

# LEAN INTO LENT

*a spiritual  
journey*

A Disciples of Christ Congregation



## LENTEN WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Ash Wednesday | March 1 | 6:30pm in Walker Hall

Sunday Worship | March 5–April 9 | 9:00am & 11:00am

Maundy Thursday | 6:30pm | \*Childcare is available for infants to two-years old.

Good Friday | Noon | \*Childcare is available for infants to two-years old.

Easter Sunday | 6:45am—**Sunrise Worship Service** | 9:00am & 11:00am | There will be no Sunday School.

*Living the Good News of Jesus Christ with Open Minds and Loving Hearts.*







## Happy Easter



### Welcome New Members!



Crystal & Ann Garrett-Erwin

Ashton and Jordan



Griffin Fauntleroy



Will McLaughlin

### Baby Dedications



Matthews Marie Hessing

Daughter of Natalie & Ryan Hessing



Harris Morton King

Son of Brian & Lauren King

Little brother to Kate



Gloria Blue Manuel

Daughter of Haddy & Edward Manuel

Little sister to Louise



Aurora Riley Lambert

Daughter of Mike & Jennifer Lambert



Hattie Marie Ledyard

Daughter of John & Natalie Ledyard



Lee Bradley Sikes

Daughter of Matthew & Kirby Sikes

Little sister to Marshall



Grayson Barritt Williams

Son of Coert & Ashley Williams

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# A Message from Our Interim Senior Minister

The spiritual journey of Lent is upon us! Lent is a 40-day journey (excluding Sundays, often called “mini-Easters”) that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends with the celebrations of Easter Sunday. The number “40” is significant and surfaces many places in the bible. In all those places “40” represents a “fullness of time.” For those on a spiritual path that leads to transforming the world...the fullness of time is the amount of time it takes to accomplish what is needed to be done.

Lent is a time and journey where we are encouraged to “fast” or sacrifice some meals or pleasurable activities to free up time and energy in order to focus on service or engaging challenging issues that hurt and destroy life. Another way of saying it, Lent is a journey into the depths of existence so we might embrace the work of imaginatively, creatively, and sacrificially applying God’s ways of healing and restoration.

Here at University there will be many opportunities to “**LEAN INTO LENT.**” Join us as we journey the path of applying God’s ways of healing and restoration. I encourage you to prayerfully look through this issue of The Journal, visit our website, read The Update section of our weekly worship bulletin, talk in your small groups...invest the time and resources your fasts yield and then pray and act. God truly is calling forth new life...in each of us for the sake of the world. Let’s together travel the pathways of Lent and embrace the opportunities and challenges of “what is needed to be done!”



*Rev. Dr. Charles Rolan • UCC Interim Sr. Minister*

## 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 April 10. Forms are available at the Reception Desk, the Arches Information Desk or online. **Contact [pam@uccftw.com](mailto:pam@uccftw.com) for assistance.**

## 2017 Pentecost Worship

On the fiftieth day following Easter, UCC will celebrate Pentecost with churches around the world. We do this to give thanks for the gifts and blessings of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples of Jesus, giving birth to the beginning of the church.

Join us in worship on June 4 at 9:00am and 11:00am. We invite you to wear the color red as we celebrate the birth of the church. Come, Holy Spirit, Come!

## Pentecost Offering

The Pentecost Offering supports Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) new church development. Planning, nurturing and sustaining new congregations is part of the Disciples’ vision.

This offering collected on May 28 and June 7, supports the specialized ministry of new church development through both regional and general programs—with gifts for this offering divided between each.



# The Meaning Behind Our Lenten Theme

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## Leaning on God

by Joyce Rupp

Some people lean against fence posts  
when their bodies ache from toil  
Some people lean on oak trees,  
seeking cool shade on hot, humid days.

Some people lean on crutches  
when their limbs won't work for them;  
and some people lean on each other  
when their hearts can't stand alone.

How long it takes to lean upon you,  
God of shelter and strength;  
how long it takes to recognize the truth  
of where my inner power has its source.

All my independence, with its arrogance,  
stands up and stretches within me,  
trying to convince my trembling soul  
that I can conquer troubles on my own.

But the day of truth always comes  
when I finally yield to you,  
knowing you are a steady stronghold  
a refuge when times are tough.

Thank you for offering me strength,  
for being the oak tree of comfort;  
thank you for being the sturdy support  
when the limbs of my life are weak.

Praise to you, Eternal Lean-to,  
for always being there for me.  
Continue to transform me  
with the power of your love.

Joyce Rupp. (First Edition 1992, First Revised Edition 2007).  
Leaning on God. May I have this Dance? An Invitation to Faithful  
Prayer Throughout the Year

## spiritual

spirit·u·al \ 'spir-i-chə-wəl

by Rev. Shannon Moore, Associate Minister

**adjective**—of, relating to, consisting of, or affecting the spirit : INCORPOREAL <spiritual needs>

**adjective**—relating to religion or religious belief  
<discovering spiritual gifts>

**noun**—a religious song; a Christian song thought to derive from the combination of European hymns and African musical elements by slaves in the American South. <African American Spiritual>

As the definitions above indicate, the word spiritual encompasses a variety of meanings. During this season of Lent, we will journey together to connect with and lean-in-to spirituality.

We will explore Joyce Rupp's poem Leaning on God (printed to the left), which suggests our physical needs and limitations mirror our spiritual dependence on God's strength.

Each Sunday, the Chancel Choir will sing various African-American spirituals and gospel songs. Created by a community of people in bondage, these spirituals are considered to be the first "signature" music of a new nation. By nature, this music insists on spontaneity and freedom. Allow the Holy Spirit to move us as She will. As the choir slides between notes, and sings swinging rhythms, perhaps we will be inclined to sway our bodies or add an "Amen!" or "Hallelujah!" during the anthem. Fear not!

There will be multiple ways to *LEAN INTO LENT* throughout this holy time of year. Special worship services, studies, and service opportunities will prepare our spirits for the journey, as we make our way toward the cross, and beyond.

*Which of you walks in darkness and sees no light?... lean on God.* Isaiah 50:4-10





# Lenten Worship Services

This year as we *LEAN INTO LENT*, we will focus on the Spiritual in its many forms. Included will be some very special services of worship.

March 1 is **Ash Wednesday**. We will gather at 6:30pm in Walker Hall for reflection as we begin the Lenten Season. After worship there will be time for quiet meditation and a chance for everyone to walk the Labyrinth.

