



## SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:00am & 11:00am

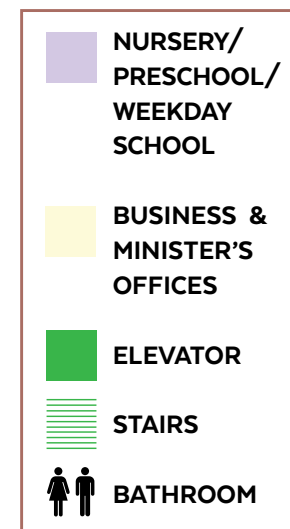
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*Open minds, loving hearts*





# Map of University Christian Church



## Words from our Senior Minister

Our young people are growing up in a different world from the one you and I and our parents grew up in. Each year the staff at Beloit College in Wisconsin puts together a list of interesting characteristics to try to give the faculty a sense of the mindset of that's year's freshmen class. Most of this year's class, the Class of 2022, were born in the year 2000.

As college students head back to campus this month, here are several interesting points about the incoming class:

- They are the first class to be born in the new millennium, yet they aren't considered Millennials but the very beginning of Generation Z!
- They are the first generation for whom a "phone" has been primarily a video game, direction finder, electronic telegraph, and research library.
- In college, they will often think of themselves as consumers, who've borrowed a lot of money to be there.
- eHarmony has always offered an algorithm for happiness.
- There have always been emojis to cheer us up.
- It is doubtful that they have ever used or heard the high-pitched whine of a dial-up modem.
- They were never able to use a Montgomery Ward catalogue as a booster seat.
- Donald Trump has always been a political figure, as a Democrat, an Independent, and a Republican.
- In their lifetimes, Blackberry has gone from being a wild fruit to being a communications device to becoming a wild fruit again.
- They have always been searching for Pokemon.
- Dora the Explorer and her pet monkey Boots helped to set them on the course of discovery.
- By the time they entered school, laptops were outselling desktops.
- Whatever the subject, there's always been a blog for it.
- Globalization has always been both a powerful fact of life and a source of incessant protest.
- Men have always shared a romantic smooch on television.
- As toddlers, they may have taught their grandparents how to Skype.
- There has never been a sanctioned Texas A&M bonfire.

- Justin Timberlake has always been a solo act.
- Bill Clinton has always been Hillary Clinton's aging husband.

While times and mindsets change, some things never will. What will never change is our need and desire to be in relationship with others and with God. People of all ages are longing for a soul-shaking, heart-waking, world-changing God to fall in love with. And if we don't find that God in the church, we will most certainly settle for lesser gods elsewhere.

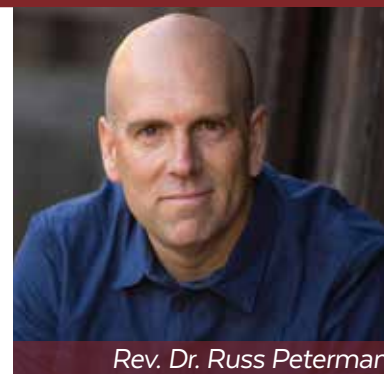
I don't have all the answers, but I do know that in times such as these I am proud to be a part of a community of faith that offers something more to the young people of this community than a donut. I look at the lives of our youth who have had their world turned inside out when they have been empowered to serve and give of themselves in incredible ways. I look at our young people who have had their souls shaken alive because they have been given not answers, but a safe place to question, wonder and discover the presence of God within them, and I give thanks for Jamie and our youth staff, paid and volunteers, who love our young people and create for them that place; and for Jessica and our college team who care for and nurture TCU students who happen to find their way across the street.

When I think of the youthful hearts that have fallen in love with God under the care of the people of this congregation who have modeled for them faith, love and acceptance, I give thanks for you who live out your faith in very real, tangible ways.

For you I am thankful,



Rev. Dr. Russ Peterman, Senior Minister



Rev. Dr. Russ Peterman

## How to connect and get involved at UCC

When we dedicate babies at University Christian Church, we ask the congregation the following question, "People of University Christian Church, do you promise to live so that these children know that they are loved by God and their church. And do you promise to welcome them with open arms and hearts into our community of faith?" After a resounding "YES," we begin our commitment to raising these children as part of our faith family. This involves serving with, learning from and teaching the children of UCC.

