



Trunk or Treat



UCC's fifth annual Trunk or Treat is Sunday, October 26, 6-7:30 p.m. Trunk or Treat is a great way for children, families and singles in the church and throughout the community to celebrate Halloween. Bring your friends and neighbors and join us for a time of fun

and fellowship as we enjoy a safe "trick or treat" environment, refreshments, candy and a few surprises!

Ways to Participate

- Donate candy—donation boxes are in various areas throughout the church
- Decorate your trunk/SUV
- Invite friends and neighbors

We Need Your Help!

This amazing church fellowship and community outreach event is only possible with help from volunteers of all ages. Following is a list of volunteer needs. Please contact Rev. Jessica Vacketta at jessica@uccftw.com if you can serve in one of these capacities:

- Gatekeeper(s) to let cars in and out after the parking lot is roped off
- Five volunteers to help set-up prior to the event at 4:30 p.m. (lights, décor, tables, initial candy distribution to trunks, etc.)
- Three volunteers needed during the event to serve as candy runners. Each volunteer will serve a thirty minute shift (6-6:30, 6:30-7 and 7-7:30 p.m.)
- Two food runners during the event (refill water, lemonade and chips)
- Ten cleanup volunteers, approximately 7:30-8:30 p.m.

For more information please email jessica@uccftw.com or pam@uccftw.com.

Thomas Helms, Phantom Organist



The UCC Music Ministry and TCU Film Department proudly present Thomas Helms playing the musical accompaniment to the classic silent movie, *The Phantom of the Opera*. Mr.

Helms will bring this famous fable, starring Lon Chaney, to life on a big screen in our Sanctuary on Thursday, October 30. The film begins at 7 p.m., preceded by popcorn and ice cream in Room 207 at 6:30 p.m. Feel free to dress in costume and join in the fun of this unique experience.

Silent films of the 1910's and 1920's relied on pianists, organists and orchestras to give audiences vital cues of emotion and atmosphere. Mr. Helms has performed *Phantom of the Opera* on the Mighty

Wurlitzer (pictured right) at the Alabama Theatre in Birmingham for over thirty-five years. You will thrill to his ability to enhance the drama and tension of the silent movie art form with his superb organ improvisation.



Helms is a native of Florida and lives in Pensacola. He is a graduate of the University of Alabama and Texas Christian University and is a rare organist skilled in classical, church and theater organ music. It is an honor to again present this musical Horned Frog for our Third Annual Silent Movie Night. Join your friends and Fort Worth guests for a free "night at the movies!"

Stay Connected!

Worship

Sundays, 9 & 11 a.m.

Live broadcast of 11 a.m. service

on KTCU FM 88.7

or on our website

at www.universitychristian.org



The Vision of University Christian Church

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



A Second Wind

by Rev. Larry Thomas, Senior Minister

Having grown up in rural Missouri, I am accustomed to beautiful autumns. With the decreasing hours of daylight the air becomes crisp. The leaves become rolling tides of orange, yellow and red. The hardwoods, once heavy with nuts, drop their bounty while the crops are gathered from the fields.

The cooler temperatures invite a myriad of different activities. There are acres of leaves to be raked and piled only to be scattered again by children. Gardens have to be turned and prepared for winter. The lights from Friday night football burn bright in the night skies as do the bonfires which follow. Ever more noticeable is the number of people out for leisurely strolls. Fall is nature's second wind.

It is also my favorite season of the year. I love the smell of damp leaves on a forest floor, the sound of the wind whispering through near barren branches, harvest moons climbing through starlit skies, the roasting of hot dogs and marshmallows over an open fire and the comfort of fleece on a chilly evening.

I could get lost in the out-of-doors during this time of year if it were not for the many important things taking place within our community of faith. This is our second wind of the year. We've kicked off our program year with a food truck feast and are now anticipating some exciting events like Trunk or Treat, our stewardship campaign, Thanksgiving, Advent, Christmas and, of course, Boar's Head. This is our season to radiate faith in a meaningful way.

One of the new activities that we will be introducing this fall is a leadership

development event. Our first guest speaker will be Dr. Rita Nakashima Brock. Dr. Brock will be sharing some ideas and insights from her book, *Saving Paradise*. We hope to bring new speakers to UCC annually if not semi-annually. Speakers who will challenge us to think critically and creatively about our faith and our world. I hope you will plan to be in attendance for this event. You will find more information about it in a separate article in this issue of the *Journal*.

A parting thought; please prayerfully consider renewing your pledge and increasing it if you can. This is an important year for our congregation. Having made necessary adjustments to our staff, we will now begin to develop a flexible and sustainable ministry plan for UCC. Your willingness to support our shared ministries is needed and deeply appreciated.

