



## Pentecost Sunday



with them, began to proclaim publicly

Pentecost, which falls this year on May 24, is the church's celebration of its beginning. The second chapter of the Book of Acts describes the events of the first Pentecost when the early followers of Jesus, empowered by their knowledge of the presence of the Holy Spirit

the message of Jesus' resurrection. Crowds of pilgrims, gathered in Jerusalem for the Jewish Festival of Weeks, heard the disciples preaching and were baptized. From an historical point of view, Pentecost is the day on which the church was started.

The English word "Pentecost" is a transliteration of the Greek word *pentekostos*, which means "fifty." Christians borrowed the name from Greek-speaking Jews who used it to refer to the Jewish holiday that comes fifty days after Passover. The church celebrates Pentecost as a reminder that Christians are meant to live in the power and presence of the Holy Spirit.

The color red, prominent in Sanctuary adornment and worship on Pentecost Sunday, is a symbol of the power and fire of the Spirit.

In keeping with the long history of Pentecost as a major observance of the Christian calendar, worship at UCC on that day will include a special sung Introit and anthem accompanied by brass and with Andrew Coffey and Sofia Yarbrough joining Jenna Meador for special Pentecost liturgical dance in both services. Your part in our celebration of Pentecost will be to wear red to worship that morning to help create the image of "the church on fire" with the Holy Spirit.



### Michael Yandell to Pursue PhD in Atlanta

Michael Yandell began serving as Assistant Minister for High School in August 2013. Before moving to Fort Worth in 2012 for his seminary education,

Michael grew up in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), attending First Christian Church of Union City, TN. Michael left Tennessee in 2002 to serve as an Explosive Ordnance Disposal specialist in the U.S. Army; he returned home later to study piano and earn his Bachelor of Music in Music Education from the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Michael recently received news that he has been accepted into the PhD program for Theological Studies at Emory University in Atlanta, GA. He and his wife, Amy, will make the big move to Georgia at the start of June, and are thrilled to make this journey together.

Though Fort Worth—and University Christian Church especially—will be missed, residing in Atlanta will bring both Amy and Michael closer to family than they have been in years.

Michael's doctoral studies will include theological reflection on war and moral injury, working toward an inclusive doctrine of God that is relevant to both sides of violent conflict—victim and aggressor (topics rooted in his own experience as an Iraq War veteran).

Michael will graduate from Brite Divinity School with a Master of Divinity in May. Following graduation, Michael will be ordained into Christian ministry in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Amy and Michael Yandell would be honored by your presence at his ordination service at University Christian Church on May 16, at 3 p.m.

## 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](http://www.universitychristian.org)



The Vision of University Christian Church

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



As a whole, the 40th chapter of Isaiah has a message for the Church in this time and place. Comfort, preparation, call, challenge—all are contained in this single chapter. And there is the promise of fresh strength to *SOAR!* The theme of the 2015 General Assembly is one that calls us to ministry.

## 2015 General Assembly

<sup>31</sup> But those who hope in the Lord  
will renew their strength.  
They will soar on wings like eagles;  
they will run and not grow weary,  
they will walk and not be faint.  
Isaiah 40:31 (New International Version)

The schedule is filled with opportunities for learning, service and worship. You can sing in the choir, share your thoughts on Isaiah 40 via Facebook or Twitter, contribute a photo or small placard to a mural honoring the saints, participate in a local mission project, catch up with old friends and beloved institutions at one of the many meal events or take part in the business session scheduled for Tuesday afternoon.

What is the business session about? The General Assembly voting body is made up of representatives from congregations and regions and serves as the body to which various ministries report in covenantal accountability. The General Assembly also operates as a forum for discussion and discernment. The assembly can debate matters of conscience, but cannot impose a position on a congregation.

You can learn more and register for the Assembly at [ga.disciples.org](http://ga.disciples.org). If you are planning to attend the General Assembly and would like to be a voting representative from University Christian Church, please contact Thelia Chaffin ([thelia@uccftw.com](mailto:thelia@uccftw.com)).

## Kid's Hope Appreciation Breakfast



UCC's Kid's Hope Mentors were among those honored at the Rosemont Elementary School Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast in April.

Pictured with Rosemont Principal, Aileen Martina-Quinones (center) are mentors Cyndy Twedell, Paul Hartman, Carolyn Critz, Karen Appel, James Holcomb and Jessica Vacketta.

