



## All Saints' Sunday Worship and Labyrinth Walk



**Labyrinth Walk**—November 2, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

*So long as we live, they too shall live, for they are a part of us*—from *Triptych* by Tarik O'Regan, to be sung by the Chancel Choir on All Saints' Sunday

Reflect upon those whose lives are still within us. Feel the love and gratitude for your loved ones as you walk the labyrinth in prayer and meditation. Light a candle to honor their lives.

**Worship**—All congregants and community members are invited to attend our special services on November 2. We will worship in our regular format but focus on remembrance and thankfulness for our deceased family and friends. The Chancel Choir will combine with a string ensemble and present *Ave Verum Corpus* by Mozart and two stirring movements from the major choral work

*Triptych* by Scottish composer, Tarik O'Regan. All will have the opportunity to light candles. Services on November 2 are at 9 and 11 a.m. Come. Remember. Be consoled.

**In Remembrance**—On this All Saints' Sunday, an insert will be included in the worship bulletin with names of friends and family who have passed away since last November. It is good to lean on your church family when you remember a special person. Sing the reassuring text *For all the saints, who from their labors rest and believe together we live and struggle, they in a glory shine.*

## Vatican Talks—A Sunday School Opportunity on November 2

Join us for a special presentation in Walker Fellowship Hall at 10 a.m. on November 2. Drs. Newell Williams and Jim Duke will share their experiences from this past summer's trip to Rome as part of the International Commission for Dialogue between Disciples of Christ and the Roman Catholic Church.

Co-sponsored by the Disciples Ecumenical Consultative Council and the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, this dialogue has continued for more than twenty-five years.



Dr. D. Newell Williams, President of Brite Divinity School and Professor of American and Modern Church History



Dr. James Duke, I. Wylie and Elizabeth Briscoe Professor of History of Christianity and History of Christian Thought



## Send a Care Package to a Student Away

As you know, the time leading up to final exams is filled with anxiety, fear and lack of sleep. One way we can show our students they are loved and supported during this stressful time is by sending a care package. With approximately forty

students on our mailing list, we need your help sending a little UCC love to these young adults. November 16, 23 and 30, there will be a table in The Gallery where you can find a name and sign-up to send a care package. Thank you for your continued ministry to our students!

## 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**



## Anticipation for Things to Come

by Rev. Larry Thomas, Senior Minister

We will be winding down our stewardship campaign for 2015 within the next few weeks. A very dedicated group of callers (sixty-five in all) spent two weeks making calls to reach out to those who have supported the congregation financially within the recent past. The goal was to thank contributors for their support, invite them to continue this support, increase their support if they could, and also to ask for any information they may want to be conveyed to lay leaders or ministerial staff. Their calls were met with enthusiasm and grace, and as has been the case over the last couple of years, we received some important pastoral care requests as well as needed updates for contact information.

I want to take this opportunity to thank John Andrus and his stewardship campaign team (Ann Richardson, Chad Mooney, Bill Shelton, William Butler and Emily Housley) for all of their hard work. I would also like to thank Scott Baker for providing design assistance for our stewardship materials and

David Nolan for providing training for the callers. We appreciate all of the volunteers who made calls and send thanks to Michelle Ingram and our Business Office staff. Everyone has worked very hard to make this a successful campaign.

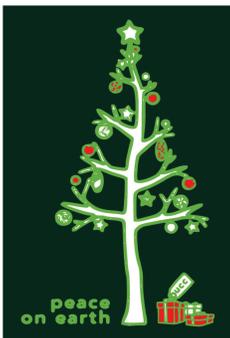
Within a few weeks we will have a better sense of what our anticipated receipts will be for next year and we can then finalize a budget, which will be presented to the Board of Stewards for approval as early as the regularly scheduled November meeting. We will then present it to the Assembly for approval during the January meeting. It is my sincere prayer that we will underwrite anticipated needs while generating enough surplus to add new programming, create opportunities for intentional spiritual development and additional worship experiences.

We begin the month of November anticipating the observance of several key remembrances and celebrations. On Sunday, November 2, we will be celebrating the theme of All Saints. We have a meaningful service of

remembrance planned and hope that you will participate. Our Thanksgiving service will have some enhancements over last year's service, as will our Advent and Christmas Eve services. You will find several individual articles pertaining to these and other upcoming activities throughout this month's *UCC Journal*. I hope you will read about them with anticipation of participation.

Much of the work needed to make these and other church related activities a success was accomplished at our most recent ministers' retreat. These brief, intensely focused, offsite meetings have proven to be very productive. We are gone for a little over twenty-four hours but accomplish more than we could in a weeks worth of regular meetings. I know I speak for the staff when I express my gratitude for the opportunity and the funding (Senior Minister's Discretionary Fund) that make our working retreats possible.

Here's looking forward to a meaningful and busy holiday season.



## Hanging of the Greens

Sunday, November 30, 5:30 p.m.

A special evening worship service kicks off the season of Advent by adorning UCC's Sanctuary while sharing the stories behind many of the symbolic holiday decorations.

Our youth will provide much of the worship leadership, UCC's bell choirs and children's choirs will offer special music, engaging the senses of children, youth and adults alike.

This is a great opportunity to reach out to our community, so be sure to invite friends and neighbors to come be part of a meaningful UCC tradition.

## 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.*

## Thanksgiving Sunday, November 23



*Give thanks and bless God's name.*

This phrase from Psalm 100 reminds us we must be thankful to our Creator who blesses our lives every day. All American citizens will stop to be thankful on Thursday, November 27, this year. UCC will incorporate themes of gratefulness and duty into our worship services the Sunday prior.

## Thanksgiving Baskets



It is hard to imagine Thanksgiving Day without turkey and all of the trimmings. But there are families in our community who do not have the means to provide the kind of meal most of us are accustomed to enjoying.

