

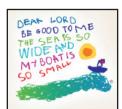
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Children's Sabbath and Cardboard Arcade



Children's Sabbath UCC will celebrate, along with faith communities worldwide. Children's Sabbath on October 18. 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 18 worship services on children and stewardship. Our children will lead us in worship on this day and the Children's Choirs and

Chancel Choir will be sharing together our anthem reflecting on the beauty of the world around us.

UCC Cardboard Arcade

Our elementary children are working hard creating amazing games out of cardboard boxes to present for play at our UCC Cardboard Arcade on October 18, at 10 a.m. in Walker Hall. This church wide event for all ages provides an opportunity for everyone, no matter age, to purchase a Fun Pass and play some child imagined, designed and created arcade challenges. In conjunction with Children's Sabbath, we are participating





in the Imagination Foundation's Global Arcade Challenge. All money raised by the children through the UCC Cardboard Arcade will be donated to a local project supporting children in our community. If you have a child, please make sure they have an opportunity to participate by having them in Journey Land regularly. If you are a grown up, please mark October 18 on your calendar and commit to being a part of playing cardboard arcade games. This will be a time of fellowship, imagination, helping others, and having fun. Purchase your Fun Pass Tickets beginning October 4 in the Gallery.





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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

What Lies Ahead

by Rev. Larry Thomas, Senior Minister

The members of the clergy staff and I journeyed to Glen Rose in September for our pre-Advent planning retreat. As with past retreats,

this one shaped up to be time well spent. We were given the opportunity to spend some time with the newest member of our staff, Tyler Heston. Amazingly, he has agreed to remain a member of the staff even after the retreat! One of the things we learned about Tyler is that he is an impressive bowler, although I am not sure he knows that he should not have handed the Senior Minister such a stinging defeat before the end of his first month of service.

While we accomplished much in the way of planning and administration, of most interest to most people will, of course, be our Advent and Christmas theme. We are going with the general theme of *Be Still*. We will incorporate the traditional themes of Advent into this overarching theme so that each Sunday, congregants can expect the service to have been carefully crafted to encourage everyone to, *Be Still...and Know God's Hope, Be Still...and Know God's Peace*, and so on.

Kyla, the choir and the members of her staff will be preparing a very special *Cantata* as well as some really wonderful worship enhancements for Advent. You can expect to hear a lot more about Advent soon after our very special All Saints Sunday *Requiem*.

I had previously mentioned a possible brief sermon series that was to follow the most recent series on Moses, but October is filled with special days that require specific emphasis. The staff and I will begin working on something special to begin when Epiphany ends.

One of the themes we will be addressing in worship during the month of October is stewardship. In fact, you will have already read, or will soon read, a letter from the Stewardship committee in this issue of *The Journal*. Let me add that while we may be taking a more relaxed approach to our campaign this year, our needs are as great as they have ever been, if not greater. Your generous and timely response will be immeasurably appreciated.

Welcome Home Missionary Partner, Kristine Tisinger



UCC is pleased to welcome home Kristine Tisinger! She will be with us in worship on Sunday, October 25, and lead a combined Sunday School Class at 10 a.m. Kristine (pictured second from the right) will also make a brief presentation at the Assembly meeting on October 27 and meet with the College Lunch Bunch at noon on Wednesday, October 28. While at TCU, Kristine participated in our college programming.

For the last two years Kristine has served with the Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Ghana providing expertise and stability to the children's programs. Prior to that Kristine worked in the

Academic Department and Library of the Theological Education by Extension College in Johannesburg, South Africa.

UCC is Kristine's home church and we committed to pray for and support Kristine while she served with the Division of Overseas Ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in South Africa and Ghana. Kristine's name is listed each week in our worship bulletin as our Global Ministries Missionary Partner. With gratitude for her faithful service we look forward to welcoming her home!

New Missionary Partner



There's a new name in the weekly list of prayers for our Missionary Partners—Paul Turner. Paul is serving the Disciples of Christ Community in the Congo and UCC's Outreach

Committee approved his support at their August meeting. The Disciples of Christ Community requested a missionary and Global Ministries responded in order to fill this critical presence. Paul will serve a four-year term in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

The Community of Disciples of Christ in Congo (CDCC) in what today is the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), formerly known as Zaire was founded in 1889. The church has been affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States since its inception. The church functions with twenty-two ecclesial regions located in the Equator, Bandundu, East Congo, Lower Congo and Kinshasa regions. Its 358 congregations serve 650,000 members. The church has six general hospitals, nine maternity centers and forty-two functioning health centers.

The Disciples of Christ Community in the Democratic Republic of the Congo is actively engaged in equipping pastors and teachers, edifying believers and responding to the challenges facing the Congolese people through a broad array of ministries. The inspiring work of the Disciples of Christ Community incorporates a number of focus areas such as healthcare, micro-finance, agricultural development, clean water, education and leadership development.

Watch for more information about Paul's work and ways to offer our continued prayers and support.



Author! Author!

What do a Montana farm girl, a Yale graduate, a professional musician and entertainer, a

TCU professor, a prayer shawl knitter, a Major General in the U.S. Army, a school teacher, a world traveler, a retired minister, an antique mall treasure hunter, a meteorologist and several crossword puzzlers have in common? They are all members of UCC and published authors! You might be sitting beside one of them in the pew Sunday morning and never know the richness of that person's life and work.

Please don't fret! The Church and the Arts committee is providing an opportunity for you to get to know some of the authors of UCC at *Author! Author!* Sunday, November 15, 12:15-2 p.m. in Room 207. This informal event will be the setting where readers and writers in the UCC family can connect with each other. Have you ever wondered why someone decides to write a book or how writers get from a good idea to a published work? Maybe you are more interested in an author's everyday life and how it contributed to, helped or hindered writing. At *Author! Author!*

you will be able to question living authors and engage with them about the creative process of writing and how that fits with the rest of life.

Bring your questions. Share ideas. Make connections. Show appreciation and help us honor some of our UCC authors at *Author! Author!* on Sunday, November 15.

Look forward to learning the names of the participating authors in the November *Journal*.

