



## CROP Hunger Walk



Fort Worth CROP Hunger Walk  
Sunday, September 20  
Registration/Check-in, 1:30 p.m.  
Walk, 2 p.m.  
Dee J. Kelly Alumni Center  
Texas Christian University

The Fort Worth CROP Hunger Walk has set a goal of 120 walkers and hopes to raise \$7,500 to help stop hunger and poverty here in our community and around the world through self-help initiatives. A portion of the funds raised here in Fort Worth will go to Tarrant Area Food Bank. The rest will support the international work of Church World Service.

University Christian Church has helped Church World Service's CROP Hunger Walks make big difference worldwide for years; raising funds and providing leadership, ensuring that more children reach their fifth birthday, teaching

sustainable ways to grow food and providing additional sources of food and income to families facing extreme challenges. Through our efforts, CROP Hunger Walks have also helped communities in the U.S. ravaged by floods and tornadoes to recover.

We hope you'll join us for this year's walk. Be a part of the UCC team by walking or giving. Register or donate anytime at <http://hunger.cwsglobal.org/goto/ucccrop> or pick up a fundraising packet in The Arches during the month of September. For additional information contact Rev. Jessica Vacketta.

## Women's Ministries Luncheon with Mayor Betsy Price



We'll wear blue as we welcome Mayor Betsy Price as the featured speaker for the Women's Ministries Lunch on Sunday, September 20. Isn't it great to live in a city where healthy living and compassionate service are embraced and encouraged? Mayor Price will share with us about *Blue Zones* and ways to get involved in this Fort Worth initiative. Those attending will receive a complimentary *Blue Zone* t-shirt and water bottle. \$12 prepaid box lunch reservations due by September 17. Childcare (infant through elementary) reservations due by

September 16. Register online at [www.universitychristian.org](http://www.universitychristian.org) or in The Arches Sundays, August 30, September 6 and 13.

And bring your tennis shoes for after lunch as we will walk (or make a contribution) to the Fort Worth CROP Hunger Walk at TCU. What a great time to wear your new Blue Zone t-shirt, be healthy and embrace compassionate service! Register to walk or donate to the University Christian Church team at <http://hunger.cwsglobal.org/goto/uccftw>.

## Stay Connected!

### Worship

Sundays, 9 & 11 a.m.

Live broadcast of 11 a.m. service

on KTCU FM 88.7

or on our website

at [www.universitychristian.org](http://www.universitychristian.org)



The Vision of University Christian Church

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



## New Series Begins August 30

by Rev. Larry Thomas, Senior Minister

We concluded our series of sermons, *Does Church Matter?*, on August 23. Each week we heard a different member of the staff speak to the importance of the church around a specific idea or human need. The feedback was positive as it has been with most of the sermon series that the staff and I have put together of late.

In keeping with our recent success with series, I will begin a new group of messages on August 30 based on the life of Moses. It will not be exhaustive and there may not be any new insights that grow out of it; after all, we have only been talking about Moses since we were in pre-kindergarten Sunday school. I think, however, that there are some important life lessons on leadership and

faithful living that can be elucidated thru the life of Moses as described in the Book of Exodus.

The series will be comprised of six messages, each dealing with a particular insight drawn from either an experience had or quality exhibited by Moses. They are as follows:

1. *Remember Who You Are*
2. *You Were Created For Greatness*
3. *Develop Some Character and Stick To It*
4. *Finish What You Start*
5. *Humility Is Not Just Someone Else's Virtue*
6. *You Are Good...But Not That Good*

With our Fall Kickoff, we have launched into another exciting year of programming. There will be many amazing events for you and your family to participate in over the next twelve

months. The staff and I will be formulating our Advent and Christmas activities while on retreat Tuesday afternoon thru Wednesday afternoon, September 2-3. Past planning retreats have been meaningful experiences that yielded much for the life of our congregation. We cannot wait to share with you some of the ideas and plans that will emerge from our September gathering.

I also want you to be thinking about our upcoming stewardship campaign and how you might contribute to the ongoing life and work of this congregation. It takes a tremendous amount of money, time and dedication to fully live into the vision that God has placed before us. I am trusting that we will all step up and be counted as we strive to be the people God has invited us to be.

