



SUNDAY WORSHIP

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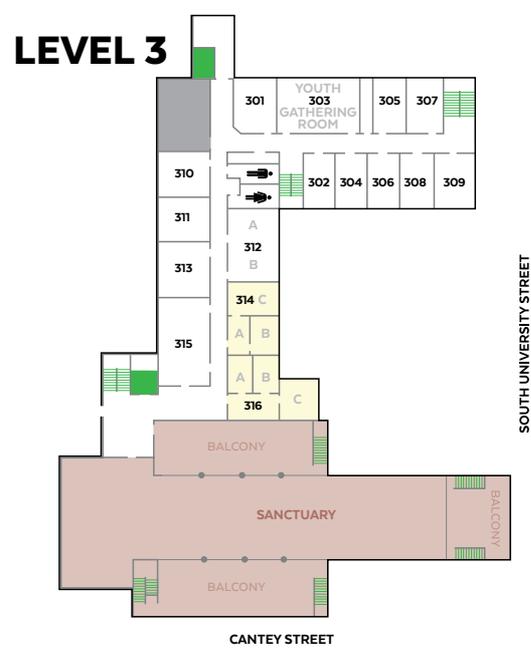
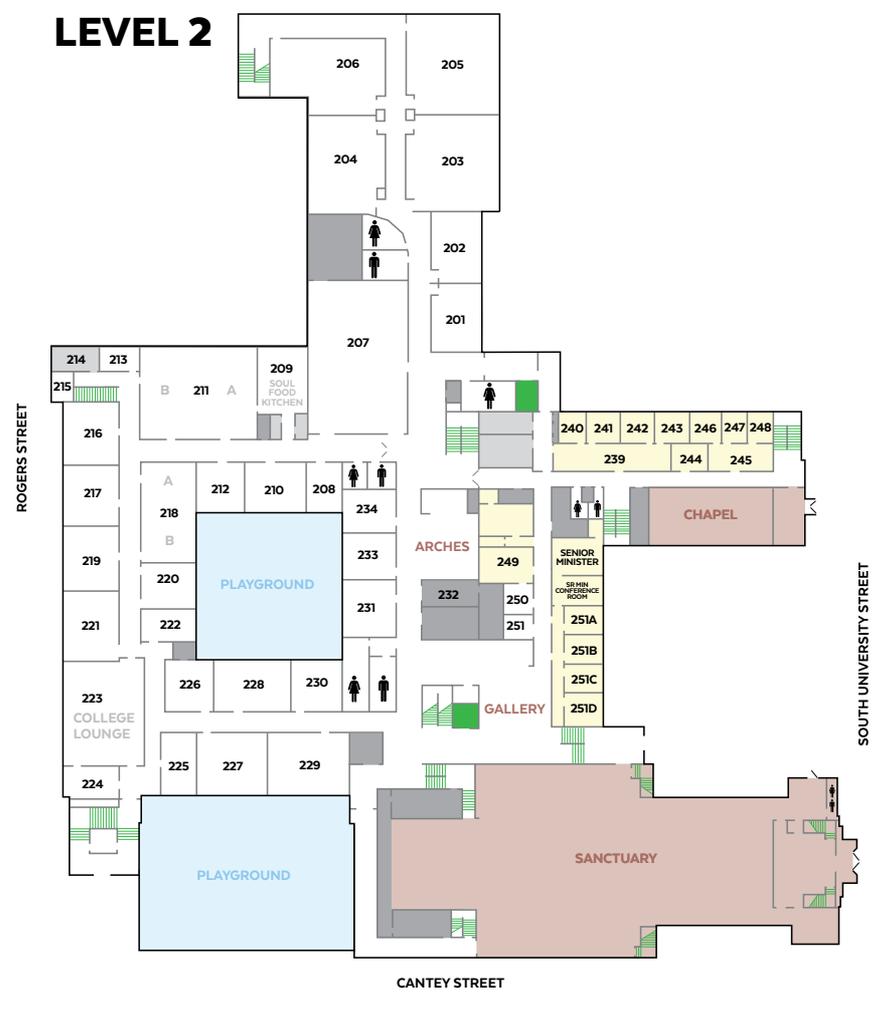
