



2720 S. University Dr.
Ft. Worth, TX 76109

Join us Sunday Morning

Traditional Worship

8:45 & 11 a.m.

and

join *The Search*

Alternative Worship

5 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Rev. Larry Thomas
Senior Minister

Dr. Alan Lobaugh
*Senior Associate
Minister*

Rev. Russ Boyd
Dr. Suzanne Castle

Rev. Ellen Lewis
Rev. Daniel Terry

Rev. Rebecca Terry

Rev. Cyndy W. Twedell
Associate Ministers

Adam Fambrough
Herbert Murray
Jessica Vacketta
Assistant Ministers

Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival

Since 1976, University Christian Church has concluded the Christmas season with the magnificent Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival! For the past thirty-five years, a multi-generational cast of over 300 has re-enacted the ancient celebration which marks the end of the twelve days of Christmas. Also known as The Epiphany, the end of the twelve days traditionally claims that the Magi offered their gifts to the Christ Child.

The pageant is based on an old legend, that of an Oxford student who kills a wild boar when it interrupts his studies. When the church adopted the festival, it gained a new, Christian significance: the wild boar, symbolic of evil, is overcome by good through the teachings of Christ. Marching companies, in beautiful authentic costumes of Renaissance England, sing the ancient songs of Christendom, as they carry in the gaily-bedecked head of the wild boar, which is conquered by the innocent goodness of the Christ Child. The triumph of



light over darkness is made graphic in the Christ Candle through its light and through the carvings on the wooden candleholder in our production.

The second part of the program features the original Christmas story, as shepherds and Wise Men travel to Bethlehem to bring gifts to the Christ Child. The traditional tableau--Mary, Joseph, and the baby--is revealed as the climax, with the baby recently born to a member of our congregation playing the part of the infant Jesus. The iconic moment of the Holy

Family stirs the heart in remembrance of God's gift of his Son to all humanity.

The festival is celebrated in our Sanctuary on January 7 and 8 at 3 and 5 p.m. each day. To purchase reserved patron tickets for \$15 each, call the UCC Music Office at 817.926.6631 ext. 141; email boarshead@uccftw.com or visit our website: www.universitychristian.org.

Lunch with Betsy

On Sunday, January 22, the Women of UCC will host a very special lunch with UCC's own Betsy Price, Mayor of Fort Worth. Mark your calendars and make your reservations soon for the soup and salad luncheon in Room 207. This will no doubt be a great gathering so don't miss it! Contact Michelle Groom at 817.926.6631 ext 138, or mgroom@uccftw.com to add your name to the list.





Donate Coats and Winter Clothes for Union Gospel Mission

The sixth and seventh grade boys Sunday School class is collecting coats and other winter clothing for Union Gospel Mission during the month of January.

Please donate your old coats, sweaters, gloves, and winter hats to help our boys make a difference for our neighbors.

Boxes for donations and tax deductible receipts are located on the third floor.



The Season of Epiphany

by Rev. Larry Thomas, Senior Minister

Friday, January 6, marks the beginning of the season of Epiphany. The word epiphany means “to show”, “to reveal”, or “to manifest.” Within the historical context of the Christian faith, Epiphany represents the revelation of God’s taking human form in the person of Jesus Christ. In the Church we couple our celebration of Epiphany with the visitation of the wise men from the East, whose presence in our Christmas drama reveals not only the unique nature of Jesus’ birth, but also that his presence in the world would indeed be a blessing to those within and beyond the Jewish faith.

For contemporary Christians, Epiphany comes so late in our Christmas celebration that it is almost relegated to the category of an afterthought. By the time we announce the beginning of the season of Epiphany, most of us will have packed the wise men away with all of the other nativity characters that adorned our homes during Advent and Christmas. We don’t put them away early because we want to hurry through the experience: it is simply a matter of expedience. We have a day or two of vacation following Christmas and we need to take things down and put them away while we can!

Actually, we don’t have to have the wise men

present to remind us of the important and unique gift we have in Jesus Christ. Some picture or symbol may help, I know I have mine. The essential piece is to remember and to act upon that memory. The operable question then for the season of Epiphany is not whether or not the wise men are last to go into the attic, but rather will we remember and will we seek new ways of awaking to reality of God’s presence with us, a presence that was made known to us through Jesus of Nazareth?

