



Prom Dreams Come True



It's May and young women all over Fort Worth are attending High School Proms in beautiful dresses, shoes and accessories because of UCC's *Prom Dreams* Ministry. On one particular Thursday afternoon, among the girls shopping for dresses was Sambreesha. With the help of the wonderful *Prom Dreams* volunteers, Sambreesha found a breath-taking blue dress as well as silver shoes and a lovely statement necklace—a complete outfit. Everyone stopped to admire her, and in the corner of the room stood her mother, silently weeping. *Prom Dreams* do come true. For young women and those who love them.

Prom Dreams Boutique provides free prom dresses to girls who need assistance in obtaining a dress for this special occasion. The joy on the faces of the girls and their family members is only half the story. The *Prom Dreams* volunteers also share in the joy and excitement of finding a dress that enables a young woman to not only attend her prom, but to shine.

Honor UCC's High School Graduates!



You're invited to honor UCC's graduating high school seniors at the annual Senior Banquet on Wednesday, May 7.

The celebration is from 6:30-8 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Festivities will include tables decorated with pictures and memorabilia for each graduate, a photo slideshow, an introduction to each graduate and opportunities to offer congratulations and best wishes for their continued faith journeys after high school. The catered dinner from Pulido's is \$10 per person, and reservations are required.

To r.s.v.p., contact Susan Rogers at 469.426.1796 or susanrogers06@yahoo.com by Friday, May 2.

Stay Connected!

Worship

Sundays, 9 & 11 a.m.

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



The Vision of University Christian Church

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



A Fond Farewell

by Rev. Larry Thomas, Senior Minister

On May 2, Dr. Suzanne Castle completes her work as Associate Minister and Minister to *The Search* at University Christian Church. Dr. Castle had been on our staff since July of 2006. I am sure many of you had an opportunity to personally thank Suzanne for her service to UCC on April 27 and wished her well with future endeavors.

It is difficult to say goodbye to a colleague and friend. While I only had the pleasure of serving with Suzanne for two and half years, I have grown to depend on her creativity and energy where programming and worship are

concerned. I will miss her smile, her laugh, her inexhaustible reserve of creative ideas, and of course, I will miss the glitter!

Since joining our staff, Suzanne has completed a doctorate degree from the Institute for Worship Studies. She has coauthored a book, *Brim: Creative Overflow in Worship Design*, with her colleague and friend, Andra Moran. Her breadth of knowledge regarding worship has resulted in her being a well sought after speaker, especially regarding the challenges and joy associated with designing worship experiences for the Millennial Generation.

Suzanne has had a hand in developing our special worship services, both alternative and traditional, for nearly seven years. She has been a dependable staff liaison to our Church and the Arts Committee and to our Worship Life Committee. She has reached out to our college-aged youth and plugged them into the church.

This is only a partial list of Suzanne's attributes, which she has shared with us over the last few years. Suffice it to say, we will miss her and, we wish her well. Please join me, if you have not done so already, in reaching out to Suzanne to let her know how much you appreciate her and all she has contributed to University Christian Church.

Celebrating the New Face of Global Mission



The world around us is changing at a rapid pace. Our ability to be the church in the world depends on innovation. Join us for an advanced class in global missions and discover our changing ministry with mission partners around the world.

New Face of Global Mission Celebration
Saturday, May 17, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
South Hills Christian Church

\$10 for event-includes catered meal

•Jon Barnes, Global Ministries Executive and former missionary in Mozambique: *Changing Trends in Mission Education and Interpretation*

•Laura Jean Torgerson & Timothy Donaghy, UCC's Global Ministries Missionary Partners: *News from the Mission Front: Nicaragua*

•Plus mission stories from Trinity-Brazos Area colleagues who have been deployed around the world.

We're planning a lively mix of images, stories, interactive exercises, music, prayer, communion and more.