CROP Walk is Sunday, October 26



The first CROP Walk for Hunger in Fort Worth took place in 1974. For years, Louise Oliver was the face of UCC for this annual event. Singlehandedly, she organized the church's participation in the Walk and personally raised thousands of dollars to support efforts to end hunger both locally and globally.

UCC would like to honor Louise by walking in her memory at this year's CROP Walk on Sunday, October 26, at 2:30 p.m. One-fourth of the funds raised at the walk will support the Backpacks for Kids program at Tarrant Area Food Bank. The remaining funds support global efforts to end hunger in the world.

At a time when one in seven people in the world go to bed hungry—including

46.5 million people in the U.S. who face food insecurity—and one child worldwide dies from hunger-related causes every five seconds, won't you consider participating in this year's Walk? Register to participate in the Gallery on October 5, 12 and 19. If you can't walk, don't worry! You can provide support by donating to a UCC Crop Walker who will be happy to walk in your name and in memory of Louise Oliver!

Save the Date—Tour BRIT

Saturday, November 15, Church and the Arts tour of BRIT—The Botanical Research Institute of Texas. Learn

about botany, sustainability and the intersection of art and science. Arthur Townsend will lead the tour. Watch for

more details on our website and in the November *Journal*.

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.

Third Thursday Bible Study



The UCC Singles Ministry invites single adults of all ages to participate in a new Bible study that will be offered the third Thursday

of each month. The group will meet October 16, from 7-8:30 p.m. in Room 204. Childcare is available, but a reservation is needed by October 9. Contact Rev. Jessica Vacketta at jessica@uccftw.com if you are interested in participating.

Your Child is Off to College. Now What?

For some people, leaving their children at college is easy, for others it isn't. Some parents hear from their children on a regular basis. Some get an occasional call. Some students jump right into activities and transition easily. Others take a little more time. Some parents have children far away at college. Others have children who are across the state or across town. Some students stay at their college of choice for four years. Others transfer after a semester or two. No matter what your situation is, having

children in college is a time of transition for every parent, filled with a variety of emotions.

Come meet and visit with other parents of college students on Sunday, October 12, from 5-7 p.m. in the College Lounge. As we all try to navigate the waters of life, it's often helpful to talk to people who are in the same boat. For more information, contact Jessica Vacketta at 817.926.6631 or Mary Jane Alland at 817.370.7282.

We Want Your Picture!



421 photos and counting! Our Online Member Directory continues to grow but there are still many members and families whose pictures are missing. We knew when we went "live" with the directory that many more photos were still needed. New photos are being added all the time. That's the great advantage of the online format. We can continue to add—or change—photos any time. The Online Directory will always be a work in progress. Just because you haven't had your picture taken yet or haven't submitted a digital photo that we can use, you haven't been left out.

We'll be taking pictures again on Sunday, October 5. Other photo days will be scheduled on a regular basis. If you prefer to use your own digital photo or prefer to opt out of having a photo posted, directions for those options are included on our website. On the homepage, click on "Resources" and select "Online Directory" from the drop-down menu.

To request a password for access to the Online Member Directory or to get information on the downloadable app for smart phones, please contact Mary Ann at maryann@uccftw.com.

New Childcare Available



Starting October 2, there will again be childcare for families participating in the Thursday evening activities of Ad Deum Handbells, Chancel Choir rehearsals and the new Third Thursday Singles Bible Study. This is an exciting opportunity to allow church members to be committed to weekly music rehearsals or monthly Bible study who otherwise couldn't participate without childcare.

Contact Susan Henry to reserve a space for your children at susan@uccftw.com and Marsha Hodges if you desire to be a new member of Ad Deum or Chancel Choir at marsha@uccftw.com. Please contact Rev. Jessica Vacketta at jessica@uccftw.com about the Singles Bible Study. They will assist you with all the details. Thank you for choosing to engage in UCC's ministries!

Life of the Church

Births

Jack Wilds Roseberry, August 27
Great aunt—Claire Graham
Great grandmother—Carol Ehlmann

Cooper Douglass Reynolds, August 30
Parents—Beth & Josh Reynolds
Grandmother—Diane Cooper
Great grandmother—
Anna Beth Robinson

Deaths

Susan Tilley, August 12, mother of
Marisa Hammond and Matt Tilley

Omae Murray, August 12
mother of Jon Murray

Truman Wood, August 12

Melinda Tuttle, August 16
daughter of Margie Alexander,
sister of Dan Powell

Daniel Gonzales, August 17
father of Mark Gonzales

Elaine Weide, August 22
daughter of Paul and Mary Weide

Harold Hebson, August 30
husband of Patti Hebson
father of Elicia McGarry

Rev. Louise Oliver, August 31
wife of Bob Oliver, mother of
Rob Oliver and Marion Smith

Marsha Ann Cowdin, August 30
sister of Bill Smith

Beverly Lord, September 4
sister of Barry Bloodworth

Bill Quinn, September 6
father of Rix Quinn

Charles Milton Farr, September 15
father of Gregg Farr

Weddings

Kirby Thornton and Matthew Sikes
September 6

Katy Neely and Raleigh Page
September 20

Friday Fellowship

All are invited to this time of fellowship and lunch each month.