At this point, Epiphany becomes personal. The very word “epiphany” lends credence to the idea that God is at work in the lives of those who seek a deeper relationship with the Divine. The wise men, otherwise known as magi, were seekers. They studied ancient texts and watched the night sky for signs of God’s work. We on the other hand, spend more time seeking God through prayer, study, worship, and relationships with others. While this may not sound as exciting as pouring over ancient manuscripts (whose languages and symbols would elude most of us) or gazing into the heavens, we know it to be as effective and even more essential. It was Jesus himself who encouraged us to ask, seek and knock. My prayer for you is that you too will make some significant discoveries in this New Year and especially during this season of Epiphany.



Ministers Week

February 6-9, 2012

As in years past, UCC will host Ministers Week, the 70 plus-year-old continuing education event sponsored by TCU and Brite Divinity School. UCC members have a unique opportunity to share in the rich offerings of Ministers Week.

This year, the Rev. Dr. Mike Graves, Professor of preaching and Director of Continuing education at St. Paul School of Theology in Kansas City, will preach the Wells Sermons during worship services on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings, February 6-8, at 7:30 p.m.

Other highlights of this year’s Ministers Week schedule:

February 7 • Scott Lectures & Organ Recital/Hymn Sing

- Dr. Namsoon Kang, Professor of World Christianity and Religions at Brite Divinity School
- Recital & Hymn Sing, Patrick Scott, Organist, University Christian Church, Austin, TX

February 8 • Davis Workshop in Ministry

- Dr. Bruce Epperly, Theologian, Pastor, Author, Leader in Faith Formation

February 9 • McFadin Lectures

- Dr. Phyllis Tribble, University Professor, Wake Forest University Divinity School

Find additional information about all of the Ministers Week presenters and the full schedule of events and workshops at www.brite.edu.

Who Do You Recommend as Church Lay Leader? _____

It's Church Leadership Nomination Season!

We need your help! Beginning January 15, The Committee on Leadership and Governance (CLG) is receiving written submissions of candidates to be considered for church leadership positions. The deadline for submission of candidates is February 15. The leadership positions will be for Deacons, Elders, Board of Stewards, as well as the Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary of the Board of Stewards. Submissions for the Board of Stewards and Board Officers must be made by Members of the Assembly (current-term Elders, Deacons, Ministry Area Leaders and Stewards). The CLG is responsible for the lay leadership nomination process for the congregation. This includes the posting of notices, reviewing the submissions to be considered for nominations, selecting of a slate of nominees and presenting the slate to the Board Secretary. Members of the 2012 CLG are: Dan Powell (Chair), Mary Nell Andrus, Bobby Hawley, Gay McKeever, Pam Miller, Steve Mosher, Pat Muckleroy, Margaret Puckett, and Sandra Soria.

Recommendations for Deacon and Elder Nominations

Beginning on January 15, recommendations of names of members to be considered for nomination for twenty Deacons and eight Elders for terms to run from June 1, 2012 through May 31, 2015 will be accepted. Elders and Deacons will be elected as voting Members of the Assembly at a Congregational meeting during the month of May. The leadership roles of Elders and Deacons require persons who have previously demonstrated commitment to the congregation and are willing to serve in these important positions for a period of three years. Again, the deadline for turning in forms is February 15. Recommendation forms for consideration by the CLG are available at drop boxes located at the Reception Desk and in The Arches. Each

form should be placed in a sealed envelope and returned to one of the drop boxes provided at those locations. Further details are provided on the forms. Questions may be directed to Dan Powell, CLG Chairman, at 817.714.4920 or powelldan@sbcglobal.net. You can find a list of current Assembly Elders and Deacons on the UCC website and on the bulletin board in the Reception Area.

Recommendations for Board of Stewards and Congregational Officers Nominations

The Assembly of Congregational Leaders, at its May 2012 meeting, will elect four members of the Board of Stewards for two-year terms and five members for three-year terms, as well as the Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary of the Board of Stewards for one-year terms. These officers will also serve in corresponding capacities for the Assembly of Congregational Leaders and for the Congregation. The terms for Stewards and for Officers will begin on June 1, 2012.

The Committee on Leadership and Governance (CLG) is currently receiving written recommendations from Members of the Assembly (current-term Elders, Deacons, Ministry Area Leaders and Stewards) for nomination consideration of persons to serve on the Board of Stewards or as Chair, Vice Chair, or Secretary of the Board of Stewards. Members of the congregation who are not members of the Assembly may contact an Assembly member and request him/her to consider recommending a person for nomination as a Steward or Officer. The deadline for turning in forms is February 15. Information on this process is being mailed to Members of the Assembly. Questions may be directed to Dan Powell, CLG Chairman, at 817.714.4920 or powelldan@sbcglobal.net. You can find a list of current Stewards and Officers on the UCC website and on the bulletin board in the Reception Area.

