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Daughter of Scott & Allison Blakewell



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George Achziger



Elizabeth Bookwalter



Sarah Davis



Joseph Hartley

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A Note From Our Interim Senior Minister

One of my favorite vignettes for a lesson about life occurs in the story of Alice in Wonderland. The scene has the innocent Alice standing before several road signs pointing in many different directions. Alice is clearly overwhelmed with all the opportunities. Perched up on a tree branch is the toothy Cheshire cat who wisely says something to the effect: "Alice...you will never know what direction to take unless you know where you want to go."

The "Chessy-cat" knows much about life! Life has many opportunities and potentials, and it is easy to become disoriented or even in trouble if one bypasses the all-important step of determining where one wants to go. The direction one is headed has everything to do with where a journey ends.

When I was seven years old my mother took me to the shoe store to buy shoes for back to school. I selected a pair—not because they fit, they didn't, but because they came with a plastic golden egg full of goodies (Mother Goose for those of you who remember). You can imagine what happened. It wasn't long before my mother observed the shoes were painfully too tight and ill-fitting. It was not the end of the world, but my mother had a knack for driving home lessons about life! Golden eggs and wrong-sized shoes aside, we all know some life choices are serious and can send ripples and even shockwaves that travel far and last a long, long time.

As Christians, we are invited by our Creator God to value and transform life unto its greatest potentials. Healthy churches are churches that understand and implement their calling to proclaim the grace and hope of God's love in defined, intentional ways. We who are University Christian Church—we work hard to diligently assess, plan, and implement ways to effectively proclaim, minister, and worship in the graces and love of God. We who are University Christian Church do not stare blankly at the abundance of choices that point in every direction at every crossroad of life. We are a church that accepts its calling to proclaim the love of God in Jesus Christ in intentional, clear, transforming ways...and that is something to celebrate!

Blessings as we journey—the world is looking for direction and is paying attention!

Blessings,

Chuck



Rev. Charles L. Rolan D.Min. • UCC Interim Sr. Minister



Dear Church Family,

All of us are stunned by the devastation and loss caused by Hurricane Harvey. Many in our church family have loved ones and friends directly affected. There are several ways to help.

As a Disciples of Christ congregation we invest and empower two amazing organizations whose specialties are disaster response and relief: Week of Compassion and Church World Service. If you want to make a monetary gift that 100% goes directly to aid, please visit the Week of Compassion website (weekofcompassion.org) or make a donation designated: Week of Compassion Hurricane Harvey to UCC. If you want to do something physical, please visit the Church World Service website (cwskits.org) and find directions on preparing a clean-up bucket. If you want to contribute to the long-term relief and restoration effort, please make a contribution to University Christian

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Farewell Celebration

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A Farewell Celebration of Rev. Dr. Chuck Rolen

Our Interim Senior Minister, Rev. Dr. Chuck Rolen will be leaving University Christian Church, and his last Sunday is November 12th. There will be a reception in Walker Hall following the 11:00 service to express our gratitude and say our goodbyes to Chuck and Linda as they move back to Atlanta.

Over the past 15 months we have been greatly blessed by Dr. Rolen's insightful and steady leadership that raised tough questions about the roles and responsibilities of UCC's staff and lay leaders as we prepared to call our new senior minister. In his own unique way, he prodded, enticed, encouraged and inspired us to become the church that God has called us to be.

We are also thankful for Dr. Rolen's spiritual gifts. He has quietly guided us in a spirit of humility, reminding us to love and care for one another as we seek to discern God's will for our lives. We saw that prayer is at the center of everything he does. As he has often said, "If it is worth doing, it is worth praying over." And we heard the promise of grace to all God's people in his powerful sermons and were emboldened to welcome and serve our neighbors near and far.

Interim ministry is a challenging calling, and Dr. Rolen approached his ministry with professionalism and humor. He often poked fun at his own lengthy explanations of congregational dynamics that he illustrated with the whimsy of a cartoonist. And who can forget the broad smile of the graceful six-foot-six preacher skipping gleefully down the aisle, clasping the tiny hand of a six-year old at the Boar's Head Festival. We pray God's blessing on Chuck and Linda as they leave us.

Dr. L. Ken Hubbell,
Chair of Board of Stewards

Church's designated "Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund." 100% of those funds will be used to tangibly help in the restoration work. Restoration work will span years and will involve aid and mission teams, all still to be determined and planned.

Please know, you will be informed should an immediate need arise as evacuees begin arriving in our area. Also, we are gathering names of family members and friends who have been directly impacted and are including those names on our pastoral concerns prayer list.

You and University Christian Church have been faithful through many challenges and storms. We are and will be faithful as we face and respond in faith to this devastating event.



Suggested Prayer:

God of grace, hope, and promise – the storm clouds have gathered and darkness, pain and loss have engulfed many. God, in the Name of the Great Physician I pray for all who are hurt, scared, broken, and struggling with loss. God, send the helpers, the comforters, the healers, the rebuilders to mend broken hearts, broken dreams, flooded homes, and shattered lives. God send comfort, assurance, and peace to all. God bless the rescuers and the responders – of today, tomorrow, and in the years to come as the potentials of life are reclaimed and embraced. In the Name of the One I call Christ, Jesus of Nazareth, Amen.



University Christian Church



A date to celebrate!

Did you know that on September 15, 1917, University Christian Church “officially” organized with sixty charter members? Yes, UCC’s roots date back to 1873 when the founders and faculty of Add-Ran College (now Texas Christian University) gathered to worship in the college chapel, but after gathering for over 21 years in Thorp Spring, TX, things changed when the school moved to Waco in 1895. For the first five or six years, there was not an organized church at the college or close to it. Faculty and students were encouraged to attend Central Christian Church in Waco, but

transportation to the church was difficult and costly, so a group began meeting again in the TCU chapel and they even called a part-time pastor in 1904. In 1909, the university church called its first full-time pastor, Colby D. Hall. However, after the fire of 1910 and TCU’s move to Fort Worth, Colby Hall stayed in Waco, becoming the pastor of Central Christian, and once again, there was not a university church.

In Fort Worth, faculty and staff were encouraged to attend two supportive, generous, and “attractive” local churches: First Christian and Magnolia Avenue Christian. In 1912, the need arose, again, for a university pastor and a congregation was organized with elders, deacons, a board chair and a part-time pastor, Colby D. Hall. Despite their persistence and faithfulness, from 1915–1917, the organization was abandoned and worshipers joined the First or Magnolia Avenue congregations. Yet, God’s spirit was persistent. The need for a full-time pastor once again came to the forefront of discussion amongst students, faculty, community members and the new university president, E.M. Waits.

“It was brought to a head by a resolution of the State Convention of the Churches in spring, 1917, instructing the Texas Missionary Society to appropriate funds to make possible a full-time pastorate at TCU.”

~The Early Years: A History of University Christian Church

Thus, on September 15, 1917, the University Christian Church was organized with sixty charter members who made a commitment to construct a “magnificent church building” following the war.