Blessings!



## Tyler Heston Joins UCC Staff as Assistant Minister

Tyler Heston has accepted an invitation to serve as Assistant Minister for Middle School Youth. Tyler is beginning his first year at Brite Divinity School, where he will be pursuing a Master of Divinity (MDiv) degree. A native of Memphis, Tennessee, Tyler graduated in May from the University of Memphis

with a degree focused on Religion in Society, and he received certification as a Nonprofit Professional from the Nonprofit Leadership Alliance. He has extensive experience working with middle school youth as a Sunday school teacher and mission trip sponsor at the large congregation where he grew up, and has spent summers interning with Mosaic Church in Chicago and the Friends of Jesus Fellowship & Ruth Ellis Center in Detroit. During college he connected with a Disciples congregation

for the first time when he joined Kingsway Christian Church, where he served as a deacon.

Alison Nicoll will transition into the Assistant Minister for High School position, providing leadership for youth in grades nine through twelve. Tyler and Alison will share an office on the third floor in Room 316, where Tyler can be reached at ext. 268. His email address is [tyler.heston@uccftw.com](mailto:tyler.heston@uccftw.com), so feel free to send him a note welcoming him to UCC.



## Welcome Back, Sam!

Samantha Copeland continues her work with the Children's Ministry staff as the part-time Administrator for Sunday Programming. You will see Sam in our Preschool and Journey Land halls on Sunday mornings and she will also help with *Worship and Wonder* during 11 a.m. worship. In addition, Sam will lead our CCF/JYF Sunday evening programming for first through fifth graders (5-6:15 p.m.

in Room 211). Sam has been an active part of our College Ministry and began working with our children in the spring.

Growing up at First Christian Church of McKinney, Sam has been a part of all aspects of Disciples of Christ faith programs, including camp at Disciples Crossing. This summer, Sam served on both the Chi Rho I and JYF II Disciples Crossing camp staffs.

When Sam is not at UCC or studying for her degree in Sports Psychology, she can be found working with the TCU

football recruits, spending time in her sorority, playing rugby with the TCU Club Rugby team, or cheering on the Horned Frogs in any sporting event. Sam is getting to know the kids of UCC and the mutual admiration is apparent.

Make sure your child gets to know Sam by being a part of our CCF/JYF program on Sunday nights. With experience in creating and participating in meaningful activities to further spiritual growth, Sam is able to introduce service, faith and mission in fun and meaningful ways.

## Author! Author!



### Last Call for Authors!

Please share your writing talents with your UCC family by participating in *Author! Author!* Sunday, November 15, 12:15-2 p.m. Step one is to complete the Author Participant Information form and return it to Marsha Hodges in the Music Office no later than September 27. *Sooner is better!*

Forms are available on the UCC website (click on *Author! Author!* on the calendar for November 15), at the Reception Desk, and in The Arches. For details about *Author! Author!* email Ellen Myers at [ellenmyers1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ellenmyers1@sbcglobal.net).

### Author! Author! Save the Date!

Do you ever wonder where writers get their inspiration or why someone decides to write a book at all? When you

read a book do you wish you could talk to the author, ask questions about the book, and also get to know the writer on a more personal level?

Then save the date, Sunday, November 15, 12:15-2 p.m., to attend *Author! Author!* where you can connect with writers in the UCC family. More information will follow in the October *Journal*.

## Friday Fellowship, September 11



Join Friday Fellowship, September 11, 11 a.m., Room 207, as we kick-off football season with the KillerFrogs.com crew. We'll have the writers and broadcasters of this popular website join us to talk about all things football. Following the

conversation at 11, all are invited to lunch in Room 211 at 12 p.m. An entrée will be provided, but we ask that those who are able provide a side dish. Please r.s.v.p. to Rev. Jessica Vacketta by Wednesday, September 9, at 12 p.m.