Research from Fuller Youth Institute (our Sticky Faith and Growing Young partners) shows children and teens who have 5 or more adults engaged in their lives are more likely to feel a sense of belonging and adhere to the positive values parents want to instill. We do this by intentionally and strategically inviting trusted adults, to teach, nurture and support our children—where parents sometimes cannot.

It is easy to say to ourselves "I'm not going to teach Journey Land because my children are all grown up," or "I'm not needed because I

don't have any children," or "I've already served my time, it's someone else's turn." The fact is, we have all been called to help raise and guide these children as part of our faith family. This calling comes to life in a variety of ways. It might mean serving as a Journey Land Sunday School teacher for a three week commitment or a shepherd for a school year. It could be providing a meal for children's choir or dinner for Sunday evening snack supper. It can be as simple as introducing yourself to a child and tell them your glad they are here.

As we begin a new school year, we encourage you to get to know a child by name by listening, learning and sharing with them on a consistent basis on Sundays.

Our hope is that every single child who steps through our doors will know they are supported, surrounded, and loved by a community of faith that loves them as the amazing people God created them to be.

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# 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

## AUGUST'S FEATURED EVENTS & PROGRAMS

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

### BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY



AUGUST 19

Time to get Back to Church!

All are welcome to a day of worship, fun, food and fellowship—bring your friends!

Please RSVP on our website for meal and activity planning.

Back to Church Sunday is the perfect opportunity to reconnect as we begin our fall programming. All are welcome—bring your friends!

#### Back to Church Sunday festivities include:

- Celebrating promotions in Sunday School classes/programming
- Blessing of backpacks, students and educators during the 11:00am worship service
- A community meal
- Fun family activities and yard games
- Slide show of all the #ucconthego photos taken over the summer

Volunteers are needed—please contact [kera@uccftw.com](mailto:kera@uccftw.com) or [jamie.plunkett@uccftw.com](mailto:jamie.plunkett@uccftw.com) if interested in making this a great event.

### Programs Beginning on Sunday, August 26

#### Children's Ministry

Our children's programs meet for fun, fellowship, service and faith-centered activities.

**8 months-Kindergarten:** Childcare is available every Sunday and also during large church events.

**Grades 1-3:** The Worship & Wonder program is during Sunday worship—participation instructions are in the weekly worship bulletins.

**Grades 1-5:** CCF/JYF (Children's Christian Fellowship/Junior Youth Fellowship) meets Sunday evenings, 5:00pm-6:15pm.

#### Youth Ministry Programs

**6th-12th graders:** Every Sunday evening our youth meet for fun, fellowship, games, prayer, worship, service and more.

- Youth Handbells, 5:00pm-6:00pm
- Snack Supper, 6:00pm-6:30pm
- Chi Rho (grades 6-8) and CYF (grades 9-12), 6:30pm-7:30pm

#### College Ministry Programs

Our college ministry is comprised of young adults from a variety of faith traditions. We meet for lunch the 1st Sunday of every month following worship and every Wednesday at noon.

### GLOBAL MINISTRIES AFRICA SUNDAY

Sunday, August 5 • 12:30pm

We welcome Rev. LaMarco Cable, Global Ministries Africa Executive, to UCC on Sunday, August 5. Rev. Cable will be with us in worship and lead a lunch program at 12:30pm inviting us to learn more about the work of our mission partners in Africa. As a Global Ministries congregation we look forward to hearing how we can engage in the work of our partners in Africa. Please RSVP on our website for meal planning and for childcare.

### YOUTH FAMILY ROUNDUP

August 12 • 10:00am | Walker Hall

Youth and families of youth entering grades 6 through 12 are invited to an orientation and informational session regarding youth ministry programming for the upcoming year. There will be breakfast, energizers and a lot to discuss!

### BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

August 19 | During 11:00am Worship Service

Bring your backpack with you on Sunday, August 19 and join in a children's moment during 11:00am worship. We will bless backpacks, students and teachers as a new school year begins. Don't miss out on this exciting part of worship! P.S. If you don't bring your backpack, we still want you to be a part of the blessing. Children in the Kindergarten classroom will be taken to the 11:00am worship for the blessing and then return back to their classroom. If you would like your younger child to participate, please pick them up and take them to worship, and if you wish, return them to class following the blessing.



## PROMOTION SUNDAY

**August 19 • 10:00am**

All children and youth will officially promote to their age/grade for the 2018-2019 school year.

## WDS MEET THE TEACHER

**August 24**

Weekday School Meet the Teacher will be held the morning of Friday, August 24. Your child's teacher will email you details with a specific time and room number the week prior. We are looking forward to all of our Weekday School children coming back to learn and play!

## WDS FIRST DAY OF CLASS

**August 27**

Weekday School will welcome children back to class on Monday, August 27 for another year of learning and fun! Contact: 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**

Joins us for a light aerobic exercise program for all ages. 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. \$8 per class if you come once a week, \$10 per week if you come twice a week. Bring a mat if possible. Contact: mgroom@uccftw.com

### COLLEGE FIRST SUNDAY LUNCH

**August 5 • 12:15pm | RM 207**

A free lunch for college students the first Sunday of each month. Gather in the Gallery following 11:00am worship before heading off site for lunch.

## JYF CAMP 2

**August 6-10 | Disciples Crossing**  
**Athens, TX • Grades 3-5**

This camp is for kids who completed third, fourth or fifth grades to engage in a faith based camp experience with interactive learning stations, child-centered worship experiences, and lots of camp fun. Register online.\*

## ALZHEIMER'S CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

**August 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. Contact: pam@uccftw.com.

## LATTE WITH THE LADIES

**August 11 • 9:00am-11:00am**  
**85°C Bakery Cafe**

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

## MEN'S THIRD THURSDAY LUNCH

**August 16 • Noon | Café Bella**

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

## CHI-RHO BEGINS—AUGUST 26

*Grades 6-5*

**Sundays • 5:00pm**

Come join us Sunday evenings for fun, fellowship, games, prayer and worship! Snack supper to follow at 6:00pm-6:30pm.

## CYF BEGINS—AUGUST 26

*Grades 9-12*

**Sundays • 6:30pm**

Come join us on Sunday evenings for fun, fellowship, games, prayer and worship! Snack supper is prior at 6:00pm.

## JYF BEGINS—AUGUST 26

*Grades 1-5*

**Sundays • 5:00pm | RM 211**

Join us for a time of fellowship, service and fun.







# Programs & Events

## 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.

### WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

**Wednesdays • 10:00am | RM 203**

A weekly Bible study led by Rev. Shannon Moore. We are currently studying the teachings of Jesus found in the gospel of Matthew. All are welcome to join this study at any time. Contact: shannon.moore@uccftw.com.

### FAMILY CAMP 2

**August 10-12  
Disciples Crossing Athens, TX**

Family Camp is for ages 18 and younger accompanied by a family adult chaperone. Register online.\* Contact: vanessa.taber@uccftw.com



## 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.

### ROOM IN THE INN MINISTRY

**Wednesday Evenings & Thursday Mornings in August**

Room in the Inn hosts 10 homeless men for fellowship, dinner, overnight and breakfast every week. Email Carol Stewart, carolmstewart@sbcglobal.net to learn more about our RITI ministry or to schedule training. If already trained, sign up on Sunday in the Gallery for one or more of the many slots available to participate!

### NEEDLERS

**Thursdays in August  
9:00am | RM 312**

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

### PRAYER BEADS

**August 4 • 10:00am | RM 204**

Prayer bead ministry meets the first Saturday of the month. (except September and December) at 10:00am. No experience needed, beginning beader skill taught and all equipment provided. Prayer beads are made for UCC and THR Harris Hospital for people in crisis situations. Contact: pam@uccftw.com



### ACOLYTES

**Sundays in August • Grades 4-6**

Calling all fourth-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

### PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

**Sundays, August 5 & 19  
5:00pm | Off site**

**Sundays, August 12 & 26  
5:00pm | RM 206**

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

### NOTE WRITERS

**August 9 • 10:00am | Arches**

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

### UCC CHANCEL CHOIR— BEGINS AUGUST 9

**Thursdays • 7:00pm | RM 147**

Regular rehearsals of the Chancel Choir in Shirey Hall will resume on August 9. As we enter the fall, it is the perfect time for new members to join. Contact: todd.prickett@uccftw.com

### PRESCHOOL TEACHER TRAINING

**August 12 • 12:15pm | RM 211**

For all who will be serving Sundays at the 10:00am hour in our preschool classroom.