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All Church Family Fiesta

Mark your calendars now for our UCC Family Fiesta, February 10, 6 p.m.

When to Use Complementary Medicine

Sunday, January 29
6:30 -7:30 p.m.
Room 207

Presented by Shelagh Larson, RN, MS, and Woman's Nurse Practitioner. Find out more about Acupuncture, Chinese Medicine, Aroma Therapy, and other alternative care. No reservation needed.

Baby Dedications



Audrey Kate Stoner, daughter of David & Stephanie Stoner. Grandchild of Sharon Stoner and Philip & Kathleen Gabriel. Great-grandchild of Marian Stoner, Peg Humphreys, Elizabeth Gabriel, and Elma Seiferlein. Shown with big brother, James Stoner.

Caroline Anne Thomas, daughter of Michael & Kerri Thomas. Grandchild of Kathy & Jim Friedman and Patsy & Mike Thomas. Shown with big sister, Katie Beth Thomas.



Oliver Wayne Wetsel, son of Sean & Stephanie Wetsel. Grandchild of Wayne Wetsel & LaLonnice Lehman and Maureen & Joe Smith. Great-grandchild of Homer Wetsel. Shown with big brothers, Alex & Jonah Loftin.

Thinking of Having Your Child Dedicated?



Would you like to schedule a dedication for your infant? Dedications take place during the 11 a.m. worship service or *The Search*. Upcoming dates are: January 22, February 12, and March 25.

with the people of University Christian Church that we as a community of faith will surround the child with the spirit of Christ as they grow in our midst. In order to affirm these provisions, parents will participate in a Baby Dedication class to learn about some of the intricacies of a child's faith journey and about how University Christian Church can help foster their family and child in the process of understanding Christ's love.

The baby dedication is a blessing of the child and a promise from parents to their child to raise them in a Christian home. But, it is also the public acknowledgement of a covenant

The next class will be offered February 5 at 10 a.m. Contact Susan Henry in the Children's Ministries Office, susan@uccftw.com, or at ext. 165 for further information.

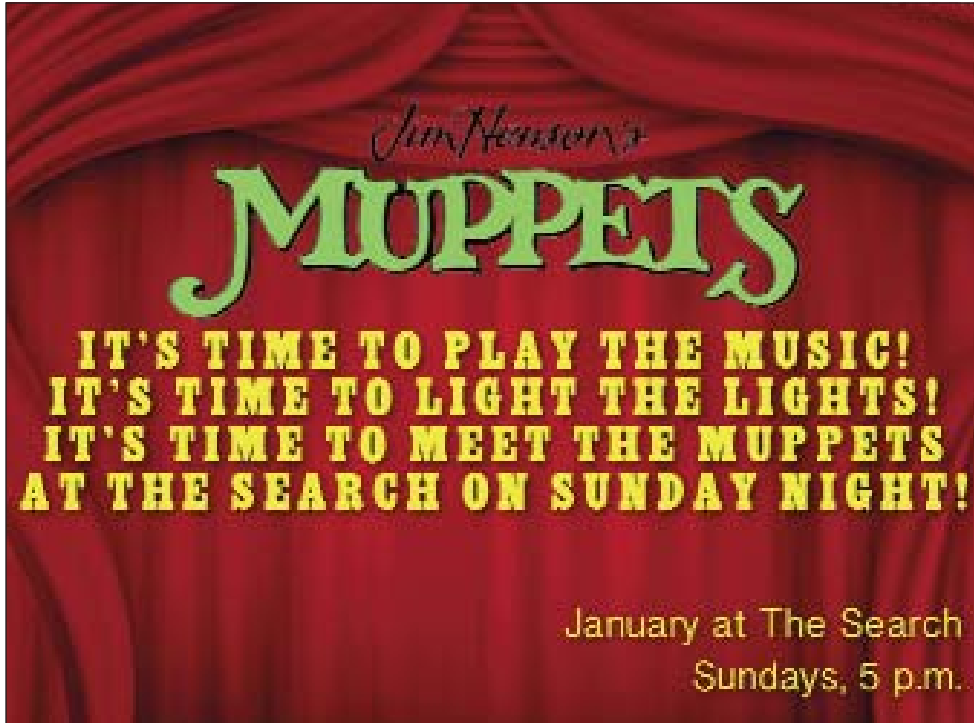
Happy Anniversary Prayer Shawl Ministry



For the last few years, our Room in the Inn guests have received warm prayer scarves and caps thanks to the Prayer Shawl Ministry and baby blankets have also been given to families at the occasion of the blessing and dedication of their babies.

