



# JOURNEY

*FALL 2023 EDITION*

UNIVERSITY  
CHRISTIAN  
CHURCH



*Rev. Dr. Russ Peterman,  
Senior Minister*

## SESQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS

This year, University Christian Church is celebrating 150 years since our founding as the “university church” for Add-Ran College, what would eventually become Texas Christian University.

From its beginning, the very soul and spirit of this frontier school located in Thorp Spring was religion, and when the school moved to Waco in 1895, the church—consisting primarily of students, faculty and staff, as well as members of the community, meeting in the college chapel—went with it. In 1910, a devastating fire destroyed the Waco campus, and an invitation to relocate in Fort Worth. So, in 1910 the school and its church relocated again, this time to our present location on “the hill.”

Despite these inauspicious beginnings, today we are a healthy, thriving congregation with an inclusive spirit. We are a dynamic church made up of gracious, loving, kind and generous people committed to following Jesus with open minds and loving hearts.

150 years is a reason to celebrate, and this fall we will mark that significant milestone, pulling out all the stops! We will go to great lengths to commemorate our past, honor the

church we are today, and consider how God is calling us to shape the future.

The culminating event of these celebrations will be Sunday, October 15, the day after TCU wraps up its sesquicentennial celebration with Homecoming. On that day we’ll gather together with one service at 10:30 am. One of our beloved former Senior Ministers, Scott Colglazier, will be coming back and he and I will be leading the service together, engaging in a dialogue sermon. I do hope you make plans now to be a part of this wonderful day.

As we celebrate the rich history of our faith community, we maintain our focus on those we are trying to reach in 2023. Some have never experienced an open-hearted church for curious-minded people. Others believe the church has nothing to offer them. Maybe there's a new family in your neighborhood or a colleague at work looking for a place to belong. The very best way to celebrate our anniversary is for each of us to bring a friend to church.

Church, there is much to celebrate as we look back over our history. But we must remember that everything we have been and done to this point is merely prelude to all that God is calling us to be and do in the days ahead. Our pride and celebration can only be matched by our hope and excitement for the future!

I can’t tell you how honored I am to serve this great church as we mark such an incredible milestone. It continues to be my complete joy and privilege to serve this amazing congregation alongside you.

With gratitude and hope,



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# CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF MINISTRY



UNIVERSITY  
CHRISTIAN  
CHURCH

Giving thanks for 150 years  
as "the University's Church"  
serving TCU and the Fort  
Worth community.



CELEBRATING  
1873  
2023

# 150 YEARS

— UNIVERSITY —  
CHRISTIAN CHURCH

WE  
HOPE  
YOU'LL  
JOIN US!

HERE ARE SOME  
OF THE MANY  
WAYS WE'LL BE  
CELEBRATING:

## EVENTS SCHEDULE

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|-------------------|---|
| <b>6</b><br>SEPT  | <b>A CONVERSATION WITH JAMIE DIXON, TCU HEAD BASKETBALL COACH</b><br>WALKER HALL, 6:30 pm                     |
| <b>20</b><br>SEPT | <b>A CONVERSATION WITH DANIEL PULLEN, NEW TCU PRESIDENT</b><br>WALKER HALL, 6:30 pm                           |
| <b>1</b><br>OCT   | <b>SESQUICENTENNIAL CONCERT WITH UCC CHANCEL CHOIR<br/>AND TCU MUSICIANS</b><br>VAN CLIBURN HALL, TCU CAMPUS  |
| <b>14</b><br>OCT  | <b>TCU HOMECOMING TAILGATE</b><br>TCU CAMPUS  |
| <b>15</b><br>OCT  | <b>COMBINED WORSHIP FEATURING RUSS PETERMAN AND SPECIAL GUEST<br/>SCOTT COLGLAZIER</b><br>SANCTUARY, 10:30 am |

# WORSHIP



## TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

9am and 11am, Sanctuary

Set in our beautiful sanctuary, Traditional Worship has a reverent and classic tone. The music includes timeless hymns and anthems led by our Chancel Choir, organist, and other instrumentalists. People tend to dress up a little more for these services, but formal attire is not required! Both services are live-streamed on our website at [universitychristian.org/live](http://universitychristian.org/live) and the 11am service is broadcast on 88.7 KTCU.