We will have two opportunities to worship during Holy Week. April 13 is **Maundy Thursday**. Our time of worship will begin with Foot-Washing in the Gallery from 6:30–6:45pm and a service of Scripture and Song at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary. We will partake in the Lord's Supper and remember Jesus' arrest and betrayal.

On **Good Friday**, April 14, we will gather in the Sanctuary at noon to commemorate the crucifixion, death, and burial of Jesus. This brief service will be followed by a Friday Fellowship Meal in Room 207.

During this Lenten season, may we open ourselves to the Spiritual, place ourselves in God's care, and follow Christ in pursuing compassion, justice, and peace.

## Worship Music Throughout Lent *by Dr. Todd Prickett, Director of Music*

The Chancel Choir will be singing various African-American spirituals and gospel songs each Sunday during this Lenten season. While some of the tunes will be familiar to you, others may be new. It is our hope that you will embrace the music as a personal reflection of your own beliefs as the message of each song is conveyed. Perhaps some historical perspective will enhance your understanding of this unique American art form and enrich your worship experience.

The Atlantic slave trade brought hundreds of thousands of Africans to the United States with their own strong tribal music traditions. These enslaved African-Americans often sang spiritual songs, an outgrowth of their African culture, as deep expressions of faith amidst terrible circumstances. There are hundreds of these extant Southern sacred folk songs, now known as spirituals. Because their original composers are unknown, they have assumed a position of collective ownership by

the whole community. Created by a community of people in bondage, these spirituals are considered to be the first "signature" music of a new nation.

Churches of the urban North in the 1920s, musical elements of the spirituals and the blues fused to give birth to a new musical genre, gospel music. The definition of gospel music varies based upon culture and social context; however, gospel music is characterized by a predominant vocal line, strong harmony, syncopated rhythm, and a refrain. Gospel has continued to gain popularity and has become a predominant contemporary musical form. Although the gospel tradition

descended directly from spirituals, the spirituals have also continued to exist as a parallel cultural force.

Spirituals demand a certain amount of spontaneity and freedom in performance. As the Chancel Choir sings these anthems, you may witness bodies swaying and feet tapping. The music also includes certain variations from the standard American singing tradition. The choir will be singing glissandos (sliding between notes), swinging rhythms, wailing and exclaiming! Maybe you will be moved to add an "Amen!" "Hallelujah!" or "Yes, Lord!" during the anthem.

## Easter Special Offering

Your gift to the Easter Offering helps bring life, love and learning throughout the general ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Your financial gifts help sustain the missionary outreach of ministries that faithfully serve individuals and communities around the world. Your gifts make a difference, so please generously support this year's Easter Offering—April 9 and 16.

# Lenten Programs

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## Faithful Living as Families

During the season of Lent, we will offer a 6-week Sunday morning session for parents of young children, focused on living faithfully as a family. The class will address topics such as how we, as parents, show children our faith; practices families can do together; and, living faithfully in today's world. This is a great opportunity to meet other parents, come together to learn from one another, and share experiences with each other.



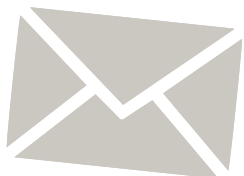
The group will gather at 10:00am in Room 150, across from the Chapel of the Good Shepherd. **If you have any questions or are interested in participating, contact Lauren King, [laurenmking05@gmail.com](mailto:laurenmking05@gmail.com).**

## Good News, Good Brews!

People have been gathering in pubs and public spaces for ages, talking about life, philosophy, faith, and deep questions of meaning. Join us this Lenten season on Wednesdays at 8:00pm for a pint and intentional conversations about God, the bible and living out our faith. Locations will vary so check the church bulletin and website for the most up to date information.

We will meet Wednesdays, March 8–April 12, 8:00pm, location is yet to be determined...bring your questions, your curiosity, and a friend.

## Lenten Devotionals



Daily Lenten Devotionals are available in the Arches. Weekly Lenten reflections, written by our ministry staff, will be emailed each Monday during Lent. **Sign up to receive devotional emails by emailing [lentendevo@uccftw.com](mailto:lentendevo@uccftw.com).**

## Agape Feast



All are invited for fellowship, a time of prayer, contemplation, and feasting together. Our Agape Feast is on April 9 at 5:30pm in Walker Hall and will be led by the children, youth and college students of UCC.

## Good Friday Fellowship

Join us after Good Friday's noon Worship service for a soup and salad meal. We are looking and in need of volunteers to help. **Please sign-up on our website, [www.universitychristian.org/web-calendar/open-registration](http://www.universitychristian.org/web-calendar/open-registration) by Monday, April 10.**

## Easter Breakfast



Breakfast treats and coffee will be shared in Room 150 following the Sunrise Service

and an all church breakfast will be held from 10:00–11:00am in Room 211. All ages are welcome. Preschool childcare is available. Sunday School classes will not meet on Easter Sunday. **Please contact Rev. Jessica Vacketta with questions, [jessica@uccftw.com](mailto:jessica@uccftw.com).**



# Living Out Our Faith

*LEAN INTO LENT* and join us as we live out our faith in tangible and meaningful ministries. Whether sharing our time, financial support, prayers or providing food, we each make a meaningful and positive impact in our community and beyond.

## Mission Pilgrimage 2017

A truly transformational and wonderful adventure awaits any who participate in the 2017 UCC Mission Pilgrimage opportunities. **South Africa Mission Pilgrimage** is full. Hold this group in prayer as they travel to Johannesburg and Cape Town May 15-27. For additional information on the missions below, **please contact Rev. Cyndy Twedell, [Cyndy@uccftw.com](mailto:Cyndy@uccftw.com)**.



**Mission Worth It!** offers the opportunity to serve locally during spring break, March 13 through 16. We'll work at our own Children's Closet and Prom Dreams, work with Kids Against Hunger, Presbyterian Night Shelter, Tarrant Area Food Bank, Union Gospel Mission, South Central Alliance of Churches, Broadway Baptist's Agape Meal and find our way downtown on the bus as a way of understanding what many in our community face each day as they count on Fort Worth's transportation system. \$10 per person or \$20 per family. Registration deadline is March 1.