For over twenty-six years University Christian Church has partnered with our "sister churches" of the South Central Alliance of Churches\* to provide a Thanksgiving bag of groceries to families who live below the poverty level. The Alliance also provides frozen turkeys so that each family can enjoy a complete Thanksgiving meal.

In the past, members of UCC have been extremely generous with donations

Come sing *We Gather Together* with the Chancel Choir and a TCU Brass Quartet.

*Come Home* is the theme for this year's Thanksgiving Offering, to be collected November 23, as well as the 16. Your gift to the Thanksgiving Offering helps underwrite the education of students attending the fourteen undergraduate institutions (including TCU) and seven seminaries or divinity schools (like Brite Divinity School) affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). These learning communities are an extension of the church and your gift helps ensure that when students from UCC go away to study they will *Come Home* to a Disciples institution where they can be challenged to understand and respond to God's call to serve.

*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* at this special time of year called Thanksgiving.

of food, money and time in support of this annual ministry and we invite congregants to join us again this year. A Thanksgiving Basket Shopping List is provided on page 4 for those who would like to shop. You can drop off your donations at the church any time prior to November 21. Otherwise, if you would like to make a financial donation, please complete the order form on page 4 and return it to the church on or before Tuesday, November 25.

On Saturday, November 22, at 9 a.m., in Fellowship Hall, the bags of groceries will be assembled and delivered to South Central Alliance of Churches. All are welcome to join in Saturday's "pack" party.

For questions about the Thanksgiving Basket ministry, please contact Rev. Cyndy Twedell at 817.926.6631.

\*South Central Alliance of Churches is an emergency relief ministry located at Southside Church of Christ. This ecumenical alliance of churches serves individuals and families in 76109, 76104 and 76110 zip codes.

## Life of the Church

### Births

*Duncan Wade Welch*, September 15  
Beth & Doug Welch, parents

*Joseph Dillion Underbrink*, September 12  
Jessica & Rick Underbrink, parents  
Helen Cameron Clifton,  
Great grandmother

*Adrian Anne Harrison*, September 22  
Stephanie & Jon Harrison, parents  
Anne & Mike Harrison, grandparents

### Deaths

*Mary Caroline Brady*, September 10  
cousin of Chuck Dowell

*Mary Frances Hoffer Lary*, September 13  
sister of Bud Hoffer

*Olin Atkison*, September 14  
brother of Marilyn Ivy

*Faye Bramlett McDade*, September 21  
mother of Marsha Hodges

*Jack Homer Richard*, September 22  
father of Erica Quinn

*Ann Woodfin Nelson*, October 2  
mother of Brent Johnson

*Wade Pipkin*, October 2  
son-in-law of Vesta Jackson

*Charles King Dempsey*, October 5  
father of Lezlie Dempsey Culver

### Weddings

*Lauren Bean & Reed Clay*  
September 27

*Lisa Clark & Brad Thompson*  
October 13

*Bailey Burgess & Matt Troutt*  
October 11

*Lisa Blackwell & Kevin Wan*  
October 11

# Give A Thanksgiving Basket To A Hungry Family



The *Thanksgiving Basket Program* provides families living below the poverty level groceries for their Thanksgiving meal.

Turkeys are purchased wholesale by South Central Alliance of Churches, the relief arm of UCC, with funds from our Outreach budget and a \$5 client fee.

Again this year, UCC will provide the items needed to fill 200 Thanksgiving Baskets.

Cost is approximately \$15 per basket depending upon the store and brands purchased.

*Checks or groceries may be donated.  
Make checks out to UCC and mark for  
'Thanksgiving Baskets'*

## Thanksgiving Basket Shopping List\*\*

|                         |                     |
|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Cranberry Sauce (15 oz) | Corn (15 oz)        |
| Green Beans (15 oz)     | Yams (15 oz)        |
| Chicken Broth (15 oz)   | Fruit (15 oz)       |
| Cake Mix (1 box)        | Cake Icing (1 can)  |
| Jello (6 oz box)        | Tea (16 ct. pkg) or |
| Stuffing Mix (14 oz)    | Drink Mix           |

**Check Deadline** Tuesday, November 25

**Grocery Deadline** Friday, November 21

## Basket Assembly

9 a.m. Saturday, November 22

**\*\* (Please try to stay close to the can/box sizes given on the list. Health regulations require that food must be in the original containers.)**

(Please turn in this form to UCC)

I/We would like to provide \_\_\_\_\_ (number) of filled grocery bags.

I/We would like to provide money to purchase \_\_\_\_\_ filled grocery bags at \$15 each.

Name/Group \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

## 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, Associate Minister, for more information.

### Women's Circles

We meet the first Tuesday each month October through May. Join the Rose Circle on November 4, 10 a.m., in the UCC Library.

### Latte with the Ladies



Saturday, November 8, beginning at 9 a.m. at Avoca Coffee (1311 W. Magnolia, 76104)



**Church Women United World Community Day Celebration and Bible Study**  
Friday, November 7, at 10:30 a.m. at Morningside United Methodist Church (2860 Evans Avenue).

### Girls Night Out at the Movies!



Join us on Friday, November 14, at 6 p.m. in Room 207 for a viewing of *The Book Thief*. Based on the novel by Marcus Zusak, the movie tells the story of a young orphan who, while subjected to the horrors of World War II Germany, finds solace by stealing books and sharing them with others. In the basement of her home, a Jewish refugee is being sheltered by her adoptive parents. Movie is rated PG-13 and we encourage middle and high schoolers to attend! Dinner and discussion afterward

at a nearby restaurant for anyone interested. Please sign up at The Arches Information Desk.

### Women of Valor

Now meeting the third Sunday of each month at 5 p.m. in Room 204. On Sunday, November 16, we will gather for fellowship and will begin a study on *The Women of the Bible: Seeking Justice from Just Women*, an international Disciples Women's Ministries publication.