Prayer Shawls are given in gratitude, to those undertaking a new journey in life, and to those facing surgery, treatment or loss. Each prayer shawl is lovingly knit or crocheted, held by the group as we pray for its recipient and then presented to someone who needs to be wrapped in God's loving embrace. Open to the wonderful working of God's Spirit, this ministry welcomes all who wish to participate. Join us on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. or Sundays at 4 p.m. in Room 206.

UCC's Prayer Shawl Ministry will celebrate its seven year anniversary in worship on Sunday, January 15. Over 1,500 prayer shawls have been knit or crocheted since this ministry began at UCC in January 2005. To mark each anniversary, our Prayer Shawl Ministry members pray again for everyone who has ever received a prayer shawl.



Senior Adult Fellowship

Communication....How did your ancestors survive without a cell phone or even a telephone? It is hard to imagine what life was like before the modern, fancy technology we have today. Joe Crews, who spent twenty-six years in the Telecommunications industry, will present a timeline on the history of communication from our descendants to present day. Joe attended Arlington State University, before it became UTA, majoring in Electrical Engineering. The Vietnam War cut his collegiate effort short when he joined the US Navy. Most of his career in the Navy was spent

in training for and service in Submarines. He made five cruises aboard the FBM Submarine USS Daniel Webster as the lead Navigation Technician. At the end of his ten year tour with the Navy, he was honored by selection as Shore Sailor of the Year. After leaving the Navy, Joe worked for a leading Telecommunications company and was very involved in the history of telephony as well as the future.

We meet Friday, January 13, at 11 a.m., in Room 207. A variety of soups and cornbread will be provided. No reservation needed.



MLK Day of Service

Join us Monday, January 16, for the second Annual MLK Day of Service, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

We'll start at Baker Chapel A.M.E. and go out to serve at one of the twenty-four service sites, ending with lunch at Broadway Baptist Church.

Here's your chance to make a difference in the Fort Worth community. Set your sights on service and make this holiday a day on *not* a day off!



Newcomers Class

All are welcome to be a part of the Newcomers Class!

Join us Sundays, January 8, 15, and 22 at 10 a.m. in Room 201. Take this opportunity to invite a friend to learn more about University Christian Church.

The Newcomers Class provides an opportunity to get to know others, learn about UCC and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and tour the building. Questions are always welcome.

For more information, please contact Michelle Groom, Ministry Assistant to Rev. Cyndy Twedell, at 817.926.6631 ext. 138, or email her at mgroom@uccftw.com.

The next Newcomers Class will be offered in March.

Trip to Marfa and McDonald Observatory

October 10-14 (Wednesday-Sunday)



We will explore Marfa and environs—a center for art, nature and history. Our trip will include a guided tour of the Chinati Foundation, a contemporary art museum based on the ideas of its founder, Donald Judd, and dedicated to preserving and displaying large-scale installations which are linked to the surrounding

landscape. The Foundation is on 340 acres of land located on what was once Fort D.A. Russell. We will also visit the McDonald Observatory. Our trip is planned to coincide with the best time for viewing the night sky. With a bit of luck, we'll get to see the Marfa Lights, which make occasional appearances a few miles southeast of Marfa.

Travel will be by air (to Midland/Odessa) and bus. We are working with a travel agent, who is making arrangements for travel and lodging. We plan to stay at the historic Hotel Paisano. Costs, a more detailed itinerary, and instructions for making reservations will be available in subsequent issues of the *UCC Journal*. This trip is being sponsored by Church and the Arts.

A Celebration of Christian Unity

On Thursday, January 19, Tarrant Area Community of Churches hosts the 2012 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Celebration, 6 to 8:30 p.m. at St. Andrews Catholic Church, 3713 Stadium Drive. You are invited to participate in worship, dinner, and a special program featuring *Kids Who Care* and Jack

Jezreel of *Just Faith*. Rev. Carol Grant Gibson, pastor of St. Andrews United Methodist Church, will preach. The dinner cost is \$15 and RSVP's can be made at TACC. Go to www.tarrantareacc.org to learn more and to make your reservation.

Canterbury Cathedral Choir

Canterbury, England
In Concert

Save the Date!
Thursday, April 12, 7 p.m.