## SIMPLE WORSHIP

9:30am, Chapel of the Good Shepherd

Simple worship is a short, casual service that takes place in our chapel. It's a small-church experience in a large-church setting. We include all the elements of standard worship in a brief, family-friendly time frame. Participate in person or via zoom.



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Zoom Registration for Simple Worship

## TEN:10

10:10am, Walker Hall



TEN:10

If you are looking for a relaxed worship experience in an informal setting, Ten:10 is for you. This service feels more like your favorite coffee shop than a church – complete with coffee from local favorite Ampersand. The music is acoustic and the dress is casual, so you can come just as you are.

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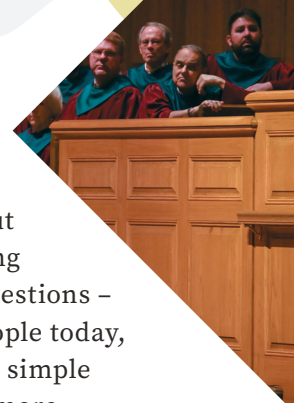


## QUESTIONS JESUS ASKED

Worship Series August 6-September 24

Some say that Jesus is the answer to all of our questions. They may be right. But before that is the case, Jesus is something different. He is the one who asks the questions – 307 of them, it turns out. Like many people today, his early followers wanted answers, and simple ones at that. Instead, they got so much more. Jesus refuses to dole out pat answers to life's hard questions. Rather, Jesus asks provocative questions to evoke new understandings and change lives.

In the end, maybe faith isn't about certainty, but learning to ask and sit in the complexity of good questions.



**6**  
AUG **What Are You Looking For?**  
John 1: 29-42

**13**  
AUG **Why Are You Afraid? Have You Still No Faith?**  
Mark 4: 35-41

**20**  
AUG **Do You See This Woman?**  
Luke 7: 36-50

**27**  
AUG **Do You Want to Be Made Well?**  
John 5: 2-9

**3**  
SEPT **Which of These Was a Real Neighbor?**  
Luke 10: 25-37

**10**  
SEPT **How Many Loaves Do You Have?**  
Mark 6: 34-44

**17**  
SEPT **Why Do You See the Speck in Your Neighbor's Eye?**  
Matthew 7: 1-5

**24**  
SEPT **Do You Love Me More than These?**  
John 21: 9-19



# 150

## A WORK IN PROGRESS: 150 YEARS OF PARTNERING WITH GOD

Since 1873, University Christian Church has been partnering with God to transform the world by living out Christ's courageous love. Now it's time to commemorate our past, honor the church we are today, and consider how God is calling us to shape the future.

OCT 1	Exploring the Past
OCT 8	Embracing the Present
OCT 15	Impacting the Future Special Guest: Rev. Dr. Scott Colglazier

On October 15 we'll gather together as a congregation for ONE service in the sanctuary at 10:30 am. Former senior minister, Scott Colglazier will engage in a dialogue sermon with Russ Peterman. Then we will move to Walker Hall for an Anniversary Lunch.

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# MUSIC

UCC's Music Ministry will commemorate our congregation's Sesquicentennial with three special musical offerings in October!

First, we will help kick off the celebration on Sunday, October 1, at 7:00pm with a free concert in Van Cliburn Hall on the TCU campus. Celebrating our relationship with Texas Christian University, the Chancel Choir will perform several exciting choral-orchestral masterworks with professional and student musicians. The concert will culminate with the world premiere of "Choral Symphony #1" by our own, Jim Hodges. The biblical libretto was written in consultation with Eugene Boring, I. Wylie Briscoe, Professor of New Testament Emeritus at Brite Divinity School-TCU, and longtime UCC member. Jim's trademark compositional style will illuminate the inspired text with reverent awe and infectious exuberance!

Second, the UCC Chancel Choir will participate in a Hymn Festival at First United Methodist Church on Sunday, October 8, at 3:00pm. The choirs from UCC, First United Methodist Church, First Presbyterian Church, and St. Stephen Presbyterian Church will combine forces to sing several festival anthems and grand hymns accompanied by our four organists and the DFW Brass. Admission is free.

Finally, we will pull out all the stops for the music at our single combined worship service on Sunday, October 15, at 10:30am. Our choir, organ and instrumentalists will lead the congregation in an incredible morning of worship! We will lift our voices together to praise God and celebrate this milestone as a family of faith!