### WILD Women Book Club

Monday, November 17, at 6 p.m. at Cat City Grill and Tuesday, November 18, at 11:30 a.m. in the UCC Library. We will discuss the book *Flight Behavior* by Barbara Kingsolver (both will discuss the same book).

## Register for the Annual Couple's Retreat



It's that time again, for couples to get away and spend time together to reflect, relax and reconnect. Mark your calendar and register today for UCC's Annual Couples Retreat. This year's retreat theme is *Gateway to The Five Love Languages* and we will explore the primary ways we express and determine love, engaging Dr. Gary Chapman's book, *The Five Love Languages*. A \$100 deposit is due by Friday, December 19.

Please email [jessica@uccftw.com](mailto:jessica@uccftw.com) for more information.

Dates: Friday evening, February 6–Saturday afternoon, February 7, at the Dallas/Fort Worth Marriott Solana, Roanoke, Texas.

Cost: \$225 per couple and includes continental breakfast and lunch on Saturday.

## Church and the Arts Tour of BRIT



BOTANICAL RESEARCH  
INSTITUTE OF TEXAS

Join us November 13, at 10 a.m. for the tour that will include learning about BRIT's Platinum LEED certification, the living roof, the herbarium

collection and stories of plants as well as how plant specimens get to BRIT and the process that all specimens must go through to become part of the BRIT research collection. We will also have a look behind the scenes and learn the fascinating aspects of bio-swales. Come

see how recycling, renewing and reusing can be a way of life. The tour is limited to fifteen people. Participants will meet at BRIT. Most tours take an hour. Call Arthur Townsend at 817.927.0246 to reserve a place.

## UCC Journal

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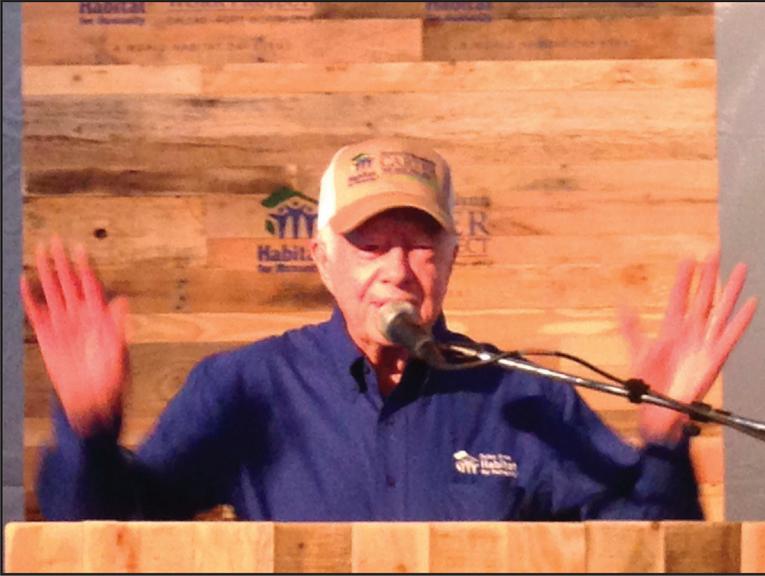
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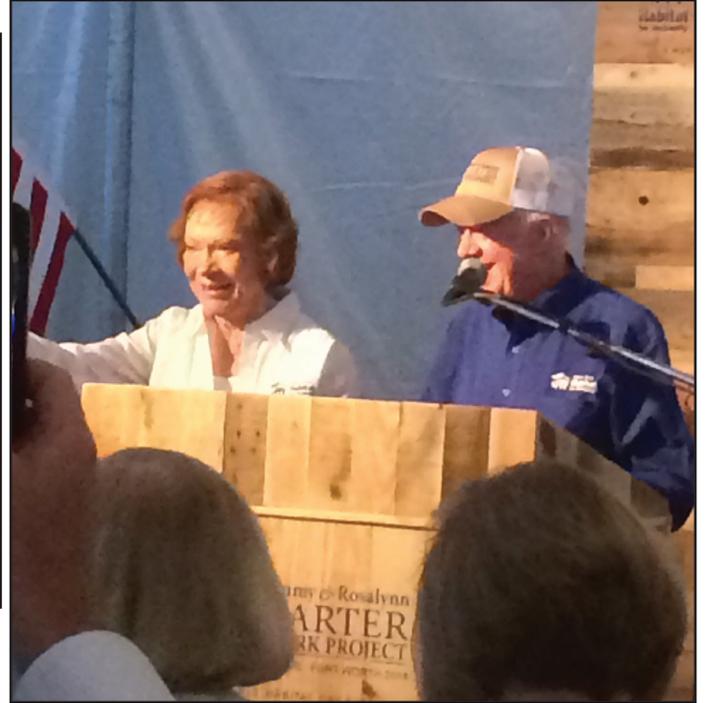
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## Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Habitat Work Project

The thirty-first annual Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Work Project was held in Fort Worth and Dallas this year. University Christian Church and other churches from the Trinity Brazos Area of the Christian Church worked together to help build twenty homes in Fort Worth. Mayor Betsy Price, President and Mrs. Carter, and entertainers Garth Brooks and Trisha Yearwood, as well as several UCC notables were part of the exciting World Habitat Day Event.



*President Jimmy Carter and his wife, Rosalynn, welcome volunteers to the build. President Carter also offered the Monday morning devotional.*



*UCC volunteers, Wayne Wetsel, Stuart Smith, Tamara Rodenberg, Bob Stewart, Carol Stewart, Leslie Dell and Carolyn Critz, pictured with homeowner, Yadira Torres (center in yellow).*



*Mayor (and UCC member) Betsy Price welcomes the international habitat project participants to Fort Worth at the kick off breakfast before introducing President and Mrs. Carter.*



*Rev. Cyndy W. Twedell catches up with Rev. Renée Hoke, Trinity-Brazos Area minister, as she checks progress on the TBA-sponsored home.*



*UCC Maintenance Supervisor, Louis Larry, (above) and Rev. Jessica Vacketta (below) assist with their painting skills!*



*Committed Habitat volunteers Bob and Carol Stewart, Leslie Dell and Stuart Smith take a break from their work at the future home of the Torres family.*

*Thanks to everyone for their prayers, hard work and support!*



**Christmas Angels**, UCC's long standing outreach ministry serving economically disadvantaged children in our community provides a new coat, sweatshirt, jeans, shoes, socks and underwear, as well as an outdoor toy, book and Bible. 500 children benefit from this ministry every year!