On October 10, Dr. Jerry McCoy, our UCC Choirmaster, will discuss *Why Choral Music Matters* and will

focus on the need for great and insightful music in today's worship, both here at UCC and in general.

The meeting begins in Room 207 at 11 a.m. and is followed by lunch provided in Room 211.

First Leadership Enrichment Lecture Welcomes Dr. Rita Nakashima Brock

Sunday, October 19, 12:15 p.m.



A Leadership Enrichment for church leaders and all interested church members will be held Sunday, October 19, beginning with lunch after church. The presenter will be Rita Nakashima Brock. Her 2008 book, *Saving Paradise: How Christianity Traded Love of This World for Crucifixion and Empire*, written with Rebecca Ann Parker, was selected by *Publishers' Weekly* as one of the year's best books.

Dr. Brock, the first Asian American woman to earn a doctorate in theology, has held several prestigious appointments including the Endowed Chair in the Humanities at Hamline University, the Director of the

Fellowship Program at the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study at Harvard University and a Fellow at the Center for Values in Public Life at the Harvard Divinity School.

In 2004, she co-founded Faith Voices for the Common Good, which works on the public role of progressive religion, and is the founding Co-Director of Brite Divinity School's Soul Repair Center. Dr. Brock is a commissioned minister in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

This is the inaugural event in what we envision will be an on-going series of meaningful opportunities for learning and spiritual growth.

The cost of lunch is \$10. Make your reservations online at universitychristian.org under Events.



Men's Ministry

Monday Night Fellowship returns! Our popular series for men returns this fall. Join us for four consecutive Monday evenings beginning October 20 as we explore Richard Rohr's book, *Soul Brothers: Men in the Bible Speak to Men Today*. We will gather in the home of a church member at 6:30 p.m. to discuss selections from the book, connect with one another and share a simple meal.

And if time permits, watch a little football afterward.

Cost is \$20, payable on the first night.

Sign up on Sunday mornings in The Archtes or by emailing daniel@uccftw.com. Don't miss this great opportunity to connect with other men at UCC.

For Such a Time as This

Biennial Assembly of the Christian Church in the Southwest



October 25-26
Cypress Creek
Christian Church
Spring, Texas

It's not the same old Region, anymore! Change is happening everywhere and our region of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is living into creative new ways for congregations to be in covenant with one another. Regional Assembly is a great place to find out about shared area ministries, Mission West and the organic realignment of some congregations that makes more sense of their geography.

There will be inspiring preaching. Rev. Dr. Katie Hays from Galileo Christian Church in Mansfield will be preaching

Saturday night after the concert. Rev. Dr. Sharon Watkins, General Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will be preaching Sunday afternoon.

Four workshop tracks are being offered: Congregational Transformation, Worship, Youth and Children and Justice and Mission. There will be youth activities for those in grades six-twelve and they will be involved in every part of the Assembly including worship as well. Children's activities are planned and there will also be a nursery.

Visit www.ccsww.org/ra2014 for details. If you're going the Assembly and want to represent UCC as a voting delegate, contact Mary Ann at 817.926.6631 or maryann@uccftw.com.

Fun Facts About the Online Directory

- UCC currently has 421 members/families listed in the online directory
- We are able to add, remove and change existing family information and photos
- We have a smartphone app that allows you instant access on-the-go

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 Cyndy Twedell, Associate Minister, for more information.

Girls Night Out at the Movies!



Join us 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 those interested. Sign up at The Arches Information Desk.

Women's Circles

First Tuesday October through May
Join us October 7 at 10 a.m.

Lily of the Valley Circle—UCC Library
Rose Circle—UCC Room 211



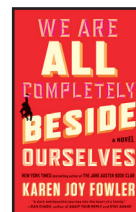
Latte with the Ladies

Saturday, October 11
Beginning at 9 a.m.
at Buon Giorno
(915 Florence St. 76102)

Women of Valor

Now meeting the third Sunday of each month at 5 p.m. in Room 204. On Sunday, October 19, 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, October 20, at 6 p.m. at Cat City Grill and Tuesday, October 21, at 11:30 a.m. in the UCC Library. We will discuss the book *We Are All Completely Beside Ourselves* by Karen Joy Fowler (both will discuss the same book). November's book is *Flight Behavior* by Barbara Kingsolver.