## Pastoral Care



The UCC Church Friends continue to reach out and visit with members who are unable to regularly attend our Sunday worship service. The Church Friends are always looking for new friends to join us in this wonderful caring ministry. We meet monthly to check in with each other and this fall

and spring we will be focusing on a specific topic to inform our ministry. In August we spoke about the "purpose" of our visits. We discussed how our visits are often different than for other visitors (nurses, doctors etc.) because we are specifically there to extend the grace and love of God. We also spent part of the month thinking about, and praying about, how grace is present in our personal lives. In September we will

focus on "presence," the act and art of listening to our friends. We will discuss and pray together about the call we have to hear the voice of God in one another.

If you would like to be part of this ministry group, please email Sandra Soria at [sandra.pontouf.soria@gmail.com](mailto:sandra.pontouf.soria@gmail.com).

Blessings from your Church Friends!

## Walk to End Alzheimer's



Save the date, **S a t u r d a y**, October 24, join the UCC team for the 2015

Fort Worth Walk to End Alzheimer's at Trinity Park. Sign up through your Sunday school class, see the *Update*

or website or get more information in The Arches on the Sundays in October leading up to the Walk.

The Fort Worth Walk supports the work of the Alzheimer's Association North Central Texas Chapter. The Alzheimer's Association is a valuable resource for

Alzheimer's patients, their families and caregivers. Currently, the cause of Alzheimer's is not known and it can't be stopped, and because everyone is connected to the disease somehow, or will be in the future, it's a cause that everyone can get behind.

## UCC Journal

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## Newcomers Class

All are welcome to be a part of the Newcomers Class! Join us Sundays, September 13, 20 and 27, 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 always welcome.

For details, contact Michelle Groom, Ministry Assistant to Rev. Cyndy Twedell, at 817.926.6631 ext. 138, or email her at [mgroom@uccftw.com](mailto:mgroom@uccftw.com).

## Cardboard Arcade



Children's minds are made to be creative, imaginative and inquisitive. Children also intrinsically want to be of service to others. A challenge in today's culture is finding ways to allow imagination to flourish, without constraints and boundaries while at the same time satisfying a child's need to serve others.

The Children's Ministry Team has committed to a new program that will provide opportunities to meet all of our needs for kids by creating the Cardboard Arcade and participating in the worldwide Cardboard Challenge. On promotion Sunday, we introduced the Cardboard Challenge idea and in the following weeks, leading up to

Children's Sabbath, October 18, we will allow children time to create, imagine and design cardboard arcade games. The UCC's Cardboard Arcade will take place on Children's Sabbath 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. All money raised by the children through the UCC Cardboard Arcade will be donated to a local charity determined by the children of UCC.

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, mark October 18 on your calendar and commit to be a part of playing cardboard arcade games. This will be a time of fellowship, imagination, helping others and having fun.



## Wish to Have Your Child Dedicated?

Dedications take place during 11 a.m. worship. Upcoming dates are: September 20, November 22 and December 13. 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 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 September 13 at 10 a.m. Please email Susan Henry at [susan@uccftw.com](mailto:susan@uccftw.com) for details.

## UCC Handbell Transition



After leading our UCC Ringers and Ad Deum Handbell ensembles for five years, Eric Mullins is stepping aside as Director of Handbells. Though remaining on the UCC Music Staff to assist with the Chancel Choir, Eric will focus on increased duties with his new Director of Bands position at Timberview High School in Mansfield. The church youth and adults have benefitted greatly from Eric's leadership during Sunday worship, the Boar's Head Festival, weddings and two high school trips to England. Along the way they've had lots of fun ringing through countless rehearsals. Thank you, Eric!

Mimi Rogers will increase her duties to include directing Whitechapel Handbells, UCC Ringers and Ad Deum

Handbells and will be Interim Director of Handbells. She is excited about the bell music planned for the upcoming church year. Mimi assisted Eric on the recent tour of England and has these words for the UCC Ringers:

"As a public school teacher I want to see my students do well in school and finish school, especially college. As a bell director, nothing thrills me more than for a ringer to love ringing as much as me, or to continue to ring after 'graduating' from youth bell choir or even just continue on in music in some way. To be able to ring in the venues and the cathedrals we have rung in on this trip and the responses we received have made me so proud to have been your director. That I had some small part in getting you there thrills me beyond words.

