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

Children's Closet Bag-It-Night is **Wednesday, September 9,** at 6 p.m. in Walker Hall. Adults and children will fill 2,300 orders for uniforms for thirty-two schools. Plan to be part of this exciting and meaningful ministry!

Join Us for Friday Fellowship, **September 11,** 11 a.m. in Room 207. Guest speakers from *Frogs of War.com*. Potluck lunch follows in Room 211, with main entrée provided. Please r.s.v.p. via email alyssum.power@uccftw.com or call 817.926.6631.

Latte with the Ladies is **Saturday, September 12,** beginning at 9 a.m. at Brewed (801 W. Magnolia Ave., 76104). Women of all ages are welcome to join the fellowship and great conversations on the second Saturday of each month.

The Newcomers Class, offered for those who are new to UCC, is **September 13, 20 and 27,** at 10 a.m. in Room 201. All are welcome to attend! Questions are encouraged!

Youth Groups and Children's CCF/JYF begin **September 13** at 5 p.m. Join for fun, games and learning.

WILD Women Book Club–**Monday, September 14,** at 6 p.m. at Cat City Grill and **Tuesday, September 15,** at 11:30 a.m. in the UCC Library. Both will discuss *Go Set a Watchman* by Harper Lee.

Women's Ministries Luncheon
featuring Mayor Betsy Price
Sunday, September 20, 12:15 p.m., Walker Hall

We'll wear blue as Mayor Price shares with us about *Blue Zones* and ways to get involved in this Fort Worth initiative. Make $12 prepaid reservations online or in The Arches Sundays, September 6 and 13. Child care (infant-elementary) is available by reservation. All are welcome!

Fort Worth CROP Hunger Walk is **Sunday, September 20.** Registration at 1:30 p.m./walk at 2 p.m. at TCU Dee J. Kelley Alumni and Visitors Center. Be a part of the UCC team by walking or giving. Register or donate anytime online or pick up a fundraising packet in The Arches during the month of September. UCC's participation honors the memory of Lynn Cross.

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***Monday Night Fellowship*, September 21**, 6:30 p.m. at the home of Tony Allred. MNF is a four-week men's small group study of *Dare to Answer: 8 Questions That Awaken Your Faith* by John Brusacker. $10 donation covers the cost of the book.

Caring for God's Creation is hosting a potluck dinner **September 24** at 6 p.m. Share a meal and listen to a panel discuss Pope Francis' address to Congress that day. All ages welcome! R.S.V.P. to Sandra Soria at sandra.pontouf.soria@gmail.com, or call 817.980.9654 by September 23.

Men's Ministry *Fire and Meat*–Sunday, October 4, 5:30-8 p.m. at 3928 Thistle Lane. $10 cash or check. Join us for fellowship, grilling, games and food.

Cardboard Arcade Challenge will be on Children's Sabbath, **October 18**, at 10 a.m. Elementary aged children will begin creating and designing their games this week in Journey Land. Check out ucckids.org for a link to the story that started the Imagination Foundation.

A Support Group for Caregivers of those suffering from Alzheimer's disease or other forms of dementia meets the **second and fourth Thursdays** of the month from 4:30-6 p.m. in Room 201. Dr. Charles Sanders and Leslie Dell have been trained by the Alzheimer's Association to facilitate this group.

College Sunday School, a class just for students, meets **weekly** at 10 a.m. in the College Lounge, Room 223. Not sure where the Lounge is located? Gather in the Gallery after worship (up the stairs, lectern side) and Rev. Jessica will lead the way.

Do You Subscribe to Disciples News Service? Keep up-to-date on all things Disciples at www.disciples.org. You may subscribe to the newsletter by clicking the News Service tab and entering your email address.

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

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

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a Disciples of Christ congregation

September 6, 2015

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

Celebration of Worship

Prelude *Préambule* Louis Vierne
Ringing of the Tower Bells and Procession of the Acolytes

Call To Worship

*Processional Hymn **633** *Lead On, O Cloud of Presence* Lancashire

*Litany of Praise
The God of our ancestors calls us to worship.
Like Moses, we answer "Here I am."
Holy God, because you are with us this day,
we too stand on holy ground.

