



Lent at UCC

GOOD SOIL, GOOD SEEDS, GOOD NEWS!



LENT AND EASTER

As the sun's light lingers in the sky, the lengthening of days begins. The word *lent* comes from the Old English word *lencten*, meaning "spring"; literally, *lent* is the lengthening of days. At University Christian Church this Lenten season, we will be focusing on the process of the growth that occurs as our days lengthen and the time for growth begins. By preparing the ground and sowing the seeds of the fruits of the spirit, we anticipate receiving the Good News!

The inspiration for the Lenten theme, *Good Soil, Good Seeds, Good News!* grew out of the positive feedback received about a January sermon that spoke of torn skies and broken ground as a means of making room for change. In light of this response, we will seek to build upon the ideas introduced in that message. Paul offers in Galatians 5 the fruits of the spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. We invite

you to consider the gifts of the Spirit as good seeds to be planted in the rich soil of our lives, all the while nurtured by the Good News of God's love.

As you prepare to walk through the Lenten season, be aware of these experiences that will provide opportunities for you to grow and move toward resurrection.

•Lenten Devotionals

Children were mailed *Let's Grow Into Lent* Daily Lenten Devotions and *Let's Grow Into Lent Mobile* will take children from the Garden of Eden to the garden tomb of Easter in a prayerful experience of growth during Lent. Additional copies available in The Arches.

A selection of Adult Lenten Devotionals are available in The Arches. Take time to choose a daily devotional that will spark your growth during Lent.

Weekly Lenten Reflections, written by our ministry staff, go out each Monday during Lent to those who receive the weekly Email Update. You may also receive it by emailing "subscribe" to lentendevo@uccftw.com.

Lenten Sermon Series

The sermon series during Lent is based on our Lenten theme: *Good Soil, Good Seeds, Good News!* Each Sunday's sermon will explore the gifts of the Spirit as described by the Apostle Paul in Galatians. The sermons will be based upon the premise that these gifts are signs of the Spirit's presence in our lives and thus in our world, while at the same time, acknowledging that for many they remain ideas rather than realities. We hope to draw upon the examples of others, biblical and historical characters, and perhaps contemporary personalities as a means of moving beyond the position of an observer of the qualities of the spiritual life, to that of experienter. Our ultimate example is

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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



How Long is Too Long?

by Rev. Larry Thomas, Senior Minister

There are a couple of blogs I follow with some degree of regularity. One of them recently considered the subject of preaching. More specifically, it delved into the subject of time; how much time is the right time, that sort of thing. The timing of my sermons often concerns me as much as the content, primarily because we have so many different and important components to our service and each of them need to be engaged as flawlessly as possible within the time allotted, remembering also that we have a live radio broadcast to consider.

I began to think about sermon timing critically while in seminary. My preaching professor taught us that we should be able to preach to any length that is required. In fact, for one of our exams, we were allowed to bring two resources to class whereupon we were given a Biblical text that he had chosen for us. With these tools in hand, we were expected to develop, within one hour, a five minute message. It was a tough assignment, but it taught me that I could do it when necessary.

These days, much of what I read suggests that preaching is a dying

art. Younger generations, we are told, have a diminishing appreciation for preaching as a means of effectively conveying important ideas. We are being encouraged to be more interactive, to make use of social media, to provide opportunities for expanded participation, to build feedback loops in one's message. In essence, there is a growing expectation that the sermon become a conversation--a brief, but meaningful, conversation.

One contributor to the blog I mentioned above suggests that some research has found that few of us remember, specifically speaking, more than ten percent of what we hear in a lecture or a sermon. This percentage diminishes with the length of the message. The longer the sermon, the less we remember. A very long message would leave few of us with any memory, except for the lingering idea that whatever it was, it was too long and too boring.

The primary question of this particular blog is: Has preaching become a means of filling time? I do not think so--but then, I am biased. I know that the concern over the length of the message is often mitigated by the interest one has in the subject at hand, as well as the style of delivery and the inclusion of illustrations

or anecdotes, but at some point, even the most ideal combination of the above can become burdensome. As a parishioner once quipped, "The mind can only receive what the seat can endure."

So, what is the right amount of time; ten minutes, fifteen, twenty or something more or less? Would breaking up a message to answer questions be too distracting, or would it enhance the experience? Would providing an online outline or a means of interacting electronically after the message be helpful? Would you ask questions in advance of the message, if given the opportunity, as a means of participating in the formation of the message?

I really enjoy preaching and it disturbs me to think that what I enjoy most about ministry is diminishing in importance in today's culture. While I am partial to my own style (I would change it if I wasn't), I am willing to listen to those who have skin in the game. Is there a way we can convey important ideas that would allow for more receptivity and participation? I am curious. Send me a message on Facebook or email me with your response. If there is enough interest, we can set up a group on Facebook and see where this leads.



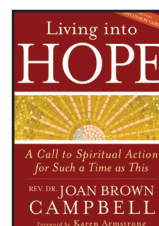
Save the Date!

On May 3, Rev. Dr. Joan Brown Campbell, a highly sought-after lecturer, will speak at University Christian Church on her book *Living into Hope*.

My spiritual study group spent several months reading and studying this book and we found it to be eye-opening, challenging and hopeful. As the book cover suggests, it is "A Call to Spiritual Action for Such a time as This."

Plan to attend. You will be challenged and inspired.

Sandi Kennedy
UCC Board Chair



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.

UCC Spring Break Mission Pilgrimage



Your prayers for UCC's Spring Break Mission Pilgrimage participants and those with whom they will serve are greatly appreciated. This year's group will work in partnership with Rippling Hope to help renovate and repair two churches in El Paso, including the church where they will stay, Mount Hope Lutheran Church.