"You have learned the art of ringing handbells and I hope a few other things too. I hope you feel appreciated and special for the unique talent you have. You were an awesome 'team'. I also hope you realize how special you are to me. Thanks you for your service to your church, your God and as USA ambassadors. I am so proud! *Soli Deo Gloria!*"

## Baby Dedication



*Keegan Robinson Hyman,  
son of Ryan & Carolyn Hyman.  
Grandparents are Eric & Pauline Hyman,  
Jane Barton, and Bob & Lee Barton.  
Great-grandparents are Eleanor Kohlhaas  
and Betty Hyman.  
Shown with big sister Stella.*

## New Members

*Welcome Karen Collins! Karen spends her time with her family and daily sees her twin grandbabies. She loves to travel and enjoys desserts. At her previous church, Karen taught elementary Sunday school, served as a Deacon and prayer leader for her women's circle. She looks forward to being involved at UCC.*



*Morgan and Kelly Kostohryz and their son, Hudson (4 1/2 months), are excited to be new members of UCC. Morgan is the house and family business manager for the Dan Lowrance Family and Kelly is an attorney of counsel at McClure & Cross, LLP. Many members of Kelly's family have been members or were married at UCC and Morgan and Kelly are thrilled to raise their son, Huddie, in the church. In their free time, Morgan and Kelly enjoy golfing together, traveling and cheering on their alma mater, the Horned Frogs.*

*Welcome Herbert Murray. A life time Disciple, Herb was born in Houston and came to Fort Worth by way of TCU and never left. Go Frogs! He is currently a freelance graphic designer and has a passion for all things creative.*



## Life of the Church

### Weddings

*Rebecca Blanda and Michael Berthold  
August 1*

*Rachael Anderson and Bill Ratliff  
August 8*

*Melissa Benton and Jordan Rybak  
August 15*

### Births

*Jett Dawson Jarman-Wilson, July 28  
parents are Elizabeth Jarman  
and Cristy Wilson  
grandparents are  
Ginger and David Jarman*

### Deaths

*Marion Snyder, July 15  
mother of Fred Snyder*

*Gene Nelson, July 18  
husband of Gloria Nelson  
father of Monica Nelson  
and Karen Nelson*

*Caroline Proctor, July 28  
wife of Randy Proctor  
mother of Bryson and Mercer Proctor  
sister of Pam Thomas*

*Sally Tomlinson, July 29  
mother of Jim Redwine, Julie Bilberry,  
John Tomlinson and Beth Wyatt*

*Harriet E. Hower, August 11  
grandmother of Eric Vanderwerken*

## UCC Silent Movie Night

**Thursday, November 12**

Save the date for our 4th Annual Silent Movie Night featuring *Girl Shy* starring Harold Lloyd. Theater organist, Thomas Helms, returns to UCC again to accompany this classic silent film. 6:30 p.m. snacks, 7 p.m. viewing.

*Sponsored by UCC Music Department  
and TCU Film Department.*





## Online Sunday School Registration

If you have not registered your child for 2015-2016 Sunday school, simply go to

the Children's Ministries blog, [www.ucckids.org](http://www.ucckids.org). It's quick, it's simple and you can register all your kiddos at once.

Also, you can even get more information about additional programs for your

child and family such as CCF/JYF, children's choirs, *The Marriage Well*, or the Acolyte Ministry.

## 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 rejoin 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 their child from the Sanctuary after worship.

Interested in helping with this ministry—email Kera Watts at [kera@uccftw.com](mailto:kera@uccftw.com).

## CCF/JYF Resumes in September



children's christian fellowship  
junior youth fellowship

CCF (first-fifth graders) and JYF (fourth-fifth graders) will start back up on Sunday, September 13, at 5 p.m.

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).

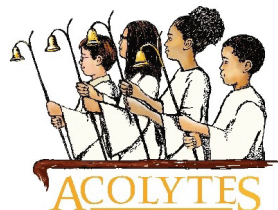


## First Grade Inclusion – September 27

Welcome to Worship first graders are enjoying their class during the 11 a.m. worship hour and are learning the intricacies of worshipping as a group. The class, led by Barbara

Tucker, began August 23 and continues each Sunday through September 20, when their parents are invited to join in the last session. All of the learning and preparation will be celebrated on September 27 with the First Grade

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



## Be an Acolyte!

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

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

Please email Kyla Rosenberger at [kyla@uccftw.com](mailto:kyla@uccftw.com) to sign up. Watch the lovely job that our current acolytes do for our ministry of worship and join them!