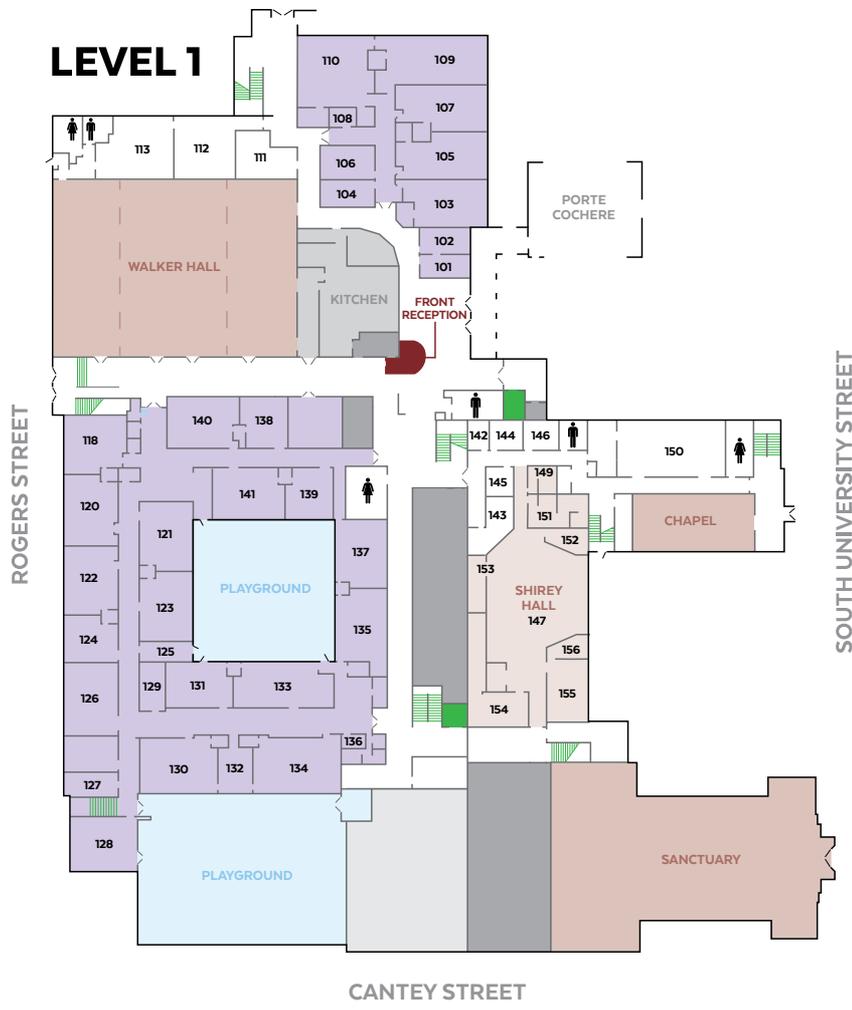
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Open minds, loving hearts