Preschool child care provided by reservation, call 817.926.5281

Join us for an event that will change the way you pray and participate in our ministry around the world!

UCC Journal

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Trinity Brazos Area Assembly - Faithful

Sunday, May 4, 3-7 p.m.



Join others at South Hills Christian Church, 3200 Bilglade Road, Fort Worth, for the TBA Area Assembly.

creative, concrete ways our churches are fulfilling God's call to mission

Worship the God-Who-Is-Faithful

Simple, beautiful, heartening, together

Faithful to Our Unity

The State of the Trinity Brazos Area. How're we doing? What comes next?

Faithful to Our Future

Workshops and conversations about

Faithful to Our Friendship

Burrito buffet and a brass band playing in the park

Details and registration at tbaccsw.org
\$10 fee includes the burrito buffet

July Summer Sabbath at UCC

Summer Sabbath

Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy.
-Exodus 20:8 NRSV

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. Summer Sabbath at UCC is an opportunity for our congregation to live into our call as God's people by practicing rest. As we observe Sabbath during the 10 a.m. Sunday School hour in the month of July, we are giving one another a genuine time for rest and renewal. These four weeks will provide opportunities for individuals and groups to renew and refresh their spirits in a multitude of ways, while allowing our Sunday School teachers and shepherds to practice much needed rest.

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

- Adult classes will determine what is best for their group. If parents in the class have elementary or youth-aged children, we ask that you involve those children in your class activities or provide resources that coincide with

your class. Russ and Kera are happy to help provide ideas and resources.

- Many may choose to use this time in fellowship with one another, taking intentional opportunities to renew spirits through conversation. Room 207 will be set-up with tables, coffee and a small selection of breakfast treats. Conversation areas will be available around the church; for example, The Gallery, The Arches, in our Lobby, the Library, and near elevators on the first, second and third floors.

- 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 programs of UCC and then invite your friend to worship with you as together we renew our spirits.

Summer Sabbath in July at UCC will help each of us replenish and renew our spirits in our own ways. By intentionally observing Sabbath time, we are giving ourselves an opportunity to take the Sabbath as God modeled for each of us on the seventh day. Sunday School classes will resume normal schedules on Sunday, August 3. Our prayer is that leaders, teachers, and participants will return to class refreshed, renewed and ready to participate in the exciting ministry opportunities at University Christian Church.

Life of the Church

Deaths

Ernestine Keller, March 14
Wife of John Keller

Lee Ekstrom, March 17
Father of David Ekstrom

Florus Chandler, March 17
Mother of Ray Chandler

Mabel Dearhart, March 17
Mother of Karen Rigby

David Alexander, March 27
Father of Bill Alexander

Crystelle Rapp, April 7
Mother of Randy Rapp

Births

Teagan Lasley and Tanner Brooks, twins of John and Tanis Sinnett, born March 13. Grandparent is Patricia Smith.

Kate Harper King, daughter of Lauren and Brian King, born March 20. Grandparents are Sue Ott and Kellie and Mike Morton.

Weddings

Alicia Brandt/Zach Thoms
April 5

Meredith Clonch/Cameron Miller
April 12

Ashley Marshall/Jason Bruner
April 26

May Canned Food Drive

South Central Alliance of Churches (SCAC) is the local outreach arm of University Christian Church. It is made up of fourteen churches and has been in operation since 1988, serving our neighbors in zip codes 76104, 76109 and 76110. SCAC provides both case management and emergency assistance which might include food, rental assistance, utility assistance, bus tokens, gas vouchers, toiletries and baby items.

The SCAC emergency food pantry is sourced entirely by donations from member churches and the community. Each May UCC invites the congregation to contribute non-perishable food items to be dropped off in the collection bin by the Reception Desk.

Suggested items include canned meats and fish, fruit, vegetables and soup. Also appropriate are powdered and evaporated milk, baby formula, pudding or custard, peanut butter, dried beans, macaroni and cheese, hamburger helper, tuna helper, rice and pasta.

