



Back to School Week at The Children's Closet



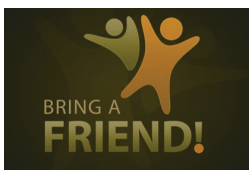
Our annual Bag-It Night is Wednesday, September 10, at 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. UCC members will gather to bag up 2,300 uniforms for counselor-identified students in thirty Fort Worth ISD schools who are in need of clothing assistance. Individuals, families, classes and other church groups are encouraged to participate as people of all ages work together to make this night a success. Childcare available for children four and under. Reservations are necessary. Contact Ann Bowling by September 5 at 817.926.6631 ext. 159.

September 8-14 The Children's Closet will be exploding with activity. Every Elementary School in the Fort Worth ISD (86 schools) will have an opportunity to order uniforms for their students.

Monday-Friday, September 8-12, The Children's Closet will be open from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. so folks can drop by and help fill an additional 1,700 orders. On Sunday, September 14, The Closet will be open from 1-4 p.m. for those who want to help but are unable to participate during the week. Sign-up sheets available in The Arches.



This important outreach ministry to children attempts to ensure all children have a uniform to wear so they can attend school with dignity and confidence.



Bring a Friend to Church!

Know someone you think might benefit from a connection with the UCC community of faith? Invite them to join us on Sunday, September 7, for worship, Sunday school and coffee fellowship following each service.

In order to make this year's Bring a Friend Sunday just a little easier for you, special cards have been printed with helpful information about the church. The invitations are at the Reception Desk and The Arches Information Desk so grab a few and pass them out!

CROP Walk

CROP Walk returns to Fort Worth. Be sure to circle Sunday afternoon, October 26, on your calendar. University Christian Church will field a group to walk and help raise funds in this ministry of Church World Service that works to combat hunger locally and internationally. Look for details to follow.



The Vision of University Christian Church

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

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





Everything Changes

by Rev. Larry Thomas, Senior Minister

On August 22, Vickie, Clayton and I moved Lucas into his dorm at Culver Stockton College in Canton, Missouri. It was one of those surreal sorts of experiences that you suspect will come someday, and that you even prepare for, psychologically and otherwise, but can never be completely anticipated: It was one of those powerful reminders that everything changes.

As we enter a new program year, we do so with the knowledge that we are

moving forward with a staff configuration and program line-up that is noticeably different than anything we have known for the better part of the last decade. A few of the changes will be obvious, such as the time for Sunday evening youth programming and the Christmas Eve schedule. Other changes will be less obvious and have to do with our adjusting to new opportunities and existing staff responsibilities. In any regard, we believe we are well positioned for an enjoyable fall and a meaningful holiday season.

Speaking of change, let me be the first

to remind you that we will soon be embarking upon our 2015 stewardship campaign. You will find added information about the campaign in this issue of the *Journal*. To avoid being redundant, I will be brief. Please read the article for more specifics. It is important that you know that this campaign will be an expanded version of what we have recently undertaken. We trust that the result of everyone's effort will be the successful underwriting of yet another year of wonderful worship and significant ministry. Thank you in advance for your generous support.



Brite Divinity School is proud to present the 37th series of The Stalcup School of Theology for the Laity. The School offers a variety of classes in Arlington, Dallas and Granbury from September through June in an effort to support and prepare

The Stalcup School of Theology for the Laity

lay leaders in their service to God. Two seminars will be offered in September.

Reading the Gospel of John

Through the Eyes of Poetry

September 6, 9 a.m.-1:45 p.m.

Northway Christian Church, Dallas

Thomas Gardner, Alumni

Distinguished Professor of English,
Virginia Polytechnic Institute

Discerning Ethical Wisdom

in an Age of Moral Disorientation

September 20, 9 a.m.-1:45 p.m.

Northway Christian Church, Dallas

Jack A. Hill, Professor of Religion,
Texas Christian University

Seminars are \$35 each and includes light lunch. (Scholarships available) Details at www.brite.edu/stalcup/ or 817.257.7580.

Friday Fellowship-Postcards and the American Scene



When did you last receive a postcard? Or send one? For most of us postcards simply conjure up

memories of times and places long gone by, but postcards were once the emails of their day! Today they are more than that...as relics of past times the images and messages contained on postcards can often be useful bits of cardboard history. Come hear about the history of

postcards and how they are useful in shedding light on times and places from our past.