Sanctuary, University Christian Church

Co-Sponsored by: University Christian Church
and Trinity Episcopal Church

Tickets: \$15
\$10 for seniors and students
Children under twelve - free



2012 Mission Pilgrimage Opportunities

El Paso Spring Break Mission Pilgrimage March 11–17

The UCC group will travel together to El Paso to work in partnership with Rippling Hope, learning about and working to make a difference in this important border community. We will make repairs on homes, expand a community garden, and work with social service agencies on the US side of the border. We'll spend the first night in Fort Davis and tour the McDonald Observatory, then travel on to First Christian Church in El Paso where our meals and lodging will be provided. The cost is \$225 per person. A \$50

deposit is due January 17 and noon orientation meetings are scheduled for Sundays, January 29 and February 26. For further information, contact Cyndy Twedell or Lynn Cross at 817.926.6631 ext. 139 or lynn@uccftw.com.

Nicaragua Mission Pilgrimage July 29–August 5

UCC will travel again to Nicaragua to work with Project Chacocente and La Mision Cristiana. Mark your calendars if you want to be part of this life-changing mission. Contact Cyndy Twedell for further information.

Creativity is a Gift from God

It is time to sign up for entries in the Intergenerational Decorative Arts Exhibit scheduled for Sunday, March 4, in Room 207.

Every other year an opportunity is supported by the Church and Arts Committee to "let your light shine" through your creative crafts, decorative items made from various materials, jewelry, needlework, sculpture, pottery, furniture, woven goods, etc.

The exhibit is open to those who attend UCC.

Parents are encouraged to enter items made by their children and youth. Please announce this call for entries in your Sunday school classes. We will not be hanging framed art work this year.

You will find entry forms and instructions at The Arches Bookstore and at the Reception Desk. All entry forms need to be in by Sunday, February 19. If you have questions, please call Judith Oelfke Smith at 817.921.4798.

Animal Mission Outreach

Many elderly Fort Worth residents are recipients of Meals on Wheels. Quite a few of them have pets as companions--in many cases their only companion. Often because of physical or financial hardships the MOW volunteers have noticed that their clients cannot feed their faithful companions as well as they deserve.

This year Meals on Wheels has asked us if we would like to donate dog and cat food for their clients' furry friends. Three bins for pet food will be located on the first floor of UCC January 15-21. "Animals are God's creatures too!" God bless you for your generosity and giving spirit. Thank you.

CCF/JYF is Going Camping in January



children's christian fellowship
junior youth fellowship

Children's Christian Fellowship (first through third grades) and Junior Youth Fellowship (fourth and fifth grades) will kick off the New Year with a camping movie night on January 15! For the remainder of the month we will

stick to our camp theme with a focus on camp songs, games and fun from Disciples Crossing in Athens, TX! This will give us a small taste of the fun possible at our JYF Mid-winter Retreat at Disciples Crossing in Athens, TX, January 27-29 (see *JYF Mid-winter retreat article for additional details*). We begin each week at 6 p.m. in Room 218 with a snack supper (\$3). Join us for fun, fellowship, learning, service, and worship on Sunday nights in January—and bring a friend!

Chancel Flowers

The flowers in the Chancel are given to the glory of God:

January 1--no flowers

January 8--BHLYF
no flowers

January 15--and to honor Eleanor Holmes in celebration of her 101st birthday today by Dick and Marsha Holmes and the Tim Taylor Family.

January 22--and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Nowlin, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Nowlin, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Wade H. Taylor, and J. Clark Nowlin by their families.

January 29--no donor

If you would like to give flowers in honor or memory of someone special in your life, contact Pam Reeser at 817.926.6631 ext. 123.

Chi Rho Lock-in

Youth in grades six through eight will have a lock-in at the church on Sunday night, January 15. Over the course of the evening youth and adult sponsors will grow closer to one another as they play, worship, eat, and (of course) sleep. The event will begin at 8 p.m. and end at 8 a.m. Cost is \$5 to help cover food and supplies. Contact Herb Murray, Assistant Minister for Middle School, at herb@uccftw.com with questions or to volunteer to help.



Important Summer Dates for Children

Vacation Bible School June 26-29

Under Construction, A Habitat for Humanity VBS (age two to third graders) or Mission VBS (fourth and fifth graders).

Summer Fun Session I, June 4-20 Session II, July 9-25

For children ages cribs through entering Kindergarten, Mondays and Wednesdays, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Learning to Use My Bible

A Special Class for Third Graders



Families of third graders will receive a letter giving details about the special class, *Learning to Use My Bible*. The six week class begins January 15 and concludes on Sunday, February 19, with a special moment in the 11 a.m. worship service when each child will receive a Bible as a gift from UCC.

Please be sure your third grader is with us each Sunday at 10 a.m., in Room 218, to participate in engaging lessons and activities that will give them the skills they need to be able to use their new Bibles, now and for a lifetime. If you have questions, please contact Kera Watts in Children's Ministries.