If you are interested in mentoring a child as part of our UCC Kid's Hope Ministry, contact Cyndy Twedell for more 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.*

## Summer Sabbath at UCC Begins July 5

### 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. Our Rev. Russ Boyd, Associate Minister for Youth, recently experienced this during a three-month sabbatical. During his time away from his usual routine, he was able to rest, study, travel and enjoy additional time with family.

*Summer Sabbath* at UCC provides a similar opportunity for our church. As we observe Sabbath during the 10 a.m. Sunday School hour in the month of July, we give one another a genuine time for rest and renewal and many from our church will experience God in new ways while traveling to camps and mission pilgrimage. These four weeks provide opportunities for individuals and groups to renew and refresh their spirits in a multitude of ways, and allow 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 this 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 will help each of us replenish and renew our spirits in our own ways. By intentionally observing Sabbath time, we give 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 Sunday, August 2. Our prayer is that leaders, teachers and participants will return to class refreshed, renewed and ready to participate in the exciting ministry opportunities at UCC.

## In Memorium



**Lynn Cross**  
May 30, 1935-April 25, 2015  
Beloved UCC staff  
and congregation member

*Outreach Advocate*  
*Stranger to No One*  
*Lover of Life*

## Life of the Church

### Weddings

*Adelaide Hallum and Dana Church*  
April 11

### Births

*Daniel Jesus Lozano*, February 17  
Parents-Alma and Julio Lozano

*Walter William Dawkins*, March 20  
Parents-Darby and Brady Dawkins

*Corrine Elizabeth Rich*, April 1  
Parents-Shannon and Ryan Rich

### Deaths

*William "Bill" Johnson*, March 23  
cousin of Chuck Dowell

*Ashley Dike Baganz*, March 26  
wife of Jason Baganz  
mother of Tagg and Blake Baganz  
daughter of Barbara and David Dike

*Wayne Means*, March 24  
brother of Sandy Mills

*Joe Hoyt Neely*, March 27  
father of Russell Neely

*Billy Gaddy*, March 28  
mother of Lisa Anderson

*Virginia Mays*, March 28  
wife of Charles Mays  
mother of Bobby Mays

*Janet Clifton*, April 7  
daughter of Helen Clifton  
sister of Richard Clifton

*Joan Turney*, April 8  
wife of Harold Turney  
mother of Steve and Hal Turney

*Mary Walbridge*, April 9  
sister of Jean Walbridge

*Corrine Hulsey*, April 10  
mother of Price Hulsey  
grandmother of Meredith Garcia

*Lynn Cross*, April 25  
wife of Thomas Cross





## Second Annual Rice and Beans—Arroz y Frijoles—Cook Off

Sunday, May 31, at 12:15 p.m. in Walker Hall, join us as we support the

Nicaragua Mission Pilgrimage and enjoy Nicaragua's classic cuisine—Arroz y Frijoles—rice and beans!

The Arroz y Frijoles Cook Off is a competition and fellowship meal challenging representatives from UCC groups to participate. Sunday school

classes, Chancel Choir, youth, singles, men's or women's groups, any group or individual is encouraged to participate. Register to compete by May 15 with Rebecca Smart at 817.926.6631 or email [rebecca.smart@uccftw.com](mailto:rebecca.smart@uccftw.com).

As you enjoy the fellowship and chance to sample the different recipes you may cast a vote for your favorite Rice and Beans. Prizes will be awarded. Fried plantains, salads and desserts will be prepared by the Mission Pilgrimage Committee to

accompany the main course. Meal cost: \$10 per adult, \$3 for children. Proceeds benefit the Mission to Nicaragua.

Hand-crafted bracelets made by our friends in Nicaragua and Nicaraguan coffee will be available for purchase and there will be a silent auction for donated items, and you can view slides of previous Pilgrimages. Come, have a meal, enjoy the fun and support our brothers and sisters in Nicaragua.

*Dios le bendiga!*



Those interested in participating in the

## Nicaragua Mission Pilgrimage, July 26-August 2

UCC mission pilgrimage to Nicaragua are encouraged to take advantage of the registration deadline extension to Friday, May 15.

A group will again represent UCC in its work with La Mision Cristiana and Project Chacocente. Those sixteen years

old and older who are willing to work hard and have their lives transformed as they learn from and connect with the people of Nicaragua are welcome.