The UCC group will also work with families in El Paso as they make home repairs and learn from them about complex border issues.

The group will be blessed and commissioned for service as part of worship Sunday, March 1.

Caring for God's Creation



The Caring for God's Creation (CFGC) ministry is celebrating its tenth year at UCC. In addition to encouraging recycling, establishing the children's garden, reducing the use of Styrofoam by providing and washing coffee mugs each Sunday, and providing educational opportunities on environmental issues,

CFGC celebrates Earth Day by providing annual events around Sunday worship.

2015 marks the forty-fifth anniversary of World Earth Day. People around the globe will focus on sustainability issues such as renewable energy solutions. At UCC, we are exploring the possibility of solar panels to reduce electricity costs. Mark your calendars for UCC Earth Stewardship Sunday, April 19, as we celebrate God's Creation together.

We are in the process of registering the *Growing Up Green Community Garden* as a Monarch Waystation. The Weekday School students will be tutored by TCU students about the role pollinators play in sustaining our food sources and the importance of re-establishing habitats for them.

Life of the Church

Weddings

Robin Rufener & Mike Moore
January 24

Jennifer Teichelman & Alexander Yack
February 21

Natalie DeChellis & Clayton Hicks
February 28

Deaths

Col. Bill Trice, January 16
grandfather of Scott Blakewell

Larry Meeks, January 23
father of Catherine Parks

Karen Hagseth, January 23
wife of Paul Hagseth,
mother of Paul, Jr., Mary Katherine
and Lauren Hagseth

David Vanderwerken, January 25
husband of Karen Vanderwerken,
father of Eric and Brian Vanderwerken
and Shari Baurle

Betty Mae Mellina, January 29
mother of Richard, Scott and David
Mellina and Martha Jones

Lanhan Atkinson, February 4
brother of Marilyn Ivy

Jean Parish, February 4
aunt of Jana Morgan

Richard Adams, February 7
grandfather of Brian Gibson

Lt. Col. Don Richard Poe, February 9
brother of Marilyn Jones

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example is in the good news of God's love made known in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. We hope you will join us each Sunday during Lent. As means of preparing for a most satisfying worship experience, you might want to become familiar with Galatians 5.

Lenten Lunch Bible Study meets each Thursday, 12-12:45 p.m. in Room 312.

Sundays During Lent

- **Fallow Time** 8:15-9 a.m. each Sunday morning in Room 206. A time of sacred silence when we prayerfully wait for God to restore the ground of our spiritual lives and prepare us for growth.

- Again this year, Sunday worship at 9 and 11 a.m. will include silence during the sharing of communion to provide for added reflection and meditation.

- On the evening of March 29, children, youth and adults of all ages are invited to share in an **Agape Meal, a Love Feast**, in Walker Fellowship Hall from 5-6:30 p.m. Tables, prayer experiences and music will come alongside an agape meal liturgy that will seek to enliven your whole being as we begin Holy Week. For more information or to assist in preparing for this evening of communion, please email jessica@uccftw.com.

Holy Thursday, April 2

- **Walk the Labyrinth** from 5-6:30 p.m. in Walker Fellowship Hall

- **Candlelight Communion**, 6:30-6:55 p.m. also in Walker Fellowship Hall

- **Holy Week Worship: A Service of Darkness**, 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary

featuring the Chancel Choir and strings presenting special Tenebrae music

Easter Sunday Worship

- 6:45 a.m. **Sunrise Service** in the Memorial Garden, Michael Yandell preaching.

- 9 and 11 a.m. **Traditional Worship**, Larry Thomas preaching

Easter Potluck Brunch in Room 207 at 10 a.m. Join together for an Easter morning celebration with friends old and new as we celebrate the Good News. Bring your favorite food and share in food and fellowship.

No Sunday school classes will meet on Easter morning. Preschool childcare is available 8:45 a.m.-12 p.m.

Welcome UCC Artists!



Shanelle Reyes with her two entries in the 2013 UCC Visual Arts Exhibits.

The aim of art is to represent not the outward appearance of things, but their inward significance. — Aristotle

Church and the Arts is again sponsoring an exhibit to recognize the artists in our congregation. The exhibit and reception

is Sunday, March 22, 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Room 207.

We invite you to participate in this special art exhibit. This year we highlight the Fine Arts—art that is created primarily for its beauty and meaningfulness. It does not have any other purpose than to be visually enjoyed by the viewer. This includes art such as painting, drawing, printmaking, sculpture, photography, watercolor and graphics. The exhibit is open to all who attend UCC.

If you are interested in participating, pick up an entry form at The Arches Information Desk or at the Reception Desk. Entry deadline is March 14. You will need to deliver artwork to the church Saturday, March 21, 9 a.m.- noon.

We want to celebrate your artistic gifts. We hope you are willing to share your art!

Adult Ministries Important Dates

March 6, The 1's, Room 207, 6-9 p.m.

March 13, Friday Fellowship, Room 207, 11 a.m.

March 13, First Softball Game, Gateway Park in Fort Worth

March 19, Childcare reservation deadline for the *Marriage Well*

March 27, *The Marriage Well*, Room 207, 6-6:45 p.m.

Women's Ministries



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

Women's Circles, March 3, 10 a.m.
Meet the first Tuesday of the month October through May.

Lily of the Valley, UCC Library

Rose Circle, Room 211



World Day of Prayer
Friday, March 6,
Church Women
United will celebrate
at 10:30 a.m. at First
United Methodist
Church (801 W. 1st
Street, Fort Worth,
76102). Join in a prayer service written
by the women of The Bahamas which
draws us in to a study of Jesus' radical
love as he washes the disciples' feet.
Community focus: John Peter Smith.