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Words from our Senior Minister

A Question that Could Change Everything

Not long ago I was reading a blog post by a young woman by the name of Allison Vesterfelt. She asked a poignant question that really got me thinking. The question was: What would you do with your life if you didn't have to worry about money?

That question, she explained, has challenged her to really see things from a different perspective. The first time that question was posed to her she was a grad student, living on a tight budget, funded by a part time job and student loans. Concern about money was part of her daily reality.

How much does that cost?

How much will that be?

I can't afford it.

What made it worse is that everyone around her didn't seem to have to worry all the time. They had nice apartments and never seemed to grimace at menu prices while eating in restaurants. But she did worry. The truth is, most people do, whether they admit to it or not.

Since that time in grad school, Allison has allowed that question to guide her life in profound ways. She eventually got to the point where she decided not to allow her worry over money keep her from living the one life entrusted to her—holding her back from doing what she wanted to do—who God was calling her to be.

In that process, she says, she learned a lot about money. First, she learned that, if you worry about money when you don't have it, you'll worry about money when you have it. She used to think, as a struggling student, that the only thing that could make her quit worrying about money, was to get more of it. But that wasn't the case.

She finally came to the realization that the worry over money, ultimately, has little to do with circumstances. Despite all of the calculating, obsessing, worrying, the real issues are more than monetary. She also learned that money is a bad motivator and sometimes leads us to do things that aren't good for us...or not do things, as the case sometimes is. Money is a powerful motivator, she says, but not always a good one.

What she suggests is that we "change the way we think about money, and submit ourselves to an economy not driven by dollars but by love, integrity, community and compassion."

In the life of the church, we spend a lot of time wringing our hands, worrying about paying the bills and funding the budget. I often wonder about what it might be like to not worry so much about money; how might that energy that we spend worrying could be better used doing ministry. Maybe an important question that we might ask ourselves, and God, is what would we do as a church if we didn't have to worry about money? If our only limitations were our imaginations, who would we serve? What would we do? How would we go about doing ministry?

I'm incredibly thankful for the people in this church that worry about balancing the budget and paying the bills. And I'm also very grateful for all the people that contribute generously so those folks have the funds to do all that. We are incredibly blessed by the faithfulness and generosity of so many.

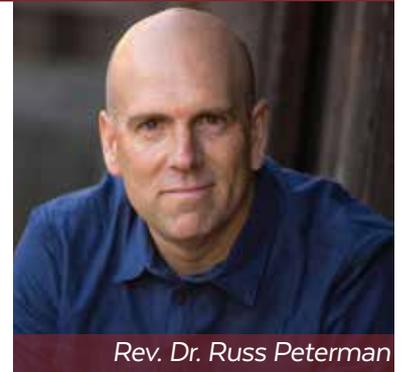
As we move forward in ministry, and discern what God is calling us to do and be in the year ahead, may we allow ourselves to wrestle with that question that could change everything: what would we do differently if we didn't have to worry about money?

My sense is that in the answer to that question are the very things God is inviting us to do.

Gratefully and faithfully,



Rev. Dr. Russ Peterman, Senior Minister



Rev. Dr. Russ Peterman

How to connect and get involved at UCC

The growing upbeat energy at UCC is contagious and it is truly a wonderful time to be a part of our church. We continue to see the outpouring of your gifts—gifts of time, donations and support—to all of our ministries. As we look ahead to what we can do as a community, the vision of God's unlimited transforming love can be seen. Let's continue this good work into 2019.

With your participation, together, we can continue to live out what God is calling us to be through our Annual Giving Campaign: *What Shall We Bring?* Through this campaign, we are equipped with the knowledge of how to budget and plan for the upcoming year. This includes so many aspects of our church, most importantly, it is how your money becomes ministry. Our ministries are the culmination of many Christian practices: worshiping, serving, learning and caring. You can read the narrative of this year's budget request in the mailing you have or will soon receive from UCC. You may also access it online at www.universitychristian.org/annual-giving. This link will also take you to the online form to submit your 2019 Estimate of Giving.

We thank you for your generosity and look forward to continuing to live out our mission—living the good news of Jesus Christ with open minds and loving hearts.

We also invite our children and youth to participate and learn about faith-filled stewardship through the *What Shall We Bring?* campaign. Coin banks are available to collect their giving, found in preschool classes, Journey land classes and in the Arches. Later in the year, there will be a designated time and special moment for the children to bring in their coin boxes.