Your donations fund this vital project.

Approximately \$80 provides a gift bag for a child, although donations of all amounts are appreciated.

**Questions?** Contact 2014 Christmas Angels Chair, Kate Williams at [katecwilliams@yahoo.com](mailto:katecwilliams@yahoo.com)

Mark your calendars for **Wrap Night**  
All are welcome and encouraged to help assemble the gift bags  
Sunday, December 14, at 5 p.m., Fellowship Hall

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### **Christmas Angels Ministry at University Christian Church**

I (we) will support the Christmas Angels Ministry by sponsoring \_\_\_ children at a total of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

I (we) will support the Christmas Angels Ministry through a contribution of\_\_\_\_\_.

Name/Group: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please remit this form, along with your contribution, to the Reception Desk or to The Arches Information Desk.

## A France Feast for the Senses

Alsace, Normandy, Paris, Ile de France  
May 8-17, 2015

Sponsored by Church & the Arts

### Highlights include:

Notre Dame Cathedral; Seine River cruise;  
a tour of the Château de Malmaison;  
the village of Auvers-sur-Ouise,  
Van Gogh's last home; Giverny,  
Monet's legendary garden home and studio;  
the medieval town of Beauvron-en-Auge;  
D-Day beaches at Normandy;  
Haut-Konigsbourg Castle and the city of  
Stasbourg.



Limited to twenty participants—only a few spots remaining!  
Full itinerary and info available in Room 239 or email [marsha@uccftw.com](mailto:marsha@uccftw.com)

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



Dedications take place during 11 a.m. worship. Upcoming dates are: November 23, December 14 and January 25.

The baby dedication is a blessing of the child and a promise from

parents to their child to raise them in a Christian home. But, it is also the public acknowledgement of a covenant with the people of University Christian Church that we as a community of faith will surround the child with the spirit of Christ as they grow in our midst.

In order to affirm these provisions, parents will participate in a Baby Dedication class to learn about some of

the intricacies of a child's faith journey and about how University Christian Church can help foster their family and child in the process of understanding Christ's love.

The next class offered will be on November 9 at 10 a.m. Please contact Susan Henry in the Children's Ministries office, [susan@uccftw.com](mailto:susan@uccftw.com), or ext. 165 for further information.

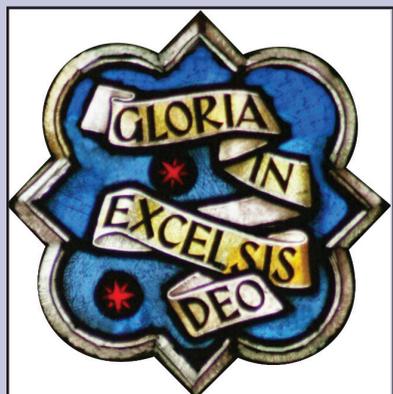


## Friday Fellowship

On November 14, come and get acquainted (or re-acquainted) with the UCC Art Gallery. Learn some of the back stories and discover how you can glean the meaning of works of art without an art historian at your elbow.

Art is for all of us, not just the experts! The meeting begins in Room 207 at 11 a.m. and is followed by a potluck lunch.

All are invited to this time of fellowship each month.



## Save the Date for the Christmas Cantata

On Sunday, December 7, the Chancel Choir will present the major choral work, *Gloria*, by John Rutter with brass, organ and percussion at both the 9 and 11 a.m. worship services.

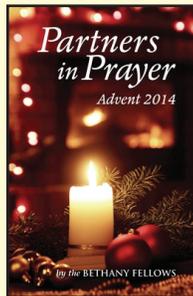
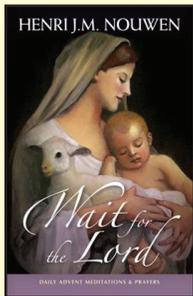
*Gloria in excelsis Deo*—translation—*Glory to God in the highest*

Please join the choir in praise to the newborn King on this special Sunday.

## Advent Devotions

As we prepare for the birth of Jesus during Advent, it's easy to find ourselves preoccupied by the hustle and bustle of the Holiday season. Between shopping lists, long lines, Christmas parties and out of town guests, December can be an exhausting month. Our daily devotions are an opportunity for you to take a few moments each day and find nourishment for the journey through prayer and scripture.

This year, UCC will have two Advent devotionals available in The Arches on November 23: Henri Nouwen's, *Wait for the Lord*, and *Partners in Prayer*, by the Bethany Fellows, a group of young, newly ordained ministers in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), in which our own Rev. Jessica Vacketta is a contributor.



All are invited to pick up one of these devotionals and take time to daily draw near to God and experience the wonder of the season.

Additionally, the ministry staff will email a weekly Advent reflection, where we offer thoughts on the themes of Wonder of the Season, the Promise, the Message, Hope, Christmas, Incarnation and Discovery.

If you would like to receive this weekly email, please subscribe to [adventdevo@uccftw.com](mailto:adventdevo@uccftw.com).

## New Members



We are happy to welcome Charlene Cox and her granddaughter Caitlyn Crawford to UCC. They moved to Fort Worth from Huntsville, AL, in July. Caitlyn is a ninth grader at Timbercreek and likes creating art and dancing. Charlene has worked as a nurse for forty-one years. She enjoys quilting and time with her grandchildren.