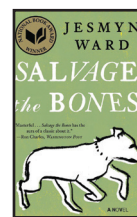


Latte with the Ladies

Saturday, March 14,
at Brewed. Begins
at 9 a.m. (801 W.
Magnolia, 76104)

Women of Valor

Sunday, March 15, meet for fellowship
at 5 p.m. in Room 204 and continue
the study on the *Women of the Bible:
Seeking Justice from Just Women*, an
international Disciples Women's
Ministries publication.



WILD Women Book Club
Monday, March 16, 6
p.m. at Cat City Grill and
Tuesday, March 17, at 11:30
a.m. in the UCC Library. We
will discuss the book *Salvage
the Bones* by Jesmyn Ward
(both will discuss the same book).



**Trinity-Brazos Area
Disciples Women's
Ministry Spring Retreat**
at Disciples Crossing
in Athens Friday, April
10–Sunday, April 6.

This year's theme is *It's in the Bag*.
Keynote speaker is Rev. Christy
Drechsel, Executive Director of CLER
Ministries and Associate Minister of
First Christian Church Fort Worth.
Registration forms available at The
Arches Information Desk.

Women's Regional Assembly

Friday, June 26–Sunday, June 28, at
the Y O Ranch Hotel & Conference
Center in Kerrville, Texas. Watch the
UCC Journal, weekly bulletins and the
website for more information!



Easter Plant Orders

Honor, celebrate, appreciate or
remember someone special in your life
with the donation of Easter or Calla lily
plants, palms or ferns. Plants are \$25
each and will be used to enhance Easter
Sunday worship.

Order by March 29. Forms available
at the Reception Desk, The Arches
Information Desk or online. Email
pam@uccftw.com for assistance.

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Recent Experiences at Room in the Inn

by Leslie Dell

One Wednesday evening when I was volunteering I was introduced to guest Michael who is an artist and wanted to donate a picture for our RITI Room. (If you've visited the RITI rooms you'll see all kinds of donated art, mostly from our congregation). However someone would need to pick up the picture. Since I was driving guests back to the Day Resource Center on Thursday I offered to take him to his 'camp' near the DRC. As I drove him there the next morning Michael told me about his passion for the 'Homeless Art

Project.' When he gave me the picture he explained his vision of God looking over the world. Not sure of the medium, but the frame is made of actual tree bark. It's a little beat up, but I look forward to somehow hanging it in the RITI rooms (looking for suggestions here).

But that's not all! When I arrived at UCC on Thursday to drive I found out that there was a shortage of kitchen help that morning. Fortunately, another guest, Danny, knows his way around the kitchen, so he scrambled up the eggs and helped the innkeepers get breakfast

ready. Then after eating he ran the dishwasher. It was a great group effort with other guests chipping in too. Makes me smile just thinking of all those men figuring things out in the kitchen!

I know these articles have mentioned how grateful our guests are and how much they want to help out. My experience those days just reaffirmed it. I invite you to join us some Wednesday night or Thursday morning and see for yourself. It's not only meaningful work, it's fun!



July Mission Pilgrimage to Nicaragua

Again this year, a group from University Christian Church will travel to Nicaragua to share in the work of La Mision Cristiana and Project Chacocente.

As in previous years the pilgrimage is recommended for people sixteen years

and older who are willing to open their hearts and have their lives transformed as they learn from and connect with the people of Nicaragua.

The dates are July 26-August 2. Cost is approximately \$1,350. Contact Cyndy Twedell for more information.

Sack Lunch Chuck Wagon Ministry



The Sack Lunch Chuck Wagon Ministry, started four years ago by Tarrant Churches Together (TCT) soliciting sandwiches from member churches to feed the 300 homeless day laborers each day at the Fort Worth Stock Show

and Rodeo (FWSSR), is alive and well and has now become a yearly feature at the show.

This year FWSSR provided a generous grant to cover the cost of all the non-perishable items and TCT incorporated the Sack Lunch Chuck Wagon Ministry into their MLK Day of Service on January 19. That day over 150 people gathered at

Beth-El Congregation and filled 6,000 sacks, 300 of which are being delivered daily. Melinda Veatch, Executive Director of TCT, said they were proud that they identified the need and began the ministry, but even prouder to see the support it has been given, what it has become and the impact it is making.



Prom season is quickly approaching and UCC is preparing to open the doors of our Prom Dreams Boutique for a fifth season

Prom Dreams Boutique Opens March 19

on March 19. This ministry provides free prom dresses, shoes and accessories to girls who need assistance in obtaining attire for their prom. The past four years, Prom Dreams has provided over 350 dresses to girls in need.

Thanks to the generosity of UCC and friends, Prom Dreams will once again open its doors from March 19-May 2 (closed Easter weekend, April 4). Hours for the boutique are Thursday evenings from 5-7 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

This ministry is possible because of dresses and accessories donated throughout the year, and volunteers who help young women and their families say "yes" to the dress. Donations may be dropped off at the Reception Desk at any time.

If you are interested in serving this ministry, please join us for the volunteer meeting on Tuesday, March 3, at 5:30 p.m. in the Prom Dreams Boutique. Email promdreams@uccftw.com with questions.

Endowment Fund 2014 Annual Report

UNIVERSITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH LEGACY SOCIETY

*by Rev. Larry Thomas, Senior Minister
and Rick Hill, Endowment Committee Chair*

University Christian Church has always benefited from the generosity of its members and friends who value our presence and the gifts that we bring to Fort Worth and the surrounding community. Over the years, this generosity has grown as evidenced by the growth of our UCC Endowment, now valued at approximately fourteen million dollars. At its current value and at our present rate of annual withdrawal, our UCC Endowment Fund provides approximately 500 thousand dollars in revenue to the UCC annual budget. This revenue goes to support our outreach programs, capital expenditures, and program expenses. It is fair to say, that without the annual endowment proceeds, UCC would be hard pressed to raise this amount of additional annual revenue through regular giving.