This is an anniversary worth celebrating! What an incredible journey we have had since the first gatherings at Thorp Spring. Seasons of life, loss, doubt, and hope, but through it all, the people of University Christian Church have remained faithful in their desire to live out God’s call in this community. May we continue to listen to the Spirit and act boldly and faithfully for the next 100 years!

*The information in this article is taken from “The Early Years: A History of University Christian Church”, by Colby D. Hall. Special thanks to the University Christian Church Archives Committee who published the the information in 1983 in celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the laying of the church cornerstone.



Rev. Walter P. Jennings
UCC Senior Minister
1918–1922

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Special Upcoming Sundays

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World Communion Sunday

Sunday, October 1

October 1st is World Communion Sunday. It offers congregations a distinctive opportunity to experience Holy Communion in the context of the global community of faith. The first Sunday of October has become a time when Christians in every culture break bread and pour the cup to remember and affirm Christ as the Head of the Church. On that day, they remember they are part of the whole body of believers. Whether shared in a grand cathedral, a mud hut, outside on a hilltop, in a meetinghouse, or in a storefront, Christians celebrate the communion liturgy in as many ways as there are congregations. World Communion Sunday is an opportunity and a reminder to bring what we love about sharing the Lord's meal to the world; unity, presence, peace, and community.



Special Music for All Saints Sunday

Sunday, November 5

During both morning worship services (9:00am and 11:00am) on All Saints Sunday, November 5, the Chancel Choir and instrumental ensemble will present Bob Chilcott's *Requiem* as we lovingly remember those who have passed away in the last year. The choir will sing beautiful new settings of traditional texts in this powerful and enchanting elegy for the modern day. Last fall, members of our choir sang a portion of this piece, conducted by the composer, at the Festival of Church Music in the Meyerson Symphony Center. During this special service, congregation members will be comforted as we light candles and worship together. Please invite friends and family to come to church for this special time of music, remembrance and reflection.



Higher Education Special Offering

Sunday, November 12



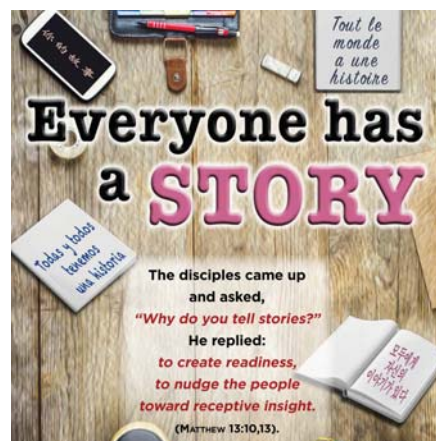
This special offering, traditionally collected at Thanksgiving, provides direct support to Disciples colleges, universities and theological institutions. Disciples have a long history of post-secondary and theological education. This offering provides a direct connection to 14 colleges or universities, 3 seminaries and 4 seminary foundations/divinity houses. Gifts from the Disciples Mission Fund Thanksgiving offering continue a Disciples tradition of developing leaders for our communities and the church.

We will observe Higher Education on

Sunday, November 12th as our college students lead us in worship. You can make a gift to the Thanksgiving offering online or in worship on November 12th and 19th.

Reconciliation Ministry Offering

Sundays, September 24 and October 1



The 2017 Reconciliation Offering will be received September 24th and October 1st. The special offering is used to fund the mission to become a pro-reconciling and anti-racist church utilizing education, 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 programs of leadership development, curriculum, and partnerships within the Church and our communities. This year has brought to light important conversations about human brokenness evidenced in the sin of racism. Your generous giving to Reconciliation Ministry Offering is transforming lives and strengthening Christ's witness in the world that we love one another, even as Christ continues to love us!



Men's Ministry and Health & Wellness

The Guys Get it Done!

The Men's Ministry at UCC is engaged in mission work and developing plans for this fall and also 2018. We held a community work day on July 22nd and August 26th.

We had a good turnout for the community work day in July with over 20 people supporting the event. We had a wide age group supporting the event from youth to older adults. We coordinated with the Meals on Wheels organization to identify clients that could use some help with projects at their homes. The group split up into teams to work on various projects including some yard work, rebuilding a wheel chair ramp, and replacing a railroad tie retaining wall in a front yard. After completing the work, we ate together in fellowship. The teams did a great job and it was very much appreciated.

The primary effort of the August 26th work day was to repair or replace some of the fencing around the parking lots on Rogers Avenue in addition to some smaller projects needed around the church. Thanks to the great response in volunteers, we successfully accomplished our goals and completed all the work we set out to do—and again enjoyed a rewarding meal together afterwards.

The planning efforts are underway for this fall and next year and will be focused around connecting men in fellowship through service, food, and fun. We will be working on getting the word out about future activities through various church communications. If you are not receiving emails on Men's Ministry activities and would like to be added, please send an email to Mark Alland at mark.alland@att.net.



Health & Wellness

Adult Flu Shots | Sunday, October 29 | 9:30am-11:30am

Free flu shots for adults will be available in the East Bay of Walker Hall.

Free Blood Pressure Checks | 2nd Sunday of the month | 9:30am-11:30am

Free blood pressure checks are available in the Parish Nurse's office (across from Walker Hall).

Alzheimer's

The Alzheimer's Committee | 2nd Thursday of the month | 2:00pm • Room 202

This group helps plan special events and promotes activities that bring awareness to this disease that affects so many. Contact Pam Reeser for information about joining this committee: pam@uccftw.com

Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group | 2nd Thursday of the month | 3:30pm-5:00pm • Room 201

Facilitators are Charles Sanders and Leslie Dell.

2017 Walk to End Alzheimer's | Saturday, October 28 | Panther Island Pavillion

Join the UCC team for the 2017 Fort Worth Walk to End Alzheimer's. Information will be in the Arches on the Sundays in October leading up the Walk. Register today at alz.org/walk or through your Sunday School class.

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Women's Ministry and DoC News

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UCC Women

The Women's Ministry engages women in meaningful enrichment through spiritual growth, study and worship. We also focus on advocating for and reaching out to women in our community and around the world. Contact Cyndy Twedell, Senior Associate Minister, for more information: cyndy@uccftw.com.



Women's Retreat

October 27-28, 2017

Relax. Refresh.

Reconnect. Join the

women of UCC as we take time together to relax and listen for God's whisper. We'll stay at Still Water Lodge in Glen Rose, Texas. \$50 registration includes Friday night stay, breakfast and lunch on Saturday. On your own options include shopping in Glen Rose Friday and dinner that evening. **Register today!** www.UniversityChristian.org



Rose Circle

**October 3 & November 7
10:00am • Room 150**

Women of the Rose Circle
gather for fellowship,

share in discussion and enjoy food
around the table.



WiLD Women Book Club

WiLD Women

Book Club has both a Monday evening and Tuesday lunch time option and meets the third week of each month in September through May (except December) to discuss a book, enjoy time around the table and support the work of Heifer's Women involved in the Livestock Development program.