Welcome Carolyn and Walter Litke. Walter and Carolyn are both retired teachers. They love UCC—the beautiful music, the friendly people, and the traditional service. Carolyn is a native Floridian and a fourth generation Disciple. She graduated from Transylvania University in Lexington, Kentucky. Walter is from Torrington, Connecticut and a graduate of Western Kentucky in Bowling Green, Kentucky where he played basketball. They have two sons, Steve and his family in Fort Worth and Tom and his family in Iowa.

## Newcomer's Class



All are welcome to be a part of the Newcomers Class Sundays, November 9, 16 and 23, at 10 a.m. in Room 201. Take this opportunity to invite a friend to learn more about UCC.



Taylor Fulk, is a third generation disciple. She grew up at Richland Hills Christian Church where her grandparents were members for over forty years and her parents are current members. Taylor is a TCU alum and a huge Horned Frog football fan! She received her masters in Social Work and currently works as a Family Intake Therapist at Cook Children's.



Elizabeth Frenzel and her husband Jeremy were married at UCC and are parents to two-year-old Thomas. Elizabeth grew up in Fort Worth, the daughter of UCC's Tom and Jane Bass, attended Trinity Valley School and graduated from Texas A&M University. She is currently "a stay-at-home mama which is the greatest job I've ever had." She also works two part-time jobs helping her dad as a Program Administrator for Triumph Resources Co., and working with her brother, Scott, in his graphic-design company, Donovan & Gilhooley.

Newcomers Class provides an opportunity to get to know others, meet Rev. Thomas, learn about UCC and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Questions are always welcome. Contact Michelle Groom, at 817.926.6631 ext. 138, or email [mgroom@uccftw.com](mailto:mgroom@uccftw.com) for details.



## Advent Devotionals for Children and Families

*Tidings of Comfort and Joy*, An Advent Wreath of Light and Love, Stickers and Devotionals for Children and Advent Calendars will be mailed to all of our children ages two through fifth grade and arrive just before Thanksgiving. Extra copies of these resources are available in The Arches along with

additional *Seek and Find* devotional books.

Children's Ministries hopes that these engaging devotions will help your family refocus the craziness of the holidays back to the true meaning and wonder of Christmas.

## A Minecraft of Fun in CCF/JYF this November



What do parables and *Minecraft* have in common? First through fifth graders are invited to join us from 5 to 6:15 p.m. on Sunday nights in Room 211 to find out!

We will explore the connection through games, fun, fellowship, service and worship. Join us!



## JYF Mid-Winter Retreat

Who: Third, Fourth and Fifth Graders  
Where: Athens, TX at Disciples Crossing  
When: January 23-25

Athens, TX; develop and strengthen relationships with friends from UCC, develop new friendships with kids from the Tri-Area and to grow in faith.

All worship and learning opportunities will be created by kids and for kids. Of course, the weekend will also be full of camp fire, songs, games, and lots of free

time to explore the beauty of Disciples Crossing.

Children's Ministries will email registration forms, as well as have them available in The Arches. Registration will begin in December. Scholarships are available. Email questions to Kera Watts at [kera@uccftw.com](mailto:kera@uccftw.com).

JYF Mid-Winter Retreat is a chance for our third through fifth graders to experience Disciples Crossing in



## Prepare for Baptism or Confirmation in Disciples Class

Registration is open for the Disciples Class, a course that helps youth in grades six through twelve learn more about making a confession of faith, joining the church and being baptized or confirming their faith.

The 2014-15 class will take place on Sunday mornings from 10-10:50 a.m.

(parallel to Sunday school classes) and begins with an orientation for all participants and parents on November 16 at 5 p.m., followed by the first classroom session on December 7.

Over the course of ten classes and a day retreat, participants will develop an understanding of what it means to choose to be a part of the Christian faith, University Christian Church, and the

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Class sessions are taught by UCC's ministerial staff and adult mentors help guide the participants through class activities each week.

If you would like more information about the class (or to register your child) visit [www.uccyouth.org/disciplesclass](http://www.uccyouth.org/disciplesclass). Registration deadline for this year's class is November 10.

## Youth Participate in Interfaith Trialogue



Youth in grades nine through twelve are participating in an Interfaith Trialogue with our Muslim and Jewish neighbors over the course of four Sundays. October 26, Beth-El Congregation hosted the gathering and taught about the tenets, practices, and traditions of the Jewish faith.

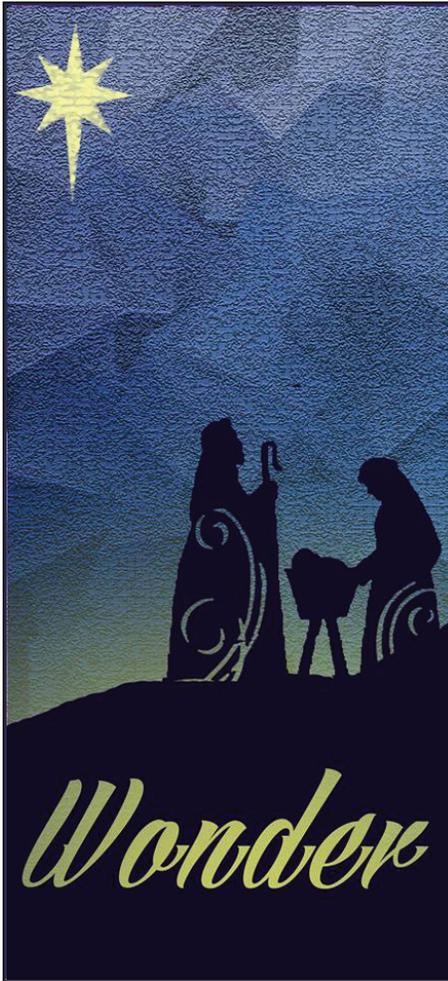
November 2, participants from the three faith communities will gather for a 12:30

p.m. showing of the short documentary film Jerusalem at the Museum of Science and History's IMAX theater.