## Students Away Ministry

Last call for students away mailing addresses—help us support your college student!

A beloved part of our Students Away Ministry are the cards and care packages sent to students throughout the year.

Please send your mailing address and a current email address to Rev. Jessica Vacketta at [jessica@uccftw.com](mailto:jessica@uccftw.com) to ensure we have accurate information.



## Women's Ministries

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.



### *Latte with the Ladies*

Saturday, September 12, beginning at 9 a.m. at Brewed (801 W. Magnolia, 76104)

### Wild Women Book Club



Join us Monday, September 14, at 6 p.m. at Cat City Grill or Tuesday, September 15, at noon at UCC in the Library (11:30 a.m. if you like to come early to share lunch and conversation) as we discuss Harper Lee's newsworthy sequel to *To Kill a Mockingbird*, *Go Set a Watchman*. The book for October *All the Light We Cannot See*, by Anthony Doerr, won the 2015 Pulitzer Prize for fiction.



### Women's Lunch with Mayor Betsy Price

The mayor is the featured speaker at our Women's Ministries Lunch Sunday, September 20, in Walker Hall. Your \$12 prepaid reservation insures a place at this exciting opportunity to hear more about Fort Worth's *Blue Zone*. There will be door prizes, delicious healthy food from Z's Café and *Blue Zone* t-shirts. After lunch we'll walk (or make a contribution) to the CROP Walk as we stay healthy and support hunger relief in our community and around the world.



### Monday Night Fellowship

September 21, 6:30 p.m. at the home of UCC member, Tony Allred. MNF is a four-week men's small group study of *Dare to Answer: 8 Questions That Awaken our Faith* by John Brusacker. The group meets for four consecutive Monday evenings. This is a great opportunity to connect with other men in the church and spend time together in study and conversation. \$10 covers book cost.

## Men's Ministry for the Fall

### *Fire and Meat—You Bring it. We Grill It!*

Men of UCC, join us for our rescheduled celebration of *Fire and Meat* at 5:30–8 p.m., Sunday, October 4, in the backyard of church member, John Andrus, 3928 Thistle Lane, 76109. \$10 cash or check for 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.

We will provide sides, trimmings, beverages, etc. Please consider carpooling or meet at UCC at 5:15–5:20 p.m. and ride together. And bring your lawn chair!

### 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.

## September College Happenings



September 2 - **Lunch Bunch**, Noon, College Lounge

September 6 - **1st Sunday Lunch** after 11 a.m. Worship, Meet in the Gallery

September 9 - **Lunch Bunch**, Noon, College Lounge

September 13 - **Pickleball**, 4:30 p.m., Walker Hall

September 16 - **Lunch Bunch**, Noon, College Lounge

September 20 - **Crop Walk**, 1:30 p.m., Dee J Kelly Alumni Center @ TCU

September 23 - **Lunch Bunch**, Noon, College Lounge

September 27 - **Sunday Evening Small Group**, 5 p.m., College Lounge

September 30 - **Lunch Bunch**, Noon, College Lounge

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

## New Sunday Night Schedule for Youth Groups and Handbells



After coordinating with several other ministry areas and soliciting feedback from families, UCC's youth and music ministry have put together a new weekly schedule for youth groups and youth handbell choirs for this program year.

The new Sunday evening schedule is as follows:

5-6 p.m.

Middle School Youth Group  
High School Handbell Choir

6-6:30 p.m.

Snack Supper

all youth, children, college and volunteers

6:30-7:30 p.m.

High School Youth Group  
Middle School Handbell Choir

Our children's Sunday night program (CCF/JYF, grades 1-5) will start at 5 p.m. and join with youth for dinner. Afterward, Kera Watts plans to offer some optional programming for kids waiting on an older sibling who will be at the church until 7:30 p.m.

Handbell choirs had their first rehearsals on August 23 and 30. After a break for Labor Day weekend, handbell rehearsals will resume on September 13 and youth groups will have their first meetings that night.