Two years ago, the members of the Endowment Committee decided that the congregation would be well served by an intentional and collective effort to emphasize the importance of and wider participation in the UCC Endowment Fund. We are confident that UCC is a ministry that will remain vital and needed within our own families and in our community. We are also well aware of the professional literature that suggests that the funding of religious not-for-profits will become increasingly difficult as previous generations pass the torch of leadership to the next. In many ways, the Church has done a poor job of stewardship education, across the board. As was stated in a recent sermon

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NEW ENDOWMENT FUND

Susan McAdams Harrell Endowment Fund for the Children's Closet



Susan McAdams Harrell lived a life devoted to serving others. Her service began with caring for her family: husband, Bill, of almost 45 years; her daughter, Jennifer, and her husband Jon; her son, David; and three cherished grandchildren, Cameron, Bailey, and Corbin. Even her professional career, working as a flight attendant and trainer for American Airlines, was dedicated to serving others.

But family and work was not where Susan's service to others ended. Bill recalls that after returning to Fort Worth in 1997, despite her limited available time, "Susan looked for ways to become involved at UCC. Mary Ann Dorris told her about The Children's Closet, UCC's ministry of providing school uniforms to children in need in the Fort Worth Independent School District. One visit was all it took!"

Susan was inspired by this ministry that touched the lives of so many children in Fort Worth. She had volunteered for ministries or organizations dealing with children during the 27 years she and Bill were away from Fort Worth. When she was not flying, she found time to become more and more involved in the Closet. Susan served on The Closet's Advisory Board, advocating for increases to the volume and timeliness of uniform distributions, even as she courageously battled cancer.

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*For more information about planned giving opportunities, please contact Michelle Ingram,
Director of Accounting at 817.926.6631 or by email at michelle@uccftw.com.*

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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.

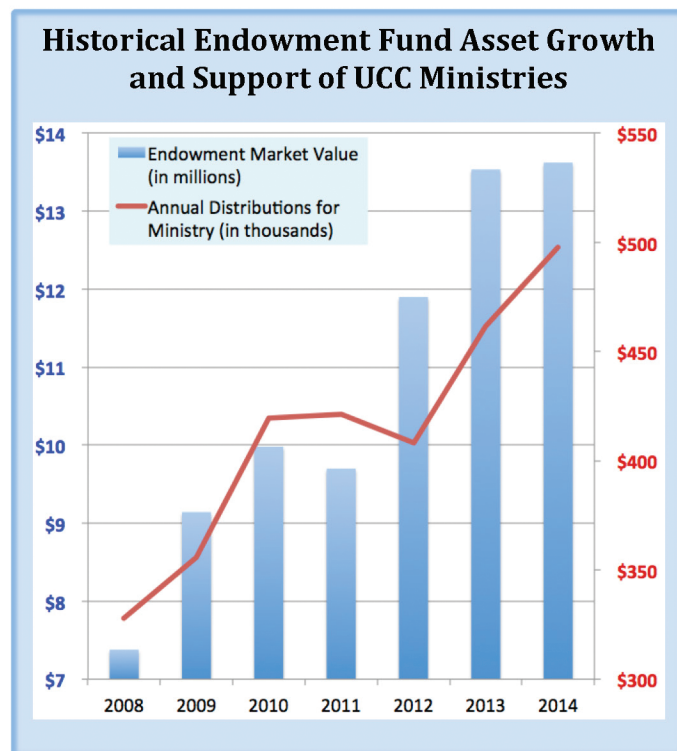
	12/31/2013	12/31/2014
Cash	\$15,186	\$25,198
Managed Investments		
Church Extension Term Notes	597,161	-
CCF Campbell Multi Strategy Fund	4,160,586	4,271,395
CCF Common Balanced Fund	4,575,060	4,528,427
CCF Brown Fund	2,924,165	3,555,677
Total Managed Investments	12,256,972	12,355,499
Beneficial interests in trusts	1,277,629	1,267,169
Total Asset Market Values	\$13,549,787	\$13,647,866

Investment income, realized gains, and unrealized losses, approximated a 2.7% return on investments during 2014, which followed a return of 12.2% in 2013.

Managed Investments, 12/31/13	\$12,256,972
Contributions invested	73,999
Designated Mineral Income	206,017
Distribution withdrawal	(497,944)
Investment Income, net of expenses	549,863
Realized Gain (Loss)	36,164
Unrealized Gain (Loss)	(265,572)
Net Change in Investments	\$102,527
Managed Investments, 12/31/14	\$12,355,499
Estimated Return on Investment	2.7%

The 2014 distribution rate was unchanged from 2013 at 4.5%; the distribution rate was 5.0% in 2012 and 5.5% in 2011. These gradual 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 2015.



For more detailed reports of activity, please contact Michelle Ingram, Director of Accounting, at 817.926.6631 or by email at michelle@uccftw.com.

SUSAN MCADAMS HARRELL ENDOWMENT FUND

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After Susan passed away on Valentine's Day, Bill chose to create a permanent resource for Susan's passion by establishing the Susan McAdams Harrell Endowment Fund supporting the Children's Closet. Memorial gifts from family and friends of more than \$10,300 have been received to date. Annual income distributions will provide more than 30 uniforms per year in perpetuity.

Bill happily concludes, "Because of her Endowment Fund, her legacy will continue to benefit one of the many loves of her life!"

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Ken Lawrence Memorial Endowment Fund



Dr. Kenneth T. Lawrence was a member of University Christian Church for over four decades and served both as a paid staff member and a volunteer. At the time of his death in August 2006 he was a

consultant in Education and Arts for UCC.