On a separate note, please accept our apology on any frustrations you came across last month, trying to opt-in to continue to receive the UCC Journal by mail. We have extended the time to opt-in through the end of November. In addition to opting-in electronically, www.universitychristian.org/mail-journal, we are also providing paper forms and drop-off containers in the Gallery, Arches and Front Desk.

Open minds, loving hearts



Programs & Events

Welcome to all things UCC!

We have so many programs and events for everyone to enjoy and participate in throughout the month. Below is a color code to help you quickly navigate whether programs are for: all (all ages and genders), men, women, college, youth, children and so on.

We look forward to seeing you all connecting, growing and serving!

● ALL

● ADULTS 18+

● MEN

● WOMEN

● YOUNG ADULTS

● COLLEGE

● YOUTH

● CHILDREN

OCTOBER'S FEATURED EVENTS & PROGRAMS

The following events and programs are highlights; specific to this month.



ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN: WHAT SHALL WE BRING?

October 1-21

The whole congregation of believers was united as one—one heart, one mind! They didn't even claim ownership of their own possessions. No one said, "That's mine, you can't have it." They shared everything. The apostles gave powerful witness to the resurrection of the Master Jesus, and grace was on all of them. —Acts 4:32-33

Our story as a church unfolds in scripture, in the life of Jesus and in the world around us. We live out this story in many

ways including: worshiping, learning, serving and connecting. UCC places its financial resources in ways that our congregation can continue to offer ministry and programming—living out God's transforming love in so many faith-filled ways.

During the first three weeks of October, we ask that you prayerfully consider how you will estimate your giving for the year 2019. Your response can be given by filling out the Estimate of Giving form online, www.universitychristian.org/annual-giving, or by dropping off a completed Estimate of Giving card sent to you by mail or found in the Sanctuary pews. You can drop the cards into the marked boxes in the Gallery and by the Front Desk.

MISSION WORTH IT!

October 5-8
CONNECT FORT WORTH

This is an opportunity for families and individuals, of all ages, to serve together throughout Fort Worth and learn more about how we can continue to support refugees and immigrant families. We will serve and learn from places like the International Newcomers Academy, Catholic Charities, Texas Refugee Services, and Church World Service. Register Online* Contact: jessica@uccftw.com

SUNDAY SCHOOL SPEAKER—DR. SID O'BRYANT

Sunday, October 7
10:00am | RM 207

Professor, Sid E. O'Bryant, Ph.D., Department of Pharmacology & Neuroscience, University of North Texas Health Science Center, will speak to several adult Sunday school classes about Alzheimer's Disease, research underway and the hope that exists in finding a cause,

treatment and a cure. Even if we don't have a direct connection to someone suffering from Alzheimer's it is a frightening disease. Providing facts about Alzheimer's can help our congregation provide the love and support that is needed to those suffering from Alzheimer's and those caring for a loved one.

FIRST SUNDAY
FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON
Sunday, October 7 • 12:00pm
Walker Hall

Children 5 and under eat free, ages 6 through college \$5 and adults \$10
Contact: renee.hoke@uccftw.com.

PET BLESSING
Sunday, October 7
3:00pm | Porte-Cochere

We will gather under the porte-cochere with our pets for this service of blessing led by Rev. Russ Peterman (though he might bless any pet snakes from a distance!).

There will also be a memory table available for you to bring a photograph, toy or other meaningful item to honor those pets who have crossed the rainbow bridge.

SILENT MOVIE NIGHT

Sunday, October 7
Refreshments • 6:30pm | RM 207
Film • 7:00pm | Sanctuary

The UCC Belltower Series is pleased to bring Tom Helms, silent movie organist, back by popular demand. Tom will bring *Speedy* 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!



WEEKDAY SCHOOL FALL BREAK—NO SCHOOL

Monday, October 8 • All Day

CHANCEL CHOIR RETREAT

October 12-13

Woman's Club of Fort Worth

This annual choir retreat provides an opportunity for food, fellowship, and extended rehearsals.