The 1's (UCC Singles) and The Marriage Well



The 1's, a monthly gathering for single adults, will meet Friday, October 3, from 6-7 p.m. in Room 203. The evening

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 be watching and discussing the *Animate: Practices* video,

Food: Eating with Jesus. At approximately 7 p.m., the group will head to the Clearfork Food Park off University by the Trinity River. If you are unable to make the discussion, the group encourages you to join them for dinner. Childcare is provided at the church until 9 p.m.**



The Marriage Well, is a monthly enrichment program created for any adults who are in married, partnered or committed relationships.

Marriage Well 2014 Dates and Topics
October 3
Relationships & Money
November 7**
The Enneagram & Relationships
December 5**
Holiday Fun

Friday, October 3, we meet in Room 207 from 6-7 p.m. 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.**

**The childcare reservation deadline for *The 1's* and *The Marriage Well* for October has passed. Please contact susan@uccftw.com for reservations for: •October 30, deadline for November •November 26, deadline for December

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Baby Dedications



Miller Kanning Humble and McGwire Stephen Humble, twin sons of Todd & Elizabeth Humble.

Grandparents are Steve & Mary Ann Humble and Katheryn Kanning.



Miriam Carter Llewellyn, daughter of Carter & Kyle Llewellyn. Grandparents are Jeffrey & Susan Braaten, Carter Sr. & Mary Llewellyn. Great-grandparents: Ernest William & Tamara Rhyon, the late Jack & Jane Llewellyn, and the late Robert & Dorothy Ross. Shown with big sisters Rhyon and Lilly Cate.



Lindsay Louise Muckleroy, daughter of Zach & Lauren Muckleroy. Grandparents are David & Debbie Johnson and Harold & Pat Muckleroy. Great-grandparents are Keith & Virginia Conrad, Sue Muckleroy, and John & Ellen Saunders. Shown with big brother, Judson.

Would You Like to Have Your Child Dedicated?



Would you like to schedule a dedication for your infant? Dedications take place during 11 a.m. worship. Upcoming dates are: November 23 and December 14. The baby dedication is a blessing of the child and a promise from parents to their child to raise them in a Christian home. But, it is also the public acknowledgement of a covenant with the people of UCC that

we as a community of faith will surround the child with the spirit of Christ as they grow in our midst. In order to affirm these provisions, parents will participate in a Baby Dedication class to learn about some of the intricacies of a child's faith journey and about how UCC can help foster their family and child in the process of understanding Christ's love. The next class offered will be on November 9 at 10 a.m. Contact Susan Henry in Children's Ministries at susan@uccftw.com or call ext. 165 for further information.

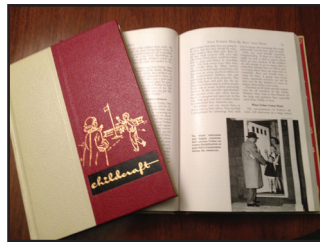
"If You Want My Advice..."

by Claire Graham, Weekday School Director

Every new generation thinks they've cracked the code on child rearing.

Claire Dunphy, *Modern Family*

Parenting comes with great joys, fears and a tidal wave of advice. What began years ago as a helpful hint from mom, mother-in-law, pediatrician and Dr. Spock has exploded into a torrent of articles, columns, blogs, forums and talk shows. And then there's social media...



I recently came across some old *Childcraft* encyclopedias (circa early 1960's). These books were staples in my childhood home. The sight and smell of them whisks me back to those days. Some of the topics may still be relevant (*Anxiety is Contagious*, *Allowances are Educational* and my favorite *Machines*

Need Not Boss You). Much of the advice would be humorous if it weren't so misguided. Regarding teaching children to read, they recommend that parents not try to "help" at home by reading with their child. Specifically, "... far more is involved than listening to a child read aloud and telling him the words he does not know. Teaching a child to read is as much a professional task as treating a case of appendicitis. Well-intentioned home remedies can be harmful in either case."

We survived. We thrived. Perhaps despite the advice.



At Weekday School, we offer our families more than advice. We work together with the local and global community to provide parents with the resources they need. We understand that every family is different and on their own unique journey in a world that is rapidly changing. And we are here to help. Just ask!

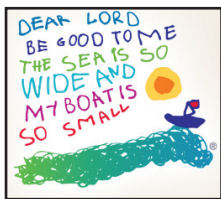
Newcomer's Class in November



All are welcome to be a part of the Newcomers Class! Join us Sundays, November 2, 9 and 16, at 10 a.m. in Room 201. Take this opportunity to

invite a friend to learn more about UCC. The 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.

For more information, please contact Michelle Groom, Ministry Assistant to Rev. Cyndy Twedell, at 817.926.6631 ext. 138, or email mgroom@uccftw.com.



