

UPDATE

Visit www.universitychristian.org for calendar and program details!

Gifts of Hope, the alternative gift market of UCC, is next **Sunday** in the Gallery after both services. Get beautiful gift cards identifying your gift in honor of family, friends, colleagues and teachers.

Hear Christmas Music by the Chancel Choir at the 9 and 11 a.m. services on **Sunday, December 7**. They will present a special cantata, accompanied by brass, organ and percussion, titled *Gloria* by John Rutter.

Latte with the Ladies meets **December 13** at 2 p.m. at the Montgomery Street Antique Mall Secret Garden Restaurant. Due to limited seating for special groups, please RSVP early by contacting Michelle Groom at mgroom@uccftw.com.

Poinsettia Order Forms are available at The Arches Information Desk and the Reception Desk. Orders can also be made online or by emailing pam@uccftw.com. Deadline is **December 14**.

Christmas Angels Wrap Night is **Sunday, December 14**, at 5 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Join this multigenerational opportunity to assemble approximately 500 gift bags for FWISD children. Don't miss this much loved ministry of UCC.

Of Many Colors Christmas Concert on **Monday, December 15**, at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary. There will be special, original arrangements of Christmas music in jazz-gospel style. Come enjoy a night of holiday celebration for all ages young and old!

Couples Retreat, February 7-8, 2015, at the Marriott Solana, Roanoke, TX. This year's theme: *The Gateway to The Five Love Languages*. A \$100 deposit is due by **Friday, December 19**. Register online or email thelia@uccftw.com.

Help Feed Hungry College Students—We are looking for small groups or individuals to volunteer to provide lunch for our weekly Wednesday Lunch Bunch. Contact thelia@uccftw.com for details or to sign up.

UCC Trip to France—**May 8-17, 2015**. A few spaces are still available for the *French Feast for the Senses* tour. Email marsha@uccftw.com for details.

Students Away Ministry—Send a finals care package to a student away from home. Names and addresses available in the Gallery **today**. Email jessica@uccftw.com for details.



Journey with Us

Today • special **Advent** music at 9 & 11 a.m.
Hanging of the Greens at 5:30 p.m.—adornments of the season announce a time of hopeful expectation

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

December 15 • **Of Many Colors 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

8 p.m. Traditional Worship

Chamber Choir, bells, communion & candlelight

11 p.m. Candlelight Worship—Chancel Choir & bells

30 minute *instrumental concert* prior to each service!

A Support Group for Caregivers of those suffering from Alzheimer's disease or other forms of dementia meets the **first and third Thursday** in December, 4:30-6 p.m. in Room 201.

Online Worship Bulletin available on the UCC website under Resources for those who wish to view it from home.

Chancel Flowers Donor Opportunities exist for flowers donors in 2015. Flowers enhance worship for many and it is a wonderful way to remember someone or celebrate a special occasion. Please consider donating. Email pam@uccftw.com for more information.

Listen live at 11 a.m. on KTCU FM 88.7 or on universitychristian.org under Resources