BOAR'S HEAD CAST AND CREW SIGN UP

Sundays, October 14, 21, 28
8:30am-12:15pm | Arches

The Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival is a medieval interpretation of the story of Christmas. This unique spin on a very special story is played out through a stunning procession to masterfully composed music. The Boar's Head Feast, following the second performance of the first festival day, rounds out this holiday experience by adding a yuletide banquet of fine food, good cheer and hearty merriment.

Celebrate our 43rd Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival by being a part of the performing cast or by being a much needed and valued crew member. There is a place for all! By doing so, you participate in the life and mission of UCC, you get to know your fellow members and experience the camaraderie of being part of something great—sharing a wonderful gift with our community and church.

In order to accommodate the greatest number of participants, we ask that you come to the sign up with more than one part in mind. The

Boar's Head Cast and Crew list will be released before mid-November. Contact: rachel.ngurukie@uccftw.com

FIRE AND MEAT

Sunday, October 14 • 3:15pm
Home of John Andrus

If an afternoon of firing up the grill, having a burger, watching the Dallas Cowboys, and learning about home brew sounds like a pretty good day, then you should join The Guys, our Men's Ministry, for Fire and Meat! The Guys of UCC will be watching the Cowboy game (3:25 kickoff against the Jaguars), learning the ins and outs of home brewing from our very own Tony Allred during halftime, and then grill burgers during the second half. Cost is \$12 at the door. Please bring a lawn chair. RSVP by October 12 to john.andrus@wnco.com if you plan on attending.

UCC'S GALLERY REDEDICATION

Sunday, October 21
12:00pm | Gallery

Join us as we rededicate UCC's Gallery and its permanent exhibition: Images of Jesus the Christ in Art on Sunday, October 21, following 11:00am worship. Our latest acquisition, "Salvator Mundi" by Leonardo da Vinci will be unveiled.

WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S

Saturday, October 27 • 9:00am
Panther Island Pavillion

Bring your family and friends on Saturday, October 27, 9:00am at Panther Island Pavillion and lead

the way to Alzheimer's first survivor. The Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's® is the world's largest event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer's care, support and research. This inspiring event calls on participants of all ages and abilities to join the fight against the disease. Together, we can end Alzheimer's disease!

CARDBOARD ARCADE

Sunday, October 28
10:00am | RM 110

Cardboard Arcade is an intergenerational experience for all, led by our children. Children have created arcade games and invite all to come play. All donations toward arcade game play will go toward a Children's Sabbath donation to a local children's program.



TRUNK OR TREAT

Sunday, October 28
5:00pm-6:30pm...or until we run out of candy!

A free trick-or-treating event for the community, featuring carnival-style games and decorated trunks filled with candy. Kid-friendly costumes are encouraged! Candy donation baskets will be available starting Sunday, October 7th. For more information or to sponsor a trunk email robin.doyle@uccftw.com.

CONNECT

Meaningful fellowship, learning and spiritual development opportunities are available for all seasons of life at UCC. We offer an array of ways for you to grow and connect: Bible studies, book clubs, retreats, workshops and small groups.

FAITHFULLY FIT FOREVER

Mondays • 4:00pm | RM 205
Wednesdays & Fridays
11:00am | RM 205

Join us for a light aerobic exercise program and a faithful reminder of God's loving presence in our lives. All ages welcome. Contact: mgroom@uccftw.com

YOGA WITH JULIE VITEK

Mondays • 12:30pm | RM 205
Thursdays • 10:30am | RM 205

Julie Vitek teaches yoga every Monday and Thursday! All are welcome. \$5 per class Bring a mat if possible. Contact: mgroom@uccftw.com

COLLEGE FIRST SUNDAY LUNCH

Sunday, October 7 • 12:15pm

A free lunch for college students the first Sunday of each month. Gather in the Gallery following 11:00am Worship. Contact: jessica@uccftw.com



Programs & Events

LATTE WITH THE LADIES

October 9 • 9:00am-11:00am
Buon Giorno, 912 Florence St.