## adult Sunday school

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.

Each month, Adult Ministries strives to highlight a different Adult Sunday school class. This month, we'd like to introduce (or reintroduce) you to the People's Bible Class. Founded in 2004, the People's Bible Class is a Sunday School Class for adults of any age who want to pursue biblical and theological

## Adult Sunday School

study. Speakers include Brite Divinity professors, UCC ministers, retired ministers, clergy from other religious institutions and representatives of other ministries and missions.

### Fall Line-Up:

**September 6**-Rev. Larry Thomas

**September 13**-Dr. Warren Carter, Professor of New Testament at Brite Divinity School, topic: *Forgiveness, Biblical References*

**September 20 and 27**-Rev. Lee Franklin, Chaplain, John Peter Smith Hospital, topic: *Forgiveness, Applications in Today's World*

**Sundays in October**-Rev. Gilbert Davis, topic: *Jacob and Joseph & the Book of Genesis*

**November 8**-Paul Kessler, Holocaust Survivor, Subject: *The Holocaust*

If you have questions regarding Adult Sunday School, email Rev. Jessica Vacketta, [jessica@uccftw.com](mailto:jessica@uccftw.com). We hope you'll check out one of the many opportunities to connect as we start another school year. Details about classes and topics are found at [universitychristian.org/ministries/adult/adult-sunday-school/](http://universitychristian.org/ministries/adult/adult-sunday-school/).

We currently offer fourteen adult classes weekly, in addition to our Newcomer's Class that meets periodically throughout the year. Classes vary in size and style, but all gather Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. in classrooms throughout the building.



## Reconciliation Offering

The 2015 Reconciliation Offering will be received September 27 and October 4. The Special Offering is used to fund the mission to become a pro-reconciling and anti-racist church utilizing the training, inclusive worship and intentional

dialogue. Our efforts to promote healing, relationship and restoration in the whole family of God are enlivened by funds from this offering providing for programs of leadership development, curriculum for dialogue and learning and partnerships within the Church and our communities. The year 2015 has catapulted the

conversation about human brokenness evidenced in the sin of racism into public awareness. Your generous giving to Reconciliation Ministry is transforming lives and strengthening Christ's witness in the world that we love one another, even as Christ continues to love 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.*



## Caring for God's Creation Hosts Green Chalice Dinner



Caring for God's Creation and Texas Interfaith Power and Light are joining the Green Chalice initiative to host

a potluck dinner on September 24. With our Catholic brothers and sisters, we will share a meal at 6 p.m. in Room 207, and listen to a panel discuss Pope Francis' address to Congress that day. Mary Jo Kaska, PhD, Biblical Scholar, and Rita Cotterly, PhD, retired, will

share a Catholic perspective. All ages are welcome!

To help us plan the space appropriately, please r.s.v.p. to Sandra Soria at [sandra.pontouf.soria@gmail.com](mailto:sandra.pontouf.soria@gmail.com) or call 817.980.9654 by September 23.



### The 1's

The 1's, a monthly gathering for single adults, will meet Sunday, September 20, for lunch at Los

Vaqueros off Berry Street. Following lunch, the group will head over to the Dee J. Kelly Alumni Center at TCU for the Fort Worth CROP Hunger Walk. Family, friends, and pets (on a leash)

are welcome to join the fun! For details, email [jessica@uccftw.com](mailto:jessica@uccftw.com).

*\*If you are interested in helping the Singles Planning Team, contact Rev. Jessica Vacketta*



### The Marriage Well

The Marriage Well, a monthly enrichment program for adults in married, partnered or committed relationships, meets Friday,

September 25. Hosted in Room 207 from 6-7 p.m., this month's topic is *Spiritual Practices for Your Marriage & Family*. Following the gathering, couples are encouraged to go out to dinner together

or enjoy a date night with their significant other. Childcare provided until 9 p.m. Email [susan@uccftw.com](mailto:susan@uccftw.com) for childcare reservations by Thursday, September 17.

## Building Security

**If Door is Locked  
Please Ring  
Doorbell for Entry**

work on door security equipment has been taking place behind the scenes. With that done, we are moving ahead now on improved security procedures for the church building.