Ken's time at UCC began as an undergraduate at Texas Christian University. While pursuing his graduate studies at Brite Divinity School, he became one of the first Student Interns to work with UCC's university student ministry.

During his 30-year tenure as professor at TCU in the Religion Department (and 15 years as the department chair), Ken's teaching emphasis was Religion and the Fine Arts and Religion and the Learning Process. He led over 30 international study trips for TCU, and eventually for UCC groups.

Two of his legacies at UCC are the Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival and the Reel Religion Film Festival. He was one of four that researched and developed the Boar's Head Festival for UCC, first presented in 1976, and he was a member of the committee that initiated the film festival which has been held at UCC since 2003.

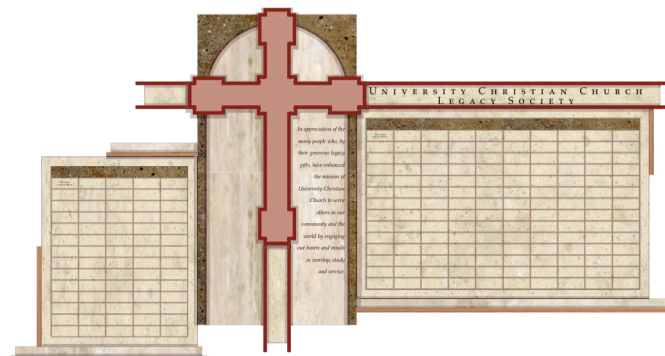
Friends and family contributed the funds for the Ken Lawrence Memorial Endowment as memorials at the time of his death and at the commemoration of the Memorial Garden fountain statue (which the statue donors requested be in Ken's memory), and continuing gifts.

The Ken Lawrence Memorial Endowment helps fund a periodic event that provides an educational opportunity to promote an understanding of God through art, architecture, music and/or Christian Education. Program ideas include musicians, artists, or noted speakers for events which could help people understand their own growth and possibilities as a Christian in context of the arts.

UCC LEGACY SOCIETY

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preached from UCC's pulpit, "There will never be enough of someone else's money to fund the ministries that we have all come to love and depend upon." In short, the future success of UCC depends upon everyone who holds this congregation dear.



As a means to this end, we have established the University Christian Church Legacy Society. Soon, we will have completed our work on our Legacy Society Wall and we will solicit your participation in the Legacy Society. You will be asked to make a conscious choice to contribute to the UCC Endowment Fund with current or posthumous gifts. In future mailings and in upcoming Journal articles you will be provided with detailed information about different ways to be included in the Legacy Wall. Each gift resulting in a named endowment fund, and all past identifiable bequests of any size, will be recognized. Additionally, anyone who notifies UCC of a future gift through his or her estate plan, regardless of size, will be acknowledged by inclusion on the Legacy Wall. No planned gift is too small. There will not be categories based on the size of the gift. Securing our future depends on each of us doing what we can, based on the means at our disposal.

It is our intention that the Legacy Society Wall be something that all of us can be proud of—that it be something we show our children and grandchildren while explaining to them the importance of our shared ministry and the role each of us is invited to play in sustaining it. It is our hope and belief that the Legacy Society Wall will be one more way to educate, celebrate, and support the work of this congregation.

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Endowment Funds by Area of Ministry Support

	Market Value	2014 Support
3rd Grade Bibles		
May Henson Endowment	3,928	169
Adult Education		
Brian and Kristie Gibson Adult Ed. Endowment	4,161	122
Boar's Head		
Boar's Head Endowment	16,300	685
Capital		
Fillingim Foundation	222,917	N/A
Building Fund Endowment (Designated)	461,048	17,006
Building Fund Endowment (Restricted)	10,311	443
Harold & Beulah Johnson Building Endowment	345,573	14,592
Florence Kerr Capital Endowment	248,171	10,659
Iris McGaugh Capital Endowment	72,154	3,026
Cagle Building Endowment	1,598,906	64,513
Capital Total:	2,959,080	110,239
Chancel Choir		
Ron Shirey Chancel Choir Endowment (Designated)	37,363	1,604
Ron Shirey Chancel Choir Endowment (Restricted)	1,696	69
Chancel Choir Total:	39,059	1,674
Children's Closet		
Children's Closet Endowment	17,005	651
Gaile H. Aston Endowment Fund	18,165	820
Susan M. Harrell Endowment Fund	10,021	320
Children's Closet Total:	45,192	1,791
Children's Ministry		
Jo Taylor Endowment	5,051	217
Christian Education		
Gilbert & Hilda Davis Endowment	75,300	3,176
Church & the Arts Special Event		
Ken Lawrence Memorial Endowment (Designated)	10,325	443
Ken Lawrence Memorial Endowment (Restricted)	3,612	125
Church & the Arts Special Event Total:	13,937	569
College Student Activities		
Dorris Evans Student Assistance Endowment	20,043	861
Frieda McMahon Endowment	11,922	512
College Student Activities Total:	31,965	1,373
Continuing Education		
Jim & Lucille Moudy Endowment	11,367	488
General - Allocated		
Valerie & Ben Hogan Endowment	1,078,394	46,317
UCC General Endowment (Designated)	731,943	29,761
UCC General Endowment (Restricted)	393,924	16,892
Jennings General Endowment	503,057	21,606
Cagle General Endowment	3,246,264	130,982
Paul & Martha Youngdale General Endowment	20,102	842
Rev. Ora Shelton Endowment	710,008	26,737
Edgar & Laura Keltner General Endowment Fund	106,503	4,731
General - Allocated Total:	6,790,195	277,868
Hanging of the Greens		
Hanging of the Greens Endowment	14,090	605
Landscape Maintenance		
Vera Edelbrock Endowment	54,117	2,324
Library		
Heyer Trust	86,571	N/A