November 9, the Islamic Association of Tarrant County hosts at their mosque and will provide a deeper understanding of Islam.

The final event will take place here at UCC November 16, providing youth and adults an opportunity to present the Christian faith in general

and common beliefs and practices of Disciples in particular. In addition to tours of the houses of worship and presentations about the three faiths, each event includes significant small group time for youth from the three faith communities to get to know one another better and learn about how the respective faiths influence their lives as teenagers. For more information email Rev. Russ Boyd, Associate Minister for Youth, at [russ@uccftw.com](mailto:russ@uccftw.com).



# Journey with Us

**November 30** • Begin **Advent** with special worship music at 9 & 11 a.m. and **Hanging of the Greens** at 5:30 p.m.—Traditional adornments of the season announce a time of hopeful expectation

**Weekly Devotional**—email subscribe to [adventdevo@uccftw.com](mailto:adventdevo@uccftw.com)

**December 7** • **Christmas Cantata**—sermon in song  
Chancel Choir presents John Rutter's *Gloria* at 9 & 11 a.m.

**December 15** • **Of Many Colors Christmas Concert** at 7 p.m.

**December 24** • **Christmas Eve**—Experience the *Wonder of Christmas*

**12 p.m. Worship**—noon service with communion

**5 p.m. Family Worship**—Children's Choir, bells, live Nativity with carols & candles

**8 p.m. Traditional Worship**—Chamber Choir, bells, communion & candles

**11 p.m. Traditional Worship**—Chancel Choir, bells & candles

Enjoy a 30 minute *instrumental concert* prior to each of these services!

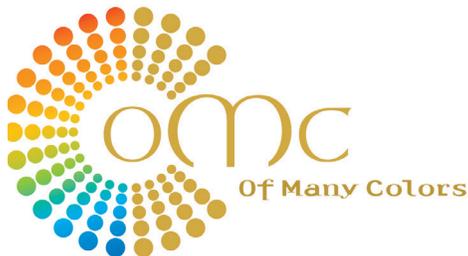
## Christmas Eve for Families

Already making plans for Christmas Eve? Families with young children and young at heart, join us on Christmas Eve at 5 p.m. for a Christmas Eve service

filled with a retelling of the Christmas Story through favorite Christmas carols, scripture, and your children as a part of the story (of course a donkey, sheep and

lamb will make an appearance to help bring the story to life). Questions, email Kera at [kera@uccftw.com](mailto:kera@uccftw.com).

## Go Tell it On the Mountain with *Of Many Colors!*



Everyone save the date—*Of Many Colors* returns to UCC for a Christmas concert on Monday, December 15, at 7 p.m. The contemporary vocal ensemble will offer a varied program of familiar Christmas songs arranged by Jim Hodges.

This gospel/jazz evening program will include the titles *The Prince of Peace is*

*Here, Mary, Did You Know?, O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, Silent Night* and *Go, Tell It on the Mountain!*

Invite your friends to a special night of Christmas music in our Sanctuary from a group that has enjoyed singing for our members since 2007. Free admission.

## Christmas Poinsettias



Beautiful red poinsettias complement the greenery in our Sanctuary during Advent

and are a wonderful way to celebrate, remember, honor or appreciate special people or events. Plants are \$25 each and orders may be placed through December 14. Poinsettias are available to take home following the 11 p.m.

Christmas Eve service. Order online or pick up a form at the Reception Desk or Arches Information Desk. Email Pam Reeser at [pam@uccftw.com](mailto:pam@uccftw.com) for assistance.

## Get Ready, Get Set...



It's Fall. The weather is getting cooler. It's almost time for the Winter Session of Room in the Inn!

RITI is our way of caring for some of God's most vulnerable. Every Wednesday night in December, January and February, UCC hosts ten homeless men for dinner, a warm bed and breakfast the next morning. Our congregation provides the volunteers that make this possible.

A training and information session will take place on Sunday, November 9, at 12:15 p.m. in the RITI Suite, here at the church. Soon after, Dean Pauley will send out an email with a link to The Volunteer Spot. This will enable us to sign up online for tasks for the entire session. There will also be a table in the Gallery where you may choose a job.

Our needs are many: drivers, innkeepers, bed makers, table setters, kitchen workers, hosts, laundry providers and clean-up staff. Some of these tasks

require training, others do not. You may help for as little as an hour, or spend the whole night. Sunday school classes will sign up to bring a meal and others will bring the ingredients needed for breakfast and sack lunches.

### Get Trained!

If you'd like to attend the luncheon and Room in the Inn training on November 9, or get your name on the email list please contact [carolmstewart@sbcglobal.net](mailto:carolmstewart@sbcglobal.net) or call 972.239.7769.

## Nurses Notes



### Flu Shots

Sunday, November 9  
10 a.m.-12 p.m.  
Fellowship Hall

Harris Hospital is making the flu shots available to faith communities. Shots are recommended for ages six months and up.

**Blood Pressure Checks**, health related questions, unused medication drop-off, and prayers with you are offered by Parish Nurses in the Gallery the second

Sunday of each month. Look for our nurses wearing Parish Nurse nametags every Sunday in worship services and Sunday school. Ask us!

**Dog Walkers** come and join us! Great exercise and fellowship. Bring your dog or borrow one, and meet at Fort Woof Park every Saturday morning at 9 a.m. (weather permitting). We also visit nursing homes once a month. Contact Carole Widman for details, 817.964.1659.

### Compressions Only Classes

This is a short ten minute class plus practice time. Perfect for a Sunday School class. It will teach what to do in an emergency until help arrives. We also offer the four-hour CPR plus First Aid class for two-three persons. Good way to spend a Saturday morning or afternoon. Call Carole Widman 817.964.1659 for more information.



## Advocating for our Planet

All are welcome and encouraged to attend Advocacy 101 on Saturday, November 15, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30

pm. in Room 207. Texas Interfaith Power and Light from Austin will present ways to enhance your efforts to influence legislators to protect our planet.