2017-2018 is a "A Year of Growing Awareness" for the WiLD Women Book Club. We will begin in September (September 18 for the evening group and September 19 for the lunch group) with the 2017 Pulitzer Prize winner for fiction, *The Underground Railroad* by Colson Whitehead. October's book (October 16 and 17) is *The Refugees*, a collection of

short stories by 2016 Pulitzer Prize winning author Viet Thanh Nguyen. In November (November 20 and 21) we'll discuss Jodi Picoult's book, *Small Great Things*.

No registration required—women of all ages are invited and encouraged to come.



Latte with the Ladies

2nd Saturday of the month • 9:00am

All ages are invited to enjoy a beverage and friendly fellowship.

Monthly Locations:

September.... Clean Slate

October..... Holy Grounds Coffee and
Gifts in Aledo

November..... Avoca on Foch Street

Disciples of Christ News

General Minister and President of the Christian Church

At the 2017 General Assembly in Indianapolis, the Rev. Teresa (Terri) Hord Owens was installed as our new General Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). A Disciple since young adulthood, Hord Owens previously served as dean of students at the University of Chicago Divinity School and pastor of First Christian Church of Downers Grove, Illinois. Her ministry and intellectual interests include a theology of reconciliation, cultural intelligence, developing inclusive and multi-cultural congregations, and the mentoring of youth and young adults.



Second Vice Moderator

Also at the General Assembly, Rev. Dr. Timothy S. Lee was installed as the Second Vice Moderator of the Christian Church (DoC). Tim is an ordained minister and a historian of Christianity. He currently serves as Associate Professor of the History of Christianity and Director of Asian (Korean) Church Studies at Brite Divinity School (Texas Christian University). His research focuses on the history of Christianity in Asia and Asian America, especially Korea, and Asians and Asian-North Americans in the Stone Campbell Movement. He and his wife Yeahwa are members here at University Christian Church.



New Regional Minister

The Regional Council cast a unanimous vote to extend a call to Dr. Andy W. Mangum to be the Regional Minister of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the Southwest.





Mission Pilgrimage at UCC

Mission Pilgrimage at University Christian Church offers opportunities to travel to new places geographically, as well as move our hearts to new ways of being in the world. It is a journey of the soul as well as the body. UCC's recognition of the importance of participating in God's mission in the world begins with our intentional use of the word "pilgrimage" rather than "trip." "Pilgrimage" suggests a shared journey with the potential for transformation; where listening, learning and receiving are as much a part of the spiritual experience as speaking, teaching and giving. We serve by walking together, working together, responding together to God's spirit as we stretch out our hands in a ministry of presence and walk the risky path of pilgrimage to holy ground.

In order to encourage this spiritual connection, pilgrimage groups are expected to prepare by meeting together regularly for orientation and reading about and praying for the mission pilgrimage location and its people.

Nicaragua 2017 *By Madalyn Shircliff*

Sometimes it's easy to see the world as cruel and dark. There are always bright lights that lead the way, like religion, education, love, but still; the surrounding world seems to be unkind and frightening. This is the way I see the world, and not all agree with me. But because of this point of view, I always aim to help others by attempting to increase the amount of light they have to follow through life.

I think that's why I have passions about things such as education and politics, and why I follow Christ so firmly and love so strongly. It's also a reason I have decided to go to Nicaragua for the past two years. And this year, my experience was one of a blinding light.

It was the little things that made the trip so worthwhile: the laughter, the ice cream (Eskimo), the short-term connections we made with the children and families who will have long-term impacts on our lives. My only hope is that we can make these relationships long-term by continuing our mission pilgrimages to Managua.

These families came from situations worse than any most of us in UCC can imagine. Worse than many of us in the United States can imagine. Many had lived on top of literal garbage in a dump before they were finally given the opportunity to join a new community through hard work and faith. But despite their hardships, these people were not to



any walls that would keep our relationships from growing strong. Personally, I found joy in practicing my Spanish, but even those who could only speak five words had an understanding with the Spanish-speakers through our mutual dedication to making the world a better place one step at a time.

"Christianity is working together through love and respect to make the world a brighter place."

The people I met were all amazing, each a different personality and with a different calling in life. Yet we fit together so well. We truly formed a great team when it came to living life together, worshiping together, and working together. Those from UCC formed a bond unlike any other and those we met from Nicaragua only made the light of hope and love we made together grow stronger.

be discouraged. They had found the light of good people, the light of God. A light that helped them and gave their children opportunities they'd never had—to finish school, to go to college, even.

We worked side by side, los norteamericanos y los nicaragüenses. We painted a bridge while building a metaphorical one between our communities, we helped put up the walls for a new church while tearing down

I think this is what Christianity is. From my perspective, Christianity is working together through love and respect to make the world a brighter place. We all want to brighten the light God gave us so we can help each other and help others get through this confusing place called life. One that isn't always pleasant. The song we sang throughout the week, "Caminando en la Luz de Dios," rang true in those days and will continue to.

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Nicaragua *By Jacob Coffey*

Over the course of nearly a decade, UCC has been working with the fine folks of Project Chacocente to build new facilities, maintain infrastructure, and most importantly, build human relations between them. This last point is what I believe separates this venture from other traditional mission trips a church might undertake. By promoting interaction between UCC travelers and our Nicaraguan friends at Chacocente it supports both parties more than a simple one-off

trip, where the church heads to a lower standard-of-living area of the world to do shallow relief work. Maybe that church will get to paint a home. With the UCC and Chacocente partnership, a real human connection outside that one week of work forms.

To me, Jonathan represents this connection. Jonathan is a student at the Chacocente School, and was present at both of my trips to Nicaragua. Working, playing and talking with Jonathan (Jonathan's English is nearly as good as our official trip translator's) reminded me that when a



person approaches another in a lower standard of living, one should not take a patronizing tone, instead, this person ought to be treated as an equal and perhaps even a friend.

The Broadway Baptist-UCC Navajo Partnership *by Elizabeth Jones*



As we sat perched on a bluff overlooking beautiful Red Valley, as guests of the Navajo Nation, we heard a member of the Navajo church proclaim, "There are converts, and there are disciples. And disciples are those who get their hands dirty." That we did!

On June 24, 20 UCC children, youth and adults camped in Red Valley, AZ, along with members of Broadway Baptist Church, to walk alongside a Navajo congregation to learn about their community and lend a hand where we were able. Here are some of my favorite memories of this amazing week:

- the sound of the wind blowing through the pines
- a hot breakfast and dinner prepared everyday by our Broadway and UCC friends
- a breathtaking canopy of stars to sleep under
- the smile on the face of an elder Navajo matriarch
- the sound of our children laughing and playing with their new Navajo friends
- the butterfly that visited Cyndy's pulpit just as she spoke about God's gifts
- Alland Bros, Inc. construction services
- the ability of Claire Andrus to pitch a tent with ease
- field trips to Canyon de Chelly
- being reminded that the values of family, love and loss are universal
- the expectation that our greatest focus would be living in tents for a week, but finding the real focus of learning from our Navajo friends, confronting our own cultural biases, and finding community near and far

At our mountaintop church service, Cyndy reminded us that, "just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ" (1 Corinthians 12:12). I have never understood this passage more clearly than after spending a week among our Broadway and UCC friends, as we were welcomed by the Navajo community. Truly, the "body of Christ" reaches far and wide. We are grateful.