Children's Sabbath and Outdoor Toy Collection

UCC will celebrate, along with faith communities world-wide, Children's Sabbath on October 19. The effort is organized by the Children's Defense Fund to bring awareness to the issues of children in our community and around the world. University Christian Church will participate in this world-wide effort by

focusing our October 19 worship services on children and stewardship. Our children will lead us in worship on this day and the Chancel Choir will be sharing *For the Sake of Our Children*, a powerful anthem that will bring awareness to the needs of children in our world.

Additionally, UCC will be addressing needs of children in our own community by collecting outdoor toys that will be

placed in our Christmas Angels Gift Bags for children in FWISD schools. These toys will help to promote and encourage outdoor and family play. Please bring one or all of the following: round playground ball (i.e., kickball), jump rope and/or side walk chalk. Look for collection bins beginning on October 5 to place your donations. Please pray for the children we are serving in our church and around the world.

We Have a Story for You!

ccf·jyf

children's christian fellowship
junior youth fellowship

CCF (first-third graders) and JYF (fourth and fifth graders) are full of stories. This month we will focus on some well-known and not so well-known stories as we weave fun, service, worship and fellowship together into the fabric of children's faith development. Join us

Sunday evenings in Room 211 from 5-6:15 p.m. and later for the optional \$3 Youth Snack Supper in the Third Floor Kitchen with the energy and excitement of CCF/JYF kids, Chi Rho, CYF and college students all joining together.

My Friend, Marvin

by Kera Watts, Kid's Hope Mentor



I met Marvin two years ago. He was in fourth grade and already up to my eye level in height.

I immediately noticed that everyone—teachers, students, Rosemont staff—everyone knew Marvin and said hello to him. Marvin always responded with a quiet, almost shy, half-wave, half-hello and a big smile.

Marvin was always kind and always polite to me. In the almost two full years of meeting with Marvin once a week, I never once opened a door; Marvin always held the door open for me and anyone else that approached. He looked

for opportunities to help others and was most excited to tell me about experiences he had serving others. In the time that I got to know Marvin at Rosemont Elementary I recognized that he was a strong leader, full of characteristics to get others to follow. I also learned that given his life experiences, sometimes knowing where to lead was fuzzy.

Marvin loved playing sports and games. In our time together, we would most often be found outside throwing the football, playing horse or kicking the soccer ball. We also spent time learning new games together—particularly games of strategy and thinking. By the end of Marvin's fifth grade year, he was

a pretty good chess player. Whether it was outside playing sports or inside playing games, Marvin was always kind to let me win every once in a while and we both knew it.

I had the opportunity to set goals with Marvin and walk beside him as some of the goals were met and some proved to be very challenging. By the time Marvin completed his fifth grade year, he was taller than me. We had both grown over the time we shared. I would like to think that Marvin got something out of our time together, but I know that the growth I experienced by sharing time with Marvin was far more than the three measured inches of Marvin's height.

Be an Acolyte!



Youth in grades 4, 5 and 6 are invited to be candlelighters at our Sunday morning

services. Those new to this acolyte experience will receive personal training in the correct use of robes and candles and service order.

To sign up contact Kyla Rosenberger at kyla@uccftw.com to sign up. Watch the lovely job that our current acolytes do for our ministry of worship and join them!

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 some animals might make an appearance as well to help bring the story to life). Questions? Contact Kera at kera@uccftw.com.

A French Feast for the Senses

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



"Everything ends this way in France—everything. Weddings, Christenings, duels, burials, swindlings, diplomatic affairs [and let's add travel]—everything is a pretext for a good dinner."—Jean Anouilh

On arrival in Paris on Day 1 of the tour, the very first thing on the itinerary is a lovely Parisian lunch. All along the way, from Paris to Normandy, Alsace and back to Paris, the tour promises delightful and memorable meals.

The Arc de Triumph, Champs Elysees and Place de la Concorde are of course among the "must do" sights planned in Paris. But there will also be time for the some of the less well-known and equally charming destinations or for a leisurely stroll and dinner on your own.

Art lovers especially will be excited about visits to Auvers-sur-Ouise, where they can walk paths traveled by Vincent Van Gogh and stop by the very spots he stood while painting some of his most familiar masterpieces, and Giverny, where they can walk in the magnificent garden seen in so many of Monet's paintings.

A day trip will take the tour to the Normandy and the D-Day Beaches and the nearby American Military Cemetery.

For full itinerary and payment information, email Marsha at marsha@uccftw.com.

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



Cast and Volunteer Sign Up

Each year over 200 volunteers come together to participate in the experience that is UCC's Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival.

Drop by The Arches and explore the many ways you can support the BHYL Festival by volunteering to serve in one of the various roles that are needed to make the BHYL Festival a success.