Fortieth Annual Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival



Come celebrate UCC's fortieth Annual Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival by being a part of the performing cast or helping in the many behind the scenes volunteer opportunities that

support the performance.

Cast and Volunteer Sign Up for the Festival will take place in The Arches:

- •Saturday, October 24, 8-11 a.m.
- •Sunday, November 8, 8:30-10 a.m. and 12-12:45 p.m.

Performance Dates and Ticket Sales Performances will be January 2 and 3, 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, November 30. Tickets are \$15 per seat and all proceeds go to sustaining the festival. You will be able to order tickets by visiting <u>universitychristian.org</u>, calling the church at 817.926.6631 ext. 141 or emailing <u>boarshead@uccftw.com</u>.

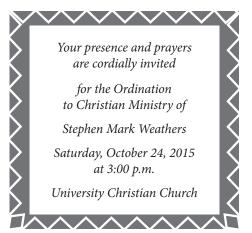


Mark Weathers Ordination

Mark Weathers is from Abilene, Texas, where he studied Biblical Studies and Youth Ministry and later earned an M.A. of Theology at

Abilene Christian University's Graduate School of Theology. Mark lived in North Richland Hills for several years where he was a campus chaplain at a private Christian high school. He returned to studies in 2012 when he began pursuing his M.Div. at Brite Divinity School.

During that time, he worked as an intern for University Christian Church, where he worked with *The Search* worship service and college ministry, and later for Texas Christian University's Catholic Community as part of the University's Religious and Spiritual Life staff. Mark has been working in hospital chaplaincy at Harris Methodist Hospital and will remain there for the next year. He hopes to pursue ministry or chaplaincy opportunities wherever they might arise, and is open to whatever adventure these open doors might bring.



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Newcomers Class

All are welcome to be a part of the Newcomers Class! Join us Sundays, November 1, 8 and 15, at 10 a.m. in Room 201. The Newcomers class is a great introduction to UCC. Invite a friend to come to the class and experience the welcome of University Christian Church.

The Newcomers Class offers 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 details, please contact Michelle Groom, Ministry Assistant to Rev. Cyndy W. Twedell, at 817.926.6631 ext. 138, or email mgroom@uccftw.com.

UCC Goes Blue



Did you know studies show people who belong to a church and regularly attend can add 4-14 years to their lives? A core *Blue Zones*

principle is the importance of belonging to a faith-based community to increase social connectedness and longevity. Other *Blue Zones* principles include living with a purpose and surrounding yourself with people who support you.

So what is the *Blue Zones Project*? It is a community-led well-being initiative designed to make healthy choices easier through permanent changes to environment, policy and social networks. When our entire community participates—from our worksites and schools to our restaurants, grocery stores and churches—the small changes add up to huge benefits for all of us. A vital part of Fort Worth's Healthiest Cities initiative, *Blue Zones Project* encourages changes to our community that lead to healthier options.

UCC's Women's Ministries led the way introducing us to *Blue Zones* at a wonderful, well-attended September lunch where Mayor Betsy Price told us about Fort Worth's *Blue Zones Project*.

The Board of Stewards has approved UCC pursuing a *Blue Zones* designation. What does that involve? It means we'll continue doing the things we're already doing—worshipping together every week, engaging in compassionate service, sharing together in small groups, living the Good News of Jesus Christ with open minds and loving hearts. And we'll offer encouragement to take the *Blue Zones Project* pledge, become even more intentional about offering healthy choices and partner with *Blue Zones* to host and participate in *Blue Zones Project* events.

The following UCC *Blue Zones* events are open to all. Registration required, lunch is provided. Use the password: UCC on the UCC website link.

<u>Cooking Demonstration</u> with Chef Barb Wednesday, October 7, 6 p.m.

<u>Find Your Purpose Workshop</u> Sunday, November 1, 12:30-2:30 p.m.

A UCC *Blue Zones Project* leadership team is forming now. Contact Rev. Cyndy W. Twedell for details if you're interested in being part of our *Blue Zone* team. Take the *Blue Zones* pledge at https://fortworth.bluezonesproject.com/pledge.



World Communion Sunday

World Communion Sunday celebrates our sharing of the Lord's Supper in the context of the global community of faith. The first Sunday in October has become a time when Christians in every culture break bread and pour the cup to remember and affirm our oneness in Christ and our participation in the whole body of believers.

Join us Sunday, October 4, for World Communion Sunday.



Pictured left to right: Lane Gallagher, Local Business Manager for Blue Zones Project Fort Worth, Mayor Betsy Price, Rev. Cyndy W. Twedell, and Elaine Becker, UCC's Blue Zone Ambassador—all UCC members.

New Members



Welcome Alison Parker! Alison is a CPA and works for Thomson Reuters as technical editor. She's a TCU alum. In her free time she enjoys spending time with friends and family, playing with her dog, cheering on her horned frogs, gardening and traveling.



Kimberly and Grace Holt are glad to be at UCC. Kimberly is married to Glenn and their daughter, Grace, is a senior at Grapevine High School. Kimberly says, "the thing we enjoy the most, outside the sermons, is how gracious and welcoming the entire UCC congregation and staff have been to us."



The Miller Pitt family moved to Fort Worth when Dad, Matthew Pitt, began work as a TCU professor of English. Kimberly Miller is an Urban Planner in charge of the Texas Office of Allen Engineering and Science, and daughters, Celia and Nina Miller Pitt, are proud Lily Bees, in fourth and first graders respectively at Lily B. Clayton Elementary.



Josh Jackson is a Religion Major at TCU, Spanish and Business double Minor, in the John V. Roach Honors College. He is involved in lots of campus organizations, from the Chancellor's Leadership Program to being a tour guide for the TCU Student Foundation. His home church is Flower Mound Creekwood Christian. Josh is now a Chi Rho sponsor at UCC and says, "I love how warm and welcoming the people at UCC are, and they have been right from the very first time I came a year ago! I am excited to officially be a member of UCC!"



Welcome Katie Brooks! Katie is a TCU student from Colleyville, studying nursing and Spanish. She is a member of Disciples on Campus, Student Nursing Association and Alpha Omicron Pi.