Friday, September 12, at 11 a.m. in Room 207, followed by a potluck lunch at 12 noon. Ham and drinks provided.



Boar's Head Cast Sign Up

Cast and volunteer sign up for the 39th Annual Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival will take place in The Arches on Saturday, November 1, from 8-11:30 a.m. and on Sunday, November 9, from 8:30-10 a.m. and from noon-1 p.m.

If you are not familiar with the Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival and want to know more, visit universitychristian.org and look for the event on January 3 and 4, 2015!

UCC Journal

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New Members



Welcome to the Wagner family! Mike retired from HEBISD last year after thirty-seven years, twenty-seven as an elementary principal. He works part-time at TCU

supervising student teachers. Chris is beginning her twenty-eighth year as an ESL teacher in HEB. Mason will be a freshman at TCU this Fall as a religion major. He has many friends at UCC through camp and other activities. He just completed his second term on the Youth Ministry Council for the Trinity-Brazos region. Matt (not pictured) was very active in camp as a camper and counselor. He is now a firefighter/paramedic for the Bedford Fire Department. The Wagners are all life-long members of the Disciples of Christ. UCC feels like home to them and they have loved hearing about all the programs and opportunities to serve.



Newcomers Class

All are welcome to be part of the Newcomers Class!

We invite you to join us Sundays, September 7 and 14, at 10 a.m. in Room 201. Take this opportunity to invite a friend to learn more about University Christian Church.

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 details, contact Michelle Groom, Ministry Assistant, at 817.926.6631 ext. 138, or email at mgroom@uccftw.com.

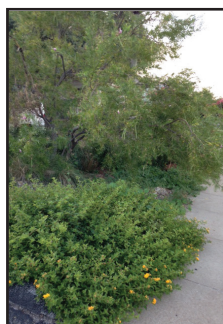
We Want Your Picture!



398 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.



Gardeners Alert! - Xeriscaping

Saturday morning, September 6, meet on Rogers Street at 9 a.m. to tidy up the xeriscaping. The plants on the corner of the parking lot on Cantey are

taking off, thanks to the clever design of Carolyn Critz--and by showing up with your work gloves, you can learn about how to care for this beautiful greenery that does not demand irrigation. For more details, contact Carolyn directly at carolyncritz1954@att.net.

Life of the Church

Births

Marshall Reed Smith, July 11
Parents–Nicole Duvall & Brian Smith

Ella Ray Raessler, July 24
Parents–Joy & Todd Raessler
Grandparents–Joyce & Kenneth Raessler

Brock Swain, July 24
Parents–Erin & Chris Swain
Grandparents–Susie & Robert Swain
Great grandmother–Elizabeth Swain

Deaths

Nola Ruth Stewart
aunt of Marianne Walker

Doretha Sileu
sister of Louis Larry

Bernice Franks
mother of Susan Franks

Everet Cole Archie, July 11
great nephew of John Fick

Polly Jack, July 13
grandmother of Sarah Boyd

Richard Brown, July 18
husband of Betty Brown,
father of Beverly Perri

Rev. Max K. Jones, July 25
husband of Suzanne Jones,
father of Lacey Jones Gomez

Anita LeMaster, July 27
mother of Brenda Zogg

Austin Covalt, August 7
father of Ann Clinckscals

Weddings

Karen Fedri and Alan Thomas
July 19

Jennifer Jones and Pepper Ackers
August 2

Madison Hines and Kent Weinkauff
August 9



Regional Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the Southwest

October 25-26

Cypress Creek Christian Church
Spring, Texas

A time for renewing old friendships and making new ones and of learning just who we are as a Regional Church.

For a full schedule of activities for all ages and registration details, go to www.ccsww.org/re2014.

Planning to attend and want to represent UCC as a voting delegate? Contact Ellen Lewis at ellen@uccftw.com.

Welcome Brenda!



Brenda Mapel will be joining the Children's Ministry staff in the part time position of Administrator for Sunday Programming. You will be seeing Brenda in our Preschool and Journey Land halls on Sunday mornings as well as helping with *Worship and Wonder* during 11 a.m. worship. She will also be planning and leading our CCF/JYF Sunday evening programming for first through fifth graders (5-6:15 p.m. in Room 211).