Cast and Volunteer Sign Ups

for the festival take place in The Arches:

- Saturday, November 1
8-11:30 a.m.
- Sunday, November 9
8:30-10 a.m. and noon-1 p.m.

Performance Dates and Ticket Sales

Start off the New Year by celebrating the triumph of good over evil and the sharing of Christ's light into the world at the 39th Annual UCC Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival.

Performances will take place on 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!

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 online at universitychristian.org, by phone by calling the church at 817.926.6631 ext. 141 or email boarshead@uccftw.com.



Fall Gardening

Save the date! October 18 at 9 a.m. Meet at the xeriscaped garden on Rogers Street! This is a Saturday, but if you'd prefer a weekday, contact Carolyn Critz at carolyncritz1954@att.net, and she

might just meet you then. Bring water and work gloves to trim up the plants and fellowship with others enjoying the wonderful Texas fall morning!

Nurses Notes



The Faith Community nurses hope you all had a happy and healthy summer. Our nurse office will be staffed each Sunday, 9:30-11:30 a.m. with blood pressure checks in the Gallery once a month.

October is National Alzheimer's recognition month. Alzheimer's disease is the most common cause of loss of intellectual function among people age 65 or older. It is a progressive disease, but if caught early on, there

are medications to slow the process. If Alzheimer's disease is suspected, talk to your healthcare provider.

The annual **Walk to End Alzheimer's** is October 25, beginning at Trinity Park. Details available in The Arches.

Free Flu Shots: Harris Hospital is making flu shots available to faith communities. Shots will be given Sunday, November 9, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. in Walker Fellowship Hall. Cook Children's Hospital will give the pediatric nasal mist to those with

unmet needs. Dates and locations are:

October 4, 10-11 a.m. at
First St. John Cathedral, 2401 E. Berry
and from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
St. Andrew Catholic Church
3312 Dryden Rd.

October 19, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
St. Joseph Cathedral
1927 SW Green Oaks Rd., Arlington

There is no difference between adult and infant flu shots except for method given. Flu shots are recommended for ages six months and up.

Army Chaplaincy Update

by Rev. Russ Boyd



It's been a while since I updated the congregation on my service as a chaplain in the Army Reserve, and I wanted to take a moment to share some recent news with you about this ministry.

For those who may not be aware, I attended college on an Army ROTC scholarship and entered the Chaplain Candidate Program after my graduation and commissioning as an officer. I was appointed a chaplain in the Army Reserve in the spring of 2009, and I currently serve as the Brigade Chaplain for the 176th Medical Brigade in Seagoville. In that role I supervise

seven chaplains in medical units located in Little Rock, San Antonio, Seagoville, Topeka and Tulsa. Beyond my role as a supervisor, I also directly support the soldiers in the headquarters company of my brigade by leading chapel services, providing counseling, conducting briefings on suicide prevention and personal resiliency and leading Strong Bonds retreats that help married and single soldiers build healthier relationships.

In addition to weekend responsibilities with my unit each month, I also complete a two-to-three week block of training once each year. In July I spent those three weeks at Fort Hunter Liggett, California, where thousands of Army Reserve soldiers from all over the country converged for an exercise that simulated an overseas deployment. Our brigade provided command and control for all of the medical assets in the exercise, including two Combat Support Hospitals, a ground ambulance company and a veterinary company.

As the Brigade Chaplain, I provided oversight and guidance for all of the religious support conducted within hospital and medical settings, prepared briefings on religion and culture in the area of operations, advised the commander and staff on religious considerations related to our mission, and coordinated with other chaplains assigned to the same Base Camp to conduct chapel services and counseling sessions. The excellent training allowed me to sharpen my skills and gain experience in a surprisingly realistic deployment setting, though by the end I was eager to return to a life that didn't involve sleeping and showering in tents and alternating between meals in a dining hall and MRE's (packaged field rations).

I appreciate the support I have received from this congregation while serving as a citizen soldier in the Army Reserve, and I'm thankful that that our church benefits from the world-class training that I receive through my service as a chaplain.



Diaper Drive Results

Thank you to all who participated in the collection of diapers and wipes donated to Berry Sweet Babies in August!

Shown here, Brenda Pickett stuffed her vehicle with the generous gifts from UCC. Their supplies were low after ten

clients were served during the first week of August, so she was overwhelmed to receive these just as school starts up again. Please accept the gratitude of the Logos Class.

Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Habitat for Humanity Work Project



On October 1, former U.S. President Jimmy Carter will celebrate his 90th birthday. Four days later, he will put on his familiar work clothes—blue jeans, denim shirt, probably a red bandana—and get to work building yet another affordable home as part of Habitat for Humanity International's

annual Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Work Project.