Cost is \$1,350. Contact Michelle Groom before May 15 for details and to see if spots are still available.

## Rosemont Elementary Summer Book Drive

It's May! Time for UCC Kid's Hope Book Drive! For the third year we will insure that every student at Rosemont Elementary School receives a new book to take home and read over the summer. Even if you can't be a mentor and commit to weekly meetings with a child at Rosemont you can still participate in this vital ministry by purchasing a book and praying for the student who will receive it.

Each Sunday in May a display area will be set up in The Arches to see the books and help provide financial support for the book drive. The Rosemont librarian has identified books appropriate for each grade level. With each purchase, you will have the opportunity to sign a book plate and leave a personal message for the recipient. Thursday, May 28, at a special school-sponsored celebration, every

class will go to the library for each child to pick up a copy of the summer reading challenge along with the new book the student will have for his or her very own.

And if you are interested in mentoring a child as part of our UCC Kid's Hope Ministry, contact Cyndy Twedell.



Pentecost Special Day Offering supports Disciples new church development. Planning, nurturing and sustaining new congregations is part of the Disciples' vision.

## Pentecost Special Offering

The church is shining light in dark places. Since 2001, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) has started 850 new Disciples churches, spreading the gospel to more than 60,000 individuals, who may not have had a relationship with Christ. Each week twenty-eight languages are spoken in Disciples churches.

This year the Offering will be taken on Sundays, May 17 and 24. Help spread the light in dark places by loving a growing number of Disciples back to life. Make checks payable to UCC with "Pentecost Offering" in the memo line.

## UCC Journal

Carol Ann Fewell, Editor • Michelle Groom, Circulation

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## 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 details.



**Church Women United May Friendship Day** Friday, May 1, will be at Genesis United Methodist Church (7635 S. Hulen Street, Fort Worth, TX 76133) at 10:30 a.m.

**Women's Regional Assembly, Friday, June 26–Sunday, June 28**, at the Y O Ranch Hotel & Conference Center in Kerrville, TX. For registration forms and hotel information go to <http://ccsw.org/disciples-women/>. Early bird registration through May 27.

**Women's Circles, May 5, 10:30 a.m.** Lily of the Valley Circle, UCC Library  
Rose Circle, Botanical Gardens Restaurant



**Saturday, May 9**  
**Latte with the Ladies**  
beginning at 9 a.m. at The Cup (3909 Camp Bowie Blvd., 76107)

**Women of Valor, Sunday, May 17**  
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, May 18**, at 6 p.m. at Cat City Grill and  
**Tuesday, May 19**, at 11:30 a.m. in the UCC Library. We will discuss the book *Vanishing Acts* by Jodi Picoult (both will discuss the same book).

## Men's Ministry Fire & Meat



Sunday, May 17, 5:30-8 p.m. the men of UCC are invited to the backyard of church member John Andrus, 3928 Thistle Lane, 76109 for *Fire & Meat*!

Chef Keith Hicks (Buttons Restaurant) will spend about an hour presenting a grilling class/demonstration using his homemade recipes and rubs, meat

preparation tips, grilling tips, etc. Then, we will fire up several grills and cook burgers for everyone.

\$25 includes the grilling class and dinner.



### Friday Fellowship

Join us for UCC's Friday Fellowship on Friday, May 8, at 11 a.m. in Room 207.

UCC's own Rev. Linda Austin will be talking about her involvement in archaeological digs, complete with some show-and-tell artifacts.

A catered box lunch will be provided following the reservation in Room 211. Email [rebecca.smart@uccftw.com](mailto:rebecca.smart@uccftw.com) for reservations.



## Responding to the Data

During the past two years, our sources for our website traffic have changed dramatically. In January of 2013, 25% of the visits to our website were from a mobile device. By January of 2015, the percentage of mobile visits had spiked to 48%, and still continues to climb. We use analytics tracking to see how people use our website so we can respond to their needs. Since more people are accessing our site via mobile devices, we responded by assessing how we could make navigating our website easier on devices.

Research indicated that mobile apps and separate mobile websites were being quickly replaced by responsive website design, a grid-based layout which confers several advantages over other mobile accessibility options. At the end of March, we launched our new responsive website design.