*Gloria Patri **35** Greatorex

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Call To Prayer
The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.
Let us pray…

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer *(using debts and debtors)* & Choral Response

The Receiving of Tithes and Offerings
(9 a.m.) *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee*** Dale Wood
(11 a.m.) *Go Down, Moses* African-American Spiritual

*The Doxology **46** Old Hundredth

*Prayer of Dedication

Communion Hymn **399** *O God, Unseen Yet Ever Near* Belmont
(stanzas 1 and 2)

The Lord's Supper
Invitation to the Table
The Words of Institution and the Prayers of the Elders
The Sharing of the Bread and the Cup
Offertory (from Mass of the 15th Sunday after Pentecost) Charles Tournemire
(All followers of Christ are invited to share in the bread and cup which represent the life, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, as they nourish us in our life together in His name.)

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

*(11 a.m.) Hymn **452** *Here I Am, Lord* Here I Am, Lord
(stanzas 1 and 2)

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

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

Scripture Exodus 3:1-15
(The text may be found on page 50 of the Old Testament in the Pew Bibles.)

Congregational Response
The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

(11 a.m.) Anthem *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee*** Dale Wood
**Jesus, the very thought of Thee with sweetness fills my breast; but sweeter far Thy face to see, and in Thy presence rest. Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame, nor memory find a sweeter sound than Thy blest Name, O Saviour of us all. O hope of every contrite heart, O joy of all the meek, to those who fall, how kind Thou art, how good to those who seek! But what to those who find? Ah, this nor tongue nor pen can show; the love of Jesus, what it is, none but His loved ones know. Jesus, our only joy be Thou, as Thou our prize wilt be; Jesus, be Thou our glory now, and through eternity.
-St. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1092-1153
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Sermon *You Were Created for Greatness*

*Hymn of Discipleship **450** *God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian* Hyfrydol
(stanzas 1 and 4)
(All those who are inspired to confess their faith in Christ or make a discipleship covenant with our congregation are invited to join the pastors at the front of the church.)

*Benediction and Choral Response
Ringing of the Tower Bells

*Postlude *Toccata ottava di durezze ligature* Girolamo Frescobaldi

In the Service

Preaching: Larry Thomas

Worship Leaders
Jessica Vacketta and Kera Watts

Musicians
Collin Boothby, *Organ Scholar*
Chancel Choir
Eric Mullins, *Assistant Choirmaster*
Annie Yandell, *soprano*
Mary Farmer, *alto*
Jackson Yandell, *tenor*
Eric Mullins, *bass*

Acolytes
Hattie Castillo and Kendall Lehman
Payne Wellman and Miles Baker

Scripture Reader: Pam Atchison

Chancel Guild
Preparing communion today are Linda Austin, Mark Muller and Roxanne Penix.

Elders
Margaret Puckett and Bridget Thomas
Margaret Puckett and Lorraine Stell

Chancel Flowers
The flowers in the Chancel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Eli Bradford and in recognition of his eighth birthday today, September 6.

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This Week at University Christian Church

Holy Moses!
Sermon Series on life lessons on leadership and faithful living from the life of Moses continues **today through Sunday, October 4**. Rev. Larry Thomas, preaching.

Welcome to Worship for First Graders continues **today** in Room 218 at 11 a.m. This is an opportunity for first graders to learn about worship in preparation for First Grade Inclusion on September 27.

First Sunday Lunch for College Students Today!
Students are invited to meet Rev. Vacketta in the Gallery following 11 a.m. worship for a free lunch at Dutch's.

September is Back-to-School Month at the Children's Closet!
As school starts we hold the children of our community in our prayers. We can give those prayers life by contributing or volunteering at the Children's Closet Mondays and Thursdays 10 a.m. to noon.

UCC's Acolyte Ministry Needs You! Children in grades four-six are invited. Come experience the joy of serving the church with robes and candlelighters. Contact Kyla Rosenberger at kyla@uccftw.com for details.

College Lunch Bunch, a free lunch and weekly gathering for students, meets **Wednesdays** from 12- 1 p.m. in the College Lounge (Room 223). Swing by in between classes for a quick bite! Email jessica@uccftw.com for more information.

The Church Will be Closed on **Monday, September 7**, in observance of Labor Day.

Childcare provided from 8:45 a.m.-12 p.m. for infants-preschool.
A complete Sunday school program for all ages meets at 10 a.m.
Handicap accessible restrooms located in the Gallery *(second floor)*.
Assisted listening devices are available; please ask an usher to obtain one.

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

On Call this Week
Russ Boyd
Cyndy W. Twedell

Congregational Leadership Meetings

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

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

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