If the name and face seem familiar, it is because Brenda served as a UCC Youth

Intern this summer and had many opportunities to experience ministry. Of particular interest, were her times serving as a preschool VBS teacher and a camp counselor at JYF II at Disciples Crossing in Athens, TX—in both experiences, Brenda excelled. Brenda has extensive experience working with elementary-aged children at camps as well as at her home church, Central Christian Church in Arkansas City, KS. Entering her senior year at TCU where she is majoring in Religion with a minor in Anthropology, Brenda will be able to use her gifts of working with children, sharing her faith, teaching spiritual practices to children, and most importantly having fun and creating opportunities for our UCC kids and friends to grow in faith while having fun together.

Please take a moment to welcome Brenda when you see her in the halls and with our children on Sunday mornings.



Ode to Room in the Inn Volunteers

by Carol Stewart

*Thanks be to God for kitchen help
Who cook and serve the food.
For those who stay all night with guests—
A restful sleep's so good!
We're thankful for the bed-makers,
And those who host our guys.
For Dean and Cyndy and their help—
They sign up and advise.
Our gratitude to all the cooks
Who sauté, stew and bake;
Some serve a hearty breakfast to
Our guests as they awake.
Bless those who bring ingredients:
Lunch meat, OJ and biscuits.
Drivers make it possible
For all our guests to visit.
We're grateful for our clean-up crew
And laundry washers, too.
Behind the scenes or face to face,
Hooray! for all you do.*

Introducing Collin Boothby, New UCC Organ Scholar



Our long-time Associate Organist, Janet Pummill, has retired from UCC to pursue free-lance organ and composing work. We certainly wish her all the best in her new endeavors while admitting we will miss her accomplished musicianship here. Kyla Rosenberger, Senior Organist, has decided to expand the Associate Organist position to one called "Organ Scholar."

Our first Organ Scholar, Collin Boothby, a junior at TCU, studying Church Music with Dr. Joseph Butler. Collin auditioned this summer and will wear several hats while he is at UCC. In keeping with the Organ Scholar model from the Anglican church, Collin will sing with the Chancel Choir, ring with the Ad Deum Handbell Choir, and play

and direct where needed. We hope he will learn all aspects of the church music profession while interning at UCC and are excited to be able to engage with another student from the fine music school at TCU.

Collin's hometown is Southworth, Washington. He has previously been the organist at Edge Park United Methodist Church in Fort Worth. He has presented recitals at TCU, St. Mark's Cathedral in Seattle, and at Agnus Dei Lutheran Church in Gig Harbor, Washington. Collin has performed with many TCU ensembles including Concert Chorale, Vocal Jazz Ensemble, Jazz Band II, Frog Corps and the Wind Symphony. Most recently he won the undergraduate division of the 2014 William C. Hall Pipe Organ Competition, held in San Antonio, and he was selected as one of eight E. Power Biggs Fellows by the Organ Historical Society and won a trip to their convention in Syracuse, NY.

We are fortunate to have this young talent join our staff. Please welcome Collin Boothby to our congregation's worship life!



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.

Regular activities:

Latte with the Ladies

Saturday, September 13

Beginning at 9 a.m. at the The Black Rooster (2430 Forest Park Blvd-76110)

WILD Women Book Club

Monday, September 15

6 p.m., Cat City Grill

and Tuesday, September 16

11:30 a.m., UCC Library

We will discuss the book *The Tiger's Wife* by Tea Obreht.

(see article below for more!)

Women of Valor - New time!

Sunday, September 21

Now meeting the third Sunday of each month at 5 p.m. in Room 204. This is a diverse group of women representing many stages of life with a common goal of sharing faith, laughter and good refreshments! 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.

"Eshet chayil—woman of valor in Hebrew—has long been a blessing of praise in the Jewish community. ...great women of the faith, like Sarah and Ruth and Deborah, are identified as women of valor. One of my goals after completing my year of biblical womanhood was to 'take-back' Proverbs 31 as a blessing, not a to-do list, by identifying and celebrating women of valor."

—A Year of Biblical Womanhood
by Rachel Held Evans

Women's Circles, October 7, 10 a.m.

First Tuesday October-May

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

Special Upcoming events:

Friday, September 12

Church Women United will gather for their yearly Human Rights Celebration and Bible Study at 10:30 a.m. at Poly Community Center (3100 Avenue I-76104). This year's theme is *Through God our Hands Can Protect*. Please bring hygiene items to donate.