	Market Value	2014 Support
Members Entering Ministry		
Clyde D. & Mary Gene Foltz Endowment	9,678	393
Music Ministry		
Mary Ingle and Gentry Shelton Music Endowment (Desg.)	62,641	2,499
Mary Ingle and Gentry Shelton Music Endowment (Rest.)	12,066	176
Music Ministry Total:	74,708	2,675
Operating		
Embry Trust	796,848	N/A
Operating		
Carolyn Zaepfel Endowment	468,876	20,138
Chet & Sally Werst McKeen Endowment	286,526	12,259
Operating - excludes Outreach Total:	755,402	32,397
Organ Maintenance		
Beulah Johnson Organ Fund Endowment	106,150	4,482
Outreach		
Elizabeth & Ed Winton Endowment	335,560	11,983
Charles F. Kemp Outreach Endowment	24,272	1,042
Josie and Joe Minaryard Endowment	10,879	467
Needlers Endowment (Designated)	7,340	315
Needlers Endowment (Restricted)	11,314	486
Outreach Total:	389,366	14,294
Outreach - Human Assistance		
Bob McMahon Endowment	10,373	446
Outreach - Local		
Helping Hands Endowment	106,800	4,587
Mary Louise Page Outreach Endowment	567,785	18,885
Outreach - Local Total:	674,586	23,472
Outreach - Scholarship		
Mary Louise Page Scholarship Endowment	283,893	9,442
Pastoral Care		
Charles F. Kemp Pastoral Care Endowment (Desg.)	17,930	770
Charles F. Kemp Pastoral Care Endowment (Rest.)	27,500	1,181
Pastoral Care Total:	45,430	1,951
Pastoral Care - Human Needs/Medical		
William A. Buttram Endowment	15,578	669
Pastoral Care - Older Adults		
Jean White Endowment	40,652	1,746
Suzanne Yarbro Memorial Endowment	23,703	1,018
Pastoral Care - Older Adults Total:	64,355	2,764
Unrestricted		
Johnson Remainder Trust	160,833	N/A
Weekday School		
Weekday School Endowment (Designated)	34,255	1,471
Weekday School Endowment (Restricted)	7,775	334
W. A. & Gail Landreth Weekday School Endowment	5,779	249
Weekday School Total:	47,809	2,054
Youth Camps		
John B. Craddock, Jr. Endowment	8,836	379
Youth Ministry		
Leigh Ann Brown Endowment	11,354	488
Lisa Kurz Endowment	17,159	737
Youth Ministry Total:	28,513	1,225
TOTAL	\$13,622,668	\$497,944

New Members



Welcome Kenneth Barnes. Kenneth is retired from Lockheed where, as an Aeronautical Engineer, he worked on many projects, including helping develop the design of the flight control system for the Space Shuttle Orbiter. He is a member of MENSA and as a licensed private pilot, is a member of the Civil Air Patrol in Texas and serves as a mission pilot. As a youth he was a member First Christian Church of Chickasha, OK. More recently, he and his late wife, Carol, helped establish the Western Hills Church of Christ in Fort Worth.

Jovan Dewaal and Kristy Borneman are both TCU Alumni ('09 and '12). Jovan, originally from South Africa, lives in Grapevine and works in Irving for Commercial Metals Company. He enjoys biking and running with his dog, Frazier. Kristy, who grew up in the Chicago area, lives in Fort Worth and serves as a college adviser at Paschal High School. She is working on her MBA at TCU. Currently living down the street from UCC, she enjoys walking to Sunday service. She also enjoys spending time outdoors with her dog, Woodrow. Jovan and Kristy look forward to getting involved in UCC volunteer opportunities and other church events.



Jack and Sylvia Pape are thrilled to be at UCC; they especially appreciate the emphasis on missions and caring for those who are going through difficulties. Jack is a retired minister and Sylvia is a retired educator. Over the past few years the Pape's have spent several months working at a baby orphanage in Arusha, Tanzania. When in Africa, they attend the Arusha Community Church. Jack enjoys golf. Together they like spending time with family and traveling. They say, "We are really enjoying the 'Seekers' class, and all of the people we have met have been friendly and welcoming."



Welcome Michael Berthold and Rebecca Blanda. Rebecca and Michael are thrilled to join UCC. Michael is a native to Fort Worth and Rebecca moved here a few years ago for a job opportunity. They are both teachers in the greater Fort Worth area. They will be married at UCC this August.



Welcome to the Lutz family! Russell works as a retail consultant. Leslie is a freelance editor. They both write fiction as a hobby. Russell and Leslie say, "We felt very comfortable at UCC from the first time we brought our daughter, Robin, to the Weekday School, and we're pleased to call this our new home."



2015 Summer Camps for Youth and Children at Disciples Crossing in Athens, TX

Family Camp

(families with at least one child
under 18 and an adult over 21)

Session I: May 22-24

Session II: August 7-9

Grand Camp

(children ages 4-10 w/adult)

Session I: May 29-May 31

Session II: July 31-August 2

Discovery Camp

(second or third grade w/adult)

June 5-7

JYF Camp I

(fourth or fifth grade)

Session I: June 29-July 3

Session II: August 10-14

Chi Rho Camp

(Grades 6-7)