Responsive design allows us to present our complete website automatically, across regular desktop computers and mobile devices. Instead of shrinking the desktop layout to fit a tiny phone screen, responsive design detects the size of your display and then rearranges

the content on the page to better fit your screen. This process does not require a separate mobile website. We chose responsive design with the future in mind, because this design will work with any sized device that will eventually hit the market. Unlike a mobile app, there is no download required for people to enjoy the benefits of our new responsive design. Content will continue to be streamlined to better fit our responsive layout. Contact Web and Social Media Coordinator, Amberley Parker, at [amberley@uccftw.com](mailto:amberley@uccftw.com) if you have questions.

## An Open “Thank You” for Room in the Inn Volunteers

by Carol Stewart, RITI Volunteer



I want to let you know how valuable your help has been. Whether you volunteered once, or help out on a regular basis, you play an important role in the Room in the Inn Ministry.

Thanks to you, a welcoming environment is provided to ten homeless men during every Room in the Inn session. You drive them to and from the Day Resource Center, and on the trip you share friendly conversation. You make beds and set tables. Behind the scenes, you slip a variety of foods into the refrigerator, you wash bags of laundry and send endless racks of dishes through the dishwasher. You work together with other UCC members to cook delicious dishes that are relished

and appreciated. You sit with them, chat, play games and sometimes share heartfelt concerns. You scoop bowls of ice cream and invite our guests to “have another cookie.” You spend the night with our guys, making sure they have what they need for peaceful sleep. You arrive at the church before the sun is up to scramble eggs and prepare a hearty breakfast. You make sure each person has a sack lunch and drink to take with him when he leaves. You roll up your sleeves, mop, vacuum and get everything ready for us to do it again.

But most of all, you show the many men who came through our doors they are valued. You listen to their stories, laugh, sympathize and pray with them. You invite them to take part in special church services. You listen to their testaments of faith as you share your

own, sometimes verbally, but always in the care and respect you show them. You let our guests know that they are cherished children of God.

I want to pass on to you the frequent words of appreciation and the God bless you’s that are spoken by our guests to our volunteers every week.

And I can’t thank you enough!

Our next session of RITI takes place on Wednesday evenings and Thursday mornings in July and August. Volunteers serve for a couple of hours once a week, or just when they can. If you have never experienced the joy of providing care for our homeless guests, there will be an orientation at UCC on Sunday, June 14, at 12:15 p.m. For details email [carolmstewart@sbcglobal.net](mailto:carolmstewart@sbcglobal.net).

## May Canned Food Drive



South Central Alliance of Churches, the local outreach arm of University Christian Church, is grateful to receive UCC’s canned good offering each May. SCAC is made up of fourteen churches and has been in operation since 1988, serving our neighbors in zip codes 76104, 76109 and 76110. It 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.

Monetary donations are also welcomed with checks made payable to UCC, noted as a donation for SCAC, and

placed in the collection plate or left with the receptionist.

Tips to make this ministry meaningful:

- Involve the family in deciding what to contribute or how much to give.
- Shop for extra portions of a 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.

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*

## College Happenings

- **Finals Feast**, May 4 from 5–7 p.m. in North Parking Lot
- **Young Adult Service Camp**, May 21–24 at Disciples Crossing

**Sunday School** continues to meet in the College Lounge (Room 223) at 10 a.m.

**College Cookout**, Monday, June 1, 6-8:30 p.m. at the home of Bob and Carol Stewart



## Common Ground Special Sunday School Series



UCC's newest adult Sunday school class, *Common Ground*, invites you to join them for a special series on May 17, 24 and 31. Taught by Jill Nelson, a PhD student at Brite, the class conversation will be lecture-based with a discussion component, designed to contextualize

the composition and canonization of the New Testament texts. It will focus on the book *7 Events that Shaped the New Testament World* by Dr. Warren Carter. The class meets in Room 313 (third floor) at 10 a.m. Email [jessica@uccftw.com](mailto:jessica@uccftw.com) for more information.

## Calling All Foodies!



Looking for a fun run? Here's the tastiest run you've ever done! Register for this year's Five-Course 5K on May 16,

benefitting the Tarrant Area Food Bank. Along the course, local restaurants offer samples of one of the courses of a five-course meal.

Register for the 5C5K and you can run the timed 5K for free! Discount registration offered to any youth (18 years & younger) or school teams who registered for the 2015 Cowtown 5K

event. To receive the Cowtown discount, enter Promo Code "cowtown" when registering for the Traditional Timed 5K event.