The Broadway Baptist-UCC Navajo Partnership *by Sam Jones*

What I loved about this trip was being able to experience some of the fun times and the difficulties that the Navajo face everyday. Playing with the children on the reservation was fun and memorable, and I am so glad that I was able to be a part of the group. Working with and learning from our friends at Broadway made camping enjoyable. Overall, it was a great trip, and I would love to go again.



Mission Pilgrimage South Africa

South Africa Pilgrimage *By Sarah Jane McDonald*

When I first signed up for the pilgrimage, I was expecting to do work and make a tangible difference. Instead, I was the one changed by my experiences and the people I met.

At first sight, the itinerary looked like that of a tourist coming to see the sights. I wasn't able to recognize the spiritual transformation I would undergo and the connections I would build with those around me.

I saw God in every aspect of our trip; from our wondrous adventures in creation, to our peaceful and transformative daily worship and discussion, to our group's never-ending joy and laughter. I was better able to connect with God, my surroundings, others and myself. This trip shattered my preconceptions and stereotypes of others. How had I never thought to consider our

similarities before our differences? How could my perception of heaven and an afterlife be shattered by one deep theological conversation?

While in South Africa, I was not witness to the dependent and needy Africa, as portrayed in media; but rather, the strong, resilient, community-based Africa; the kind of community I want to be a part of. Different isn't dangerous. Different is beautiful and this trip was about celebrating our differences and discovering our similarities. There is an African word, "ubuntu" that roughly translates to "I am because we are." It embodies a community-based and empathetic worldview. We cannot continue to divide ourselves because of differences. We must recognize the beauty in one another and spend more time laughing together and celebrating each other.



Here three lovely humans from three different countries and backgrounds hold each other up. While this picture is physical support, it is representative of the spiritual support we had for each other.



Our brothers and sisters will remain in our prayers, and we in theirs, despite distance. Thanks to our prayer shawl ministry, we were able to gift this symbol of our continued thoughts, prayers, and gratitude.



You are beautiful and so is your enemy. Our pilgrimage centered on inner spiritual growth which created ample time to challenge ourselves and meditate on new and difficult ideas.

Outreach: Opportunities to Serve

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There are families in our community who do not have the means to provide the kind of meal most of us are accustomed to enjoying on Thanksgiving. For over thirty years University Christian Church has partnered with our “sister churches” of the South Central Alliance of Churches to provide a Thanksgiving bag of groceries to families who live below the poverty level. The Alliance also provides frozen turkeys so each family can enjoy a complete Thanksgiving meal.

Members of UCC have always been extremely generous with donations of food, money, and time in support of this annual ministry and we invite congregants to join us again this year. A Thanksgiving Basket Shopping List is provided for those who would like to shop. Please drop off your donations at the church by November 17th. If you prefer to make a financial donation, complete the form (available in the Arches and Front Desk) and return it along with your check to the church on or before Tuesday, November 21st. On Sunday, November 19th, at 12:15pm, in Walker Hall, the bags of groceries will be assembled and delivered to South Central Alliance of Churches. All are welcome to join in Sunday’s “pack” party.

South Central Alliance of Churches is an emergency relief ministry located at Southside Church of Christ. This ecumenical alliance of churches serves individuals and families in the 76109, 76104 and 76110 zip codes.

Thanksgiving Basket Shopping List*

Cranberry Sauce (15oz)	Fruit (15oz)
Green Beans (15oz)	Cake Icing (1 can)
Chicken Broth (15oz)	Tea or Drink Mix (16ct pkg)
Cake Mix (1 box)	
Jello (1 box)	<i>*Please try to stay close to the can/box sizes given on the list. Health regulations require that food must be in the original containers.</i>
Stuffing Mix (14oz)	
Corn (15oz)	
Instant Mashed Potatoes (13.75oz)	

Grateful Guests, Blessed Hosts

Room in the Inn gives many of us an opportunity to be with a wonderful group of men who are un-housed, and volunteers who participate in welcoming the stranger, offering food to the hungry and drink to the thirsty. Didn’t Jesus say something about that?

In conversations, our guests are often eager to express their reactions to our radical hospitality. One of our innkeepers reports “Last week, the most grateful guest told me he used to drink, and the scariest thing he did each day was wake up. He thanked me profusely and told me how important it is that they have something to look forward to. So glad we offer that option!”

On July 19, a group of teens and sponsors on a mission pilgrimage came to UCC to learn more about RITI, and to work. Regarding those we serve, one of our hosts said “The men are all excited when they come in. They feel safe and at ease. Those who talk warm up to the hosts quickly and they really enjoyed the kids on their mission trip. One of the men had worked all day outside in the heat. He went in for a long, cold shower. He was HAPPY!”

About his experience at RITI, Morris P. McKinney wrote, “I love peace. David writes in Psalms about having wings to fly always. Sometimes on Lancaster, I wish I had wings to fly and always to be at peace. Now at church here I’m at peace.”

All of us are thankful to be a part of a program that is embraced and supported by the University Christian congregation. It is an enriching and meaningful experience. And the mission group that came to learn and to take part? Their minister reported that they are now looking into starting a RITI ministry in Tyler, their home town.

To learn more or to volunteer, email carolmstewart@sbcglobal.net



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Personal Information Update

WE NEED YOUR HELP—EASY AS 1, 2, 3!

University Christian Church is excited to announce we will move to a new database early next year! The new system will provide you with opportunities to easily connect with others in the UCC family and allow us to better connect with you.

STEP 1

Please take a few moments to complete the form on the next page (one per family please) to ensure we have your/your family's most current information.

STEP 2

Return completed forms by Monday, September 25 or go online (under 'open registrations') to complete.

STEP 3

In the months ahead look for more information about the new mobile app and how it will benefit all at UCC!

As always, we will protect your personal information. After it is updated, it will be shredded for your safety.

Weekday School and UCC Building Access Update

University Christian Church and Weekday school are continually reviewing and looking to improve our efforts in maintaining a safe environment for the children attending Weekday School, church staff and visitors. Beginning in September as a precautionary step, we will begin locking the exterior church doors. The church building will continue to welcome and be open to visitors during normal operating hours. Visitors and those who wish to enter the building can simply press the existing button at the Rogers Street, University Drive, or north entrance to be "buzzed in" by the receptionist. The Weekday School and UCC appreciate your support in this transition to maintain the safety of all, young and old alike, in the building at all times.