Sunday, September 28

Celebrating Women Who Make A Difference! Sandi Kennedy, UCC Board Chair, will speak. The \$10 lunch will be at 12:15 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Make prepaid reservations online by September 19 or at The Arches Information Desk on Sunday, September 21. (more on page 6)



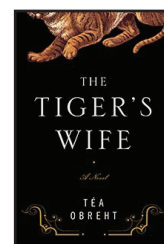
The WILD Women Celebrate Ten Years of Reading Together

In celebration of the WILD Women Book Club's ten years of reading together and supporting the work of Heifer International's WILD (Women in Livestock Development) program, the group will travel to Arkansas to learn more about Heifer International, especially in it's work to empower women around the world. They will tour the LEED Heifer International Headquarters in Little Rock and spend time with the animals at Heifer Ranch in Perryville. The group will also shop at a local bookstore in Little Rock.

Since 2004, the WILD Women Book Club

has contributed \$4,581.57 in support of Heifer International. Heifer's goal is to end poverty—a simple goal that requires serious commitment. WILD recognizes that women produce 80 percent of the developing world's food, yet make up 70 percent of the worlds poor. Overlooked by government programs and often denied education, rural women face a cycle of poverty, hunger and despair. Through training from Heifer International and their model of Passing on the Gift, women and their entire communities benefit as social and cultural boundaries are overcome.

Inspired by Heifer, the 2014-15 book



theme celebrates *all* creatures of our God and King. We'll read books featuring animals and encounter the mystery and metaphor these wise creatures present in literature. September's book is *The Tiger's Wife* by Tea Obreht.

The WILD Women Book Club starts off the year Tuesday, September 16, for a brown bag lunch at noon in the Library (some gather at 11:30 a.m. for fellowship). The evening group meets Monday, September 15, 6 p.m. at Cat City Grill (1208 W. Magnolia Ave.). We hope you'll join us!

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.



Baby Dedication

Kate Harper King, daughter of Brian & Lauren King. Grandparents are Sue Ott, Michael & Kellie Morton, and Randy & Tina King. Great-grandparents are Dale & Sheri Bell and Maurice Graves.

Would You Like to Have Your Child Dedicated?



Dedications take place during 11 a.m. worship. Upcoming dates are September 14, 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 classes offered are September 7 or November 9 at 10 a.m. Contact Susan at susan@uccftw.com or ext. 165 for details.

Men's Movie Night

Join us Saturday, September 20, at 6:30 p.m. in Room 207 for a viewing of the film, *Nebraska*. Bruce Dern stars in a role that earned him an Academy Award nomination. The film tells the story of a father and son who take a road trip, and

discover more about themselves and each other than they ever would have imagined. \$5 at the door gets you a chicken dinner, movie and a great discussion. Sign up at The Arches Information Desk.



Celebrating Women Who Make a Difference!

Join us Sunday, September 28, for the Women's Ministries lunch featuring one of our own talented women-- Sandi Kennedy, UCC Board Chair.

Sandi is an elder, a mentor to many and has served in leadership in almost every area of the church.

The \$10 lunch will be at 12:15 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Make prepaid reservations online by September 19 or at The Arches Information Desk on Sunday, September 21.

Plan to be part of this exciting event. And invite the women of all ages who have made a difference in your life!



Third Annual Silent Movie Night

A 1910 French novel called *The Phantom of the Opera*, written by Gaston Leroux, has become a cultural phenomenon. Many movie and musical adaptations

have been made in the last one hundred years and Americans are most familiar with Andrew Lloyd Webber's Broadway version. UCC will present Tom Helms, theater organist, accompanying the silent movie version from 1925.

The Phantom of the Opera version shown here on October 30, which the UCC Music Department and the TCU Film Department will co-sponsor, stars Lon Chaney. He was a huge star of silent films

and was renowned for characterizations of tortured, often grotesque and afflicted characters such as *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*. Chaney was especially skilled at pantomime since his parents were both deaf, and his genius with his own makeup was legendary.

Come hear Tom Helms bring Lon Chaney's performance to life with captivating and creative musical accompaniment on the UCC Sanctuary organ. Celebrate the Halloween week by wearing a child-friendly costume if you wish. Definitely plan on eating popcorn and ice cream before the show!

On October 30 pre-concert treats start at 6:30 p.m. in Room 207. The film begins at 7 p.m. We hope to see you and your friends at this special spooky event.



Flower Ministry Opportunity

Have you ever known anyone to scowl when offered a beautiful bouquet of flowers? No, probably not! People love to get flowers and to know someone thought of them.

Most Sundays we have a large bouquet in the Chancel that volunteers divide into smaller bouquets after worship.