Register online <https://5c5k.athlete360.com> by May 15. Need more information? Contact Rob Morris at 817.899.6147 or [rob@ridgleachristian.org](mailto:rob@ridgleachristian.org).

## Just a Few Memorable Moments...Palms, Easter Eggs and Butterflies





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

Register at [uccyouth.org/camps](http://uccyouth.org/camps)  
by May 15

### 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

### Eighter'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)

## 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 open registration for all began on April 1 at [ucckids.org](http://ucckids.org). VBS only happens with volunteers willing to take time, have fun and share God's Love in Action with our children. 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! Youth volunteers, sign up today to serve and let us know where you would most like to work.

### Camps for Children and Families at Disciples Crossing

Registration is now open at [disciplescrossing.org](http://disciplescrossing.org). You must register through the Disciples Crossing website, but you will be contacted by UCC at a later date to pay tuition for your camp(s). (Camp listing in blue column to left.)



### Summer Fun

(for children two months  
to entering Kindergarten)  
9 a.m.-noon

Mondays and Wednesdays

Session I-June 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 16

Session II-July 6, 8, 13, 14, 20, 22

Details coming in the months ahead.

## CCY/JYF in May



Children's Christian Fellowship (first through third grades) and Junior Youth Fellowship (fourth and fifth grades) will meet for the final time of the school year on May 3. Stay tuned for updates on our final CCF/JYF outing.

Samantha Copeland, an active member of our college ministry and a sophomore at TCU, continues to lead our CCF/JYF group on Sunday nights. Sam brings excitement and her skills and knowledge from growing up in a Disciples of Christ congregation (First Christian Church Richardson) and attending Disciples Crossing to UCC's CCF/JYF. Join us at 5 p.m. in Room 211 for fun, service, learning and fellowship. CCF/JYF is a great opportunity for kids to bring a friend to church!

## Parents' Night Out at UCC



**What:** Fun activities & games for children (infant-sixth grade)

**When:** Friday, May 29, 6-9 p.m.

(reservation due May 21)

& Friday, July 10, 6-9 p.m.

(reservation due July 1)

**Cost:** \$5 per child - \$10 max per family  
(Kids eat dinner before or bring with you.)

**Register:** online at [universitychristian.org](http://universitychristian.org)



## Would You Like to Schedule a Dedication for Your Infant?



Dedications take place during 11 a.m. worship. Upcoming dates are: May 10, June 21 and August 2. 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 UCC 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. Please email Susan Henry in the Children's Ministries Office at [susan@uccftw.com](mailto:susan@uccftw.com) for further information.



## Youth Sunday is Coming

UCC Youth will lead worship services on May 10 at University Christian Church! Middle and high school youth will plan and lead the congregation in worship on Sunday, May 10, Youth Sunday.

We invite you to come and support our youth as they share their faith and reflect back to the congregation what they have learned and experienced in this church.

## Don't Miss Out on Youth Summer Mission Trips!



UCC's middle and high school youth will be learning and serving on two mission trips this summer.

Youth in grades nine through twelve will travel to Los Fresnos, TX, on the CYF Mission Trip, where they will work at

Southwest Good Samaritan Ministries, a Disciple ministry center dedicated to serving refugees seeking asylum in the United States. The group will depart on June 27 and return on July 4 after stops South Padre Island and Schlitterbahn Beach Water Park. The trip cost will be \$300 per person and the registration deadline is May 31.

The Chi Rho Mission Trip for grades six through eight will spend four days in Oklahoma City helping feed the hungry by working at the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma. The group will depart on Tuesday afternoon, June 9, and return on Friday night, June 12, after a stop at a local water park. Trip cost is \$150 per person and registration deadline is May 31.

Full and half scholarships for both trips are available upon request. For trip details and registration forms, visit [www.uccyouth.org](http://www.uccyouth.org).

## Honor UCC's High School Graduates at the Senior Banquet



You're invited to come and honor UCC's graduating high school seniors at the annual Senior Banquet on Wednesday, May 6, from 6-8 p.m. in Walker Fellowship Hall. The event includes 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 Henry at [susan@uccftw.com](mailto:susan@uccftw.com) or 817.926.6631 by Monday, May 4.



## Spring Softball Schedule

Come cheer on the  
UCC Softball Team!

Location: Gateway Park  
751 Beach Street  
Fort Worth, TX

Dates/Times:  
Friday, May 1, 8:45 p.m.  
Friday, May 8, 8:45 p.m.  
Friday, May 15, 6:45 p.m.