Join women of all ages for fellowship over morning coffee. We meet at local coffee bistros each month on the second Saturday. Contact: mgroom@uccftw.com

ALZHEIMER'S CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

Tuesday, October 9
3:30pm | RM 201

A support group for caregivers of those suffering from Alzheimer's disease and other dementias. This group meets the second Thursday of the month. **Date change due to October 11 football game.** Contact: pam@uccftw.com.

MEN'S THIRD THURSDAY LUNCH

Thursday, October 18
Noon | Café Bella

Join men of all ages for lunch and fellowship on the third Thursday of every month at Café Bella. Contact: robin.doyle@uccftw.com

GROW

UCC offers Bible studies, classes, special speakers, small groups and more as, opportunities for you to continue your spiritual journey. Learn more about discipleship and grow your relationship with God.

UCC & YOU

Sundays • 10:00am | RM 201

Whether you are new to UCC, returning after some time away, or if you have been here forever, you are welcome to UCC & You. Learn about UCC & the Christian Church—Disciples of Christ, find ways to get connected to ministries you are passionate about, discover your Spiritual Gifts, and lots more! There are 4 sessions that repeat each month, so you can come any time. Contact: shannon.moore@uccftw.com

GOOD NEWS, GOOD BREWS

Wednesdays • 8:00pm-9:30pm
The Ginger Man

This 21+ group gathers at the Ginger Man on Camp Bowie to discuss faith, beliefs, and lots more in a casual atmosphere. Every Wednesday in October, except the 31st. Contact: shannon.moore@uccftw.com.

FIRST THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP

Thursday, October 4
11:00am | RM 150

A monthly lunch-and-learn series with a variety of guest speakers. This month's speaker is Matt Oliver with the Trinity River Vision Authority. He will tell us about the development of Panther Island and Gateway Park. Following the presentation, everyone is invited to stay for a potluck lunch. RSVP to rachel.ngurukie@uccftw.com by Tuesday, October 2.

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT—SABBATH MOMENTS

October 5-7 • Disciples Crossing

Young adults, ages 18-23, will gather in Athens, Texas to experience a Sabbath weekend retreat. Contact: jessica@uccftw.com

WILD WOMEN BOOK CLUB

Monday, October 15
6:00pm | Cat City Grill

Tuesday, October 16
11:30am | RM 150

The WILD Women Book Club is both Growing Young and growing in our awareness of people and situations different from our own. This year we are reading Young Reader Books and invite youth to join us as we open our eyes to new understanding and listen to a younger voice.

October Book: *Esperanza Rising* by Pam Munoz Ryan.

We meet the third week of each month, September through May (excluding December), to discuss a book, enjoy time together around the table and support the work of Heifer's WILD program, Women in Livestock Development.

SERVE

Part of discipleship is responding to the needs of others. From around the world and within our local community, we are being called to serve. We offer mission pilgrimages and many outreach programs to fulfill this calling.

ACOLYTES Grades 4-6

Sundays in October

Calling all fourth thru sixth graders! Have you thought about being an acolyte? Acolytes bring the Light of Christ into the sanctuary to help prepare us for worship. Contact: shannon.moore@uccftw.com

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Sundays • 12:00pm | RM 211

Regular rehearsals including lunch for the Children's Choir. Contact: maryelizabethfarmer@yahoo.com

YOUTH HANDBELL CHOIRS

Sundays • 5:00pm | RM 205, RM 229 & Sanctuary

Regular rehearsals of the Youth Handbell Choirs. Contact: todd.prickett@uccftw.com

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Sundays • 5:00pm | RM 206

Prayer shawl ministry welcomes all to gather to knit and crochet shawls—given in gratitude, to those undertaking a new journey in life, and to those facing surgery or loss. Contact: cyndy@uccftw.com