Teri and David McGuill live in Fort Worth and have been married for nineteen years. Their son, Charles, is a sophomore at Paschal High and a member of the JV soccer team. David, a graduate of Texas A&M, has been a teacher in the Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD for twenty-nine years. Teri, a graduate of Baylor, is the Chief Development Officer for the YMCA of Metropolitan Fort Worth. The McGuill's enjoy traveling and visiting state parks across the U.S. in their travel trailer.



Roots Mentoring Ministry Helps Sixth Grade Transition

Roots is a program that connects sixth graders with high school mentors as they transition from children's

ministry to youth ministry. Now in its third year, the program originated when several high schoolers expressed an interest in helping to make the transition to UCC's third floor as smooth and fun as possible for new sixth graders.



As the weather turns cooler, UCC's youth will join with Disciples from around the area for two fall retreats at Disciples Crossing, our beautiful church camp in Athens. Both retreats offer the

They worked with Alison Nicoll, then Assistant Minister for Middle School, to put together a program that ensures every interested sixth grader connects with a welcoming high schooler who is present to answer their questions and walk alongside them during their first year of youth programming. The name "Roots" comes from Colossians 2:6-7, which provides encouragement to live a life rooted in Christ.

The high school mentors check in with their sixth graders at least once a

month, and every other month there are organized off-site events for all sixth graders and mentors, allowing each pair to check-in while participating in a fun activity together. This year *Roots* kicked off with a pool party and ping pong tournament hosted by the Darr Family on August 30. The program includes twenty-two sixth graders and an equal number of high school mentors.

For more information about the *Roots* mentoring ministry, email Alison Nicoll at alison.nicoll@uccftw.com.

Fall Youth Retreats at Disciples Crossing

opportunity to grow closer to God and one another through worship, recreation, prayer, small groups and interest groups that include options like sports, dance, art, service, photography and more.

The Chi Rho Fall Retreat for grades six through eight will be November 6-8, and the CYF Fall Retreat for grades nine through twelve will be November 13-15. Registrations for both retreats are due October 23. Participants will meet at UCC at 5:30 p.m. on the Friday of each retreat to take a charter bus to camp and will return around 12:30 p.m. on Sunday.

Thanks to fundraising income from TCU football parking, the registration cost for each retreat is only \$50. Additional scholarship assistance is available upon request. Details and online registration available at <u>uccyouth.org/retreats</u>.



On Your Mark, Get Set, Create!

CCF (firstthird graders) and JYF

(fourth and fifth graders) are full of creations! In October we will focus on creating—bread for World Communion

Sunday, stories of our heritage and games for the Cardboard Arcade on October 18. Join us for fellowship, service and fun together; all combined, we help create the fabric of children's faith development. Join us on 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.

Would You Like to Schedule a Dedication for Your Infant?



Dedications take place during 11 a.m. worship. Upcoming dates are: November 22, December 13 and January 31. The 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 is November 8 at 10 a.m. in the Bride's Room. Please email Susan Henry at susan@uccftw.com for details.

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 life). Questions, please email Kera Watts at kera@uccftw.com.



Kids Hope: Planting the Seeds for Tomorrow

As the school year gets into full swing for thousands

of Fort Worth students, UCC begins its fourth year as a *Kids Hope* partner church to Rosemont Elementary School. In its previous three years, UCC has provided hundreds of hours of one-on-one mentoring for high risk children, teacher appreciation gifts and staff luncheons as well as over 1,500 summer reading books for all the students who attend Rosemont.

The UCC *Kids Hope* ministry provides one simple thing that will make a big difference in the life of an at-risk child: One-on-one, positive attention from a responsible, caring adult. *Kids Hope*

develops these one-on-one relationships through the creation of church-school partnerships that pair church members with at-risk kids in supportive, mentoring relationships. *Kids Hope* mentors spend one hour per week, reading, talking, playing and listening to a child at school. By helping the child feel loved and valued, they help that child to learn, grow and succeed.

In August, three members of our *Kids Hope* ministry attended the first annual Big Hope Conference in Irving. At this event, in addition to networking and motivational speakers, training was provided on safety and education. UCC was one of fifteen area churches honored at the event for its dedication and hard

work mentoring at-risk children in the community. Carolyn Critz, UCC *Kids Hope* Mentor, was honored as our *Kids Hope* Volunteer of the year.

The theme for the day centered on the idea that through mentoring we are planting the seeds of hope within these children. This year we are starting with twelve mentors trained and ready to begin but more are needed. Children at Rosemont are waiting for that one person who will make a difference in their lives. Thank you to UCC for your continued support of this valuable ministry.

For details on joining *Kids Hope* email Alice Phillips, UCC *Kids Hope* Director, at maroondoc1@charter.net.

Meet Room in the Inn Founder, Father Charles Stroubel



It was a snowy winter night in 1985 in Nashville, TN. Father Charles Strobel saw people in the parking lot of his church sleeping in their cars. He invited them to come inside, and *Room in*

the Inn (RITI) got its start. Today, more than 175 congregations in the Nashville area participate in this program that provides a hot meal, a bed, breakfast and a sack lunch. In 2008, UCC joined churches across the country, eighteen of them in Fort Worth, in providing radical hospitality to homeless men.

On Wednesday, October 14, First United Methodist Church of Fort Worth will host Fr. Strobel as he inspires and instructs us in the workings of RITI.

Father Strobel and Rachel Hester, executive director of *Room in the Inn*, Nashville, will lead two sessions:

1-4 p.m. <u>A Room in the Inn Master Class</u> will cover the essential elements of RITI hospitality. This session is designed for anyone interested in the nuts and bolts of RITI. Cost is \$15 per person.

7-9 p.m. <u>An Evening with Fr. Strobel and Friends</u>. Fr. Strobel and Ms. Hester will expand on the RITI experience over coffee and dessert. Cost is \$10 per person.

Visit <u>universitychristian.org</u> to register for sessions. Seating is limited.