**Navajo Mission Pilgrimage**, in partnership with Broadway Baptist Church, near Red Valley, Arizona is June 23 through July 2. We will camp in the mountains and work in the valley with Navajo churches as together we worship and share meals, assist with Vacation Bible School, make home and church repairs and experience Navajo life. \$150. An additional \$50 transportation fee if you choose to travel in the rented van. Registration deadline is March 1.



**Nicaragua Mission Pilgrimage** is July 15 through 23. We will again serve with Chococente Christian School and La Mision Cristiana in Managua. \$1500. Registration deadline is March 1

**Vietnam and Cambodia Pilgrimage**, September 30–October 12, 2017. \$3,999 per person. Group limited to 5. We'll travel with Week of Compassion and Church World Service. Registration deadline is April 1.

## A Letter of Thanks to Children's Closet

Good afternoon, Mrs. Reeder! Happy New Year!!!

I just wanted to take this time to send you an email about the uniforms supplied by The Children's Closet (UCC). You and your organization were wonderful last fall, and on behalf of Communities in Schools, and Handley Middle School students, parents, and school personnel...THANK YOU! Your contribution was major and helped out many of the families here, tremendously! Your ministry helped when I wasn't quite sure what we would do, and I am still able to assist students who need uniforms, when necessary, because of your generosity!

May the Lord continue to bless and keep you all! Have a prosperous and productive rest of the year! Be whole and be well!

Respectfully submitted,  
Charlotte E. Terrell, Communities in Schools-Project Manager





# Opportunities to Grow and Serve

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## You “CAN” Help



The South Central Alliance of Churches emergency food pantry is sourced entirely by donations from member churches and the community. SCAC is grateful to UCC for canned goods gathered in May to stock their shelves.

South Central Alliance of Churches, the local outreach arm of University Christian Church, is made up of 14 churches, serving our neighbors in zip codes 76104, 76109 and 76110. It provides both case management and emergency assistance including food, rental assistance, utility assistance, bus tokens, gas vouchers, toiletries and baby items.

We invite YOU to drop-off non-perishable food items in the collection bin by the Reception Desk during the month of May.

### Suggested items include:

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

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. You can also donate online and designate the payment to “May Canned Food Challenge.”

## Rosemont Elementary ‘Gift-a-Book’ Challenge

For the past five years UCC has gone above and beyond to ensure every student at



Rosemont Elementary School receives a new book to take home for their own summer reading enjoyment. Many of us are unable to participate as a Kids Hope mentor—to commit to weekly meetings with a child at Rosemont during the school year—but all are able to be part of this vital ministry by purchasing a book and praying for the student who will receive it.

Join us on Sunday, April 30 in the Gallery to take the Challenge! How many books can you gift?! You will have the opportunity to sign a book plate for each book purchased and leave a personal message for the child who will receive the book. **(An online donation option is also available at [UniversityChristian.org](http://UniversityChristian.org))**

Rosemont students will select their book at a special Super Heroes themed gathering in the school library in May. That day the teachers will also be treated to a lunch—thanks, also, to UCC’s Kids Hope Ministry.

Thanking all in advance for letting our Rosemont Elementary School students (and staff) know they are cared for as we celebrate the wonder and fun of reading!

## Prom Dreams Boutique Opens March 30



Thanks to the generosity of University Christian Church and friends, Prom Dreams will once again open its doors from March 30–May 11. The boutique will be open Thursday evenings from 5:00–7:00pm and Saturdays from 10:00am–12:00pm.

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. We have a great need for dresses size 12 & up and high-heeled shoes.

**E-mail [promdreams@uccftw.com](mailto:promdreams@uccftw.com) to learn more and to sign up for a volunteer position.**

## Newcomers Class

All are welcome to be a part of the Newcomers Class! Join us Sundays, March 26, April 2 and April 9 at 10:00am in Room 201.

The Newcomers Class offers an opportunity to get to know others, learn about UCC and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Questions are always welcome.

**For more information, please contact Michelle Groom, Ministry Assistant to Rev. Cyndy Twedell, at 817-926-6631 ext. 138., or email her at [mgroom@uccftw.com](mailto:mgroom@uccftw.com).**



# Adult Ministries

## Spring Softball



Softball season is right around the corner. Come join the team—if you can't join us then come root, root, root for the home team! Women and men ages 16 and up (age as of the first game of the season) are welcome to join the UCC team. Games are Friday evenings at Gateway Park in Fort Worth from March 10–May 19. The cost to play is \$15 for returning team members, and \$25 for new team members (includes the cost of jersey). Sign-up online at [UniversityChristian.org](http://UniversityChristian.org). **For more information contact Rev. Jessica Vacketta, [jessica@uccftw.com](mailto:jessica@uccftw.com).**

## Parents' Night Out



Need a date night or just a little break? Then Parents'

Night Out is your answer! UCC would love to host your kids (infants to 5th graders) for a fun night at the church while you enjoy an evening out. The next Parents' Night Out is Friday, April 28 from 6:00–9:00pm. Kids need to eat dinner before or bring it with them. Cost is \$5 per child, \$10 max per family. **Register online by April 19 under "Events" at [UniversityChristian.org](http://UniversityChristian.org).**

## 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 Rev. Cyndy Twedell, [cyndy@uccftw.com](mailto:cyndy@uccftw.com), for more information.**

### Upcoming Activities:

**Latte with the Ladies** welcomes and invites women of all ages for fellowship over morning coffee at local coffee bistros at 9:00am on the second Saturday of each month.

- March 11 | Clean Slate Coffee
- April 8 | Mudsmith
- May 13 | Buon Giorno



**WiLD Women Book Club** meets monthly at Cat City Grill at 6:00pm on Mondays (March 20, April 17, May 15) and Tuesdays at 11:30am in Room 150 (March 21, April 18 and May 16). Both gatherings discuss the same book.

March—*Saving CeCe Honeycutt* by Beth Hoffman

April—*The Elegance of the Hedgehog* by Muriel Barbery

May—*Little Beach Street Bakery* by Jenny Colgan

**Disciples Women Regional Assembly**, San Antonio, June 23–25. More details and registration information will be posted in the Sunday bulletin and online email update as it becomes available.