### JOURNEY LAND TRAINING

**August 19 • 9:00am | RM 211**

For all who will serve in our 10:00am Elementary Sunday School Journey Land experience.

### COLLEGE LUNCH BUNCH —BEGINS AUGUST 22

**Wednesdays • 12:00pm  
College Lounge**

If you would like to help provide food for our weekly college lunch, or sign up to host the lunch for a month at a time (set out drinks, plates, welcome students, etc.), register online.\*

### AD DEUM HANDBELL CHOIR— BEGINS AUGUST 23

**Thursdays • 6:00pm | RM 229**

Regular rehearsals for the adult bell choir will resume this fall on August 23 with new director, Eric Mullins. Contact: todd.prickett@uccftw.com

### YOUTH HANDBELL CHOIR MEETING

**Sunday, August 26 • 5:00pm-  
6:00pm | Shirey Hall**

This meeting is required for all parents and youth that plan to ring handbells this year. Todd Prickett, Eric Mullins, and Mimi Rogers will be available to answer questions. Preliminary information regarding next summer's England Tour will be discussed. Contact: todd.prickett@uccftw.com





## GOVERNANCE, COMMITTEE & LEADERSHIP

### ELDERS RETREAT

**August 4 • 9:00am-12:00pm**  
**Brite Conference Center**

A retreat for continuing Elders and current Elders with guest speaker Rev. Renee Hoke. Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

### ADULT MINISTRY MEETING

**August 7 • 6:00pm | RM 312**

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

### PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

**August 7 • 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: vanessa.taber@uccftw.com

### BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

**August 12 • 12:15pm | RM 226**

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

### DEACONS MEETING

**August 12 • 10:00am**  
**Walker Hall**

A monthly meeting for UCC Deacons.

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

**August 14 • 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

### CHURCH AND THE ARTS MEETING

**August 20 • 6:30pm | RM 150**

A monthly meeting to discuss outings, the Gallery and other arts topics relating to the church. Contact: janet.pummill@uccftw.com

### BOARD OF STEWARDS

**August 21 • 6:30pm | RM 150**

The Board of Stewards has the general responsibility to govern and manage the business and affairs of the Congregation. Contact: vanessa.taber@uccftw.com

### MISSION PILGRIMAGE COMMITTEE

**August 22 • 6:00pm | RM 226**

This committee meets the fourth Wednesday each month to discuss current and upcoming mission pilgrimage opportunities.

### CHILDREN'S TEAM MEETING

**August 26 • 9:00am**  
**Third Floor Kitchen**

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

### ELDERS MEETING

**August 28 • 7:00pm | RM 207**

A monthly meeting to discuss the spiritual needs of the church.

## 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

Hang with "The Guys" for fellowship and opportunities to help serve.

**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

### PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY

Together we share God's loving presence within the church community. We offer support in times of joy, illness, hospitalization, crises and other major life events. After hours and weekends ministers are on call: 817-926-6631, email pastoralcare@uccftw.com or use the Pastoral Care Request link found on the bottom of every page of our website.

**Minister:** Rev. Cyndy Twedell

**Leader:** Sandra Soria

### WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Join with other women in fellowship and spiritual growth as we reach out and advocate for women in our community and world.

**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

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](http://www.universitychristian.org/web-calendar/open-registration).

### PARENTS NIGHT OUT

Registration begins August 6,  
PNO is September 14

Register at [ucckids.org](http://ucckids.org)

This is an opportunity for a date night or even just a few hours to take some time just for you. Only \$5 per child, \$10 max per household. Fun activities and programs provided for infants through 5th graders. For more information email [robin.doyle@uccftw.com](mailto:robin.doyle@uccftw.com).



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