## Life After Loss

*To heal in grief is to become whole again... experiencing a new and changed "wholeness" requires that you engage in the work of mourning.* -Alan Wolfelt

If you have recently experienced the death of a loved one and would like to journey through your grief into wholeness and talk about your grief journey with the support of your UCC community we encourage you to join our *Life after Loss* support group.

We will begin our five week journey

starting Sunday, May 17, at 2 p.m. and continue through June 14. If you are interested in participating in this group please email [thelia@uccftw.com](mailto:thelia@uccftw.com).

This grief support group is open to all grieving adults who have experienced a loss through death. The group provides a place to connect with others who are going through loss, learn about the grief process and explore ways to cope and heal. *Life After Loss* is a support group is not intended to be for clinical group therapy.

## Church Friends—it's a Two-way Street!

by John and Frances Tomlinson

Frances and I participate in the UCC *Church Friends* program. We visit three UCC members who live at Brookdale Broadway. It is a blessing to meet and make friends with such wonderful people. One member regularly attends Sunday services while the other two, due to health issues, never get that opportunity.

We know our visits make a difference—because every visit they make a point of

telling us that we have “brightened their day.” But *they* also make a difference in *our* lives to have this unique opportunity to make new/renew friends.

You too can work with us to connect with other members, offer your friendship and allow them to share their rich life experiences with you. Contact Sandra Soria to join our efforts at [sandra.pontouf.soria@gmail.com](mailto:sandra.pontouf.soria@gmail.com).



## The 1's

Friday, May 1  
Room 207  
6-7 p.m.

This month's topic:  
*Feeding our Faith*

Dinner following at The Food Truck  
Park of University Dr.  
Email [Jessica@uccftw.com](mailto:Jessica@uccftw.com) for details!

## For Hospital Visitation—Remember to Notify UCC!

If you or your family member is in the hospital, remember to notify the church. Contact Thelia Chaffin at 817.926.6631 or [thelia@uccftw.com](mailto:thelia@uccftw.com). If you would like to be included in the Pastoral Care email, it

will be noted. Or you may request that only the ministers be informed. Because of the HIPAA Privacy Rule, hospitals no longer contact the churches with this information.



## Parish Nurses

Our Health Survey  
Results are Back!

Remember last fall when Parish Nurses were handing out surveys in the Gallery? Fifty-one were returned and were sent to Texas Health Resources to be evaluated. All churches in the area with a Faith Community Nursing Program participated in this survey.

Our UCC participants were especially interested in healthy cooking, healthy eating and men's health. Following close behind were stress reduction, end of life planning and grief and loss. Now that we know what you want, we

will work to provide information to you in the form of classes, lectures, reading materials and group meetings. If you would like information on other health needs, let us know. We are here to help.

### Parish Nurse Volunteers

If you are a Registered Nurse with at least one year experience, and would like to know how you can volunteer to be a Parish Nurse, please call either Rev. Christi McDowell, Associate Minister of Pastoral Care, 817.926.6631 or, Carole Widmann, RN, Director UCC Parish Nursing, 817.964.1659. We look forward to meeting with you.



## Changes Coming for the Church Library

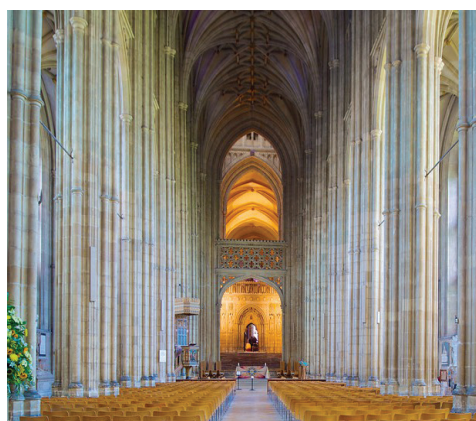
Remember the Library? It was a place to gather, a place full of the possibilities in all of those books. Have you been to our Library lately? Probably not. It has become a forgotten and overlooked place since moving in to share space with the Parlor. At the same time, online booksellers and electronic readers have changed the world of books radically. In addition, there have been no active volunteers to manage circulation or receive and prepare new books for almost five years. It's time to breathe

some new life into the space we've called the Parlor. As part of ongoing planning to refurbish and redecorate the Parlor area, the Board of Stewards has agreed that it's also time to right size and relocate the Library.