Since 1984, the Carters have dedicated one week each year to building with Habitat—in the rain in Milwaukee, in a field in Haiti, in inner-city Los Angeles and Philadelphia, along the hurricane-ravaged U.S. Gulf Coast, in South Africa, in Thailand and many points in between. The Carters and their legions of fellow volunteers have built, repaired and rehabilitated 3,883 homes and engaged more than 88,000 volunteers.

In 2014, the Carter Work Project heads

to Dallas and Fort Worth, Texas. From October 5 to 11, the former first couple and hundreds of volunteers will join families to help build thirty homes and renovate twenty others in the East Oak Cliff neighborhood of Dallas, build twenty homes in Fort Worth's Central Meadowbrook neighborhood, and paint an additional forty-four in partnership with the City of Fort Worth's *Cowtown Brush Up* program.

Along with other Trinity Brazos Area Disciples, UCC's faithful Habitat supporters are honored to be part of the Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Build in Fort Worth.



Room in the Inn Training

Our next training for Room in the Inn volunteers will take place Sunday, November 9, from 12:15-1:30 p.m. in the Room in the Inn Suite. Lunch will be served.

UCC is one of twenty-two congregations in Fort Worth that provide a delicious dinner, a good night's sleep and breakfast to our Room in the Inn guests.

Every Wednesday evening in December, January and February, ten homeless men, selected by the Day Resource Center, join UCC volunteers for a meal, games and good conversation.

Volunteers who interact with guests as drivers, hosts and innkeepers must be trained. There are many other positions—set-up, clean-up, cook and laundry washer that do not require training.

Email carolmstewart@sbcglobal.net, or call Carol at 972.239.7769, to let us know you'll be joining us at the training, or to have your name added to our email list notifying you of weekly volunteer opportunities. Most volunteer jobs take an hour or two. You can sign up for one week or for several.

Please come—we need you!



Bag-It Night and Back to School Week—Amazing!

by Gerry Houk, Operations Manager

Heidi Reeder, Children's Closet Director, organized a great Bag-It Night with special appreciation for team members Kelly Kruse, Pam Miller, Rebecca Putman, Jennifer Reeder and Angela Waldvogel. Many thanks to everyone who worked Bag-It Night to help provide 2,300 uniforms to thirty

elementary schools. With so many helping it didn't seem to take very long, especially after the many hours spent in receiving the orders and getting the uniforms all in one place.

Then Back to School Week at the Children's Closet offered forty uniforms to each of the remaining elementary

schools in the Fort Worth ISD. Volunteers at the Closet gave out an additional 1,614 uniforms to forty schools who took us up on our offer. What a blessing our church is to the children of Fort Worth!

The Children's Closet will continue to be open each Monday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.



Thanksgiving Baskets

UCC will participate, once again, in the South Central Alliance of Churches (SCAC) Thanksgiving Dinner Ministry. Our neighbors in need in zip codes 76104, 76109 and 76110 will register by family for a Thanksgiving turkey and traditional dinner ingredients during each Tuesday in October. The family pays a \$5 registration fee; the rest of the cost of the turkeys and all of the trimmings for the dinner are donated by the Alliance churches.

We will begin collecting bags of

groceries on Sunday, November 2, and assemble bags on November 22. Some families enjoy taking their children to purchase the needed supplies. Others prefer giving a check made out to UCC designated for Thanksgiving Baskets for whatever the number of grocery bags they choose to donate. (Each basket costs about \$18.) Flyers for items requested and/or monetary gifts will be in the November *Journal*, at The Arches and in Sunday school classrooms. There will be a collection location near the Reception Desk for designated food items and cash and checks will be accepted in The

Arches on November 2, 9 and 16 and at the Reception Desk during the week.

Our sacks of groceries will be delivered to SCAC located at the Southside Church of Christ on Monday, November 24, and given to the families on Tuesday, November 25. Young people from Southside Church of Christ receive the sacks and organize them on Monday, but the Alliance does need volunteers to help clients check in and to help carry sacks of food to their cars on Tuesday, November 25. To volunteer, call SCAC Program Director, Opel Smith, at 817.923.0486.

Gifts of Hope



The Gifts of Hope Market is Sunday, December 7. Plan to do your holiday shopping after worship that Sunday and

benefit various local and international charitable organizations such as the Tarrant Area Food Bank, Habitat for Humanity, Heifer International, UCC's Mission Pilgrimages and the Children's

Closet among others. The gifts are inexpensive and fun. Consider this ministry when you plan your Christmas shopping. Order forms will be in the November *Journal* and The Arches.

Christmas Angels



Mark your calendar for Christmas Angels Wrap Night on Sunday, December 14, from 5-8 p.m. Sunday evening children and youth programming encourage Wrap Night participation. Donation flyers will be in the November *Journal*

and The Arches, Sunday school rooms and at the Reception Desk.