This is an exciting opportunity for all of us who are inspired by the philosophy and workings of *Room in the Inn*. We hope many of you—those wanting to know more or seasoned volunteers—will attend. Either session will serve as training for new volunteers. Additionally, brief orientation sessions will be offered at UCC to fill in the blanks on how we do things at our church.

A group from UCC will attend both sessions. If you'd like to carpool, or if you haven't been trained and want to take part in a later session at UCC, email carolmstewart@sbcglobal.net.



Experience the UCC Sanctuary organ in a new and fun way. Come hear guest organist, Thomas Helms, accompany the 1924 silent film, *Girl Shy*, with his original music. The TCU Film Department and UCC Music Program

Silent Movie Comedy Night

will co-sponsor this unique experience on Thursday, November 12. Popcorn and ice cream will be served at 6:30 p.m. in Room 207 and the film starts at 7 p.m. with a big screen in the Sanctuary.

Tom Helms is a graduate of TCU with a successful career of concertizing, church work and theater organ playing based in Florida and Alabama. Large crowds have laughed and gasped through these other old, but still hugely entertaining, films in past years: Harold Lloyd's *Hot*

Water, Laurel & Hardy's Putting the Pants on Phillip, Lloyd's The Freshman and Lon Cheney's The Phantom of the Opera.

This year invite friends and family to experience the romantic comedy, *Girl Shy* set in and around Los Angeles, California. It is a character story but also famous for its exhilarating non-stop action sequence in the finale. Whether you're a silent film buff or a comedy enthusiast, come to UCC for some Thursday night fun!

Ignatius Transposed! Retreat in Everyday Life

And Introductory Saturday Seminar



St. Ignatius of Loyola was a man on a mission! He desired to help people love God more dearly, see God more clearly and follow God more nearly. To this end, he devised a brilliant and intense psycho-spiritual retreat that could be done in thirty days in a monastery, or over several months in everyday

life. Each retreatant commits to thirty minutes of prayer and journaling daily, using the prescribed exercises.

Prospective participants may attend a four hour *Prayer Practices* preliminary Saturday seminar on November 21 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Room 206 to introduce retreatants to prayer practices used during the retreat.

UCC is delighted to offer this six-month, weekly "retreat" that has been revised, or "transposed" for the twenty-first Century, according to the teachings of the great mystic and scientist, Pierre Teilhard de Chardin. Rev. Kathy Bowser and Kristin Robertson, Spiritual Director,

will lead this retreat on Thursday evenings beginning January 7 to June 30, 2016, from 7-8:30 p.m. in Room 206.

Ignatius Transposed is ideal for people who:

- Wish to deepen their relationship with God and to see the Divine in all things
- Study the teachings of Jesus and allow them their transformational power
- Want a support group of Christians who seek a more intimate understanding of Christ
- •Like to have a daily spiritual discipline and a group meeting to keep them accountable

To register for the seminar or for details on cost and texts to purchase, email <u>kristin@brioleadership.com</u>, or call 817.577.7030.

The Common Read



The Multicultural Alliance invites faith communities across Fort Worth

to join together in *The Common Read*, a six week conversation culminating in a shared interfaith dinner. UCC's *Common Read* group, facilitated by Rev. Cyndy W. Twedell, will meet Sunday evenings at 5 p.m. in Room 201 beginning October 11

through November 15. The ecumenical dinner is Tuesday, November 17. Anyone interested in joining the group and making the six week commitment to read and discuss *Sacred Ground: Pluralism, Prejudice, and the Promise of America* by Eboo Patel is welcome. The Multicultural Alliance expects Jewish, Christian, Hindi and Islamic groups to participate as we discuss issues related

to effective interreligious engagement.

The Multicultural Alliance is proud of promoting inclusive communities, working toward the elimination of bias, bigotry, and oppression and encouraging understanding and equity through shared experiences and educational programming.

Alzheimer's Walk is October 24



The Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's is the world's

largest event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer's care, support and research. The Fort Worth walk takes place, Saturday, October 24, at Trinity Park. For many years UCC members have supported the walk in various ways and this year we will officially have a UCC team taking part in the walk and raising funds to support the work of the Alzheimer's Association.

Alzheimer's disease is the nation's sixth-leading cause of death. Currently there is no cure and the exact cause of the disease is still unknown. This

disease impacts not only immediate family, but the entire community. Our combined strength can help in the fight against this devastating disease. Take the first step to a world without Alzheimer's by stopping by The Arches on Sunday mornings in October to learn how you can participate by walking and fundraising or by making a monetary donation to the UCC team.

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.



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.

Rose Circle, October 6, 10 a.m. UCC Library

Wednesday, October 7, 6-7 p.m.

Blue Zones Cooking Demonstration Sign up for this free event at https://uccdemo.eventbrite.com; password: UCC

Latte with the Ladies

Saturday, October 10, beginning at 9 a.m. at Avoca, 1311 W. Magnolia, 76104

Friday, November 6, 10:30 a.m. Church Women World Community Day Bethlehem Center, 970 E. Humbolt, 76104

WILD Women Book Club



Join us Monday, October 19, at 6 p.m. at Cat City Grill or Tuesday, October 20, at 12 p.m. in the UCC Library (11:30 a.m. if you like to come early to share lunch and conversation) as we

discuss All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr.

Men's Ministry



Fire and Meat

Men of UCC, join us for our rescheduled celebration of *Fire and Meat*—you bring it, we grill it! Sunday, October 4, 5:30-8 p.m. in the backyard of church member John Andrus, 3928 Thistle Lane, 76109.

Bring \$10 cash or check and enjoy fellowship, grilling, games and food. Bring us your favorite cut of meat or grab a patty from our burger bar, visit the seasoning station, tell us how you like it cooked and we will take it from there. Sides, trimmings, beverages, etc. provided. *Consider carpooling or meet at UCC at 5:15-5:20 p.m. and ride together and please bring your lawn chair.

Men's Third Thursday Lunch

October 15, 12 p.m. Join us at Cafe Bella on South Hills Ave.

Men's Ministry Breakfast

November 14, 8:30 a.m., Room 207. Join us for breakfast and a fascinating presentation by our guest speaker Dan Smith.