A small part of the Library collection is still used regularly by staff and a few congregation members. Those books and others of historical significance to the congregation, such as books authored by UCC's senior ministers,

will find a new and more accessible home in another location yet to be determined. There may be books in the church's Library that you would like to have. We will plan for a couple of book give-away days—watch for announcements in the *Update*. The remainder of the books we will donate to students and other recipients like the Theological Book Network or Friends of the Fort Worth Public Library that can put them to good use.

## UCC Ringers Tour England This Summer



Our high school group, the UCC Ringers, embark on their eighth concert tour of England this summer. This concert tour series was started by retired Minister of Music, Betty Boles, in 1987.

This year the choir will tour England from Thursday, July 9, to Monday, July 20. They will perform in prestigious venues such as Coventry Cathedral, Wells Cathedral and Canterbury Cathedral.

Upon their return they will present a

homecoming concert on Sunday, July 26. They will share music that was presented on the tour, pictures and stories about their experience spreading the love of God through music. Box lunch reservations will be required. Watch for details in the *Update*.

### Save the Date-UCC Ringers Tour Homecoming Concert

Sunday, July 26

Lunch-12:15 p.m. • Concert-12:45 p.m.  
Walker Fellowship Hall

## UCC Quick Financial Summary - Unified Budget March 2015

Description	2014 YTD Actuals	2015 YTD Actuals	Budget YTD 2015	Budget Annual	YTD Variance
<b>Income</b>					
Pledges	\$637,276	\$628,099	\$598,988	\$2,062,615	\$29,111
Non Pledge Contributions	\$44,049	\$44,757	\$51,152	\$274,468	(\$6,394)
Offering	\$7,513	\$5,683	\$8,060	\$37,202	(\$2,377)
Misc. Unrestricted Income	\$23,638	\$61,112	\$67,613	\$421,656	(\$6,501)
WDS Income (Net)	\$48,191	\$65,462	\$71,005	\$101,947	(\$5,543)
Endowment Income	\$74,238	\$74,776	\$74,690	\$305,518	\$86
Participant/Restricted Income & Reserve Use	\$73,869	\$232,804	\$231,315	\$615,770	\$1,489
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$908,773</b>	<b>\$1,112,694</b>	<b>\$1,102,823</b>	<b>\$3,819,176</b>	<b>\$9,871</b>
<b>Total Personnel Expense</b>	<b>\$463,374</b>	<b>\$393,149</b>	<b>\$411,854</b>	<b>\$1,793,708</b>	<b>\$18,705</b>
<b>Total Program/Admin. Expense</b>	<b>\$219,849</b>	<b>\$248,382</b>	<b>\$303,723</b>	<b>\$1,460,915</b>	<b>\$55,341</b>
<b>Total Mission/Outreach Expense</b>	<b>\$160,928</b>	<b>\$148,922</b>	<b>\$146,403</b>	<b>\$539,668</b>	<b>(\$2,519)</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$844,151</b>	<b>\$790,453</b>	<b>\$861,980</b>	<b>\$3,794,292</b>	<b>\$71,527</b>
<b>Net Operating Income (Loss)</b>	<b>\$64,622</b>	<b>\$322,241</b>	<b>\$240,843</b>	<b>\$24,884</b>	<b>\$81,398</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 Accounting, at 817.926.6631 or [michelle@uccftw.com](mailto:michelle@uccftw.com).*

## Congregational Meetings

### Personnel Committee

Tuesday, May 5, 5:30 p.m., Rm 202

### Communications Committee

Wednesday, May 6, 5:30 p.m., Rm 202

### Finance Committee

Tuesday, May 12, 5:30 p.m., Rm 203

### Board of Stewards\*

Tuesday, May 12, 6:30 p.m., Rm 211

### Investment Committee

Wednesday, May 13, 11:30 a.m., Rm 202

### Endowment Committee

Wednesday, May 13, 12 p.m., Rm 203

### Building & Grounds

Sunday, May 17, 12:15 p.m., Rm 202

### Assembly Meeting\*

Tuesday, May 19, 6:30 p.m., Walker Hall

*\*Note: meetings are a week earlier than usual this month.*

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

## Ordination of Michael Yandell



Your presence and prayers are cordially invited

for the Ordination to Christian Ministry of

Michael Yandell

Saturday, May 16, 2015, at 3 p.m.

University Christian Church

Reception follows