A very important part of the security

You've seen the work being done on our doors over the past months. More

enhancements is the ability to control entry to the church at night and on weekends. We have already begun locking the church's doors after business hours on weekdays (that's 5 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 4 p.m. on Friday) and Saturdays. Of course, all of the church's doors will be open at worship times and for weddings and funerals as they are now. So how will you get into the church for a scheduled event, meeting, or choir practice? There are now buzzers (like doorbells) located

at the entrances facing University Dr. (the porte cochere), at the Rogers St. doors and at the north doors. When you press the buzzer the person sitting at the Reception Desk, who monitors the entrances via closed circuit TV, can remotely release the door locks for you to enter.

We hope you'll be patient as we become accustomed to this new routine. It's all about your safety and the security of the church's property.



### Special All Saints Day Worship

On Sunday, November 1, worship at 9 and 11 a.m. will feature a choral masterwork with orchestra.

Dr. Christopher Aspaas, Director of Choral Activities at TCU, will direct *Requiem* by Gabriel Fauré. The congregation will be invited to light candles in remembrance of loved ones.

If you wish to remember those who have passed in the last year, please email [pam@uccftw.com](mailto:pam@uccftw.com) with their name for listing in the bulletin by October 21.



### Coming Soon—40th Annual Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival

Mark your calendar for a special 40th anniversary production of the Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival. Signup days for pageant participants, behind the scenes and in the show, will be announced very soon! Special Patron tickets for our reserved seating go on sale by phone 817.926.6631 ext. 141 and on our website Monday, November 30. Performances are at 3 and 5 p.m. on January 2 and 3, 2016.



## September is Back-to-School Month at The Children's Closet

*The mission of The Children's Closet, a ministry of University Christian Church, is to spread God's spirit of love, help and hope by providing new school clothing to children in need in the Fort Worth community.*

The Children's Closet is one of UCC's largest outreach programs, funded by the UCC Outreach budget and unsolicited donations including endowments, trusts and gifts over and above pledges. There are many children in need of uniforms—an estimated 85% of students in FWISD. Despite distribution of around 7,200 uniforms last year, we still reach less than 10% of students. Our goals are to raise awareness and raise funds to support this growing need in our community.

We hope to continue our current level of distribution and reach even more children. Join the Children's Closet in making this September special for our precious school children.

### How can you help?

- Volunteer—Bag-It Night, Back To School month or volunteer to fill orders throughout the year.
- Donate—Gift the cost of one uniform, two uniforms or an entire classroom!

#### Back-to-School Month

During September, volunteers at the Closet (located in the brick duplex next to the church) will fill orders for over 50 schools (a total of 2,000 uniforms).

These orders will be filled on Mondays and Thursdays with new volunteers working from 10 a.m. to noon along with experienced volunteers.

Stop by to help!



#### Bag-It Night

Wednesday, September 9, starting at 6 p.m., volunteers will fill 2,300 orders for uniforms for thirty-two schools.

With 400+ volunteers, we can fill all the orders in slightly more than one hour. This is an intergenerational night with children and adults of all ages working to make sure all children in need have a school uniform for 2015-2016.

Don't miss it!

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### Children's Closet Uniform Order Form



☐ 1 student uniform, \$15

☐ 2 student uniforms, \$30

☐ 10 student uniforms, \$150

☐ A classroom of uniforms, \$300

☐ A grade level of uniforms, \$1,200

One Uniform Includes:

- navy or white polo • khaki pants or jeans
- socks • underwear

Total Donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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*\*Attach check made out to UCC with "The Children's Closet" in the memo. Call UCC for other payment options.*

## Army Chaplaincy Update

by Rev. Russ Boyd



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

For those who may not be aware, I attended college on an Army ROTC scholarship and entered the Chaplain Candidate Program after my graduation and commissioning as an officer. I was appointed a chaplain in the Army Reserve in the spring of 2009, and I currently serve as the Brigade Chaplain for the 176th Medical Brigade in Seagoville. In that role I supervise ten chaplains in medical units located in Little Rock, San Antonio, Seagoville, Topeka and Tulsa. Beyond my role as a supervisor, I also directly support the

soldiers in the headquarters company of my brigade by leading chapel services, providing counseling, conducting briefings on suicide prevention and personal resiliency, and leading *Strong Bonds* retreats that help married and single soldiers build healthier relationships.