Tips to make this ministry meaningful:

- Involve the family in deciding what to contribute or how much to give
- Shop for extra portions of favorite food
- This Mother's Day remember her favorite food to buy in her honor
- Say a prayer of blessing for those who will receive your donation

Monetary donations are also welcomed.

Make checks payable to UCC, noted as a donation for SCAC, and place in collection plates or leave with the receptionist.

The hunger in our community is great. Please be as generous as possible, especially with sources of protein.

"If you judge people, you don't have time to love them." - Mother Teresa



Rosemont Elementary Summer Reading Book Drive



For the second year, UCC Kid's Hope, our ministry of mentoring elementary

school students, is sponsoring a Book Drive so that each child in Rosemont Elementary School can receive a new book for summer reading. By purchasing a book and praying for the students and teachers everyone can participate in the Kids Hope ministry, even those who don't have time to commit to mentoring.

Each Sunday in May a display will be set up in The Arches for anyone wishing to provide financial assistance.

The Rosemont librarian has identified books appropriate for each grade level. You may review a list of the books, and choose which book(s) to purchase. With each purchase, you may sign a book plate and leave a personal message for the recipient. On Thursday, May 29, at a special school-sponsored celebration, every class will go to the Library so each child can pick up a copy of the summer reading challenge along with the new book they will have for their very own.



Pentecost Special Day Offering

Our Disciples family is growing! In 2001, former general minister and president, Dick Hamm, challenged the denomination to start 1,000 new congregations by 2020 to better represent the diversity present in America today.

This year's theme is *Every Church Was*

New Once. More than two-thirds of the United States population doesn't live within close driving distance of a Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) congregation. Disciples have started more than 830 new churches since 2001 and have reached more than 50,000 persons, many of whom may not have had a relationship with God. Our new churches worship in at least nineteen different languages.

On June 1 and 8, Disciples churches will collect the Pentecost Offering to fund this new church movement. Planning, nurturing and sustaining new congregations is part of the Disciples vision. When you give to the Pentecost Offering, one half of your gift stays in the local region. The balance supports the work of general new church efforts. Make checks payable to UCC and note Pentecost Offering on the memo line.



May College Happenings

- Finals Feast, May 5 from 5-7 p.m. in Room 207
- Young Adult Service Camp, May 15-18 at Disciples Crossing
 - Students Away Reunion Breakfast, May 18 in Room 223

UCC Women

Women's Ministries engages women in meaningful enrichment, spiritual growth, study and worship while advocating for and reaching out to women in our community and around the world. Contact Cyndy Twedell, Associate Minister, for more information.

Women's Circles

First Tuesday October through May
Join us May 6:

Lily of the Valley, UCC Library, 10 a.m.
Rose Circle, Broadway Plaza, 10:30 a.m.



Be Trained to Participate on May 18

One of the most exciting ministries at UCC is Room in the Inn (RITI).

Since 2008, UCC has welcomed ten homeless men for fellowship, dinner and a safe overnight each Wednesday during the two hottest and three coldest months of the year.

The men are picked up at the Day Resource Center (DRC), transported here, greeted by UCC hosts and served

Special Event

May Friendship Day

Friday, May 2, Church Women United will celebrate at 10:30 a.m. at Ebenezer Baptist Church (1901 Amanda Ave-76105). This year's theme is "Through God our Hands Can Serve" with a community focus on JPS Hospital.

Regular Activities

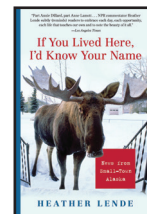


Latte with the Ladies

Saturday, May 10, beginning at 9 a.m. at the The Cup (3909 Camp Bowie-76107)

Women of Valor

Usually the second Sunday evening each month, 6 p.m. Room 204. May 18 we will gather for fellowship and continue conversation of the book, *An Altar in the World* by Barbara Brown Taylor.