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Personal Information Update Form

(Please fill out only one form per family)

Your

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____

Date of birth (MM/DD/YY): _____ *(system requires a date of birth for each person)*

Your Email Address: _____

Your Primary Phone Number (including area code): _____

Phone Type: Cell _____ Work _____ Landline _____

Spouse's/Partner's

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____

Date of birth (MM/DD/YY): _____ *(system requires a date of birth for each person)*

Your Email Address: _____

Your Primary Phone Number (including area code): _____

Phone Type: Cell _____ Work _____ Landline _____

Home Address

Street Number and Name: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Mailing Address *(if different from home address)*

Street Number and Name: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Children *(List only children living in your home. Please do not include grown children not living at your residence unless in college and home part of the year.)*

Full Name: _____ DOB (MM/DD/YY): _____

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~PROVERBS 27:9

A sweet friendship refreshes the soul.

Church Friends

by Nancy Saenz

Church Friends is a group of caring people who are dedicated to visiting and keeping in contact with those who are homebound. The Church Friends make phone calls, send cards, and make visits to homes, hospitals, and facilities. Some even assist the Elders in taking communion to those who cannot attend worship. Meaningful relationships are built through the Church Friends, as Nancy Saenz describes below.

Why are the busiest people also the most compassionate and committed? Or is it that the most compassionate and committed to expressing their compassion are the busiest? It's the latter who always find one more cause which demands their active response. That's surely how Cheryl Robison became our Church Friend.

During her monthly visits when her assignment with my husband, Michael, and me began, Cheryl and I shared conversation about our history with the church, about our families and our jobs earlier in life. Mike, who had dementia, was unable to participate actively in conversation. He usually sat with us in the living room. He understood enough of the conversation to chuckle at funny remarks and nod his head in the right direction at the right time. But he couldn't compose a comment or reply to a question. In trying to include him—to bring him into the conversation—others often asked him questions which left him confused and speechless. Cheryl was sensitive to the reality of Mike's limitations and accepted his passive presence. It made for relaxed visits for everybody.

As time passed, Mike moved into a new stage of dementia in which he mumbled long discourses about

thoughts which were running through his mind. Usually the thoughts were related to experiences of his past. His mumbles were so quiet that, as I continued with my household chores—or even as I sat across the table from him during meals—I could seldom hear well enough to follow the narrative or to respond meaningfully.

Last August, Mike became gravely ill, and the remaining two months and ten days of his life were spent in the hospital, in rehab, and in Memory Care. Our son and daughter and I arranged our schedules to spend as much time as we possibly could with Mike, to transport him back-and-forth to the services he required, and to try to provide everything we could understand that he needed.

Through it all, during his more lucid moments, Mike's narratives about his past continued. We, his family, and others, occasionally, and briefly, sat nearby and tried to listen. Cheryl, our busy Church Friend, was the only person who, during frequent visits to hospital, rehab and Memory Care, sat patiently right in front of Mike for long periods listening attentively to his stories. During this period, Cheryl insisted that she was following themes in the stories which were clear enough

that she felt that she was learning a lot about Mike and his personal history. And I'm sure that Mike realized that this was a person who loved him and cared about what he had to say.

During the days after Mike died, Cheryl, whose regular schedule couldn't have become more relaxed, was with us not only emotionally and spiritually, but physically. She brought food and sat with us as others came and went, listening as we struggled with our new reality and worked through the things which had to be done. Every time we needed help and support, Cheryl was there.

Cheryl continues to be my Church Friend. Since she was with me day by day through the loss of my companion of sixty-six years, she is comfortable moving with me into my future. By email and with personal visits, she keeps close to my daily activities and keeps me close to hers. We share interests and enthusiasms. Since I seldom go anywhere, I do so vicariously through Cheryl's busy life of activity in church, in social and political concerns, and in music.

That must be the definition of being ideal Church Friends.

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Annual Silent Movie Night

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UCC Silent Movie Night—October 8th

6:30 pre-show refreshments, Room 207

7:00 film begins in Sanctuary

Seven Chances starring Buster Keaton

Free admission

Have you and your family ever seen a Buster Keaton comedy? Though he made movies back in the 1920's, Keaton is still considered one of the great comedians of all time. **Seven Chances** is a funny story about a bachelor who has to get married in one day, by 7 pm, to inherit 7 million dollars. **Seven Chances** is heralded for an infamous gag scene with 500 brides chasing the bachelor and was the inspiration for many other films.

The UCC Bell Tower Series is pleased to bring Tom Helms, silent movie organist, back by popular demand. Tom will bring the film to life with exciting and humorous original music from the UCC Dan Garland pipe organ. Trained in organ at TCU and the University of Alabama, Tom also did extensive study with silent film organists to capture the style and precision of this demanding art form.

Mark your calendars for this Columbus Day weekend treat—popcorn and laughs for all ages!



42nd Annual Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival

Cast and Volunteer Sign Up

Celebrate UCC's 42nd Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival by being a part of the performing cast or as a much needed and valued behind the scenes volunteer. There is a place for all! By doing so, you will participate in the life of UCC, serve your Church, serve in Outreach to your Community, get to know your fellow Members and experience the camaraderie of being part of something greater than yourselves.

Casting will be handled differently this year. In order to accommodate the greatest number of participants, we ask that you come to Cast-Volunteer Sign-ups with more than one part in mind. The Cast and Volunteer list will be released in early November after the three Sign-up Dates:

- **Sunday, October 15th from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm**
- **Sunday, October 22nd from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm**
- **Sunday, October 29th from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm**



Performance Dates and Ticket Sales

Performances will take place January 6th and 7th at 3:00 pm and 5:00 pm each day. We hope you will bring a friend and experience the Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival with us!

Tickets for reserved seating for all BHYL performances go on sale on Monday, November 27th. Tickets are \$15.00 per seat and all proceeds go to sustaining the festival. Free seating is also available. You will be able to order tickets by visiting the church website, calling the church at 817-926-6631 ext. 141 or emailing boarshead@uccftw.com.



Thank you Cantey Street greeters!

Cantey Street Greeters *by Cyndy Twedell*

Maybe you've noticed the bright purple umbrella at the UCC entrance on Cantey Street. The warm smiles and generous welcome of the greeters standing at that umbrella are Robert Broyles and Paul Hagseth.

Robert says he never imagined how much he would enjoy greeting at the Cantey Street doors. He looks forward to seeing everyone each week. From opening doors, getting walkers out of trunks, directing traffic, assisting with parking, to literally holding people up—Robert's enthusiastic greeting, "Good Morning! Great to see you!" also includes, "Be careful. I'm going to be right here with you." Or, "If you're going down, I'm going with you!"

Mary Jane Alland and Frank Helme are grateful recipients of the warm welcome offered by Paul and Robert: "Neither rain nor sleet nor snow nor scorching heat keeps Robert and Paul from greeting us each Sunday as we enter the Cantey Street doors for the 11:00 service. Their warm welcome and helping hands are a fitting prelude to worship at University Christian Church. We appreciate their generous gift of time and service."