On June 1, my unit assumed a new mission as a homeland CBRN (chemical, biological, radiological nuclear) response element. For the next two years, my brigade headquarters is available for activation if a disaster here in the United States overwhelms our civilian infrastructure and military resources are needed as part of a multi-agency response. The personnel in our unit must be prepared for a deployment with only 96 hours notice—which means we will each have bags packed and ready to go at the Reserve center, and we are completing the same extensive pre-deployment classes and family readiness events that units going overseas must complete. In April, we spent ten days at Camp Atterbury, Indiana, for a training event that simulated a coordinate response

to a nuclear detonation in a major metropolitan area. Our headquarters element provided command and control for Army medical assets as we worked alongside National Guard and FEMA personnel to respond.

As the Brigade Chaplain I fulfilled my traditional role of providing counseling and chapel services, but I also oversaw the religious support provided to authorized federal personnel and learned a lot about how chaplains can serve as military liaisons with faith-based organizations involved in disaster response. It was a very different experience from all of my previous training, which has focused on preparing for an overseas deployment, and I now have a much better idea of how our emergency response network fits together here in our own community.

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

### UCC Quick Financial Summary - Unified Budget July 2015

Description	2014 YTD Actuals	2015 YTD Actuals	Budget YTD 2015	Budget Annual	YTD Variance
<b>Income</b>					
Pledges	\$1,277,663	\$1,243,985	\$1,189,838	\$2,062,615	\$54,147
Non Pledge Contributions	\$132,035	\$138,900	\$119,116	\$274,468	\$19,784
Offering	\$19,160	\$17,333	\$19,535	\$37,202	(\$2,202)
Misc. Unrestricted Income	\$80,869	\$178,247	\$174,717	\$421,656	\$3,531
WDS Income (Net)	(\$32,520)	(\$22,055)	\$412	\$101,947	(\$22,467)
Endowment Income	\$145,878	\$151,099	\$150,866	\$305,518	\$233
Participant/Restricted Income & Reserve Use	\$300,898	\$452,459	\$497,305	\$650,166	(\$44,846)
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$1,923,984</b>	<b>\$2,159,967</b>	<b>\$2,151,787</b>	<b>\$3,853,572</b>	<b>\$8,180</b>
Total Personnel Expense	\$1,072,978	\$1,008,485	\$1,042,263	\$1,793,708	\$33,777
Total Program/Admin. Expense	\$554,608	\$786,647	\$932,204	\$1,495,407	\$145,557
Total Mission/Outreach Expense	\$303,693	\$249,611	\$265,751	\$524,668	\$16,140
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,931,279</b>	<b>\$2,044,744</b>	<b>\$2,240,218</b>	<b>\$3,813,784</b>	<b>\$195,475</b>
<b>Net Operating Income (Loss)</b>	<b>(\$7,295)</b>	<b>\$115,224</b>	<b>(\$88,431)</b>	<b>\$39,788</b>	<b>\$203,655</b>

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





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## Congregational Meetings

### Personnel Committee

Tuesday, September 1, 5:30 p.m.  
Room 202

### Finance Committee

Tuesday, September 8, 5:30 p.m.  
Room 202

### Building & Grounds

Sunday, September 13, 12:15 p.m.  
Room 226

### Board of Stewards

Tuesday, September 15, 6:30 p.m.  
Room 207

### Elders Meeting

Tuesday, September 22, 6:30 p.m.  
Room 206

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



## UCC's 6th Annual Trunk or Treat

Sunday, October 25, 5-6-30 p.m.

This is a great way for children, families and singles in the church and throughout the community to celebrate Halloween. Bring your friends and neighbors and join us for a time of fun and fellowship as we enjoy a safe "trick or treat" environment, refreshments, candy and a few surprises!

### Ways to Participate

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

Contact [kera@uccftw.com](mailto:kera@uccftw.com) or [jessica@uccftw.com](mailto:jessica@uccftw.com) for details or to volunteer.