WILD Women Book Club

Monday, May 19, at 6 p.m. at Cat City Grill and Tuesday, May 20, at 11:30 a.m. in the UCC Library. We will discuss the book *If You Lived Here, I'd Know Your Name* by Heather Lende.

a family-style meal. While some of the men are exhausted from the day spent on the street and are grateful to retire early without worries for their property or personal safety, others enjoy visiting or playing table games. Lights are usually out by 10 p.m. In the morning each guest receives breakfast and a sack lunch before transport back to DRC.

Don't miss the opportunity to be trained so that you can be a part of this amazing program. There are plenty of jobs which

do not require training such as setting up the suite in preparation for the guests, contributing food, providing kitchen detail and doing laundry, however working directly with our guests does require training. The enthusiasm of those who interact with our guests is consistently overwhelmingly positive.

Summer session training is Sunday, May 18, noon, in Room 112. Lunch provided to all who r.s.v.p. to carolmstewart@sbcglobal.net or 972.239.7769.



You are not alone. More than 15.5 million Americans are caregivers for family members living with Alzheimer's and dementia diseases which can be stressful, demanding and life-changing.

UCC is forming a new support group for caregivers of those with Alzheimer's and dementia. Our professionally

Alzheimer's Support Group Interest Meeting

led meetings offer a confidential, non-judgmental environment where participants can share their concerns, support each other and learn ways to cope with long-term caregiving. Sessions are open to the community.

Some benefits of joining a support group:

- Exchanging information on caregiving problems and possible solutions
- Talking through challenges and ways of coping

- Sharing feelings, needs and concerns
- Learning about resources available in the community

Charles Sanders will facilitate and Leslie Dell will co-facilitate our support group and both have been trained by the Alzheimer's Association! We will host interest meetings Sunday, June 8 and 22, from 12:15-1 p.m., in Room 204. If you are unable to attend a meeting, contact Jennifer 817.926.6631 for information.

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.

From Taizé to Texas

by Orlew Lauger



I invite you to walk up the stairway from the Sanctuary and head for the elevator. Just to the right of the elevator, you see a cross made of iron from which hangs an abstract interpretation of the body of Jesus, made of copper. The title of the work is "Crucifix," a mid-twentieth century piece from the Protestant

Monastery at Taizé in France. We can only imagine the creator of the work since the artist is unknown.

Is Taizé a household word for you? The community of Taizé, in the Burgundy region of France, began in the 1940's as a refuge for weary souls who were fleeing the war. Over the years, Taizé has grown to become a retreat center of tremendous influence. Its philosophy of reconciliation attracts thousands of pilgrims from all around the world.

A crucifix is an important icon in the tradition of worship at Taizé. Services include simple chants, short Bible passages, and a time of silent meditation. At the end of the session, worshippers come to the crucifix, kneel to rest their heads on it, and pray.

Let's take a close look at the work itself. The iron cross is heavy, dark, rigid. Does it look like leather to you? Artists can apply a solution of oil and turpentine

to create a beautiful leather-like sheen to the surface. The bottom point of the vertical stake is so menacing. Did the artist want to remind us of the suffering that Jesus endured for our sake?

The body of Jesus offers a welcome contrast to the cross. The copper figure is light and reflective. Note the subtle changes of color that copper offers as you move to take a closer look. Copper is also a soft medium that permits the artist to mold and texture it in a variety of ways. The slender figure wears a simple loincloth twined around the hips that reaches to the knees. Most striking are the outstretched arms. Although nailed to the cross at his hands and feet, the arms are molded to stretch toward us. It is as though even in death the Christ figure is free from the cross. Now bend your knees and look more closely at the modern etches on the head of Jesus. You see the serene face of Jesus. The artist invites us to welcome salvation in the flesh.