Youth Midwinter Retreats



Youth Midwinter Retreats at Disciples Crossing are coming soon and registration is now open! The Chi Rho Retreat (grades six through eight) will be February 3-5 and the CYF Retreat (grades nine through twelve) will be February 24-26.

Registration is \$90 (scholarships available) and forms are found at www.uccyouth.org.

JYF Midwinter Retreat



Who: Third, Fourth, and Fifth Graders
Where: Disciples Crossing, Athens, TX
When: January 27-29

What is it? JYF Mid-Winter Retreat is a chance for our third through fifth graders to experience Disciples Crossing in Athens, TX, develop and strengthen relationships with friends from UCC and in our Trinity Brazos Area, and to grow in faith.

This year we will focus on Acts of Worship and will fill the weekend with creative ways to encourage children to be active participants in worship.

All worship opportunities will be created by kids, for kids. Of course, the weekend will also be full of camp fires, songs, games, and lots of free time to explore the beauty of Disciples Crossing.

Children's Ministries will email registration forms and have them available in The Arches. Registration due by January 12. Contact Kera Watts, kera@uccftw.com for any questions.

Women's Ministries

With new leadership and renewed energy, the Women's Ministries Leadership Team is excited about planning events for women. Our goal is to offer opportunities for fellowship, entertainment, and spiritual growth on a regular basis for UCC women of all ages.

Hopefully you've noticed our Latte with the Ladies invitations to gather for coffee at a different coffee shop around town on the second Saturday of each month at 9 am. We have a short devotional then visit and get to know each other. If a group wants to extend

time together, they can head to a museum or an event around town.

We have also planned a January 22 lunch with Mayor Betsy Price.

Make reservations for the March 2-3, Women's Retreat, *Spa for the Soul*, keyed by Dr. Suzanne Castle.

And that's just the beginning. We want to see many of you involved, so if you have a speaker or event idea, contact Leslie Dell.

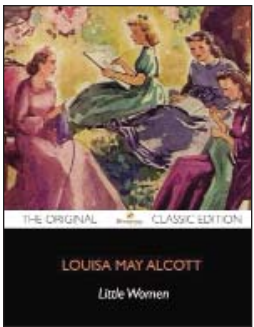
Spa for the Soul



Join us for a weekend sure to rejuvenate your mind, body and spirit! Spa for the Soul will happen at Shady Lakes Ranch in Cleburne,

March 2-3, keyed by Dr. Suzanne Castle. Make reservations now by contacting Michelle at 817.926.6631 ext. 138, or mgroom@uccftw.com. The cost per person is \$50 and women of all ages are welcome and encouraged to come.

Wild Women Book Club



On Tuesday, January 17, the WILD Women Book Club will discuss the book, *Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott as we continue with this year's theme focusing on the relationship between sisters.

WILD Women is a lunch hour break for great conversations about a book or movie. Join the group for brown bag lunch 12 to 1 p.m. (or come at 11:30 a.m., and enjoy fellowship around the tables) in Room 150 on the third Tuesday of the month. With their financial contributions, the group also shares in the lives of women and families around the world through Heifer International's WILD program (Women Involved in Livestock Development).



Latte with the Ladies

Join us for Latte with the Ladies, a new opportunity for fellowship for women of all ages! We meet the second

Saturday of each month at 9 a.m. at local coffee bistros. Mark your calendars for January 14, when we will meet at Avoca (1311 W Magnolia - 76104).

A Cup of Blessing



A Cup of Blessing, the Women's Bible Study, resumes Thursday, January 19, at 11:30 a.m.

Please make plans to join us in Room 211 for a brown bag lunch followed by Bible study. This year's study

draws on the biblical books of Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy as we focus on Moses, the most commanding figure of the Hebrew Scriptures and the only human permitted to converse with God "face-to-face." Come for all or part of the time, whatever fits your schedule.



Women's Ministry Circles

Circles of Women's Ministry meet for fellowship and study on the first Tuesday of the month (October through May – except January) at various locations. Attend a circle meeting on Tuesday, February 7, and join the women of UCC as we explore this year's theme, *with you always* by sharing stories of times when a person was in the right place at the right time to show God's presence to others or to feel God's presence personally.

Lily of the Valley

10 a.m. at

The Clubhouse at
Villas on the Bluff
5234 Bryant Irvin Rd-
76132

Leader: Ernestine Keller

Rose Circle

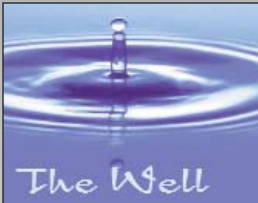
10 a.m. at the home of
Rosemary Runnion
2713 Colonial Pkwy-
76109

Leader: Karen Boring

Going Green

In an effort to be more economical and earth friendly, we are now offering digital delivery of the *UCC Journal*.