Men's Movie Night

Thursday, December 3, 6:30 p.m., Room 203. Join us for Linda Hunts' Academy Award winning performance in the film *The Year of Living Dangerously.* \$5 gets you a chicken dinner, the movie and great discussion. Sign up in The Arches.

Friday Fellowship



Join us for Friday Fellowship, October 16, 11 a.m., in Room 207 as we hear from UCC's own Jerre Tracy. Jerre serves as the executive director for Historic Fort Worth, Inc., an organization dedicated to protecting Fort Worth's unique historic identity through stewardship, education and leadership. Jerre has worked in a variety of roles in the field of historic preservation for over twenty-five years, receiving numerous awards. Her presentation for UCC's Friday Fellowship is *Help! That looks like an endangered building!*

Following the conversation at 11 a.m., all are invited to a potluck lunch in Room 211 at 12 p.m. An entrée of fried chicken will be provided, but please bring a side dish or dessert. R.S.V.P. to <u>alyssum.power@uccftw.com</u> by Wednesday, October 14, at 12 p.m.

College Happenings for October

October 4-First Sunday Lunch • following 11 a.m. worship, meet in the Gallery

October 4 & 18-Sunday Night Small Group • 5-6 p.m., College Lounge

October 7, 14, 21 & 28-Lunch Bunch • Noon, each Wednesday in the College Lounge

October 25-Trunk or Treat • 5 p.m., UCC Parking Lot

October 27-Hangman's Haunted House • 8 p.m., meet in UCC front parking lot

*Sunday School meets weekly in the College Lounge between morning worship at 10 a.m.

Special All Saints Day Music



During worship on Sunday, November 1, we will focus lovingly on remembering those we know who

have passed away in the last year. Church members may read loved one's names in the bulletin and light candles. Of special comfort will be the presentation of a large choral-orchestral work by Gabriel Fauré. Our Chancel Choir, accompanied by



chamber orchestra will sing Fauré's *Requiem* interspersed throughout worship. Dr. Christopher Aspaas, TCU Director of Choral Activities, will guest conduct.

The word requiem derives from the Latin word for rest and Fauré's Requiem is known for its contemplative, subdued beauty and distinctive pre-Impressionistic style. Gabriel Fauré was a nineteenth century organist and choirmaster in Paris famous for having studied with Saint-Saëns and then teaching Ravel. His setting of the Roman Catholic Mass for the Dead avoids visions of wrath and pain and emphasizes death as an eternal rest and release. The Chancel Choir will sing all seven movements of this famous work to enhance our normal Disciples of Christ worship.

It is with great appreciation that we acknowledge the gift of the chamber orchestra from long-time member, Mr.

Dee J. Kelly. Other gifts to the Ronald L. Shirey Chancel Choir Endowment Fund and Chancel Choir Reserve Fund made it possible to have the leadership of Dr. Aspaas of TCU.

Newly hired to TCU, Dr. Aspaas has taught at Central Washington University, Mount Holyoke College and most recently was Associate Professor of Choral/Vocal Music at St. Olaf College. Both a professional composer and tenor soloist, Dr. Aspaas brings great artistic knowledge to this collaboration with our UCC choir.

Invite friends and family to come for this special time of music, remembrance and reflection on Sunday, November 1.

Organ Scholar Trip to the McGill Summer Organ Academy

by Collin Boothby, Organ Scholar

As a supplement to my education at TCU, I traveled to Montreal, Canada, this summer to attend the 2015 McGill Summer Organ Academy. The two-week program was divided into two four-day sessions. Up to six participants played for each set of two hour classes.

I performed in one class which focused on the Leipzig Chorales of J.S. Bach. Despite their name, the Leipzig Chorales were not written during Bach's time in Leipzig, but earlier, in Weimar. In Leipzig, Bach collected and edited eighteen chorale preludes, the Great Eighteen, as a testament to his mastery of the chorale prelude form. This class was taught by William Porter, a long time professor at Eastman School of Music and McGill University.

I also audited three other classes, one focused on the Italian Baroque composer Girolamo Frescobaldi, one on North German Baroque repertoire and one on the French Romantic composers Cesar Franck and Charles-Marie Widor. The French Romantic class was taught by Olivier Latry, one of the organists at Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris. Latry's first public recital in the United States was at TCU, thanks to UCC member Emmet Smith, the long-time professor of organ at TCU. Latry has also performed at UCC.

During the evenings and the weekend, the professors each gave recitals at different venues across Montreal. The city is filled with many gorgeous churches and wonderful organs and was a wonderful place to spend two weeks this summer. I learned so much not only from the classes, but from fellowship with other organists as well. I look forward to sharing some of the things I learned over the coming months during worship!



Pastoral Care Activities

- Faithfully Fit Forever–Mondays at 4 p.m., Wednesdays and Fridays at 11 a.m.
- Blood Pressure Checks-second Sundays each month, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in Gallery
- Alzheimers Support Group Meetings—second and fourth Thursdays each month at 4:30 p.m.
 - Alzheimers Walk-October 24*
- Church Friends–UCC volunteer members who visit our homebound members–Interested? Call Sandra at 817.980.9654.
 - Adult Flu Shots-October 25, 8 a.m.-12 p.m., Parish Nurse Office
 - Interest Seminar for St. Ignatius Transposed! Retreat in Everyday Life-November 21, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Room 206*
 - St. Ignatius Transposed! Retreat in Everyday Life-Each Thursday, 7-8:30 p.m. January 7-June 30, Room 206*

*See articles in this Journal for details or contact Rev. Christi McDowell.

The Marriage Well



The Marriage Well is a couples' enrichment program that meets periodically throughout the year. The best way to enhance your relationship with one another is to spend quality time together. Our goal is to provide tools that help you and your partner

strengthen your relationship, while also giving you the time to do so. Following the forty-five minute program, couples are encouraged to enjoy a "date night." Childcare is provided from 5:45–9 p.m., but a reservation is needed by October 29. Email susan@uccftw.com for reservations.