Spring Outing to See Texas Style Art



the minimalist art that was the standard at that time was not what he wanted to do. He returned to Dallas and began painting the world he knows and loves: magnolia blossoms, a grassy lake in the

David Bates was born in Garland, grew up in Dallas, attended SMU and was accepted in the independent studies program at the Whitney Museum of American Art. There he realized that

Ozarks, the Galveston coast. He has been successful far beyond what might have been expected of such an independent artist, and he is now exhibited at major museums internationally.

The Church and the Arts Ministry Division is sponsoring back-to-back tours of his art this month at both the Modern Art Museum in Fort Worth and the Nasher Sculpture Museum in Dallas.

On Friday evening, May 9, at 6 p.m., there will be a tour of Bates' paintings at the Modern, led by UCC member docents. Admission will be complementary.

The following morning, we will catch

the 8:50 a.m. TRE train at the T&P station and go to Dallas to see his sculptures at the Nasher, (adults \$10, seniors \$7, students \$5, Modern Members free). Afterward we will have a picnic at the Klyde Warren Park (over the freeway) with food from the food trucks located in the park.

Trains for the one-hour return trip leave at 1:50, 3:20, and 4:50 p.m.

Please let Marsha Hodges know by May 7 (marsha@uccftw.com or 817.926.6631 ext. 152) if you plan to attend either or both of these events. For additional information, contact Martha Lunday 817.831.1221, or martha@lunday.com.

Save the Dates for Church and the Arts Event in June

The Church and the Arts Ministry division will be sponsoring two events in June: Hip Pocket Theater's *Archy & Mehitabel (Shinbone Alley)* on June 7, and a day trip to Albany to see the *Fandangle* on June 21.

Watch for details in upcoming Updates and the June *Journal*.

Baby Dedication



*Alfred George Zemkoski, son of
Alex and Beth Zemkoski.
Grandparents are Frank & Dorothy
Stillwell, Steve & Diane Zemkoski, and
Rusty & Karen Morrow.
Great-grandparents are Sandra O'Brien
and Thurman & Eleece Morrow.
Alfie is shown with big sister Dodie.*

Would You Like to Schedule a Baby Dedication?



Dedications take place during 11 a.m. worship. Upcoming dates are: June 15, August 3, September 14. The baby dedication is a blessing of the child and a promise from parents to their child to raise them in a Christian home. But, it is also the public acknowledgement of a covenant with the people of UCC that we as a community of faith will surround

the child with the spirit of Christ as they grow in our midst.

In order to affirm these provisions, parents will participate in a Baby Dedication class to learn about some of the intricacies of a child's faith journey and about how UCC can help foster their family and child in the process of understanding Christ's love. The next class is June 1 at 10 a.m. Contact Susan Henry in the Children's Ministries Office, susan@uccftw.com, or ext. 165 for details.

UCC Spring Softball

Come cheer on the UCC softball team at Gateway Park off Beach Street in Fort Worth. All Games are played on Field 5. It's great, inexpensive, Friday night entertainment!

Schedule for May

May 2 – 7:45 p.m.
May 9 – 8:45 p.m.
May 16 – 8:45 p.m.
May 23 – 6:45 p.m.



Newcomers Class

All are welcome to be a part of the Newcomers Class!
Join us Sundays, May 4, 11 and 18,
at 10 a.m. in Room 201.
Take this opportunity to invite a
friend to learn more about
University Christian Church.

The Newcomers Class provides an opportunity to get to know others, meet Rev. Thomas, learn about University Christian Church and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and tour the building. Questions are always welcome.

For more information,
contact Michelle Groom,
Ministry Assistant to
Rev. Cyndy Twedell,
at 817.926.6631 ext. 138,
or email mgroom@uccftw.com.

New Members



James Archier enjoys attending UCC because "it gives me an opportunity to serve God and grow spiritually." In his spare time James plays tennis, visits museums and art shows and travels to exciting destinations.