Cantey Street Greeters (l to r): Paul Hagseth and Robert Broyles

Oh, and about that wonderful purple umbrella—it was originally orange until Robert ordered purple fabric and commissioned the creation of the current beautiful purple umbrella. Robert says he tended to agree with the funny looks and comments over the years about the inappropriate color choice. Robert saw a need on Sunday mornings when folks could use a helping hand getting safely from their car to the sanctuary and took care of it. Thanks be to God for Robert, Paul, and so many others who manifest God's loving welcome here at UCC.



Church & The Arts Museum Tour

You are invited to join fellow art lovers in our congregation on a special tour at the Amon Carter Museum of American Art on Sunday, October 22nd. UCC members will tour the "Wild Spaces, Open Seasons: Hunting and Fishing in American Art" exhibit that explores the multifaceted meanings of hunting and fishing in more than 60 paintings and sculptures from early 19th century to the mid-20th century. The aesthetic richness and cultural importance of hunting and fishing is seen in a wide variety of genre scenes, landscapes, portraits and still lifes. No reservations are required; simply meet other UCC members at the museum's Information Desk at 12:30pm. Admission to the museum is free.

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Plus One *by Danyelle Ackall*

Primarily singles, Plus One welcomes anyone looking for social activities with others. Singles occasionally want another person to go to the movies, take a painting class, visit a museum, go to dinner, etc. This group gives an avenue to do just that. Whether you are unattached, or find yourself looking for activities while your significant other is unavailable, this group may be the answer.

With a diverse age group, we seek to offer a variety of events for all tastes. Whether it is a somewhat quiet night in or a stompin' time out dancing, Plus One has something on the calendar nearly every week. Membership at University Christian Church is not required to be part of this group. Although we encourage attendance and participation in church-wide activities, this group welcomes people of all faiths.



September Events

Sunday, September 24 | Lunch at Cork & Pig Tavern (28690 Crockett St) • After church

Friday, September 29 | Movie Night (location and movie TBD)

Join our e-mail list at groups.google.com/group/ucc_plus_one or join us on Facebook, facebook.com/groups/uccplusone, for event details and MORE!



Bring Your Questions and A Friend

Good News, Good Brews starts back up on September 13 and will meet every Wednesday evening at 8:00pm. Join us at Bar Louie off 7th Street. We will continue discussing Rob Bell's book, *What is the Bible?* Bring your questions, your curiosity and a friend.

Friday Fellowship—Moving to First Thursday!

Join us the FIRST THURSDAY of the month at 11:00am for this speaker series and fellowship lunch! We will meet in Room 207, followed by a potluck lunch in Room 203. **Save the dates: October 5, November 2, and December 7.**

Home for the Holidays—December 5th

UCC will again host Home for the Holidays. This is a community meal shared by people who have worked to get off the streets and into housing. Help extend UCC's hospitality by greeting guests, serving, or helping with set up/clean up. Contact Phyllis Allen at 817-423-3719 to sign up. You are welcome to stay to eat and celebrate!

If you are able to provide pans of mashed or sweet potatoes, green beans or stuffing for this event please contact Tarrant Churches Together 817-737-5554. Dishes should arrive hot and ready to go at UCC by 10:45am on December 5th.

Donations for 'gift bags' are also appreciated! Dish soap, "Pod-Style" laundry detergent, and/or dish towels or dishcloths. Please bring these items to UCC the morning of December 4th.





Our children are our greatest treasure.

—Nelson Mandela



Kids Hope USA Conference

Saturday, September 30 • 9:00am–Noon
First United Methodist Church

All are welcome to take part in this opportunity to learn about and celebrate Kids Hope and its powerful influence.

KIDS HOPE *By Mike Wagner*

"Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.'"

Matthew 19:14

There is always so much excitement around University Christian Church, especially when we move our faith into other communities. And, there is even more excitement when kids are involved. UCC is one of several churches that have partnered with the Fort Worth ISD and other districts to provide children with one on one attention through Kids Hope. All it takes is one hour each week during the school year. One hour.

The research is dramatic. Data for students who met with a Kids Hope USA mentor for just one year showed:

65% improved in educational success.

79% improved in socio/emotional competency.

56% improved in attitude toward risky behavior.

The chance for caring adults to provide students with one-on-one attention at school is priceless. Imagine if every elementary school in our community offered students who need a listening ear the chance to be a part of the Kids Hope USA program; what would schools look like? Answer: They would be filled with children who thrive and excel in every aspect of life. One child. One mentor.

One of our goals at UCC states, "We will host, support and engage in ministries that serve those in need in our community and around the world." There is a great need in our schools. As a school principal for almost thirty years, I have seen how one committed and caring adult can help a student in amazing ways. One school. One church.

Our Kids Hope partner school is Rosemont Elementary. Rosemont is a beautiful school with beautiful children and a great staff. There are over 600 students at RE and almost all of them qualify for the federal lunch program. Almost two-thirds are English language learners. All of them could benefit from being mentored. One of them is waiting for you. One child. One mentor. One hour.



If you are interested in mentoring a child at Rosemont Elementary, please contact Mike Wagner at tcuwags@aol.com or 972.957.7853. We provide training and support from UCC, Kids Hope, Big Brothers Big Sisters and the staff at Rosemont. Think about the incredible positive opportunity that awaits. And, I'll let you in on a little secret. That one hour a week will be your best hour of the week, too.

One child. One hour. One church. One school. One mentor.

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Children's Sabbath Sunday

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UCC Children's Peace Project on Children's Sabbath

Kids care about our world and need opportunities to dream, hope, experience and take action. This year, Journey Land children are taking part in our UCC Children's Peace Experience and our preschoolers will also be taking part in creating opportunities for peace. The Peace Experience will began August 20th and will end with an all church Peace Celebration and showcase led by our children on Children's Sabbath, October 15 in Walker Hall at 10:00am.

Our children are dreaming, creating, playing, designing and learning about ways we can promote peace and change in our world. We are experiencing through our children's eyes what it means to truly be peacemakers.

The UCC Children's Peace Project will provide every person of the UCC community to join with our children on Children's Sabbath to play games, take action for peace in our world, contribute monetarily to helping provide peace and calm for children in our community, and have fun. This exploration by our children is taking the form of a showcase and experiential learning opportunity for all. Join us on Children's Sabbath at 10:00am in Walker Hall and let the little children lead each of us into a place of peace.



WEDNESDAY • SEPTEMBER 20, 2017 • 5:30PM



Celebrating
50 years

of **exceptional** early childhood education!



Come and celebrate with us!