The bouquets are left in the Gallery refrigerator or at the Reception Desk to pick up Sunday or Monday.

Volunteers take those bouquets to homebound members, or when visiting folks in the hospital. Would you commit to delivering one or two bouquets once a month? Contact Carol Jane Lawrence at [kcj@lawrence-allen.com](mailto:kcyj@lawrence-allen.com) to learn more!



Worship and Wonder

In order to allow our children to fully experience worship, they must be active participants in worship. Hearing, reading, singing and observing a body of faith praise God is a primary aspect of faith development; however, children must also have the opportunity to interact with worship on their own developmental level. In an effort to meet both goals, children

in first through third grades are invited to join a *Worship and Wonder* leader in the Gallery during the hymn following Communion (*see bulletin*). This group of children will have an opportunity to read the scripture from worship, hear the story of faith on their own level, wonder about where they find God in the scripture and how the experience might change how they make decisions in the week ahead. We will rejoice the

congregation during the final hymn of discipleship, sitting together in reserved space, experiencing the beauty of a congregation welcoming, supporting and sharing in relationship together at the end of worship. Parents pick up children from the Sanctuary following the service.

If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please contact Kera Watts at kera@uccftw.com.

CYF/JYF



CCF (first-fifth graders) and JYF (fourth-fifth graders) start back up on Sunday,

September 7, at 5 pm. CCF/JYF is a growing group of elementary aged kids playing, learning, worshipping and serving together each Sunday night. Our worship, service and fellowship experiences will enrich your child's faith development and keep them begging

to come back on Sunday evenings. Bring your child and their friends so they can join in on the fun (5-6:15 p.m. in Room 211).

Go to ucckids.org if you have not yet completed the Child Medical Release form needed for this program.



First Grade Inclusion on September 28

Welcome to *Worship* first graders are enjoying their class during 11 a.m. worship to learn the intricacies of worshipping as a group. The class, led by Barbara Tucker, began

August 24 and continues each Sunday through September 21, when parents are invited to join in the last session.

All of the learning and preparation will be celebrated on September 28 with

the First Grade Inclusion ceremony during the 11 a.m. worship service. Our worshipping community will officially welcome these children into our midst and celebrate the joy each child brings to worship.



Children's Choir at UCC

UCC Children's Choirs are about to begin rehearsals for the 2014-15 school year and we would love to have your children involved in this fun musical program. Choirs consist of our Carol Choir, K-first grades and our Alleluia Singers, second-sixth grades. Children's Choirs provide a wonderful way to involve your children in worship, experience the unity of choral singing and gain confidence while having fun and fellowship with friends.

Choirs perform in worship on special Sundays, including Children's Sabbath, Hanging of the Greens, Christmas Eve and Week of Compassion. During the

spring semester, the children perform their Annual Spring Musical. We have an exciting year planned incorporating a new curriculum guide called *Growing in Grace* that has creative activities and anthems.

Getting your children involved in choir opens the door to many opportunities: gaining musical intelligence, understanding their faith journeys and creating new and lasting relationships. Music is not always the highest priority in our elementary schools unfortunately, but you have this wonderful chance to supplement your children's musical education by signing up for Children's Choirs.

Rehearsals begin September 7 and start with lunch in Room 211 directly

following 11 a.m. worship. Rehearsals are 12:30-1:30 p.m. in the Shirey Rehearsal Hall. Parents initial the sign in and out sheet at drop off and pick up. Lunch is \$3 per child per lunch. You may pay for the year in advance and the cost is \$69 per child or \$34.50 per semester. It is fine to pay Sunday by Sunday also.

Parent volunteers are also needed to provide lunch for the choir one Sunday. Feel free to contact Director Mary Farmer with any questions you may have or to register your children directly at maryelizabethfarmer@yahoo.com.

Registration forms will also be available in Room 211 on the first day of rehearsal. Come join the fun!



On-line Sunday School Registration

If you have not registered your child for 2014-15 Sunday School, simply go to the Children's Ministries blog, ucckids.org. It's quick, it's simple, and you can register all your kiddos at once. Information on other programs for your child and family such as CCF/JYF, children's choirs, *The Well*, or the Acolyte Ministry also available.

