giving opportunities, please contact Michelle Ingram, Director of Operations at 817.926.6631 or by email at [michelle@uccftw.com](mailto:michelle@uccftw.com).



## Congregational Meetings

### Personnel Committee

Tuesday, June 7, 5:30 p.m., Room 202

### Building & Grounds

Sunday, June 12, 12:15 p.m., Room 226

### Finance Committee

Monday, June 13, 5:30 p.m., Room 203

### Board of Stewards Orientation

Tuesday, June 21, 5:30 p.m., Room 205

### Board of Stewards

Tuesday, June 21, 6:30 p.m., Room 205

### Elders Orientation

Tuesday, June 28, 6:30 p.m., Room 203

### Elders Retreat

Saturday, June 25, 9 a.m., Room 207

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

## Truly Wonderful, the Mind of a Child is.

Yoda in the *Attack of the Clones Star Wars* movie states how truly wonderful the mind of a child is. Each of the 639 children at Rosemont Elementary School enjoyed a special *Star Wars* themed school-sponsored celebration, Thursday, May 19, and each went home with a brand new book which will help their minds be *more* wonderful (and curious and eager to read)!

The students were able to choose a book from the many titles purchased with the funds raised during the *Kid's Hope* Gift-a-Book Challenge at UCC on April 24. The students of Rosemont Elementary thank you!