## Attention All Artists!

Church and the Arts invites all UCC members to share your artwork with us at this year's UCC Members Fine Arts Exhibit on Sunday, March 5 from 10:00am to 2:00pm in Room 207. Examples of art accepted for the exhibit are original drawings, paintings, pastels, printmaking media, photography and 3-dimensional works. We hope you will participate and look forward

to recognizing artists within our own church family. If you are interested in participating please register by March 1 and have your art submitted in hand by March 4. **For additional information or to register, please contact Joyce Raessler, [jrcpanyjoyce@gmail.com](mailto:jrcpanyjoyce@gmail.com).**

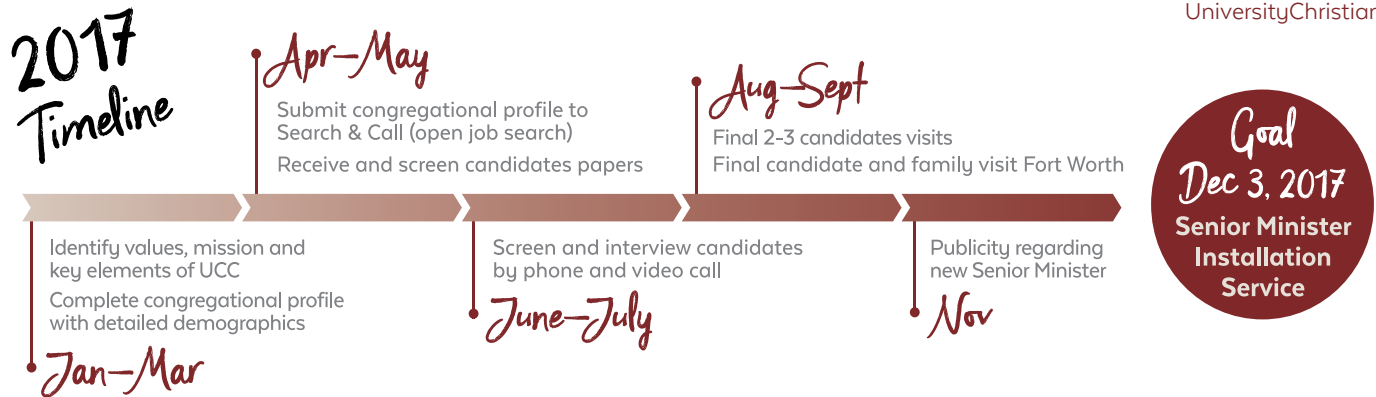
## Young Adult Camp | May 15–18

(One year out of high school up to age 25)

Young Adult Camp will use the Practices of Fruitful Living as its focus. Conversations will center around Passionate Worship, Intentional Faith Development, Risk-Taking Mission and Service, and Extravagant Generosity. This will be a time of learning, growing, playing, laughing, and loving together. Early Bird Deadline is April 1, Early Bird rate is \$285, UCC will pay half of early bird registration. **For more information contact Rev. Jessica Vacketta, [jessica@uccftw.com](mailto:jessica@uccftw.com)**

# A Message from the Search Committee

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Your senior minister search committee has been working hard. We have put together a strategy to purposefully find the right minister to lead our church and take us forward into the next chapter.

Our process is based on best practices in executive search, recruiting, and interviewing. Prior to opening the call for papers and speaking to candidates, our first step is to gather and analyze information on UCC's purpose and values. We will work hand in hand with the Board of Stewards, the UCC Marketing Director, and an outside church consultant to ensure this step is completed.

Based on the values and objectives discovered in our first step, the next step is to create interview and screening questions. From here, we start to screen resumes and speak with candidates.

If you have a candidate to refer, please contact them to verify he/she is interested. Each candidate must register with the domination and request their papers be forwarded to the church to be considered

for the position. We'll announce when we are ready for referrals.

The screening process takes a month or two to complete. We will review every interested applicant and every referral. However, we cannot give feedback on referrals due to confidentiality concerns.

The final two or three ministers will receive a visit from the committee. The visit will allow us to observe and assess the relationship he/she has with their current church and presence in the pulpit.

Finally, the candidate will be invited to come to Fort Worth with his/her family. Should the visit go well, we will extend a call, or job offer. Assuming the call is accepted, our hope is to have a new minister named and installed by the beginning of Advent.

During the search process, there are three ways to help the committee. First, we ask you pray for the committee, the church, and our new minister. Prayers of wisdom, discernment, harmony, unity, cooperation, and understanding are appreciated. Please

keep our new minister in your prayers as he/she considers this opportunity.

Second, we ask the congregation respect the need for confidentiality. Once the committee starts reviewing names and papers, we are not at liberty to discuss or release information. This protects a candidate's privacy.

Third, we ask you actively participate in providing feedback and information. A survey will be sent out to the entire congregation to gather information we need to select the right person for this important role. By taking or not taking the survey you are directly impacting the search. Please take the time to give use feedback.

If you have any questions about the process, please do not hesitate to contact either H. Lee Nelson or Danyelle Ackall. Our communications, search committee names, and updates are available on the UCC website.

God bless!

Lee and Danyelle



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**JOHN 17: 20-21a**

**In July, Disciples from across the United States and Canada will be gathering in Indianapolis as ONE.**

## General Assembly 2017

**July 8-12, 2017 • Indianapolis, IN • Indiana Convention Center**

The General Assembly is a gathering that reminds us the Church is more than our congregation or our region. The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) includes many kinds of people and many points of view, but at our best, we are essentially and intentionally ONE in our belief in Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God.

Early Bird Rate \$150, beginning April 1 the rate will increase to \$190 per person. Special rates are available for young adults (19-29), youth (13-18), pre-school and elementary.

**For more information about the General Assembly, the programs and schedule please visit the event website, [ga.disciples.org](http://ga.disciples.org).**





# Share in Lent With Your Family

## Easter Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday



UCC's annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Palm Sunday morning. Our Threes through Kindergartners begin their outdoor hunt for eggs at 10:00am. The egg hunt will be followed by preparing to process into the Sanctuary, wave palm branches and sing at the 11:00am worship service. Our Twos through Walkers will have opportunities to hunt eggs through the morning.

Our Journey Land children will gather together for a Palm Sunday celebration. All parents, grandparents, family members, and kids at heart are invited to join us for the celebration at 10:00am. Journey Landers will go outside to hunt eggs following the celebration (at approximately 10:25am). Afterwards, Journey Land children will lead us into the 11:00am worship service waving palm branches.