Session I: June 22-27

Session II: July 6-11

Eightier's Camp

(Grade 8): July 5-11

Niner's Camp

(Grade 9): June 15-20

CYF Conference

(Grades 10-12): June 15-20

Equestrian Camp

(Grades 6-12): July 27-31

Adventure Camp

(Grades 6-12): June 10-13

Young Adult Service Camp

(Ages 19-25): May 21-24

*(All grades indicate grade to be completed
in the 2014-2015 school year)*

Disciples Class Baptisms and Confirmations

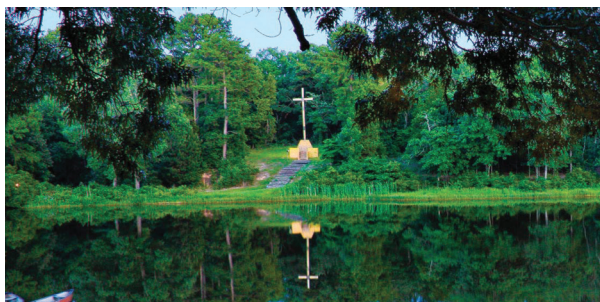


The Disciples Class for youth who would like to be baptized or confirmed ends on

Saturday, March 21, with an afternoon retreat. At the retreat we will discuss the last lesson in the ten-week series, the youth will write post baptismal or confirmation covenants with themselves and God, and we will go through the process of their baptism or confirmation day. After this retreat they will be free to come forward for their Confession of Faith on Sunday, March 22 during regular worship times. Baptisms and confirmations will happen on Sunday, April 12 and 19 during worship.

It's been a great year for Disciples Class and we are blessed with participants who love to ask questions and fully participate in this class. We look forward to the final steps of this class and ask that you pray for their journey to baptism or confirmation as they make this step in their faith life.

Camp Registration Sunday, March 29



Stop by the east bay of Walker Fellowship Hall on Palm Sunday, March 29, between 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to register children and youth for summer camps at Disciples Crossing. Youth staff will be present with computers to assist your

registrations which will all be available online through disciplescrossing.org.

Registrations completed that day will qualify for early bird discounts, saving as much as \$190 for some camps.

Important Summer Dates for Children's Ministries



Vacation Bible School, June 23-26

Mark your calendars now so you can be a part of UCC VBS *G-Force*, where *God's Love is in Action* (ages two to third graders) or *Mission VBS* (fourth and fifth graders).

VBS online registration for UCC

members at ucckids.org will begin March 1 and continue through April 1.

Camps for Children and Families

at Disciples Crossing in Summer 2015

(see listing in box at left.)



Summer Fun

(for children two months to entering K)

Mondays and Wednesdays, 9 a.m.–noon
Session I–June 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17
Session II–July 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22
Details coming in the months ahead.



Easter Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday

Our annual UCC Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Palm Sunday at 10 a.m. Threes through kindergartners will leave their classrooms promptly at 10 a.m. to hunt eggs in outdoor play

areas. Immediately following they will rehearse before they sing in 11 a.m. worship where they will process into worship waving palm branches. (Twos through walkers will have opportunities to hunt eggs throughout the morning). Journey Land children will join together

in Room 211 for a short devotional followed by an egg hunt in outdoor spaces. Following the Egg Hunt, Journey Land children will lead us into 11 a.m. worship waving palm branches.

Email kera@uccftw.com with questions.

Want to Schedule Your Baby's Dedication?



Would you like to schedule a dedication for your infant? Dedications take place during 11 a.m. worship. Upcoming dates are: March 15, May 10 and June 21. 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 offered June 14 at 10 a.m. Email Susan Henry in Children's Ministries at susan@uccftw.com for details.

Backpacks for Kids Now Every Wednesday



Weekends can mean hunger for children who depend on school meals for their primary nutrition. Backpacks for Kids, a program of the Tarrant Area Food Bank (TAFB), supplies backpacks filled with child-friendly, nonperishable and nutritious food which

are handed out discretely at school each Friday to counselor identified students most at risk of being hungry on the weekend. This growing TAFB program is supported by the Outreach budget of UCC with a three year commitment which has enabled the introduction of one additional school.

Packing the Backpacks takes place

every Wednesday at TAFB, 2600 Cullen Street. This is a great ministry for the whole family or for a group of friends before going out to dinner. Call Linda Smith, Director of Volunteer Services, at 817.332.9177 ext. 118. Choose a Wednesday, 6-8 p.m., and see for yourselves what a meaningful but fun time you can have helping feed the children in our community.



Our UCC third graders received their Bibles in worship in February following a six-week class on *Learning to Use Your Bible*. The Bible gifts are made possible by the generous giving of the following: an endowment, created in memory of Mrs. May Henson, a beloved teacher who taught children in Church School

Third Grade Bibles Thank You!

at University Christian Church for over forty years and a foundation created in loving memory of Jeff D. Conatser.

Please extend your thanks to Anne Darr who provided leadership and expertise during the Bible series. Our goal for third graders receiving Bibles is to help them

view the Bible as more than a book with big words; and instead, help the children feel confident in navigating through the pages with knowledge and inspiration. It truly takes our entire church family to mentor our children in faith. We are blessed to have adults sharing their time and talents in this way.





The 1's

Friday, March 6
Room 207
6-9 p.m.

This month is *Dinner and a Movie*.
Please bring \$5 to help cover the cost
of the meal. Dinner, movie
and conversation!

This is a great opportunity
to invite friends!

Email jessica@uccftw.com for
more information and to r.s.v.p.

CCF/JYF



Children's Christian Fellowship (first
through third grades) and Junior Youth
Fellowship (fourth and fifth grades) will
meet March 1, 15, 22 and 29. We will be

planning and helping lead our Agape
Feast, open to all, in Walker Fellowship
Hall on March 29 at 5 p.m. Join us in
Room 211 for fun, service, learning
and fellowship. CCF/JYF is a great
opportunity for kids to bring a friend to
church. We are also invited by the Youth
to join them for the optional \$3 snack
supper from 6:15-6:45 p.m.