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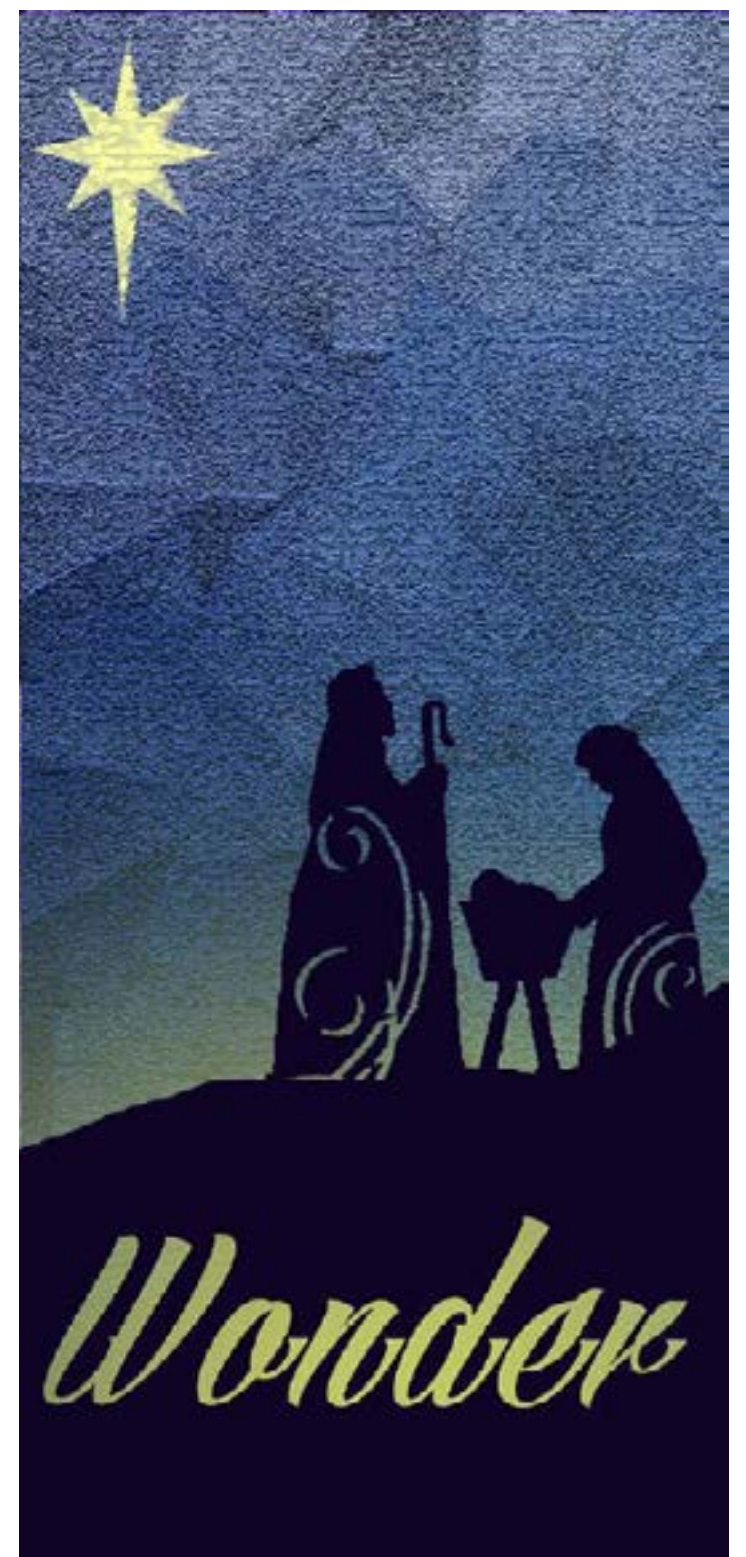
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PROGRAM CONTACTS

Rev. Larry Thomas, Sr. Minister; **Rev. Russ Boyd**, Assoc. Minister for Youth; **Rev. Ellen Lewis**, Assoc. Minister of Administration; **Dr. Daniel Terry**, Assoc. Minister for Men's Ministry; **Rev. Cyndy W. Twedell**, Assoc. Minister of Outreach, Women's Ministries and Membership; **Rev. Jessica Vacketta**, Assoc. Minister for Adults and College; **Alison Nicoll**, Assist. Minister for Middle School; **Michael Yandell**, Assist. Minister for High School; **Kyla K. Rosenberger**, Dir. of Music and Sr. Organist; and **Kera Watts**, Dir. of Children's Ministries.



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CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

(9 A.M.)
(11 A.M.)

Christmas Fantasia
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Jason W. Krug
arr. James Pethel

Ringing of the Tower Bells and Procession of the Acolytes

CALL TO WORSHIP

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

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Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates

TRURO

*LITANY OF PRAISE

Advent is a time to remember the wonders of our faith and to be amazed at God’s wondrous love.
God has done wonderful things, things planned long ago.
Advent is a time to retrace our past, reclaim the hope of our future and be awed by God’s unfolding plan for creation.
God has done wonderful things, things planned long ago.

*GLORIA PATRI

GREATOREX

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH AND ADVENT READING

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

The Wonder of Christmas

(see pew card)

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

CALL TO PRAYER

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.
Let us pray...

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER (using debts and debtors) & CHORAL RESPONSE

THE RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(9 A.M.)
(11 A.M.)

Jesus Christ the Apple Tree**
Christmas Fantasia

Elizabeth Poston
Jason W. Krug

*THE DOXOLOGY

46

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

COMMUNION HYMN

161

I Wonder as I Wander
(stanza 1)

I WONDER AS I WANDER

THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND THE PRAYERS OF THE ELDERS

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

(All followers of Christ are invited to share in the bread and cup which represent the life, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, as they nourish us in our life together in His name.)

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you.
And also with you.

*The congregation is invited to stand at these times of the service. Feel free to remain seated if need be.