**For more information please contact Kera Watts, [kera@uccftw.com](mailto:kera@uccftw.com).**

## Ways for Children to *LEAN INTO LENT*

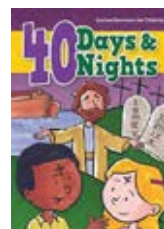


### Make A Prayer Chain to Help Guide A Designated Prayer Time During Lent.

At the beginning of Lent, together, with your children, make a list of 40 people, needs or hopes your family recognizes as important. Place each name, need or hope on an individual piece of paper. Link the strips of paper together into a chain and place in a prominent place in your home. Designate a time each day that you will take one prayer from the chain and say a prayer together as a family.

### Guide Your Child in Their Lenten Devotion

Every family with a 2 year old to 5th grader will receive a daily Lenten Devotion booklet, *40 Days & Nights*. Please use these devotions with the accompanying daily mobile to guide your children as they *LEAN INTO LENT*. Additional copies of the childrens' devotions will be available in The Arches.



## Family Lenten Recipe | Easter Resurrection Rolls



Prep time: 5 mins  
Cook time: 10 mins

Total time: 15 mins  
Serves: 8 rolls

### Ingredients

1 can Pillsbury Crescent Dough  
8 large marshmallows  
water  
cinnamon & sugar combined in a bowl

Easter Resurrection Rolls are a simple, fun and meaningful activity to do with children of any age. As you prepare the rolls, think through the Easter story and prepare yourself and your children for the big surprise (hint, hint, something is no longer there when you break open the roll).

### Instructions

Preheat oven to 375°F. Spray a cookie sheet with cooking spray or line with parchment paper.

Unroll crescent dough and separate each triangle.

Have children dip marshmallow in water and roll in cinnamon and sugar mixture.

Place marshmallow in the top of the crescent roll and roll into a crescent roll shape, then secure the sides by tucking them under and pinching

them closed. (Don't worry about how they look! They will be yummy!)

Place on prepared cookie sheet and repeat with remaining 7 rolls.

Bake in preheated oven for 8-10 minutes or until golden brown on the outside.

Let cool for a few minutes and then let the children pick a roll to open up. The marshmallow has disappeared!

Enjoy.

Author: Jen Nikolaus,  
[www.yummyhealthyeasy.com/2015/04/easter-resurrection-rolls.html](http://www.yummyhealthyeasy.com/2015/04/easter-resurrection-rolls.html)

# Youth & Children Programs and Registrations

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## Senior Banquet—Congratulate UCC's High School Grads

You're invited to honor UCC's graduating high school seniors at the annual Senior Banquet on Wednesday, May 3 from 6:00-8:00pm in Walker Hall. The event 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 will cost \$10 per person, and reservations are required for dinner (but not to attend).

Please RSVP by contacting Robin Doyle, [robin.doyle@uccftw.com](mailto:robin.doyle@uccftw.com), by Monday, May 1.

## Youth Sunday is May 7

Youth will plan and lead the morning worship services for UCC's annual Youth Sunday on May 7. Our middle and high schoolers will plan and lead the elements of the worship service, decorate the sanctuary to match the theme, and provide special music. Please attend this morning of memorable worship that allows the whole church to hear and see how our young people understand and express their faith.



## Youth Summer Mission Trips Register Now!



grades 9-12 will travel to Memphis, Tennessee on the **CYF Mission Trip**, where they will work at a variety of ministries and agencies serving the city's most vulnerable residents and learn about the city's prominent place in both civil rights and music history. The group will depart the morning of July 2 and return the evening of July 8. The trip cost will be \$300 per person if registered by April 1, \$400 afterward. The **Chi Rho Mission Trip** for grades six through eight will spend four days in Austin serving at the Capital Area Food Bank and the Round Rock Serving Center. The group will depart on Sunday afternoon, June 4 and return on Wednesday night, June 7 after cooling off at Schlitterbahn Water Park in New Braunfels. Trip cost is \$150 per person if registered by April 1, \$200 afterward. Full and half scholarships for both trips are available upon request. **For trip details and registration forms, visit [uccyouth.org/missiontrips](http://uccyouth.org/missiontrips).**

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

## Children's Choir Spring Musical—Are We There Yet?



The Children's Choir Spring Musical will be presented on Sunday, April 30 at 12:30pm in Walker Hall. The performance will be preceded by a free snack lunch, also in Walker Hall, at 12:00pm directly following the 11:00am worship service. It is a perfect event for the whole family to enjoy.

This musical retelling of the Exodus story captures the humor and humanity of Moses, Miriam, Aaron, Joshua and the Pharaoh, but also communicates the eternal truths within the story. The amount of entertainment and meaningful content is thoughtfully balanced. This powerful story will stay with these kids along their faith journey. We hope to see you there!



# Disciples Crossing Summer Camps

## Save the date! Summer 2017 Summer Camp Opportunities

All grades indicate grade to be completed in the 2015-2016 school year and can be registered for online at [uccyouth.org/camps](http://uccyouth.org/camps).

### **Grand Camp** (Ages 4-10 w/grandparent) **May 26-28**

This camp strives to strengthen the relationship between grandchild and grandparent through play, laughter, and worship. There is activities for children and programming for adults, as well as recreation and worship opportunities.

### **Discovery Camp** (Grades 1-2 w/adult) **May 19-21**

Children are introduced to summer camp while strengthening family bonds. It is a weekend full of fun, worship, learning, swimming, crafts and energetic games.

### **Family Camp** (Ages 0 to 18 w/adult) **Session #1: June 2-4** **Session #2: August 11-13**

A camp for the whole family ages 18 and younger must be accompanied by one family adult chaperone over the age of 21. The goal of Family Camp is Sabbath! Families come to rest, play and worship together.

### **Adventure Camp** (Grades 6-12) **June 7-10**

This camp seeks adventure in the forms of snorkeling, canoeing, backpacking, swimming, hiking and zip lining. Come experience God out in Creation at an entirely new sort of summer camp. This event will begin and end at Disciples Crossing but will take place at a state park nearby. Experienced, trained adults will supervise all activities.

### **Niner's Camp** (Grade 9) **June 12-17**

Campers focus on leadership development and spirituality. They are taught ways to strengthen their faith practices and how to use their gifts and talents to serve God.

### **CYF Conference** (Grades 10-12) **June 19-24**

Conference 2017 focuses on Interfaith Dialogue. What do other faiths believe and how do we tear down the communication barriers between us? We reconnect with our faith, seek to understand other's faith, and share with old and new friends alike during this one of a kind week.