You can donate, sponsor an item or volunteer your time. Contact Kate Williams at katecwilliams@yahoo.com.



UCC's Stewardship 2015 Campaign goes into full swing in October and we need your help to make this year's campaign a success. *Who We Are—God's Hands and Feet*, our theme for 2015, focuses on action—giving the gifts of time, talents and of our financial resources to be God's hands and feet to support the church and our community. All three of these actions are critical to the success and growth of UCC.

Stewardship is defined by Merriam Webster as the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care. UCC—its ministries, missions, staff, and the building and grounds—are all entrusted to each of us

Stewardship 2015

to support. Our gifts make the church come to life and improve people's lives because members step up to share in their stewardship responsibility.

At a church the size of UCC, it is easy to assume that someone else will volunteer to take on a task, someone else will serve a meal or teach a Journey Land class and someone else will donate enough money to cover the cost of a ministry or pay the electric bill. In reality, while we have major donors, a large portion of our annual budget is made up of smaller financial gifts that when combined allow us to fund ministries, pay salaries and keep the lights on. We have hundreds of volunteers that share their time and talents every week to make our church services and programs come to life—but we also have lots of opportunities to serve.

So, for those of you who pledge, financially support the church and volunteer your time and talents, we want to say thank you. Your gifts help make a positive difference in people's lives. We hope you will continue to support the church we love.

If you haven't pledged in the past or have been hesitant to volunteer, we hope you will take the next step and take action. Make a pledge and financially support the church. Identify a ministry or service area and volunteer your time and talents to make it a meaningful part of your life. It's through these actions that we will improve and grow our ministries.

We are God's hands and feet in our church and our community. It is a responsibility entrusted to each of us and a responsibility worth supporting.

Clergy Appreciation Day—October 12

We are blessed at UCC with ministers that deeply care for our church and the people who walk through our doors. Every day of the year, they share God's love with those they serve and they do it with compassion, dedication and commitment. They work tirelessly for us.

We are also blessed to have an administrative staff and custodial staff supporting our ministers *and us*. They answer our questions and take care of our needs always with a smile and a "sure, we can do that" attitude.

Please join me and your Board of Stewards in expressing your love and appreciation for our ministers and all the staff that help make UCC a community of faith.

Sandi Kennedy, Board Chair



UCC Quick Financial Summary - Unified Budget August 2014

Description	2013 YTD Actuals	2014 YTD Actuals	Budget YTD 2014	Budget Annual	YTD Variance
Income					
Pledges	\$1,347,566	\$1,415,486	\$1,370,238	\$2,047,567	\$45,248
Non Pledge Contributions	\$127,968	\$147,991	\$151,813	\$276,300	(\$3,822)
Offering	\$22,826	\$21,582	\$23,632	\$38,700	(\$2,050)
Misc. Unrestricted Income	\$93,831	\$88,931	\$93,428	\$161,605	(\$4,498)
WDS Income (Net)	(\$32,951)	(\$73,297)	(\$47,053)	\$86,595	(\$26,244)
Endowment Income	\$137,372	\$145,878	\$147,273	\$291,010	(\$1,395)
Participant/Restricted Income & Reserve Use	\$384,922	\$309,296	\$306,925	\$392,876	\$2,371
Total Income	\$2,081,534	\$2,055,867	\$2,046,256	\$3,294,653	\$9,611
Expenses					
Total Personnel Expense	\$1,207,983	\$1,202,696	\$1,231,669	\$1,760,791	\$28,973
Total Program/Admin. Expense	\$739,236	\$628,355	\$726,362	\$1,041,366	\$98,007
Total Mission/Outreach Expense	\$323,509	\$316,152	\$295,319	\$486,815	(\$20,832)
Total Expenses	\$2,270,728	\$2,147,203	\$2,253,350	\$3,288,973	\$106,147
Net Operating Income (Loss)	(\$189,194)	(\$91,336)	(\$207,095)	\$5,681	\$115,759

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.

Congregational Meetings

Communications Committee

Wednesday, October 1, 5:30 p.m., Rm. 202

Building & Grounds

Sunday, October 12, 12:15 p.m., Rm. 202

Finance Committee

Tuesday, October 14, 5:30 p.m., Rm. 205

Board of Stewards

Tuesday, October 21, 6:30 p.m., Rm. 207

Assembly Meeting

Tuesday, October 28, 6:30 p.m.

Walker Fellowship Hall

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

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 *Triptich* 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.

Please note new hours: 10 a.m.-1 p.m.



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 *Triptich* 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. A list of names has been compiled in the last twelve months. To make certain your loved one's name is included in the bulletin, contact Pam Reeser no later than Wednesday, October 22, at 817.926.6631 or pam@uccftw.com.