*(11 A.M.) HYMN

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People, Look East

BESANÇON

(Parents, during 11 a.m. worship, please bring your first-third graders to join a Worship and Wonder leader in the Gallery. Children will return to the Sanctuary during the Hymn of Discipleship.)

SCRIPTURE

Mark 13:24-37

(Scripture found on page 50 of the New Testament in the pew Bibles).

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

(11 A.M.) ANTHEM

Jesus Christ, the Apple Tree**

Elizabeth Poston

The tree of life my soul hath seen, laden with fruit and always green:
the trees of nature fruitless be compared with Christ the apple tree.
His beauty doth all things excel: by faith I know, but ne’er can tell,
the glory which I now can see in Jesus Christ the apple tree.
For happiness I long have sought, and pleasure dearly I have bought:
I missed of all; but now I see ‘tis found in Christ the apple tree.
I’m weary with my former toil, here I will sit and rest awhile:
under the shadow I will be, of Jesus Christ the apple tree.
This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, it keeps my dying faith alive;
which makes my soul in haste to be with Jesus Christ the apple tree.
-words from Divine Hymns or Spiritual Songs
Joshua Smith, 1784
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SERMON

Promise

*HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP

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Come, O Long-expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL

*BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

Ringing of the Tower Bells

*POSTLUDE

An English Carol

arr. James Pethel

IN THE SERVICE

Preaching: Larry Thomas

Chancel Guild

Preparing communion today are
Lori Eagleton, Randy Eagleton,
Ann Lesok and Mandy Teichelman.

Elders

Lorraine Stell and Roxanne Penix
Sue Bailey and Linda Smith

Acolytes

Joye Hatter
Isabel Terry and Abby Ellison

Chancel Flowers

The flowers in the Chancel are given
to the glory of God and provided by Steve
and Nancy Mosher in loving memory of
their parents, Luther and Dee Mosher and
John and Dorothy Ruby.

Scripture Reader:

Steve Mosher


Advent Wreath Candle Lighters:

(9 A.M.) Brady, Abigail and Mabel Ford
(11 A.M.) Phyllis Allen, Mary Bridges,
Mary Graham, Alpha Shirey



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This Week at University Christian Church



Hanging of the Greens

is tonight at 5:30 p.m.

This festive, youth-led service provides a family-friendly worship experience that kicks off Advent by adorning UCC’s Sanctuary with symbols of the season and explaining the meaning behind the symbols.

The Marriage Well,

a monthly enrichment program for couples, meets **Friday, December 5**, in Room 207, 6-7 p.m. This month’s topic: *Surviving the Holidays*.*

UCC Singles Christmas Party, Friday, December 5, 7-9 p.m. at Tommy’s Burgers off Forest Park. Email jessica@uccftw.com for details.*

*Childcare deadline for both The Well and Singles events has passed.

Family Advent Devotionals, *Tidings of Comfort and Joy*, have been mailed to all families with children ages two through fifth grade. Additional Advent resources for families and extra Advent packets are available in The Arches.

Adult Advent Devotionals are now available in The Arches. Receive a weekly devotional via email by sending “subscribe” to adventdevo@uccftw.com. (If you are a weekly UCC Update email recipient you will already be subscribed!)

CCF/JYF will not meet **tonight**. Enjoy the Hanging of the Greens! We will resume December 7 at 5 p.m.

Women’s Circles - Tuesday, December 2:
Lily of the Valley Circle - UCC Library at 10 a.m. - Dr. Bobby Wayne Cook.
Rose Circle - Sanctuary at 10:30 a.m. - caroling with Betty Boles.
RSVP TODAY by noon to Rev. Cyndy Twedell.

Room In The Inn

winter session has begun. Stop by the RITI sign-up table in the Gallery to learn more about this exciting ministry or to find times for you to serve.

Childcare provided from 8:45 a.m.-12 p.m. for infants-preschool.

A complete Sunday school program for all ages meets at 10 a.m.

Handicap accessible restrooms located in the Gallery (*second floor*).

Assisted listening devices are available; please ask an usher to obtain one.


Ministers are On Call and available after hours and on weekends for pastoral care emergencies. If you have a need, call us at 817.926.6631, and follow the prompts.

On Call This Week
Jessica Vacketta
Cyndy W. Twedell

Congregational Leadership Meetings

Personnel Committee
Tuesday, December 2, 5:30 p.m., Room 202

Communications Committee
Wednesday, December 3, 5:30 p.m., Room 202
Members of the congregation may attend congregational meetings with the exception of any portion of a meeting held in Executive Session.



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