### **Chi Rho Camp** (Grades 6-7) **Session #1: June 19-24** **Session #2: July 17-22**

The most unique and memorable experiences of all our summer camps. The week is filled with silly large groups games, small groups where we practice talking about our faith, youth-led worship experiences and interactive keynotes.

### **Eighter's Camp** (Grade 8) **June 25-July 1** Co-Director, Tyler Heston

AKA "Created to Be Me" Camp, is designed to teach campers about spirituality and sexuality through a wonderful Christian curriculum. Parents will receive detailed information about each day's topic and theme.

### **ADDaM Camp** (Grades 9-12) **June 25-July 1**

ADDaM Camp is a 7day celebration of the gifts and talents God has given us. Days will be full of creativity, fun, and the forming of life-long friendships. Whether you are a "center stage" type of person, or you enjoy supporting roles from the background, this camp is a way for you to use your creative talents and energy to worship God. Together, with your new friends and family, you will learn, rehearse, and perform a musical to be premiered at the Henderson Performing Arts Center in Athens, TX on Saturday Morning of the end of camp. ADDaM Camp is not for "believers only." ADDaM Camp is a place to ask the hard questions, to seek and explore and find out who Jesus is and where to find him. You will meet people of all walks of life. You will get time in small groups to explore "Where Jesus is" and there is free time each day devoted to bonding with strangers and friends alike.

### **JYF Camp** (Grades 3-5) **Session #1: July 3-7** Co-Director, Whitney Peters

### **Session #2: July 31-August 4**

Director, Rev. Jessica Vacketta

Campers will engage faith and Bible stories through interactive learning stations and creative and energetic worship experiences. They will also enjoy arts and crafts, games and swimming.

### **Water Sports Camp** (Grades 6-12) **July 24-27**

Celebrating its 2nd year in our Summer Camp program, it combines a love for water sports with the traditional elements of church camp with small group Bible study and "camp" worship. Campers learn to wake board and water ski, tube, blob and swim at nearby Lake Athens by trained experienced adults. No previous water sports experience is required but youth do need to be strong swimmers.

## Disciples Crossing Registration Instructions

### **Online Registration (Opens February 19th)** **Visit: [disciplescrossing.org/summer-camp](http://disciplescrossing.org/summer-camp)**

**Registration:** Online registration is required for summer camp. You will be asked to create an account, fill out an online health form and sign it electronically. You may register for multiple events at the same time. Before a Registration is considered COMPLETE the entire Profile must be filled out entirely!

**Payment:** Invoices will be sent to congregations after the Early Bird deadline (April 1st), after the Regular Price deadline (May 1st) and as needed during the Late Price period. Please include a copy of your invoice with your check. Please make checks payable to Disciples Crossing.

**Late Registrations:** The final deadline to register is two weeks before the start date of the camp.

**Late Arrivals and Early Departures Are Not Permitted:** Campers who wish to leave early or register late must send a written request to the Tri-Area Committee. These requests are considered on a case-by-case basis. Send requests to: Tri-Area Committee c/o Disciples Crossing Camp, 3693 State Highway 31 E, Athens, TX 75752.

**Cancellations and Refunds:** A \$20.00 fee will be applied to cancellations on registrations made during Early Bird

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## Disciples Crossing Summer Camp 2017 Costs—Registration Opens February 19!

Register online at [www.disciplescrossing.org](http://www.disciplescrossing.org). For each camp, registration closes two weeks before the start date of the event.

### Traditional Summer Camps:

	Early Bird Price <i>Deadline: April 1st</i>	Regular Price <i>Deadline: May 1st</i>	Late Price <i>After May 1st</i>
<b>Grand Camp</b>	\$70	\$100	\$140
<b>Discovery Camp</b>	\$70	\$100	\$140
<b>JYF Camp</b>	\$145	\$175	\$215
<b>Chi Rho Camp</b>	\$175	\$205	\$245
<b>Eighter's Camp</b>	\$205	\$235	\$275
<b>Niner's Camp</b>	\$180	\$210	\$250
<b>CYF Conference</b>	\$180	\$210	\$250

### New and Non-traditional Summer Camps:

<b>Family Camp</b> 5 and under FREE!	\$130 (ages 12+) \$85 (ages 6-12)	\$160 (ages 12+) \$115 (ages 6-12)	\$200 (ages 12+) \$155 (ages 6-12)
<b>Adventure Camp*</b>	\$110	\$140	\$180
<b>Water Sports Camp**</b>	\$110	\$140	\$180
<b>ADDaM Camp***</b>	\$205	\$235	\$275
<b>Young Adult Camp</b> (1 year out of H.S. to age 25)	\$145	\$175	\$215

\*For Adventure Camp, some camping gear is required. See the list on our website. No prior camping experience is required. Adventure Camp is very strenuous and a doctor's physical is required to participate.

\*\*No previous water sports experience is required. Youth should be experienced swimmers. 2 swimsuits are required but the camp will provide all other equipment.

\*\*\*Art, Drama, Dance, and Music Camp. Calling all Musicians, Singers, Artists, and Actors this is a week of camp for you. ADDaM Camp will offer a chance to learn and perform a musical from start to finish over the course of the week. Performance will be Saturday morning at 10 am.

### Disciples Crossing Registration Instructions, continued

and Regular Registration periods (through May 1). After May 1 through two weeks before camp there is a 25% cancellation fee. No refunds are given on cancellations in the two-week period prior to that registrant's camp.

**Camp Scholarships:** Scholarships are available and are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis by filling out the form found on our website. Once the application is received and processed, the Director of Programming will notify the camper

and the congregation of the scholarship amount that has or has not been awarded.

**Questions/Concerns:** Please call our Director of Programming, Emily Williams, office phone: 903-675-3692 or email at [emily@disciplescrossing.org](mailto:emily@disciplescrossing.org).

## VBS, Mission VBS and Music Makers Camp

UCC Kids presents VBS Hero Central and Mission VBS, June 20-23, 2017, 9:00am-2:00pm. At VBS Hero Central, our children will enjoy an interactive, energizing, Bible-based experience as we discover how we can be Heroes. As we become Heroes, we will explore how everyone can serve God and recognize God's calling in our world. VBS is for children in our Two's class through Third Grade. Mission VBS, for Fourth and Fifth Graders will provide real-life opportunities for our children to experience being Heroes as they travel into our community to serve and help others. VBS and Mission VBS registration for UCC Members begins March 1 ([ucckids.org](http://ucckids.org)). Open registration begins April 1.