You and your partner are invited to join us on Friday, November 6, in Room 207 from 6-7 p.m. This month's topic: *Find the Time*.

For more information, email Rev. Jessica Vacketta at jessica@uccftw.com.

Gallery Notes

by Camille Kerr



For centuries the church has been a patron for the visual arts as art is able to communicate the stories and mysteries of God's word without words.

A print of Tintoretto's *Jesus at the Sea of Galilee* is one of the many beautiful art works that are on display in the Gallery of University Christian Church.

This dramatic oil painting, created by the Italian painter Tintoretto, illustrates Christ's appearance to seven of the apostles after his resurrection as recorded in John 21.

The disciples were out fishing when Jesus calls to them from the shore. He asks them if they have any fish. So far they have not had any luck and they tell him so. The disciples do not recognize Jesus. Jesus tells them to cast the net from the right side of the boat and they

will find fish. When they do this they catch so many fish that they are not able to haul the net into the boat. It is then that they recognize Jesus.

In this painting the wind is so strong that it is filling the sail of the boat, the waves are agitated and choppy. The sky is dark and filled with stormy, billowing clouds. Christ stands on the shore on the left side of the canvas with his arm outstretched toward the disciples in their boat who are frantically working to pull in their net full of fish.

We can look at this painting and be reminded that Christ stretches his hand out to us in times of trouble as he did to his disciples.

The original of this painting hangs in the National Gallery of Art in Washington D.C.

Life of the Church

Weddings

Emily Oliver and John Deaso, August 29 Stephanie Burnett and Warner Fox, September 5

Births

Eloise Yeaeun Miller, August 13 Parents, Esther and Jason Miller Grandparents, Yeahwa and Tim Lee

Jack Sullivan Fickes, August 14 Parents, Kasey and Corey Fickes

Henry Alexander Ingram, August 17
Parents, Rachel and Justin Ingram
Grandparents, Michelle and Doug Ingram

Deaths

Robert J. Scully, Sr., July 31, father of Bob Scully

Ethel Carson, August 13 grandmother of Liza Cox

Robert Graydon Ely, August 15 brother of Trisha Satterfield

Chaplain, (Lt. Col.) James Landon Williams, USAF, ret., August 16 grandfather of Samantha Copeland

Ed Havran, August 17, father of Bob Havran Sten Fersing, August 22, brother of Jan Fersing

Mickey Don Yates, August 23 father of Marlena Ramsey and Kent Yates, brother of David Yates

Hugh Walker Savage, III, August 25 son of Sally Dyess and Hugh Savage, Jr.

Mary Ann Alcorn, August 29 mother of Lynn Ranelle

Jack Stempel, August 29 husband of Judy Stempel

Dr. John Milton McCoy, August 30 father of Bill McCoy and Paige Smith, grandfather of Mindy and Jessica McCoy and Colt, Luke and Victoria Smith

Bob Bingham, August 30 brother of Maggie Thomas

Don Lauderdale, September 1 uncle of Taylor Fulk

Kitty Jung, September 2 mother of Patty Williams

Hayes Tucker, September 3, father of Bart Tucker, grandfather of Brian and Laura Tucker

Elizabeth Sanders, September 4 mother of Candice Edmondson, grandmother of Everly Edmondson

Jeanette Wright, September 7, grandmother of Chris Benavente, aunt of Ann Hilburn

Janet Thoms, September 15, cousin of Courtney Ray and Shelley Cochran

Wanda Rosentreter, September 16 mother of Lisa Blackwell Wan

Chilean Pilgrimage

January 16-26, 2016



University Christian Church has been invited to join our missionary partner, Elena Huegel, in Chile for one last pilgrimage before she leaves Chile to begin a new ministry in March of 2016. UCC's Rev. Cyndy W. Twedell will assist in leadership as the group focuses on

restoring and caring for the environment. The cost per person (eighteen years and older) is \$650 plus airfare. Each participant will arrange his or her own flight to and from Santiago (currently around \$1,500). Space is limited. Reservation and a \$150 down payment

must be made by October 7. Email Cyndy at <u>cyndy@uccftw.com</u> if you are interested in participating.

As in previous pilgrimages to Chile, our group will be matched with a Chilean group as we stay in their homes, worship with them and then participate together in retreat at Centro Shalom, the beautiful camp Elena helped establish in the foothills of the Andes. The 2016 delegation will stay in Vichuquen and work with the Chilean participants to install a peace pole in this historic colonial city.

Elena is bilingual and bicultural. With over twenty years experience in camp settings in Mexico, Paraguay, the U.S. and Chile, Elena is a teacher, a storyteller, a poet and an artist who receives sustenance and inspiration from the intricate, mysterious natural world. She uses a variety of imaginative teaching methods to impart knowledge about ecology and peace building.

Check out her blog at http://colibrienchile.blogspot.com/ or her web page at http://www.globalministries.org/elena_huegel.

Gates of Chai Lectureship



DIVINITY SCHOOL

The Eighteenth Annual Gates of Chai Lectureship, sponsored by Brite Divinity School, will be held at University Christian Church Thursday, November 5. There will be a 6:30 p.m. reception and 7:15 p.m. lecture. This year's event celebrates 50 years of Catholic-Jewish Dialogue: In honor of the anniversary of Nostra Aetate, the Second Vatican Council's Declaration on the Relation of the Church with Non-Christian Religions.

Speakers are Bishop Brian Farrell, Secretary of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christina Unity, and Rabbi David Rosen, International Director of Interreligious Affairs of the American Jewish Committee and its Heilbrunn Institute for International Interreligious Understanding.

Dr. Sharon E. Watkins, General Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), will moderate.

Tickets are \$18 and can be purchased at https://epay.tcu.edu/brite_tickets/.

Bishop Farrell previously served as Director of the Novitiate of the Legionaries of Christ in Connecticut, U.S. He was awarded a Doctorate in Theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University in 1981 and he began work in the Secretariat of State in the Vatican in October of the same year.

In 2002, he was appointed Titular Bishop of the titular see of Abitinae and Secretary of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity. He was ordained a bishop in 2003 by Pope John Paul II.