COLLEGE LUNCH BUNCH VOLUNTEERS

Wednesdays • 12:00pm
College Lounge (RM 223)

We are in need of volunteers to help provide food for our weekly college lunch. Please sign up online under open registrations. If you are interested in serving as a monthly host (set out drinks, plates, welcome students, help with food set-up, etc.) Contact: jessica@uccftw.com

NEEDLERS

Thursdays in October
9:00am | RM 312

The Needlers gather to crochet, knit and do needlework. Contact: cyndy@uccftw.com.

AD DEUM HANDBELL CHOIR

Thursdays • 6:00pm | RM 229

Regular weekly rehearsals for the adult bell choir. Contact: todd.prickett@uccftw.com

UCC CHANCEL CHOIR

Thursdays • 7:00pm | RM 147

Regular rehearsals of the Chancel Choir in Shirey Hall. Contact: todd.prickett@uccftw.com

PROM DREAMS BOUTIQUE—OPEN UNTIL OCTOBER 4

We are in need of volunteers: help young women "shop", be a sales associate and re-organize inventory. Sign up online*. Contact: Mary Ashley Ray, maray413@gmail.com

PRAYER BEADS

October 6 • 10:00am | RM 204

Prayer bead ministry meets the first Saturday of the month (except November and December). No experience needed—beginning beader skill taught and equipment provided. Prayer beads are made for UCC and THR Harris Hospital for people in crisis situations. Contact: pam@uccftw.com

NOTE WRITERS

October 11 • 10:00am | Arches

The Note Writers gather the second Thursday of each month to send notes of encouragement, congratulations or condolences. Contact: mgroom@uccftw.com

TCU FOOTBALL YOUTH PARKING FUNDRAISER*

October 11 • 1:30pm

October 20 • TBD

Football Season is here again, and youth and their parents have the opportunity to raise money by

parking cars in the church lots for TCU football games. Funds raised benefit youth and youth handbell programs. Volunteers earn \$50.00/hour credit, used toward the cost of camps, retreats and service-learning trips.

***Youth, grades 6-12, and their parents are welcome to volunteer.**

Contact: jamie.plunkett@uccftw.com

GOVERNANCE, COMMITTEE & LEADERSHIP

ADULT MINISTRY MEETING

**Tuesday, October 2
6:00pm | RM 312**

Meet in the 3rd Floor Kitchen from 6:00pm to 7:30pm. Contact: shannon.moore@uccftw.com

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

**Tuesday, October 2
5:30pm | RM 202**

The committee regulates policies relating to our employees regarding staff hiring, salaries, employee contracts, benefits, leave and other administrative matters. Contact: renee.hoke@uccftw.com

FINANCE COMMITTEE

**Tuesday, October 9
5:30pm | RM 202**

This monthly meeting is to review financial reports and discern all matters of financial impact to UCC. Open to all. Contact: michelle@uccftw.com

MUSIC COMMITTEE

**Tuesday, October 9
5:30pm | RM 150**

CHILDREN'S TEAM MEETING

**Sunday, October 14
9:00am | Third Floor Kitchen**

Team members meet to plan and discuss children's programming. Contact: kera@uccftw.com

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

**Sunday, October 14
12:15pm | RM 226**

The committee addresses maintenance and improvement of UCC buildings and surrounding grounds. Contact: renee.hoke@uccftw.com

BOARD OF STEWARDS

**Tuesday, October 16
6:30pm | RM 150**

The Board of Stewards has the general responsibility to govern and manage the business and affairs of the Congregation.

WORSHIP LIFE COMMITTEE

**Wednesday, October 17
5:30pm | RM 150**

Monthly meeting to focus on ways to grow, support, and enhance how we worship as a congregation and community.