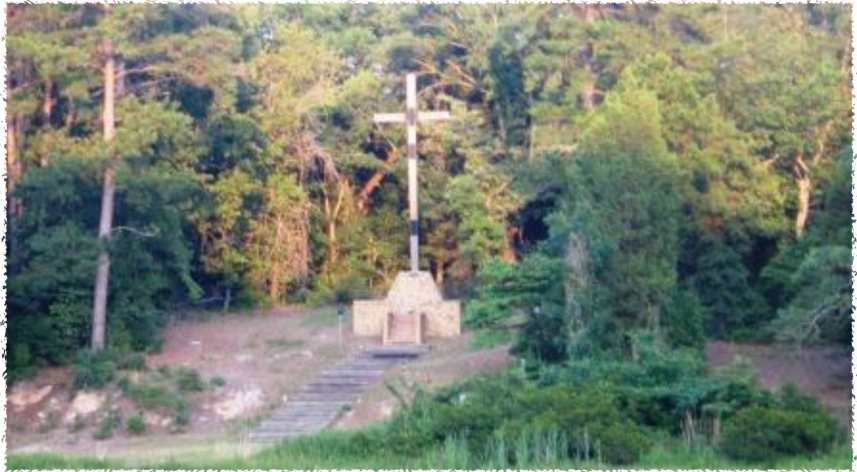
Jackie Shrode recently moved to Fort Worth from Houston where she had been a member of Kirkwood South Christian Church for over 50 years. She is a third generation, life-long Disciple and the mother of Laura Miller.



Cynthia Hiser and Bruce Greenwell are "so happy to be home." They each grew up at UCC. Cynthia teaches P.E. at Baccus Elementary School in Granbury and Bruce works for Medstar Medical Supplies. Cynthia's son, Clay Falls, also grew up at UCC and lives in Bryan.



Young Adult Service Camp



Disciples Crossing Camp May 15th to 18th

Come give back to the place that has given you so much. Young adults ages 19 to 29 are invited to Disciples Crossing for a weekend of service and spiritual retreat. We'll spend time tending to our own spirits and taking care of the Holy Ground that we love so much. Projects will include landscaping, painting, construction, and more. All skill levels needed! Can't stay all weekend? No problem. Come when you can.

Cost: \$20 per day or \$65 for all weekend

To register email tiff@disciplescrossing.org

Get Excited about Music Makers Camp!



This is our second year to offer this wonderful camp lead again by our Children's Choir Director, Mary Farmer. Music Makers

will take place in the afternoons directly following VBS, June 24-27. Music Makers is offered to children entering grades 2-6 and is an excellent opportunity to gain musical experience, have fun with friends and create together. Please plan to involve your children in this musical experience!

Children will be share lunch together at 12 p.m. following VBS, and then engage in all sorts of musical activities including music history, basic music theory, movement activities, voice lessons and sight singing, learning to play and improvising on our Percussion and Orff instruments (child size xylophones). Participants will have an "Instrument

Petting Zoo" and explore orchestral instruments and folk instruments. They will listen to stories about composers, experience harmony, create their own melodies and rhythms and gain an appreciation for music in the church and in our culture.

We will conclude at 3 p.m. each day. The children will present an informal recital for families on Friday at 2:30 p.m. and share some activities they participated in during the camp. Cost is \$45 each and is limited to thirty-five participants.

Unfortunately, most children do not get much musical experience in school unless they are involved in extracurricular activities such as Children's Choir, piano lessons or camps like Music Makers. This is a wonderful way to involve your children in music and the arts. Register online at universitychristian.org or email marsha@uccftw.com or marylizabethfarmer@yahoo.com for more information.

Vacation Bible School, June 24-27



Mark your calendars now so you can be a part of *Workshop of Wonders: Imagine & Build with God* (ages two to third graders) or *Mission VBS* (fourth and fifth graders).

VBS online registration began March 1. It is urgent to register as soon as

possible. You will be notified if the age group requested is full and your child is on a wait list.