VBS only happens when volunteers are willing to take time to serve, have fun, and share God's love with our children. Volunteer

Registration for adults and youth begins on March 1 ([ucckids.org](http://ucckids.org)). Our ability to serve children is directly related to how many volunteers we have willing to be Heroes for our kids. There is a place for all volunteers at VBS and we will find a good fit for you!

Music Makers Camp is an important way to provide your children with a unique music and arts experience this summer. Music Makers Camp, led by Mary Farmer, UCC Children's Choir Director, provides an engaging music and drama option following VBS each day, June 20-23, 2017, 12:00pm to 3:00pm. Children eat a provided lunch together then participate in all sorts of musical activities including music history, basic music theory, movement activities, singing, learning to play and improvising on our percussion and Orff instruments

(child size xylophones). Participants will also experience 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. Music Makers Camp concludes with a performance created and performed by all the children. **Contact Marsha Hodges [marsha@uccftw.com](mailto:marsha@uccftw.com) or Mary Farmer [maryelizabethfarmer@yahoo.com](mailto:maryelizabethfarmer@yahoo.com) for more information.**





# Upcoming Lenten Events

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<b>Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper</b>	Tuesday, February 28 6:00pm	Walker Hall	All	-	Thelia Chaffin thelia@uccftw.com
<b>Ash Wednesday Worship</b>	Wednesday, March 1 6:30pm	Walker Hall	All	2	Rev. Shannon Moore shannon.moore@uccftw.com
<b>Labyrinth</b>	Wednesday, March 1 7:30pm-9:00pm	Walker Hall	All	2	Rev. Shannon Moore shannon.moore@uccftw.com
<b>Easter Flowers</b>	Sunday, March 5 thru Monday, April 10	Sanctuary	All	2	Pam Reeser pam@uccftw.com
<b>Faithful Living as Families</b>	Sundays, March 5-April 9 10:00am	Room 150	Parents	3	Lauren King laurenmking05@gmail.com
<b>Good News Good Brews</b>	March 8-April 12 Wednesdays   8:00pm	TBA	Ages 21 +	3	Rev. Jessica Vacketta jessica@uccftw.com
<b>Easter Egg Hunt</b>	Sunday, April 9 10:00am	Outside by The Garden	Children	10	Rev. Kera Watts kera@uccftw.com
<b>Agape Feast</b>	Sunday, April 9 5:30pm	Walker Hall	All	3	Rev. Jessica Vacketta jessica@uccftw.com
<b>Maundy Thursday Worship</b>	Thursday, April 13 6:30pm	Begins in Gallery Worship in Sanctuary	All	3	Rev. Shannon Moore shannon.moore@uccftw.com
<b>Good Friday Worship Service</b>	Friday, April 14 12:00pm	Sanctuary	All	3	Rev. Shannon Moore shannon.moore@uccftw.com
<b>Good Friday Fellowship Lunch</b>	Friday, April 14 After Good Friday Worship	Room 207	All	3	Rev. Jessica Vacketta jessica@uccftw.com
<b>Easter Breakfast</b>	Sunday, April 16   8:00am 10:00-11:00am	Room 150 Room 207	All	3	Rev. Jessica Vacketta jessica@uccftw.com

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<b>UCC Members Fine Arts Exhibit</b>	Sunday, March 5	Room 207	All	8	Joyce Raessler jrcompanyjoyce@gmail.com
<b>Spring Softball Season</b>	March 10-May 19	Gateway Park	Age 16+	8	Jessica Vacketta jessica@uccftw.com
<b>Latte with the Ladies</b>	March 11, April 8 & May 13	See article	Women	8	Rev. Cyndy Twedell cyndy@uccftw.com
<b>Mission Worth It!</b>	March 13-16	Fort Worth	All	6	Rev. Cyndy Twedell cyndy@uccftw.com
<b>WiLD Women Book Club (Evening Group)</b>	March 20, April 17 & May 15	Cat City Grill	Women	8	Rev. Cyndy Twedell cyndy@uccftw.com
<b>WiLD Women Book Club (Day Group)</b>	March 21, April 18 & May 16	Room 150	Women	8	Rev. Cyndy Twedell cyndy@uccftw.com

# Other Upcoming Events & Important Sign-Ups

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<b>Newcomers Class</b>	March 26, April 2 & April 9   10:00am	Room 201	All	8	Michelle Groom mgroom@uccftw.com
<b>Prom Dreams</b>	March 30–May 11	Prom Dreams Boutique	All	7	promdreams@uccftw.com
<b>Recycling Day</b>	April 22	UCC Parking Lot	All	17	Michelle Groom mgroom@uccftw.com
<b>Earth Stewardship Sunday Worship &amp; Lunch</b>	April 23 9:00am - 11:00am 12:00pm	Sanctuary Walker Hall	All	17	Rev. Cyndy Twedell cyndy@uccftw.com
<b>Chancel Choir Concert</b>	April 23 2:00pm	The Sanctuary	All	17	Marsha Hodges marsha@uccftw.com
<b>Parents' Night Out</b>	April 28 6:00–9:00pm	UCC	Kids	8	Jessica Vacketta jessica@uccftw.com
<b>Rosemont Elementary Gift-a-Book</b>	Sunday April 30	Gallery	All	7	Michelle Groom mgroom@uccftw.com
<b>May "Can" Food Challenge</b>	Month of May	UCC Front Desk	All	7	Michelle Groom mgroom@uccftw.com
<b>Senior Banquet</b>	May 3 6:00–8:00pm	Walker Hall	All	11	Robin Doyle robin.doyle@uccftw.com
<b>Legacy Society Kick-Off Dinner</b>	May 4 6:00–8:00pm	Walker Hall	All	16	Pam Reeser pam@uccftw.com
<b>Youth Sunday</b>	May 7	The Sanctuary	All	11	Rev. Russ Boyd russ@uccftw.com
<b>Young Adult Camp</b>	May 15–18	Disciples Crossing	1 yr out of HS to age 25	7	Jessica Vacketta jessica@uccftw.com
<b>Youth Summer Mission Trips</b>	May 19–August 13	Disciples Crossing	Youth	11	Robin Doyle robin.doyle@uccftw.com
<b>Disciples Women Regional Assembly</b>	June 23–25	San Antonio	Women	8	Rev. Cyndy Twedell cyndy@uccftw.com
<b>Navajo Mission Pilgrimage</b>	June 23–July 2	Red Valley, AZ	All	6	Rev. Cyndy Twedell cyndy@uccftw.com
<b>General Regional Assembly</b>	July 8–12	Indianapolis, IN	All	9	Thelia Chaffin thelia@uccftw.com
<b>Nicaragua Mission Pilgrimage</b>	July 16–23	Managua	High School and up	6	Rev. Cyndy Twedell cyndy@uccftw.com
<b>Week of Compassion Pilgrimage</b>	September 30 thru October 12	Vietnam & Cambodia	Adults	6	Rev. Cyndy Twedell cyndy@uccftw.com





# Legacy Society Kick-Off

## Legacy Society, Kick-Off Dinner and Legacy Wall Unveiling

University Christian Church has a wonderful history of serving Christ's people here and around the world. Our congregation's mission statement includes: "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." This vision and mission is supported by both the generous regular tithes and offerings of our members and the estate and legacy gifts.