**Birthday cake
for everyone!**



Growing Young

Growing Young at UCC

By Dr. Rebecca Putman

There's good news and there's bad news. The bad news is that half of all children who graduate from youth group end up drifting away from God and church. The good news is that hundreds of churches across the U.S., including UCC, are committed to attracting young people and to bringing vitality to their congregations. The concept of "Growing Young" is based on research by Fuller Theological Seminary on more than 250 churches who are growing spiritually, emotionally, and numerically. This research identified six core commitments of churches who are successfully growing young:

1. Unlock Keychain Leadership: Instead of centralizing authority, empower others, especially young people and allow them to influence and shape the direction of the church
2. Empathize with Today's Youth: Instead of judging or criticizing, step into the shoes of this generation and help them work through their questions of identity. Do not say, "When I was your age..." Do say, "Tell me more..."
3. Take Jesus' Message Seriously: Instead of asserting formulaic or dogmatic gospel claims, welcome young people into a Jesus-centered way of life.
4. Offer a Warm Community: Instead of focusing on cool worship programs, aim for warm peer and intergenerational friendships.
5. Prioritize Young People Everywhere: Instead of giving lip service to how much young people matter, look for creative ways to tangibly support, resource, and involve them in all facets of your congregation.
6. Be the Best Neighbors: Instead of condemning the world outside your walls, enable young people to neighbor well locally and globally. Provide opportunities for young adults to serve others, pursue

social justice, find their calling, and respond to heated cultural issues.

A core team of UCC members and staff has been studying, presenting and discussing this information with different groups in the church and collecting data and ideas on how UCC can incorporate the six core commitments in order to keep our congregation vibrant and dynamic. Look for more updates (and positive changes) soon!

Want to learn more? Read *Growing Young* by Kara Powell and Jake Mulder or visit churchesgrowingyoung.com.



8th Annual Trunk or Treat

October 29th • 5:00pm-6:30pm

A time of fun and fellowship with our church family and our surrounding community. Bring your children, grandchildren, and neighbors to trick or treat, safely from trunk to trunk in our parking lot. This carnival style event will include food, candy, and games. Join kids of all ages and meet old and new friends alike.

How can you participate?

- Donate candy—donation boxes will be placed in various areas throughout the church
- Decorate your trunk/SUV
- Invite friends and neighbors to join us
- Help with refreshments and activities

Do not miss this opportunity to show our community the love and fun of UCC. Trunk and volunteer sign-ups are available online through universitychristian.org.



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UCC Youth Programming:

We kicked off another year of programming for UCC Youth on August 20, 2017, and are excited to meet every Sunday for Sunday school and youth groups! Both opportunities allow youth a chance to connect with their peers as they learn more about their faith, learn more about each other, and have plenty of fun and memorable moments along the way.

Youth meet in room 303 for Sunday school every Sunday at 10:00am. After announcements, youth separate into Sunday school classes by grade. Youth groups are every Sunday night through until December 3 with various exceptions including October 29 (for Trunk or Treat), November 19 (for Thanksgiving Feast), and November 26 (for Hanging of the Greens). Youth are invited to a special Christmas party on Sunday, December 17, and will resume youth groups on January 14. For more information and a schedule, visit uccyouth.org.



Fall Youth Retreats at Disciples Crossing

Join your friends at UCC as we spend the weekend at Disciples Crossing in Athens, TX, with youth from across the North Texas area! Retreats include games, small groups, worship, and all sorts of fun! The Chi Rho theme is "God Can Take It: A Journey through the Psalms," and the CYF theme is "The Lord's Prayer: Who, What, When, Where, Why, and How?"

The Chi Rho Fall Retreat for grades six through eight will be November 3-5, and the CYF Fall Retreat for grades nine through twelve will be November 10-12. **Please register online.** Participants will meet at UCC at 5:30 p.m. on the Friday of each retreat to take a charter bus to camp. Both Chi Rho and CYF will return around 12:30pm on Sunday.

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

Chi Rho Fall Retreat
Grades 6th thru 8th
November 3-5

CYF Fall Retreat
Grades 9th thru 12th
November 10-12





UCC Youth Experiences

Chi Rho Service-Learning Trip



Recently, I got the privilege to attend the Chi Rho Service-Learning trip to Austin, TX. On the trip, our goal was not only to help those in need, but to really think about what God is up to in our community and how we could join in. After every full day of hard work and volunteering, we met with our small groups to share our experiences and tell others where we saw God that day. I realized that while God does appear in the big miraculous occurrences of life, God also contributes to tiny moments. For example, when we were working at the Central Texas Food Bank serving those who need help, I was blessed to meet God in a special education teacher who had brought her student to learn about the importance of helping others before yourself. While we completed multiple tasks together, I was taken aback by the kindness in her heart. We also talked about "treating the least of us as equals." For me, this idea came in into play when we were working at the Community First! Village with the homeless and chronically disabled. I got to visit with the leader of my group, who happened to be a resident of the community, and I slowly became more comfortable with the idea of being equal with those who are "beneath us".

— Audrey Patty, 7th grader

The Austin Service-Learning Trip was by far one of the best mission trips that I have been on! Not only was it fun to hang with my friends as we went on a adventure of a lifetime, but it was also the satisfaction that I felt as we fed over 5,000 people at the Austin Food Bank. I also felt a sense of gratefulness after my friends and I helped plant trees, collected chicken eggs, and many more tasks at the Community First! Village. I saw God in the people who lended us their Sunday school rooms so that we would have a place to rest and regain our energy. I also saw God in all of the volunteers that came to help at the food bank. And, in a way, I also saw God in the hard work that we put into helping the less fortunate, which helps us grow stronger in our faith. I am thankful for our church who supports our youth in opportunities like these.

— Kerby McCracken, 8th grader



Memphis Service-Learning Trip



The service-learning trip to Memphis was such a rewarding experience. I learned so much about the city of Memphis and got to participate in some really interesting service projects. It was a great opportunity to get to know more people in the high school youth group and learn more about God and the way we can help others.

— Lauren Harris, 11th Grader at Paschal High School

My time at Memphis was one of the best experiences I've ever had with the church as well as in my life! I really had fun working with all my friends in youth and learning more about the city of Memphis, from its colleges and teaching opportunities to its culture, history, and people that call it their home. I especially enjoyed the tour we took through Sun Studios and the stroll we had through the Bass Pro Shop Pyramid. This adventure we took was a solid 10/10 and I can't wait for next year's service-learning trip!

— Wesley Dutton, Senior at Paschal High School





Prayer Workshop



Contemplative Prayer: A One-Day Introductory Workshop

“True Christianity is growth in the life of the Spirit, a deepening of the new life, a continuous rebirth.” —Thomas Merton

Desiring to journey deeper into the spiritual life? Not very good at saying your prayers? Come explore with us prayer too deep for words (Rom 8:26). Sitting in stillness is a rare gift in our fast-paced lives. Yet many are rediscovering this ancient path of spiritual transformation. You are invited to be still and know God through Centering Prayer, a method of silent prayer and meditation rooted in the Christian tradition.

This one-day workshop is designed to teach you the method of Centering Prayer and to encourage you in developing a daily practice. As we alternate between lectures and periods of prayer, you will discover what contemplative prayer is, learn about its history, and be gently guided in its practice.

Presented by Tom Uhler & Steve Wilkes of Contemplative Outreach of Fort Worth

The four Sundays following the workshop, additional meetings will be offered during the education hour for those who wish to continue their exploration of contemplative prayer.