R.S.V.P. for \$10 box lunch by November 12 to [sandra.pontouf.soria@gmail.com](mailto:sandra.pontouf.soria@gmail.com).

## What Lunch Bunch Means to Me



To me, Lunch Bunch is a safe place to go and hang out with friends. I love all the people there and it brings me so much joy to wake up on Wednesday mornings and know that for one hour of that day, I get to relax and have some chill time with some great people. It also helps

me to stay connected with the church. Since I work in the nursery I don't get to participate in things on Sunday morning but through Lunch Bunch I also get to know some of the ministers and staff at UCC. And if all that weren't enough, there's free food (which is a college kid's favorite thing)! It also just warms my heart and helps me get through the week knowing that the college kids are important enough to the church for the people to take the time out of their day to cook or buy food, and bring it to the church for us. It's a great feeling to experience the love and support of the church and to have that reminder once a week.



Samantha Copeland  
TCU Class of 2017  
Sport Psychology Major/  
Music Minor  
Athletic Ambassador  
Mu Phi Epsilon  
Vice President Elect

*Note:* As you can see from Sam's article, the college students greatly appreciate your gift to them each week. If you would like to volunteer to provide food for the college students, please email [thelia@uccftw.com](mailto:thelia@uccftw.com). November and December dates are available.

## The Marriage Well



A monthly enrichment program for adults in married, partnered, or committed

relationships, will meet Friday, November 7. Hosted in Room 207 from 6-7 p.m. This month's topic is *The Enneagram & Relationships*. Following the gathering, couples are encouraged to go out to dinner together, or enjoy a date night with their significant other. Childcare provided until 9 p.m.\*\*

### Marriage Well Dates and Topics

November 7

*The Enneagram & Relationships*

December 5

*Holiday Fun*

### The 1's



Monthly gathering for single adults, will meet Friday, November 7, 6-7 p.m. in Room 203.

These gatherings are a chance to meet new friends, deepen existing relationships and enjoy time with other singles in a non-threatening single environment. This month, the group will watch and discuss the *Animate: Practices video, Worship: Seeking God's Presence*. If you are unable to make the discussion, please join us for dinner at 7:15 p.m. at

Fortuna's,

5837 Camp Bowie Blvd.

Childcare is provided at the church until 9 p.m.\*\*

### Save the Date

The 1's Christmas Party

Friday, December 5, 7-9 p.m.

Location to be determined.

Contact [jessica@uccftw.com](mailto:jessica@uccftw.com) if you are interested in planning this event.

\*\*The childcare reservation deadline for November has passed. Please contact [susan@uccftw.com](mailto:susan@uccftw.com) to make reservations by the November 26, deadline for December gatherings.

## Breakfast with the Guys

Saturday, November 15, at 8:30 a.m. join us in Fellowship Hall for a delicious breakfast and fascinating conversation.

Our speaker, Matt Oliver, has worked in public relations and community outreach for the Trinity River Vision project since September of 2009. He serves as the media contact for Trinity River Vision Authority, gives project updates to a wide range of organizations, manages print media projects and

assists with the execution of events related to the project. Mr. Oliver serves on the Fort Worth Convention and Visitors Bureau Marketing Committee. He is on the programs committee for the Greater Fort Worth Real Estate Council and the Visions Fort Worth Board. Don't miss the opportunity to hear from Matt Oliver and learn more about the vision for the Trinity River. Youth are welcome to attend. Cost is \$5 at the door.

## Bethany Fellows

By Rev. Jessica Vacketta, Associate Minister



As some of you know, I am part of a transition into ministry program for newly ordained, young pastors called Bethany Fellows. This ministry serves congregations of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) by helping clergy develop the skills necessary for sustainable ministry. With over one-third of young ministers leaving congregational ministry in their first five years, Bethany Fellows changes that reality for Disciples pastors. Through peer support and the guidance of mentors, young clergy learn how to navigate the waters of ministry, and life transitions, in healthy ways. As one of my colleagues said, "Bethany Fellows teaches us how to minister to ourselves so that we can be better ministers for our congregations and the Church."

The fellowship program consists of two, week-long retreats annually over the course of four years, for a total of eight retreats. In my brief time as a fellow (three retreats), I have realized that these retreats always seem to fall when needed most. The retreats force me to take a step back, and experience the life-giving renewal of Sabbath. While on retreat, we spend twenty-four hours in silence. Those of you who know me might find it difficult to believe that I can be silent for this long; however, I have learned that silence isn't about not talking; it's about spending time in solitude with God. I've discovered that I love silence! I often spend my day of silence outside; walking, listening to sounds of nature, watching the water, and gazing at the

stars. Through Bethany Fellows, I have learned the importance of silence and have started incorporating this spiritual practice into my life. One of my favorite places to be in solitude with God in Fort Worth is the Botanical Gardens.

While the retreats provide an opportunity for rest, renewal and prayerful reflection, they are also a time to experience collegiality, share ideas, develop leadership skills and visit dynamic ministries. Because of Bethany Fellows, and your support, I have had the opportunity to travel to Minneapolis, Dallas and most recently, San Francisco. I have visited Solomon's porch and was inspired to "be courageous in telling the story" by Doug Pagitt and Rich McCullen. I have participated in workshops on the Strengths Finder and Enneagram. And at my most recent retreat, I was able to spend time with Anne Lamott and her pastor, Rev. Veronica Goines. Annie, as her friends call her, encouraged us to live fully in Christ by keeping it simple. We don't have to have it all figured out, we just have to show up. Show up. Offer compassion. Share the story.

And so, I want to express my sincere appreciation to this congregation and staff for your support of my participation in the Bethany Fellows. Within the first four hours of my first retreat, I knew that I was part of something special. This is one of the best ministries of our denomination, filled with creativity and hope, and I am thankful that UCC is part of it.