A French Feast for the Senses

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



Church and the Arts invites you to join us for one of the most charming

and memorable tours you'll ever take exploring "the North of France"! We'll visit—and often stay overnight in—some of the officially designated "Most Charming Villages in France." Our accommodations and many of our meals will be in quaint bed & breakfasts, intimate hotels, and country inns. Even veteran European travelers will find this tour different from any other; and if you've never traveled in France, it's a dream-come-true!

Our group will be limited to twenty-four participants due to small accommodation and dining venues, as well as limited seating in our private minibus. Our goal is to genuinely experience France, its people and their culture. This tour promises unforgettable sights, memorable meals and the chance to check off several of France's "must-see" locales.

Full itinerary and payment information available from Marsha Hodges at marsha@uccftw.com.

Labyrinth



There was a labyrinth on the floor that I walked as an exercise in spiritual insight and prayer.—R. Scott Colglazier, *Touchstones*, p. 71

The Labyrinth Ministry at UCC has been serving the church and our surrounding community for over fifteen years. Labyrinth walks are offered yearly on All Saint's Sunday, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Other walks have been made available upon group requests.

This form of service is a quiet, meditative communion with God that proceeds

at the walker's rhythm and pace. Our ministry provides candles to light in remembrance, gratitude or worship plus seating to use before or after the walk for contemplation and prayer.

All Saint's Sunday, November 2, will be our next scheduled walk in Room 207. All are invited to participate in this form of service. Please join us then.

adult Sunday school

Adult Sunday school at UCC is a place where faith and life connect, and where members get to know each other on a more personal level. Fall is a great time to try out a new class or reconnect to a group you were part of in the past.

Adult Sunday School

We currently offer fourteen adult classes each week, in addition to our Newcomer's Class that meets periodically throughout the year. Classes vary in size and style, but all gather every Sunday morning at 10 a.m. in classrooms on the first, second and third floors. Detailed information about classes and topics can be found on our

website www.universitychristian.org/ministries/adult/adult-sunday-school/.

If you have any questions regarding Adult Sunday school classes, please contact Rev. Jessica Vacketta at jessica@uccftw.com. We hope you'll check out one of these classes this month!

A Little About the UCC Chancel Choir

The resident choir for our Sunday services is a close-knit community of singers from high school age to senior adults. The music selection is widely varied with music and texts from antiquity through new music barely off the presses.

Musical needs of our singers are met by intense rehearsals led by our nationally known Choirmaster, Dr. Jerry McCoy. Though he also teaches choirs at UNT, he is a fun and inspiring leader for our amateur singers. Our assistant directors

Eric Mullins and Jackson Yandell round out a great directing staff.

Our choir attends to the spiritual and social needs of its members with prayer, group joys and concerns, and twice-annual parties. Special music events with other choruses are being scheduled too.

Rehearsals are from 7-9 p.m. each Thursday evening in the Ronald L. Shirey Rehearsal Hall on the first floor of the church. You may contact our music assistant, Marsha

Hodges, for a complete calendar at marsha@uccftw.com.

A retreat on September 5 (evening) and 6 (day) in Glen Rose at the Still Water Lodge will introduce all new and current choir members to our fall music. We are looking forward to meeting our new TCU student singers and hopefully you too! Please contact Jerry McCoy at jerry@uccftw.com if you are interested. No audition is necessary, but he would like to visit with you about your singing experience and voice range.

Nicaragua Mission Pilgrimage Highlights

What a joy to return to Nicaragua and reunite with friends from previous pilgrimages! In late July, a group of twelve people represented UCC in our fourth Nicaraguan mission pilgrimage with opportunities to give and receive and be richly blessed in both! We enjoyed the beauty and unique sites around Managua while building lasting relationships with the people of Project Chacocente and La Mision Cristiana. At Project Chacocente, we celebrated previous projects now completed: classrooms, the bridge, the bathrooms, side walks and the sports court. And worked to continue to improve the school grounds mixing cement, building sidewalks, moving countless wheel barrels of dirt and whatever other jobs were needed. We also observed the work of new Global Ministries missionary Magyolene Rodriguez and the people of La Mision Cristiana and shared with them in rich and meaningful worship. Your prayers and support are appreciated!



Last year's delegation dug postholes for this bridge; we tested it to make sure it was strong. Great work!



Samantha, Braden, and Lauren are ready to move some dirt!



Rachel, Abbey, and Samantha were more than excited to meet the newest additions to the Project Chacocente Family.

Cyndy and Mayito are excited to be reunited after last seeing each other in Chile a few years ago.



Mayito, our Global Ministries missionary, teaching youth about communication.