Former Chief Rabbi of Ireland and a past Chairman of the International Jewish Committee on Interreligious Consultations (a broad-based coalition of Jewish organizations representing world Jewry to other religions), he serves on the leadership of various international interreligious bodies.

Rabbi Rosen received a papal Knighthood in 2005 for his contribution to Jewish-Catholic reconciliation and in 2010 he was made a Commander of the British Empire by H.M. Queen Elizabeth II for his work promoting interfaith understanding and cooperation.

Room in the Inn: It's All About Community

by Carol Stewart



UNIVERSITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

An integral resource for our *Room in the Inn* is DRC. From its location on East Lancaster, DRC screens and signs up the guests whom we greet every Wednesday evening during the coldest and hottest months of the year.

At a recent *Room in the Inn* (RITI) Advisory Board meeting, Bruce Frankel,

CEO of DRC, informed us that *Room in the Inn* is their greatest asset. DRC clients who participate in RITI are the ones most likely to integrate back into the community.

Wow. That is pretty impressive.

Community. We can do that! Jesus taught us how. Our community of faith is good at welcoming the stranger. We greet others with a friendly smile. We enfold those we know, and those we have yet to meet, in prayer. We provide encouragement and friendship. We share. *Room in the Inn* is an inclusive community, providing for physical needs and emotional needs, as well.

We are grateful to have a part in providing dinner, a bed and breakfast for some of the 125-130 people DRC will place in housing each year. We thank God for our guests who join with us in forming a warm and loving community. UCC is one of the sixteen churches in the Fort Worth Area who host *Room in the Inn*. Sunday School classes and individuals prepare dinner. Volunteers take short shifts setting up, serving meals, eating and visiting with our guests and cleaning up. Innkeepers stay the night in our RITI suite.

If you'd like to learn more about this program, email <u>carolmstewart@sbcglobal.net</u>.

Thanksgiving Baskets



University Christian Church has been participating in the South Central Alliance of Churches (SCAC) Thanksgiving Dinner Ministry for twenty-seven years, and we're gearing up again this year. During the month of October, our neighbors in need in zip codes 76104, 76109 and 76110 will register

by family for a Thanksgiving turkey and traditional dinner ingredients. Each 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 1, and assemble additional bags on Saturday, November 21, in Walker Hall. Some families enjoy taking their children to purchase items for the Thanksgiving Baskets; others prefer writing a check. In November, look for flyers in the *Journal*, at The Arches, and in the Sunday school classrooms that list the grocery items requested and/or provide information on monetary gifts. 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 1, 8 and 15, and at the Reception Desk during the week.

UCC's Thanksgiving grocery bags will be delivered to SCAC located at the Southside Church of Christ on Monday, November 23, and will be handed out to the families on Tuesday, November 24. Youth from Southside Church of Christ will receive and organize the bags on Monday, but the Alliance is looking for volunteers to help clients check in and to help carry sacks of food to cars on Tuesday. To volunteer, please call SCAC Program Director, Opel Smith, at 817.923.0486.

Prayers and Compassion for Syrian Refugees



We continue to pray for our brothers and sisters fleeing Syria. More than 267,000 mothers, fathers, sons and daughters have now survived treacherous voyages to European shores in what the United

Nations has described as the biggest refugee crisis since World War II.

Aid and advocacy are sorely needed and both require great coordination of efforts. Week of Compassion continues to work with partners in Europe to provide food, water, warm clothing, and shelter to the thousands of displaced persons for whom the journey is only beginning.

Week of Compassion is the relief, refugee and development mission fund

of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Every day, all around the world, Week of Compassion responds on our behalf to the needs of people struggling to survive. Thank you for your support and partnership, and for putting your Compassion into Action for the thousands of lives impacted by the crisis.

UCC is receiving contributions to Week of Compassion for the refugee crisis. Contribute on line or make checks to UCC marked for WOC.

UCC Legacy Society

by David Nolan, Endowment Committee Chair



Outreach, music, youth programs, the building and much, much more are supported through our annual operating gifts to the church. Did you know the

UCC endowment also supports these ministries and many others?

Many who have supported UCC's mission and ministry through their time, talent and treasure for years choose to continue that support in perpetuity through a special Legacy Gift arrangement. The UCC Legacy Society is being established to honor and recognize these donors for their gifts

and gift plans. Have you considered including the church in your plans?

Please contact Michelle Ingram if you would like to know more about how you can help ensure the future and create a legacy.

Remembering Lynn Cross

by Leslie Dell



It's hard to believe that it's been nearly six months since Lynn Cross died. I still expect to see her sitting at her desk or hurrying down the hall. The last time I saw her it was quitting time. She was rushing around trying to finish up her 'to do' list. Always thorough, Lynn had to make sure everyone else was taken care of before she left for the day. As it turns out, that was her last working day at UCC. How I miss seeing her.

Remembering Lynn, I think of two things: her zest for life and her compassion for the poor. I first got a glimpse of her 'zest' when we were ladies in waiting together for the Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival a few years ago. She had so much fun playing dress-up! (It was catching: I did too!) She clearly enjoyed chatting with everyone as we waited for 'show time.' Because of her endless energy I was surprised by her age. While others were retiring, Lynn was planning her next trip. She loved to travel and was always excited to share her latest trip's photo album. The photos would reveal a beaming Lynn with Thomas by her side. Lynn had such a great smile.

As for her compassion, if you knew Lynn at UCC, you knew her focus was always on helping the less fortunate. Assisting Rev. Cyndy W. Twedell with her Outreach duties was a perfect fit. She worked tirelessly for *Room in the Inn* and mission trips-everything related to Outreach. She was the energy behind the scenes that made sure Outreach events were scheduled, staffed and a success.

Then came the terrible cancer diagnosis. It hardly slowed her down initially. Even when the doctors insisted she take time off from work, she begged for computer access to be able to work from home. As the cancer progressed, I never saw Lynn discouraged. She adjusted quickly to losing her eye and had an amazingly positive attitude through it all. She was such an inspiration.