Friday Fellowship



Join us for Friday Fellowship, March
13, 11 a.m., Room 207. Jack Edmondson
will be our speaker, presenting *Cowtown*.
Panther City. Where the West Begins.

Explaining the origins of some of
Fort Worth's many nicknames allows
historian J. R. Edmondson to relate the
early history of the city—in a way that
only Edmondson could do it.

Potluck lunch following in Room 211.
Email danlsmith@mindspring.com for
reservations.



The Marriage Well

Friday, March 27
Room 207
6-6:45 p.m.

This month's topic:
Intimacy and Relationships

Childcare reservation
needed by Thursday, March 19,
email susan@uccftw.com.

Men's Ministry Events



Men's Third Thursday Lunch
March 19 at Café Bella
3548 S. Hills Ave., noon

Men's Movie Night
March 21, 6:30 p.m. Room 207
Join us for the film *The Ultimate Gift*
starring the late James Garner and Drew
Fuller. \$5 gets you a chicken dinner, the
movie and great discussion. Sign up in
The Arches or contact Tony Allred for
more information.

Men's Night Out TCU-OU Baseball
March 24, 6:30 p.m.
Tailgate in Lupton north parking lot.
\$20 for the game, dinner and fellowship
with UCCers. Sign up in The Arches.

Upcoming Events--watch for details!
• **Men's Breakfast** (April)
• **Fire and Meat** (May-guest celebrity chef)

For information on any of these events,
email antonioramone2002@yahoo.com.

Pastoral Care

by Rev. Christi McDowell, Associate Minister



Hello, as your new Minister of Pastoral Care, I am excited about the energy that surrounds this congregation and your desire to care for one

another! We have been working hard to reignite and reform the ministry of "Church Friends." Chairperson Sandra Soria has been working enthusiastically behind the scenes to create and coordinate a group of people willing

and able to go out and offer greetings, on behalf of the church, to those who are unable to attend church. The Church Friends are looking forward to working in conjunction with the Elders' Shepherding program to offer continued support, spiritual care and communion to our homebound members.

One of the sub-committees that has been reformed under Sandra's leadership is the Post Hospital Committee. Because of the new hospital policies regarding the privacy of patients, UCC can no longer be informed of our members having been hospitalized. Church members are requested to call Thelia Chaffin at

817.926.6631 should you be aware of the illness of any of our members. The Post Hospital Committee will then make a telephone call to show our interest and concern. Making these calls will be a wonderful group of volunteers under the leadership of Virginia Cothran.

If you would like to be a part of our Pastoral Care Ministry in any capacity please contact the church. I would again like to thank everyone who has offered me a helping hand as I embark on this ministry journey.

Many Blessings!



UCC Spring Softball Team

It's not too late to join UCC's spring softball team. Women and men ages

sixteen and up are welcome to play. Games are Friday evenings at Gateway Park in Fort Worth from March 13-May

15. The cost to play is \$25, which includes a team t-shirt. An informational meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 3, 5:30-6:30 p.m. in Room 203.

Are you on injured reserve this season? We still need you! We are looking for a team manager, someone to coordinate

with players (email) to make sure we have enough people at each game and a coach (line-up, coaching bases, coin toss, etc.). If you are interested in playing, coaching or managing, join us on March 3 or email Rev. Jessica Vacketta at jessica@uccftw.com.

UCC Quick Financial Summary - Unified Budget January 2015

Description	2014 YTD Actuals	2015 YTD Actuals	Budget YTD 2015	Budget Annual	YTD Variance
Income					
Pledges	\$292,373	\$298,335	\$281,062	\$2,062,615	\$17,273
Non Pledge Contributions	\$10,069	\$12,058	\$11,175	\$274,468	\$883
Offering	\$2,503	\$1,938	\$2,555	\$37,202	(\$617)
Misc. Unrestricted Income	\$5,653	\$28,668	\$25,920	\$421,656	\$2,747
WDS Income (Net)	(\$12,772)	\$23,206	\$8,799	\$101,947	\$14,407
Endowment Income	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$305,518	\$0
Participant/Restricted Income & Reserve Use	\$23,023	\$109,106	\$104,004	\$620,988	\$5,102
Total Income	\$320,849	\$473,311	\$433,516	\$3,824,394	\$39,795
Total Personnel Expense	\$192,362	\$124,788	\$137,284	\$1,793,708	\$12,497
Total Program/Admin. Expense	\$87,029	\$73,013	\$118,402	\$1,466,230	\$45,389
Total Mission/Outreach Expense	\$80,004	\$32,694	\$30,317	\$539,668	(\$2,377)
Total Expenses	\$359,396	\$230,495	\$286,004	\$3,799,606	\$55,509
Net Operating Income (Loss)	(\$38,547)	\$242,816	\$147,512	\$24,788	\$95,305

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

Congregational Meetings

Deacons Meeting

Sunday, March 1, 12:15 p.m., Rm 203

Personnel Committee

Tuesday, March 3, 5:30 p.m., Rm 202

Communications Committee

Wednesday, March 4, 5:30 p.m., Rm 202

Building & Grounds

Sunday, March 8, 12:15 p.m., Rm 202

Finance Committee

Tuesday, March 10, 5:30 p.m., Rm 203

Board of Stewards

Tuesday, March 17, 6:30 p.m., Rm 207

Elders Meeting

Tuesday, March 24, 6:30 p.m., Rm 207

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

Souper Bowl of Caring



February 1 was the Souper Bowl of Caring, a nationwide effort to provide hunger relief. Youth at University Christian Church stood at Sanctuary doors after each morning worship service to collect money for this cause.

Collectively, you donated \$1,236.62. This year, University Christian Church is supporting Community Food Bank of Fort Worth.

Thank you for your support and thank you UCC youth for your participation!