ASSEMBLY MEETING

**Tuesday, October 23
6:30pm | Walker Hall**

The Assembly is composed of the Assembly Elders, Board of Deacons, Board of Stewards, Ministry Division Leaders and Student Delegates. It has the responsibility to adopt policies binding upon the Board of Stewards. Childcare available for Kindergarten children and under. Additional tables will be set up in the meeting room for children older than Kindergarten level.

MISSION PILGRIMAGE COMMITTEE

**Wednesday, October 24
6:00pm | Los Vaqueros**

This committee meets the fourth Wednesday each month to discuss current and upcoming Mission Pilgrimage opportunities.

UCC MINISTRIES

ADULT MINISTRY

We offer many ways for you to grow in your faith and connect with God and others through fellowship, spiritual development, Bible studies, book groups, retreats, workshops and small groups.

Minister: Rev. Shannon Moore
Leader: Sue Gover

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

We provide a safe, welcoming and engaging place for our children to discover and experience God.

Minister: Rev. Kera Watts
Leader: Ali Briseno

CHURCH AND THE ARTS MINISTRY

Church and the Arts enhances the understanding, shaping, and expression of our faith through the arts. We sponsor various cultural activities throughout the year.

Staff: Janet Pummill
Leader: Lisa Wan

COLLEGE MINISTRY

Our hope is to cultivate life-giving community for students through worship, fellowship, and service.

Minister: Rev. Jessica Vacketta
Leader: Mark Tentinger

MEN'S MINISTRY

The men of UCC are busy serving the needs of others and sharing in opportunities for fellowship and fun together. All are welcome!

Minister: Rev. Cyndy Twedell
Leader: John Andrus

MUSIC MINISTRY

Music enriches our worship experience and helps us understand our relationships with God and each other. All of our music ensembles are open to anyone who would like to participate.

Minister: Rev. Dr. Todd Prickett
Leader: Bill Shelton

OUTREACH MINISTRY

Called to demonstrate the love of God, we work within and beyond our community to build caring partnerships and foster mutual ministries as we open our hearts in service to others.

Minister: Rev. Jessica Vacketta
Leader: Kim McAdams Baker

CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRY

We're a large church with a BIG heart. Care is provided in personal and compassionate ways through visits to hospitals and to the homebound, prayer groups and countless interactions that help us sense God's loving presence and provision. Contact: 817-926-6631, pastoralcare@uccftw.com or use the Pastoral Care Request link on our website.

Minister: Rev. Cyndy Twedell
Leader: Sandra Soria

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Women of UCC share together in fun, fellowship, spiritual growth and opportunities to advocate for women in our community and around the world. All are welcome to join us!

Minister: Rev. Cyndy Twedell
Leader: Debbie Powell

WORSHIP LIFE MINISTRY

We focus on ways to grow, support, and enhance how we worship as a congregation and community.

Minister: Rev. Shannon Moore
Leader: Art Busbey

YOUTH MINISTRY

For our youth, we focus on fun, fellowship, games, worship, opportunities to serve, spiritual growth and so much more.

Minister: Rev. Jamie Plunkett
Leader: Julie O'Neil



REGISTRATIONS & OTHER MISC INFO

In this section you will find opportunities to sign up for future programming, events and mission trips. Most registrations are online unless otherwise noted. Register at:
www.universitychristian.org/web-calendar/open-registration.

CHI RHO FALL RETREAT

Registration ends October 19
Chi Rho Fall Retreat is November 2-4
Register at disciplescrossing.org
Grades 6-8

Middle schoolers will gather in Athens, Texas for a weekend of fellowship and fun.

CYF FALL RETREAT

Registration ends October 26
CYF Fall Retreat is November 9-11
Register at disciplescrossing.org
Grades 9-12

High schoolers will gather in Athens, Texas to experience a Sabbath weekend retreat.



IMPORTANT WORSHIP DATES

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Sunday, October 7

CHILDREN'S SABBATH

Sunday, October 28

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