## Ordination of Caroline Hamilton-Arnold



A native of Texas, Caroline began attending University Christian Church while in undergrad at TCU; the variety and depth of worship at UCC kept her coming back! Through her years at TCU, she was an active member of the college program and regular attendee at *The Search*, where she also served on the Advisory Team.

Thanks in large part to the nurture of UCC, Caroline accepted her call to ministry in 2011 and began seminary at Claremont School of Theology in Claremont, CA. There she earned a Master of Divinity degree with a concentration in Worship, Preaching and the Arts, receiving at graduation the President's award for academic excellence as well as two awards in her field.

She has served as Student Minister then Transitional Minister at United Church of the Valley (a UCC and Disciples of Christ congregation in California) and is currently serving as Transitional Associate Minister at Newtown Congregational Church in Newtown, CT.

Caroline's passion in ministry is connecting people with the creative, re-creative power of the living God through stories and action. In July, the Pacific Southwest Region Committee on Ministry approved Caroline for ordination and forwarded their recommendation to the Southwest Region.

Caroline looks forward to celebrating our shared call to be ministers of the gospel and to formally commit herself to the office of ordained clergy. You are invited to attend her ordination Saturday, November 15, 6:30 p.m., First Christian Church, 880 Fox Avenue, Lewisville, TX 75067.

## Stewardship Update



We completed our calls during the month of October and received important updates and prayer requests from our members. Thank you to our team of volunteer callers! We continue to strive towards campaign completion

and have begun making program plans for 2015. If you haven't done so yet, please consider turning in a pledge card soon or submit your pledge online at [www.universitychristian.org](http://www.universitychristian.org).

### UCC Quick Financial Summary - Unified Budget September 2014

| Description                                    | 2013 YTD<br>Actuals | 2014 YTD<br>Actuals | Budget YTD<br>2014 | Budget<br>Annual   | YTD<br>Variance   |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Income</b>                                  |                     |                     |                    |                    |                   |
| Pledges  | \$1,534,159         | \$1,540,382         | \$1,516,654        | \$2,047,567        | \$23,727          |
| Non Pledge Contributions                       | \$136,354           | \$166,416           | \$175,789          | \$276,300          | (\$9,374)         |
| Offering                                       | \$25,569            | \$23,757            | \$26,511           | \$38,700           | (\$2,754)         |
| Misc. Unrestricted Income                      | \$107,876           | \$102,399           | \$108,529          | \$161,605          | (\$6,130)         |
| WDS Income (Net)                               | \$86,512            | \$39,192            | \$86,666           | \$86,595           | (\$47,474)        |
| Endowment Income                               | \$203,954           | \$218,149           | \$218,878          | \$291,010          | (\$729)           |
| Participant/Restricted<br>Income & Reserve Use | \$389,690           | \$318,518           | \$318,487          | \$396,010          | \$31              |
| <b>Total Income</b>                            | <b>\$2,484,115</b>  | <b>\$2,408,811</b>  | <b>\$2,451,514</b> | <b>\$3,297,788</b> | <b>(\$42,702)</b> |
| Total Personnel Expense                        | \$1,344,824         | \$1,336,781         | \$1,364,892        | \$1,760,791        | \$28,111          |
| Total Program/Admin. Expense                   | \$816,353           | \$721,094           | \$809,577          | \$1,043,001        | \$88,483          |
| Total Mission/Outreach Expense                 | \$386,056           | \$372,039           | \$361,922          | \$488,315          | (\$10,117)        |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>                          | <b>\$2,547,233</b>  | <b>\$2,429,914</b>  | <b>\$2,536,391</b> | <b>\$3,292,107</b> | <b>\$106,477</b>  |
| <b>Net Operating Income (Loss)</b>             | <b>(\$63,119)</b>   | <b>(\$21,103)</b>   | <b>(\$84,877)</b>  | <b>\$5,681</b>     | <b>\$63,774</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 by email to [michelle@uccftw.com](mailto:michelle@uccftw.com).

## Congregational Meetings

### Personnel Committee

Tuesday, November 4, 5:30 p.m., Rm. 202

### Communications Committee

Wednesday, November 5, 5:30 p.m., Rm. 202

### Building & Grounds

Sunday, November 9, 12:15 p.m., Rm. 202

### Finance Committee

Tuesday, November 11, 5:30 p.m., Rm. 205

### Investment Committee

Wednesday, November 12, 11:30 a.m., Rm. 202

### Endowment Committee

Wednesday, November 12, noon, Rm. 203

### Deacons Meeting

Sunday, November 16, 12:15 p.m., Rm. 203

### Board of Stewards

Tuesday, November 18, 6:30 p.m., Rm. 207

### Elders Meeting

Tuesday, November 25, 6:30 p.m., Rm. 207

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



## Important Dates for the 39th Annual Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival

### Cast and Volunteer Sign Up

will take place in The Arches on  
Saturday, November 1, 8-11:30 a.m. and  
Sunday, November 9, 8:30-10 a.m. and 12-1 p.m.

### Performance Dates

Join the Boar's Head cast, UCC Chancel Choir, UCC Bell Ringers and the Fort Worth Civic Orchestra for the 39th Annual Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival.

This unique festival rings in the New Year with wonderful music, beautiful costumes, the message of good over evil and the sharing of Christ's light with the rest of the world.

Performances are January 3 and 4 at 3 and 5 p.m. each day. We hope you will bring a friend and experience the Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival with us!

### Ticket Sales

The Festival is free with reserved seating available for purchase. Tickets for all BHYL performances go on sale on Monday, December 1. Tickets are \$15 per seat and all proceeds go to sustaining the festival in future years. You will be able to order tickets by visiting [universitychristian.org](http://universitychristian.org), calling the church at 817.926.6631 ext. 141 or by emailing [boarshead@uccftw.com](mailto:boarshead@uccftw.com).