If you prefer to receive your *Journal* in pdf format to your email address, please let us know! Contact Michelle Groom, Circulation Coordinator, at 817.926.6631 or email mgroom@uccftw.com and she will get all the pertinent information to make it happen!



The Well

Friday, January 20
Couples in Room 207
and
Singles in Room 204

Childcare reservations necessary
(susan@uccftw.com)

Deadline for childcare is
Thursday, January 12

Thank You!



Thank you, UCC, for your generous support of Christmas Angels and the almost 500 children in our community who received a gift bag filled with a new coat, jeans, sweat shirt,

Bible, toy, book, shoes and a blessing card from the children of UCC. And *thank you* for your generous support of Gifts of Hope, and those who benefit from the ten local and global 2011 Gifts of Hope organizations. Your financial contributions, as well as your gifts of time and commitment bless so many! Thank you.

Congregational Governance • Notice of Meetings

Personnel Committee	Tuesday, January 3, 5:30 p.m.	Room 202
Communications Committee	Wednesday, January 4, 6 p.m.	Room 202
Finance Committee	Tuesday, January 10, 5:30 p.m.	Room 202
Board of Stewards	Tuesday, January 17, 6:30 p.m.	Room 207
Assembly Meeting	Tuesday, January 24, 6:30 p.m.*	F. Hall

All members of the congregation may attend these meetings except those portions of the meeting held in Executive Session.

**Preschool childcare is available by reservation with Ann Bowling (ann@uccftw.com or ext. 159) by noon, January 20. Elementary-age children are welcome to attend the Assembly meeting and may be seated at tables specified for them.*

Business Office Update

Quick Financial Summary - Unified Budget November 2011

Description	2010 YTD Actuals	2011 YTD Actuals	Budget YTD 2011	Budget Annual	YTD Variance
Income					
Pledges	\$1,716,577	\$1,767,402	\$1,826,117	\$2,110,880	(\$58,715)
Non Pledge Contributions	\$272,655	\$203,730	\$271,102	\$362,000	(\$67,372)
Offering	\$32,470	\$33,108	\$29,643	\$35,000	\$3,465
Misc. Unrestricted Income	\$111,663	\$108,964	\$106,847	\$115,106	\$2,117
WDS Income (NET)	\$386	\$66,488	\$49,197	\$57,342	\$17,291
Endowment Income	\$119,597	\$452,747	\$435,099	\$499,545	\$17,648
Participant/Restricted Income and Reserve Use	\$37,560	\$189,250	\$175,292	\$193,030	\$13,958
Total Income	\$2,290,908	\$2,821,689	\$2,893,297	\$3,396,903	(\$71,608)
Total Personnel Expense	\$1,629,398	\$1,663,587	\$1,715,172	\$1,857,975	\$51,585
Total Program/Admin. Expns.	\$686,064	\$1,003,639	\$967,039	\$1,051,984	(\$36,600)
Total Mission/Outreach Expns.	\$187,575	\$363,042	\$384,511	\$458,379	\$21,469
Total Expenses	\$2,503,037	\$3,030,269	\$3,066,723	\$3,368,338	\$36,454
Net Operating Income (Loss)	(\$212,129)	(\$208,579)	(\$173,425)	\$28,566	(\$35,154)

This is a summary report of our Unified Budget. The full report is available for download from the UCC website or copies can be picked up from the Business Office. Please note that the Unified Budget is in a new reporting format and includes income and expenses formerly posted as reserve activity. 2010 YTD totals are likely not good comparison values for 2011. You may contact Michelle Ingram, Director of Accounting, at 817.926.6631 or by email michelle@uccftw.com with any questions or comments.