Go Frogs! TCU students and alumni proudly wave the flag at a lookout point in a national park.



Esperanza convinced Sam to try on some traditional dancing attire.



Language isn't a barrier for this friendship.



North Texas Giving Day!

**NORTH TEXAS
GIVING DAY**
September 18, 2014
6am to midnight

September 18 is North Texas Giving Day. On that day plan to donate to our good friends at the Day Resource Center (DRC), the organization

that serves the Fort Worth homeless population and screens homeless guests for participation in all twenty-two Room in the Inn ministries. On September 18 from 6 a.m. to midnight, every donation of \$25 and above will be multiplied by

funds from North Texas Giving Day. Go to www.northtexasgivingday.org and search for the Day Resource Center to make your donation. You may also find there additional organizations you would like to support.



Kid's Hope

School has started and the halls of Rosemont Elementary School are filled with children excited about a new school year. For the third year, several of those

students will have a UCC Kids Hope mentor meeting with them each week to encourage and support them in their success in school. Please hold Rosemont Elementary School in you prayers—all the students, teachers and staff. And

pray for our mentors and their students.

If you would like to be part of this rewarding ministry or for additional information contact Rev. Cyndy Twedell at cyndy@uccftw.com.



Backpacks for Kids Resumes

With school back in session, BackPacks for Kids is ready to start up again. Weekends can mean hunger for children who depend on school meals for their primary nutrition. Backpacks for Kids, a program of the Tarrant Area Food Bank (TAFB), supplies backpacks filled with child-friendly, nonperishable and nutritious food which are handed out discretely at school each Friday to counselor-identified students most at risk of

being hungry on the weekend. This growing TAFB program is now being supported by the Outreach budget of UCC with a three year commitment which has enabled the introduction of one additional school.

TAFB opens its doors each Wednesday at 6 p.m. so the public can participate in filling the backpacks. This is a great ministry activity for individuals, the whole family or a group of friends who want to serve together. A new on-line registration system has recently been introduced, making it quick and easy to

sign up. Visit www.tafb.org/volunteer to reserve a spot for yourself, your family or a few friends. UCC's Linda Smith is the Director of Volunteer Services at TAFB and would be happy to answer your questions or help you through the registration process. Call Linda at 817.332.9177 ext. 118. TAFB is located at 2600 Cullen Street.

Children as young as eight years old are welcome to volunteer but must be supervised by an adult and be at least forty-eight inches tall.



Students Away Ministry

As part of our Students Away Ministry, we send cards and care packages to students throughout the year. Parents of students leaving for college can help

by contacting the church to provide the information for your college student to stay in touch with their church. Please send your mailing address and a current email address to Rev. Jessica Vacketta, jessica@uccftw.com, to ensure we have accurate information.

Have you transferred schools or moved out of the dorm and into an apartment or house since May? Then we need your information. UCC is committed to staying connected and supporting our students away as they navigate the challenges of college life.



Did You Know?

•“Original” Angels were members of the Bible Discovery Sunday school class in the early ‘90’s

•In 1993, fifty Kindergarten students were outfitted with brand new coats during the winter months by the generous giving of those Angels

•Relationships were developed with school counselors and the giving

continued throughout the school years

•What started as a class initiative developed into a church-wide mission

•For over twenty years, the Angels of UCC have served children of our community, averaging around 500 children blessed each December

•About \$80 affords the children of our community a new coat, sweatshirt, pair of jeans, shoes, a toy, a book and a Bible

Did you know that you too could be a Christmas Angel? For details on you how can donate, sponsor an item or volunteer please contact Kate Williams at katecwilliams@yahoo.com.

Mark your calendars for a family-oriented Christmas Angels Wrap Night, Sunday, December 14, at 5 p.m. Our children’s and youth programming will also take part, spreading God’s love one child at a time.

Stewardship 2015

As summer comes to an end, a group of your fellow UCC members have been planning our upcoming Stewardship Campaign. As we brainstormed ideas about our theme for the campaign and the goals we'd like to accomplish, a key concept bubbled to the surface.

Who We Are-God's Hands and Feet, is the concept that resonated with the team. It spoke to each of us for different reasons, and that is why we found it compelling as our Stewardship theme for 2015.