VBS is \$20 per child or \$40 per household; however, four day volunteers pay only \$7 per child. Mission VBS registration is \$35. Visit ucckids.org to register and pay online or pick up forms in The Arches. Adult and Youth volunteer forms are also available online.

Don't Miss Out on Youth Summer Mission Trips!

UCC's middle and high school youth will learn and serve on two summer mission trips. Youth in grades nine through twelve will travel to White Swan, WA, on the CYF Mission Trip, where they will work at Yakama Christian Mission, a Disciple ministry center dedicated to serving others on the Yakama Reservation. The group will fly into Portland June 29 and return to DFW July 6 after stops at Mount St. Helens and Cannon Beach. Cost is \$375 per person and registration deadline is May 4.

The Chi Rho Mission Trip for grades six through eight will spend four days in Austin helping feed the hungry working at the Capital Area Food Bank. The group departs Sunday afternoon, June 15, and returns Wednesday night, June 18, after a stop at Schlitterbahn Water Park in New Braunfels. Trip cost is \$175 per person and registration deadline is June 1. Full and half scholarships for both trips are available upon request.

For trip details and registration forms, visit www.uccyouth.org.

Summer Camps for UCC Youth and Children

at Disciples Crossing in Athens
(grade completed in parentheses)

Grand Camp 1

(Pre K-3 w/adult): May 30-June 1

Grand Camp 2

(Pre K-3 w/adult): August 1-3

Discovery Camp

(2-3 w/adult): May 23-25

Family Camp

(kids and parents, all ages): June 6-8

JYF Camp 1

(4-5): June 30-July 4

JYF Camp 2 (4-5): July 21-25

Chi Rho Camp (6-7): July 7-12

Eighter's Camp (8): July 6-12

Niner's Camp (9): June 23-28

CYF Conference (10-12): June 16-21

MAD (Music/Art/Drama) Camp

(6-9): June 9-14

Equine Camp (6-12):

July 28-August 1

Racial Reconciliation Camp

(grades 9-12): July 14-18

TBA Registration Deadline:

May 11 for regular costs.

Forms and payments go to Pam Santangelo in the UCC Business Office. After May 11, all forms and questions go to Russ Boyd to determine if space is still available at late fee prices.



A French Feast For The Senses

Alsace, Normandy, Paris, Ile de France

May 8-17, 2015

Strictly limited to
20 participants

*Sponsored by
Church & the Arts*

Full itinerary and info
available through

Marsha Hodges at
marsha@uccftw.com

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MALMAISON TOUR

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THE MEDIEVAL TOWN OF
BEUVRON-EN-AUGE

NORMANDY BEACH

FRENCH COUNTRYSIDE ART
EXPERIENCES

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STRASBOURG

CASTLE OF HAUT-
KOENIGSBOURG



Nurses Notes

If you are a Registered Nurse and would like to help with our Parish Nurse program, please contact Carole Widmann at RNcarole@gmail.com.

Exercise While Watching Television

In a study published in 2011 in *Medicine & Science in Sports & Exercise*, scientists found that people who walked in place during the commercials of an hour-long program burned a total of 148 calories!

May is National Mental Health Month

This year's focus is on young people. Feelings of sadness, anxiety, worry or sleep problems are common until they become intense. If these feelings are interfering with learning, friendships or other relationships, and last for long periods of time, it may be a sign of a mental illness.

To learn more about mental health issues visit: National Mental Health Association at www.nmha.org.

Medication Review

Do you take three or more medications? If so, you might be at risk for dangerous medication problems! Free twenty-minute screenings are available to have your medications reviewed for potential problems and learn about effective and safe medication use. Contact Dolores Little, MSW, LCSW, at 817.413.4949 ext. 225 or Carole Widmann, RN at RNcarole@gmail.com.



New Recycling Bins are Here

Have you seen them? More importantly, have you recycled your soda cans or bottles and plastic punch cups in them? UCC's new mixed recycle bins are in place.