The Legacy Society honors members and friends who have put gift plans in place or established permanent funds. The Legacy Society invites church members and friends of UCC to make

gifts from their accumulated resources to the Endowment Fund. Income from the Endowment Fund allows us to enhance our worship experience, extend our outreach and advocate for social justice, foster relationships and partnerships, provide meaningful opportunities for Christian education and spiritual growth, and nurture the arts.

Legacy giving is not limited to those with significant wealth; anyone can participate, regardless of the size of the gift. We do ask that you consider your legacy giving to be above and beyond your regular stewardship commitment.

UCC is hosting a special Legacy Society Kick-Off Dinner on May 4, 6:00–8:30pm, that will include the unveiling of the Legacy Wall. The event will also include videos, presentations and

dinner. We will also present a special gift given in addition to donors' names being placed on the Legacy Wall.

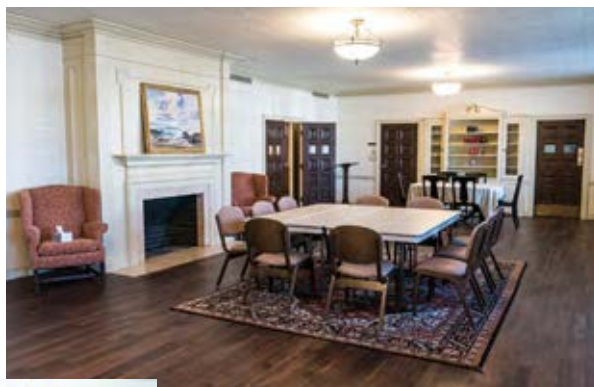
Tickets to attend are \$25 per adult, children ages 12 and under are free with a \$75 max per family. Tickets will go on sale in March.

**SAVE THE DATE! For more information about tickets, please contact Pam Reeser, [pam@uccftw.com](mailto:pam@uccftw.com).**

## The Former Library *by Mike Morton*

When was the last time you were in "the library"? In the works for a couple of years, Building & Grounds has just overseen the transition of this space into a new multi-purpose room. The bookshelves and traditional chandeliers have been replaced by a new media cabinet with audio/video facilities, new flooring and paint to match our building standards, and updated light fixtures.

The finish details of the space, for example the trim moulding and media cabinet style, were maintained to preserve the integrity of the original design. New chairs and tables provide flexible



functionality—a reception area for services in the Chapel of the Good Shepard one day; space for a meeting with A/V needs the next.

During this work, both bathrooms were completely remodeled with

new paint, flooring, plumbing fixtures, lighting, and wider door and partition openings to make them handicap-compliant. The hallways in that area also received new flooring, paint and light fixtures. New beams were added in the hallway adjacent to the Chapel to match those in the narthex. Wood doors in that area were re-stained. The kitchen was updated and will now function as a "catering kitchen". New light fixtures in this area all have LED light sources. And the project was completed over 35% below budget!!

So next time, break that routine and visit the space "formerly known as the Library". We think you'll like what you see—and maybe have an idea of what to call this space!



# Earth Day

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## Earth Stewardship Sunday April 23, 2017

*"The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it; for God has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers." —Psalm 24:1-2*

*"Let all creation praise the Lord!" —Psalm 150:6*

*"From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of the Lord is to be praised." —Psalm 113:3*

UCC will join with faith communities around the world in celebrating Earth Stewardship Sunday, April 23. Caring for God's Creation invites you to commemorate the 47th anniversary of Earth Day with a weekend full of opportunities to hear, learn and experience God's abundant gift of creation.

On Saturday, April 22, Caring for God's Creation will host a Recycling Day in the UCC parking lot. It will offer a chance to learn more about recycling and to drop off items to be recycled such as

batteries, electronics, single-use plastic bags/bubble wrap, eyeglasses, shoes and old medicines. While these items don't belong in your curbside recycling bins, Caring for God's Creation volunteers have offered to take them to the proper recycling locations. We will also provide information for you to take home and see how you can recycle different items throughout the year. A shredding truck will also be available for those who need to safely dispose of personal or confidential documents. At no charge!

Caring for God's Creation will also host a lunch after worship Sunday, April 23, concluding in time to attend the Earth Sunday Chancel Choir Concert (see more information below).

Caring for God's Creation is thrilled to celebrate our collective love for the Earth through these events and we hope to see you there! Look for more information in the weekly bulletin as we get closer to April. **If you have further questions, please contact Emily Housley at [emilyw@alumni.tcu.edu](mailto:emilyw@alumni.tcu.edu).**

## Chancel Choir Concert



On **Earth Sunday, April 23, at 2 pm** the Chancel Choir and string orchestra will present a free concert in our sanctuary. Opening the concert will be Handel's thrilling "Zadok the Priest" and Bach's exuberant motet, "Lobet den Herrn, alle Heiden", based upon Psalm 117. The centerpiece of the concert will be **"Sunrise Mass"** by Norwegian-American

composer, Ola Gjeilo (pronounced Yay-lo). This beautiful setting of the Latin Mass uses English titles for each of the four movements. (1. The Spheres, 2. Sunrise, 3. The City, 4. Identity & the Ground) Gjeilo explains that he "wanted the musical development of the work to evolve from the most transparent and spacey, to something completely

earthy and grounded; from nebulous and pristine to more emotional and dramatic, and eventually warm and solid—as a metaphor for human development from child to adult, or as a spiritual journey." The piece is partially influenced by the composer's favorite movie and film scores. Please join us and invite a friend!



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