When: Saturday, November 11, 2017
9:00am*–2:00pm

Where: UCC

Who: You! All are welcome!

Cost: \$20/person

Childcare: Free for UCC members!
Pre-registration required.

Lunch: Please bring your own brown bag lunch for you (and your kids).

Registration: Register online at universitychristian.com
(Resources>Open Registrations)

***Sign-in and childcare drop-off will be at 8:45 AM.**

For more information, contact Brandon Cline at bdcline2010@gmail.com.



Reoccurring Programs

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Weekly Programs In alphabetical order

Event	When	Where	Who	Contact/Sign-up
Bible Study	Wednesdays 10:00am-11:00am	Room 203	All	Jessica Vacketta jessica@uccftw.com
College Lunch Bunch	Wednesdays 12:00pm-1:00pm	College Lounge	College Students	Jessica Vacketta jessica@uccftw.com
Faithfully Fit Forever	Mondays 4:00pm-5:00pm	Room 205	All	Shannon Moore shannon.moore@uccftw.com
Faithfully Fit Forever	Wednesdays 11:00am-12:00pm	Room 205	All	Shannon Moore shannon.moore@uccftw.com
Faithfully Fit Forever	Fridays 11:00am-12:00pm	Room 205	All	Shannon Moore shannon.moore@uccftw.com
Good News, Good Brews	Wednesdays • 8:00pm September 13–October 25	Bar Louie	Ages 21+	Jessica Vacketta Jessica@uccftw.com
Monday Prayer Partners	Mondays 12:15pm-1:15pm	Room 202	All	Shannon Moore shannon.moore@uccftw.com
Prayer Shawl	Wednesdays 11:00am-12:00pm	Room 206	All	Cyndy Tewdell cyndy@uccftw.com
Prayer Shawl	Sundays 5:00pm-6:00pm	Room 206	All	Cyndy Tewdell cyndy@uccftw.com
Yoga with Julie Vitek	Mondays 12:30pm-1:30pm	Room 205	All	Michelle Groom mgroom@uccftw.com

Monthly Programs In alphabetical order

Event	When	Where	Who	Contact/Sign-up
Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group	2nd Thursday 3:30pm	Room 201	All	Pam Reeser pam@uccftw.com
College First Sunday Lunch	First Sunday 12:15pm-2:15pm	Meets in Gallery	College Students	Jessica Vacketta jessica@uccftw.com
Latte with the Ladies	2nd Saturday October 14 November 11	Various—see <i>below</i> Holy Grounds-Aledo Avoca on Foch St	Women	Michelle Groom mgroom@uccftw.com
Pickleball	Sept. 17 Oct. 8 Nov. 12 4:30-6:00pm	Walker Hall	All	Jessica Vacketta jessica@uccftw.com
Prayer Beads	2nd Saturday 10:00am-12:00pm	Room 204	All	Pam Reeser pam@uccftw.com
Rose Circle	1st Tuesday 10:00am-11:30am	Room 150	Women	Michelle Groom mgroom@uccftw.com
WiLD Women Book Club	Monday before 3rd Tuesday 6:00pm-7:30pm	Cat City Grill	Women	Cyndy Tewdell cyndy@uccftw.com
WiLD Women Book Club	3rd Tuesday 11:30am-1:00pm	Room 150	Women	Cyndy Tewdell cyndy@uccftw.com



Upcoming Events & Sign Ups

In chronological order

Event	When	Where	Who	Contact/Sign-up
Newcomer's Class	September 10, 17, 24 10:00am	Room 201	All	Michelle Groom mgroom@uccftw.com
Baby Dedications Class	September 17 • 10:00am November 12 & 19 • 10:00am	Room 228	All	Robin Doyle robin.doyle@uccftw.com
UCC's 100th Anniversary Celebration	September 17	Sanctuary	All	Pam Reeser pam@uccftw.com
WDS 50th Birthday Celebration	September 20 6:00-8:00pm	Walker Hall	All	Kera Watts kera@uccftw.com
Prom Dreams Boutique	September 21, 28 & October 5 5:00-7:00pm	Boutique	All	Mary Ashley Ray maray413@gmail.com
First Grade Inclusion	September 24	Worship	All	Kera Watts Kera@uccftw.com
Reconciliation Ministry Special Offering	September 24 & October 1	Worship Services	All	Michelle Groom mgroom@uccftw.com
Mission Pilgrimage & Week of Compassion	September 29 thru October 13	Vietnam, Cambodia		Cyndy Twedell cyndy@uccftw.com
Fall Young Adult Retreat	September 29 thru October 1	Disciples Crossing	One year out of College to age 25	Jessica Vacketta jessica@uccftw.com
World Communion Sunday	October 1	Sanctuary	All	Shannon Moore shannon.moore@uccftw.com
Silent Movie Night	October 8 6:30pm-8:30pm	Sanctuary	All	Kyla Rosenberger kyla@uccftw.com
Children's Sabbath	October 15	Walker Hall & Sanctuary	All	Kera Watts Kera@uccftw.com
Church & The Arts Museum Tour	October 22 12:30pm	Meet at Museum Information Desk	All	Todd Prickett todd.prickett@uccftw.com

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Event	When	Where	Who	Contact/Sign-up
Spiritual Gifts Inventory	October 22 5:00pm–6:30pm	Room 207	All	Shannon Moore shannon.moore@uccftw.com
Boar's Head 2018 Cast Sign-ups	October 15, 22 & 29 8:30am–12:30pm	The Arches	All	Todd Prickett todd.prickett@uccftw.com
Assembly Meeting	October 24 6:30pm	Walker Hall	Congregational Leadership	Mary Nell Andrus jmnandrus@gmail.com
Women's Retreat	October 27–28	Still Water Lodge Glen Rose, TX	Women	Cyndy Twedell cyndy@uccftw.com
Trunk or Treat	October 29 5:00pm–6:30pm	University Drive Parking Lot	All	Pam Reser pam@uccftw.com
Thanksgiving Basket Donations	November 1–19	Donation Bins Located in Church	All	Michelle Groom mgroom@uccftw.com
Chi Rho Fall Retreat	November 3–5	Disciples Crossing	6th–8th Graders	Tyler Heston tyler.heston@uccftw.com
All Saints Sunday	November 5	Sanctuary	All	Shannon Moore shannon.moore@uccftw.com
CYF Fall Retreat	November 10–12	Disciples Crossing	9th–12th Graders	Tyler Heston tyler.heston@uccftw.com
Contemplative Prayer: One-Day Intro Workshop	November 11 9:00am–2:00pm	Walker Hall	All	Jessica Vacketta jessica@uccftw.com
Higher Education Sunday	November 12	Sanctuary	All	Jessica Vacketta jessica@uccftw.com
RITI Sign-ups	November 12, 19 & 26 9:00am–12:30pm	Gallery	All	Michelle Groom mgroom@uccftw.com
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