After over ten years of the blue paperboard recycling containers that had to be emptied and personally carried to recycling centers by our Caring for God's Creation volunteers (and the Connections Class), permanent, attractive bins are now in place. And they will be emptied regularly, along

with the garbage, into a dumpster just for mixed recycling. It's been a long time in coming and what great timing in that they arrived before Earth Stewardship Sunday!

Each bin contains receptacles for both trash and recycling and was beautifully crafted from 1,064 recycled milk jugs. Recycle your paper, cardboard, empty soda bottles and cans, empty glass bottles, plastic containers (with recycling symbol) and paper board (empty beverage boxes).

UCC Quick Financial Summary - Unified Budget March 2014

Description	2013 YTD Actuals	2014 YTD Actuals	Budget YTD 2014	Budget Annual	YTD Variance
Income					
Pledges	\$629,218	\$637,276	\$635,842	\$2,115,000	\$1,435
Non Pledge Contributions	\$61,247	\$44,049	\$61,877	\$330,000	(\$17,828)
Offering	\$10,107	\$7,513	\$7,721	\$35,655	(\$209)
Misc. Unrestricted Income	\$28,512	\$23,638	\$23,076	\$161,605	\$561
WDS Income (Net)	\$71,696	\$48,199	\$64,997	\$86,088	(\$16,798)
Endowment Income	\$70,957	\$74,238	\$76,428	\$291,010	(\$2,190)
Participant/Restricted Income & Reserve Use	\$271,483	\$73,869	\$96,835	\$373,884	(\$22,965)
Total Income	\$1,143,219	\$908,782	\$966,776	\$3,393,242	(\$57,994)
Total Personnel Expense	\$445,558	\$463,374	\$481,138	\$1,842,526	\$17,764
Total Program/Admin. Expense	\$296,940	\$219,849	\$259,766	\$1,061,351	\$39,916
Total Mission/Outreach Expense	\$118,758	\$160,928	\$160,664	\$494,944	(\$264)
Total Expenses	\$861,256	\$844,151	\$901,568	\$3,398,821	\$57,417
Net Operating Income (Loss)	\$281,963	\$64,631	\$65,208	(\$5,579)	(\$577)

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 please contact Michelle Ingram, Director of Accounting, at 817.926.6631 or by email michelle@uccftw.com.



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Congregational Meetings

Personnel Committee

Tuesday, May 6, 5:30 p.m.
Room 202

Communications Committee

Wednesday, May 7, 5:30 p.m.
Room 202

Building & Grounds

Wednesday, May 14, 12:15 p.m.
Room 202

Finance Committee

Tuesday, May 13, 5:30 p.m.
Room 203

Board of Stewards

Tuesday, May 20, 6:30 p.m.
Room 207

Assembly Meeting

Tuesday, May 27, 6:30 p.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.



Quadrennial Assembly

June 25-June 29, 2014 • Atlanta, Georgia

Quadrennial Assembly is a Disciples Women's event which lifts up women from around the world through fellowship, worship, service and education.

Register online at www.regonline.com/2014quadrennial

Registration Costs: \$400 (thru June 9)

Hotel Information: Atlanta Marriott Marquis, 265 Peachtree Center Avenue

Room Rates: \$109 per night for single, double and quads (plus tax)

Speakers

Wednesday, June 25, Rev. Dr. Sharon Watkins
I See You through Eyes of Grace

Thursday, June 26, Rev. Dr. Nohemi Pagan
I See You through the Voice of Compassion

Friday, June 27, Rev. April Lewton
I See You with Hands of Justice

Saturday, June 28, Rev. Penny Ziemer
I See You with a Heart of Joy

Sunday, June 29, Rev. Dr. Cynthia Hale
I See You Whole

Contact Rev. Cyndy Twedell for more information or to apply for scholarship funds to attend the 2014 Quadrennial Assembly!