In gratitude for Lynn's hard work and in memory of her compassionate spirit the Lynn Cross Outreach Fund has been established to provide continued support to the causes Lynn loved. At the time of her death Lynn's family asked that memorials be given to the church hoping one day to have enough contributions for a named fund. To insure a named fund, the Board of approved the Outreach Stewards Committee's request to authorize \$5,000 be added to the memorials. Additional contributions to the Lynn Cross Outreach Fund can be made to University Christian Church as a way of remembering Lynn's faithful service.

Parent with Love and Logic



On September 20, the Genesis class embarked on a six-week series learning how to *Parent with Love and Logic*. The facilitator is Linda

Clarke, who has trained parents with this curriculum for over fifteen years. Ms. Clarke is guiding the class through the principles outlined in the Foster Cline and Jim Fay book, *Parenting with Love and Logic*. The *Love and Logic* techniques help children and teens

become more respectful and responsible. The techniques empower parents to use empathy and understanding instead of anger and threats to hold children accountable for misbehavior. Parents are learning ways to neutralize arguments with their children while guiding them to become experienced problem solvers. Love allows children to grow through their mistakes. Logic allows children to live with the consequence of their choices.

Beyond parenting, the class hopes to learn life skills to use with spouses, coworkers and employees. Though the series has already begun, you are welcome to join the class to learn more about these techniques.

If you are interested in learning more about this series, email <u>d.deardoff@tcu.edu</u>. If you would be interested in participating in a small group study of this series in the spring, please contact Rev. Jessica Vacketta.

With a Little Faith, We Can Move Mountains

by John Andrus, Stewardship Chair



Each year we set aside October as the time we focus our attention on stewardship and our church. It is the time when the stewardship campaign is front and center. We read and hear about it in letters, as topics in articles, in sermons and in ministry moments during worship. It is when we pledge our commitment to the ministries of University Christian Church through our financial giving. It is the time that we stop and reflect upon what God has given us and what we are willing to give back to God.

As we learned through the summer lecture series, church does matter. The larger "Church" matters and University Christian Church matters. UCC is

home. It is the place where we dedicate, raise and baptize our children and where we honor and celebrate the lives of those who have passed away. It is the place where we worship together and experience God's beauty through art, music and the spoken words of ministers and lay leaders each Sunday. It is where we come together and help others through countless outreach ministries that enrich and better people's lives.

Your financial support and the sharing of your time and talents in the ministries of UCC are important. Pledging our financial support (and honoring that pledge) allows the staff to plan the upcoming programing year with confidence. It allows important preventative facility maintenance to be performed to and within our building. Most importantly, it allows us to worship together in a magnificent Sanctuary, to be a student of Christ's teachings together, to serve together and to give to others by funding our outreach ministries that help people in Fort Worth and around the world by providing their basic needs and connecting them with each other and with God.

Our Stewardship request is simple:

Pledge. Complete your pledge in support of UCC for 2016 (pledges can be mailed in or completed electronically). Consider increasing your pledge if you are able.

Connect. UCC is a better place when you are in worship and when you participate in one of the many Sunday school classes or small groups that are available. When we are together, we create energy. When we create energy, our efforts are compounded.

Participate. Share your time and talents by participating in one of the ministry areas UCC supports. *The Journal*, bulletin and website highlight opportunities for all. Activities are available that impact people's lives.

With your gifts, people's lives are changed, our lives are changed. With your gifts, We Can Move Mountains.

UCC Quick Financial Summary - Unified Budget August 2015					
Description	2014 YTD Actuals	2015 YTD Actuals	Budget YTD 2015	Budget Annual	YTD Variance
Income					
Pledges	\$1,415,486	\$1,390,500	\$1,327,242	\$2,062,615	\$63,257
Non Pledge Contributions	\$147,991	\$164,775	\$132,736	\$274,468	\$32,039
Offering	\$21,582	\$19,407	\$21,985	\$37,202	(\$2,578)
Misc. Unrestricted Income	\$88,931	\$200,516	\$205,755	\$421,656	(\$5,238)
WDS Income (Net)	(\$73,297)	(\$71,096)	(\$39,072)	\$101,947	(\$32,024)
Endowment Income	\$145,878	\$151,099	\$150,866	\$305,518	\$233
Participant/Restricted					
Income & Reserve Use	\$309,296	\$458,805	\$503,381	\$650,166	(\$44,576)
Total Income	\$2,055,867	\$2,314,006	\$2,302,893	\$3,853,572	\$11,113
Total Personnel Expense	\$1,202,696	\$1,137,023	\$1,179,733	\$1,793,708	\$42,710
Total Program/Admin. Expense	\$628,355	\$826,319	\$1,042,309	\$1,495,407	\$215,990
Total Mission/Outreach Expense	\$316,152	\$250,303	\$267,418	\$524,668	\$17,115
Total Expenses	\$2,147,203	\$2,213,645	\$2,489,459	\$3,813,784	\$275,814
Net Operating Income (Loss)	(\$91,336)	\$100,361	(\$186,566)	\$39,788	\$286,927

This is a summary report of our Unified Budget. The full report is available for download from the UCC website or copies can be picked up or requested from the Business Office. If you have questions regarding this report please contact Michelle Ingram, Director of Accounting, at 817.926.6631 or michelle@uccftw.com.



Congregational Meetings

Personnel Committee

Tuesday, October 6, 5:30 p.m., Rm 202

Building & Grounds

Sunday, October 11, 12:15 p.m., Rm 226

Finance Committee

Tuesday, October 13, 5:30 p.m., Rm 202

Board of Stewards

Tuesday, October 20, 6:30 p.m., Rm 207

Assembly Meeting

Tuesday, October 27, 6:30 p.m., W. Hall

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



6th Annual Trunk or Treat

Sunday, October 25, 5-6-30 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 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 throughout the church •Decorate your trunk/SUV •Invite friends and neighbors •Help with refreshments and decorations

Last year we served over 700 hotdogs and this year we plan to welcome even more families to our church! Don't miss this opportunity to fellowship together and show our community the love and fun of UCC. Trunk and volunteer sign-ups are available at www.universitychristian.org.