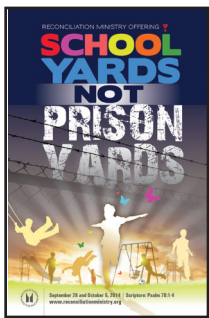
UCC is a beautiful church filled with wonderful people who do amazing things, each contributing in their own unique way to make UCC not just a place to worship, but a place that comes alive because people are working as God's hands and feet in our church, our community, our

denomination and the world. Hundreds of stories of how people connect with others through their own personal ministry pop into mind. From serving in our worship service (acolytes, choir members, ushers, scripture readers, communion preparers, Elders, ministers, to name a few) to serving others, both internally (Sunday school groups sharing life events together and members graciously washing coffee cups each Sunday) and externally (dinner to homeless guests on the hottest and coldest nights, helping high school girls have the perfect prom dress, feeding the hungry, and bagging clothing for children as they go back to school). There are literally hundreds of examples of programs and ministries at UCC, and collectively, through worship, fellowship and outreach, they make up *Who We Are*. It doesn't just magically happen. We

make it happen through our gifts of time, money and sharing the talents that God has provided us. Sharing those gifts and making a real difference in people's lives is the cornerstone to our future.

As you begin to think about Stewardship and how you will participate to support the ministries and mission of UCC, we ask that you consider *Who We Are* and ask yourself these three important questions:

- What more can I do with my gifts of time, talent and money to help be the cornerstone of our future?
- What more can I do to be part of *Who We Are*?
- Whom can I invite to church that would want to be *God's Hands and Feet* with us?



Reconciliation Offering

The Reconciliation Offering for 2014 will be received September 28 and October 5. This Special Offering is used to fund our Church's mission

priority to become a pro-reconciling/anti-racist church through experiential education, inclusive worship and intentional dialogue across racial/ethnic differences. Becoming pro-reconciling and anti-racist is work that requires time, patience, vulnerability and trust to build relationships. Funds from this offering

provide for leadership development in our camps, our communities and our congregations as well as resources to promote small group study and community-action. Your gifts change lives and build hope for the realm of God, for our children, and for Christ's Church!

UCC Quick Financial Summary - Unified Budget July 2014

Description	2013 YTD Actuals	2014 YTD Actuals	Budget YTD 2014	Budget Annual	YTD Variance
Income					
Pledges	\$1,210,964	\$1,277,663	\$1,233,305	\$2,047,567	\$44,358
Non Pledge Contributions	\$114,051	\$132,035	\$134,961	\$276,300	(\$2,926)
Offering	\$20,662	\$19,160	\$21,020	\$38,700	(\$1,860)
Misc. Unrestricted Income	\$85,581	\$80,869	\$85,203	\$161,605	(\$4,334)
WDS Income (Net)	\$13,174	(\$32,520)	\$4,323	\$86,088	(\$36,843)
Endowment Income	\$137,372	\$145,878	\$147,273	\$291,010	(\$1,395)
Participant/Restricted Income & Reserve Use	\$365,470	\$300,898	\$300,919	\$392,876	(\$21)
Total Income	\$1,947,274	\$1,923,984	\$1,927,004	\$3,294,146	(\$3,020)
Total Personnel Expense	\$1,010,991	\$1,072,978	\$1,097,368	\$1,760,791	\$24,390
Total Program/Admin. Expense	\$665,972	\$554,608	\$630,968	\$1,041,366	\$76,360
Total Mission/Outreach Expense	\$309,736	\$303,693	\$288,411	\$486,815	(\$15,282)
Total Expenses	\$1,986,699	\$1,931,279	\$2,016,747	\$3,288,973	\$85,468
Net Operating Income (Loss)	(\$39,425)	(\$7,295)	(\$89,743)	\$5,174	\$82,448

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.



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Congregational Meetings

Personnel Committee

Tuesday, September 2, 5:30 p.m., Rm. 202

Communications Committee

Wednesday, September 3, 5:30 p.m., Rm. 202

Deacons Meeting

Sunday, September 7, 12:15 p.m., Rm. 207

Finance Committee

Tuesday, September 9, 5:30 p.m., Rm. 203

Building & Grounds Committee

Sunday, September 14, 12:15 p.m., Rm. 202

Board of Stewards

Tuesday, September 16, 6:30 p.m., Rm. 207

Elders Meeting

Tuesday, September 23, 6:30 p.m., Rm. 207

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

Trunk or Treat



UCC's fifth annual Trunk or Treat is Sunday, October 26, 5:30-7 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

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

Contact kera@uccftw.com or pam@uccftw.com for more information.