New Members

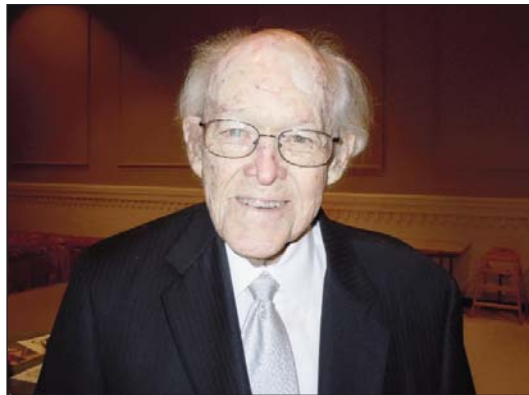
*What a joy it is to welcome new faces to the UCC family!
Please take time to get to know these who make our community richer by their presence.*



Welcome Tom and Anna Riehm, Alex (12) and Tate (9) to UCC. The Riehms “have many friends we love and respect who are members at UCC--this made joining a welcoming--and helpful!--experience.” Alex is a French Horn playing sixth grader at Mclean and enjoys math and science. Tate is in third grade at Tanglewood and loves to read. Tom sees something different everyday as a photojournalist at CBS and Anna finds great reward in healthcare administration. Other family members include pooch Rex, Mickey the rabbit, Baby Jesus the parakeet and a fish named Charlie. As a family, they are always looking for the next great camping trip with friends in the mountains

of New Mexico or the wonder of West Texas. They look forward to raising their family in the warm and inviting environment that is UCC.

Welcome Paul Stevens. Paul joins other family members at UCC—son and daughter-in-law Richard and Kathy Stevens, grandchildren, Alexandra and Richard Paul and great granddaughter, Sara. Paul is proud to be a child of God and enjoys the Bible Study group at Trinity Terrace. He looks forward to attending UCC as often as he can.

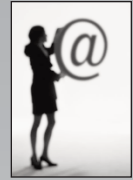


Welcome Fara Gold. After twenty-five years of corporate relocation and travel, Fara has returned to Fort Worth to participate in the lives of her mother, Caron Miller and brother, James Miller. She is a 1983 graduate of TCU. Fara’s career in Specialty Healthcare Marketing, opening and managing specialty hospitals and senior care communities, allows her to fulfill her passion for honoring seniors in the Senior Housing and Health Care sector. She is a national specialist in Assisted Living, Alzheimer’s and Skilled Nursing care for investors in both for profit publicly traded companies and non-profit value based developers. Fara is the mother of Adam, a



junior at San Francisco State University and two stepsons attending school in Oregon.

We are happy to welcome Rachel Long. Rachel is a sophomore at Paschal High School where she runs cross country and participates in the band. She plays the bassoon in the symphonic band and the marimba in the marching band. Rachel also serves on the student council. She grew up in Central Christian Church and began attending UCC with her good friend, Lindsay Puckett. Rachel is active in Sunday School, youth group, church camp, and retreats.



Stay Connected

Have you moved?
Changed phone number(s) or email address? Children off to college or now married? Grandbabies to celebrate? Has your family status changed?

Visit the UCC website homepage at universitychristian.org and look for the ‘Stay Connected’ logo on the right-hand side of the screen. When clicked, an email screen will pop up and you are able to send any information to us that will help us stay in touch with you. New address, phone numbers, email addresses, employment information, changes in your family status updated when it is most convenient for you!

When received, this information will be updated quickly and readily available to all UCC staff.



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On The Journey

Births

We celebrate the following additions to the UCC family:

James Ryan Patterson, son of Shea and Matthew Patterson, born December 7. Grandparents are Carol and Steve Patterson.

Judson Dean Muckleroy, son of Lauren and Zack Muckleroy, born November 20. Grandparents are Pat and Harold Muckleroy.

Elizabeth Bassinger, daughter of Leslie and Ken Bassinger, born November 17.

Deaths

We remember our UCC family and friends in the loss of these loved ones:

Paula Drennan and Carol Wilkerson and family in the death of their mother, Ann Madeley, November 21.

Cecil Morgan, Jr. and family in the death of his nephew, Joe Gracey, November 17.

Jeannie Chaffee and Jane Lewis and family in the death of their sister-in-law, Judy Chaffee, November 17.

Patty Shockey and family in the death of her aunt, Jeanine Guinn, November 13.

Ellen Myers and family in the death of her brother, John Crowe, November 7.

Weddings

We celebrate the following unions:

We rejoice with Aaron Lobaugh and Emma Reeve who were married in Runnells, Iowa, on November 26.

We rejoice with Candice Sanders and Kevin Edmondson who were married in our sanctuary on December 10.

Home from the Hospital

We remember friends and family who have been discharged from hospitals or health care facilities: Rick Collins, Mike Herring, Lucile Miller, Betty Sides, Mike Thomas, Sallie Wetsel, and Sara Wilson.

Confidentiality

Due to privacy reasons, hospitals in our area will no longer be providing information about hospitalized parishioners to the local faith community. Hospitals will still confirm if someone is currently there; however, we must be able to provide a name in order for them to verify hospitalization. If you or someone you know will be entering the hospital or has been dismissed from the hospital, contact the Pastoral Care Office.