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# MEMBER ENGAGEMENT

## THE IMPACT OF COMMUNITY AT THIS CHURCH: A PERSONAL REFLECTION

For my family, one of the most important benefits of being at UCC has been the community we have established by joining a Sunday School class (called Family Covenant, back in the day). There is no measure for the comfort of knowing that those friends will step up in our times of need and also cheer us on through the goals and achievements of our lives. That goes for my husband and me, as well as our two daughters. For 30 years, that group has supported us through good times and bad. They still do.

I want that for you! I want you to connect with a group that will grow together and support one another no matter how old you are and where you are in your life journey and in your faith journey.

If you are still searching for your community at UCC, please take advantage of our Small Group Connector (not her official title) to find out where you might plug in. Skylar Plunkett, [skylarplunkett9@gmail.com](mailto:skylarplunkett9@gmail.com), chairs our Adult Ministries Committee. Skylar schedules chats after each of our worship services or you may email her directly. She will listen to your interests, help you find an existing group, or create a new one. I pray that you will be blessed by the experience of true community!

Love,  
Stacy McCoy



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## UCC & YOU NEWCOMER SEMINAR

**Monday, August 28, 6-8pm**

**Sunday, October 22, 12:15-2 pm**

Visitors and new members: Join us for a meal and spend time with Senior Minister Rev. Dr. Russ Peterman as he leads a discussion about Disciples of Christ theology and the core values of University Christian Church. Russ will share what it means to be a member at UCC and answer questions you may have. Child care is available by request.

## NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

**September 17 and November 12**

**Celebrating at all four worship services**

To accommodate everyone, there will NOT be a call to stand in front of the congregation. You will simply sit with other new members and stay where you are for an affirmation of faith. Following each service, we'll provide an informal meet and greet to welcome new members. Save the date on your calendar and we will contact prior to New Member Sunday.



# ADULT MINISTRY

## FAITH FORMATION

New members often ask: Why is curiosity a core value at UCC? As your Discipleship Coordinator, I seek to provide opportunities for people to engage in curious conversations regarding their faith journey through diverse offerings in Sunday School classes, Circles of Faith, Bible studies, Prayer Shawl Ministry, or one time opportunities on a specific topic.



**Rev. Dr. Zena McAdams**  
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## SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES & SUNDAY COMMUNITY GROUPS

On Sunday mornings, we currently offer a variety of diverse classes. Some are age specific while others are multigenerational. Most groups are discussion-oriented with a wide variety of topics: biblical, current events, topics of interest, and service-oriented. Most of our classes meet at 10:00 am. However, we are in the process of expanding SS opportunities with an August start to meet the needs of our rapidly growing Ten:10 service.

## GETTING GRIEF RIGHT

In the past, Getting Grief Right has been offered as a Circle of Faith—offered twice a year. We are now offering the six week group three times a year—fall, spring and summer. This fall, our grief group will be on Wednesdays, September 20-October 25, at 2:00 pm. Registrations will open the first week of August.



## TAPESTRY

Tapestry is a flourishing ministry for Millennials—casual in nature and designed for young professionals. They meet on Wednesday evenings in Room 150 to seek, serve, and socialize. Details can be found on the website under Adult Ministry. For more information, contact Mary Ashley Ray. [maray413@gmail.com](mailto:maray413@gmail.com)



## WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday Bible Study meets weekly at 9:45 am at the church. Discussion-oriented, we ponder biblical texts from a historical and critical approach while reflecting how the text is relevant to current times. In August, we will begin a new study on the Book of Acts. We encourage people to join with us at any time.

## CIRCLES OF FAITH

Circles of Faith are a small group ministry of UCC. Our COF groups vary: Bible studies, progressive theology, the Enneagram, justice-oriented topics, prayer groups, crafts and spirituality, to name a few. The intent is to grow in faith and registration will be available the first week of August.



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# WELLNESS MINISTRY

## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry knits shawls to be given in gratitude, to those undertaking a new journey in life, to those facing surgery or loss, and to babies at the time of their blessing and dedication. Anyone, regardless of experience, is encouraged to come! All ages are welcome. Sundays at 5:00pm (in-person and Zoom) and Wednesdays at 11:00am in Room 206. Contact Mary Jane Alland at [mj.alland@att.net](mailto:mj.alland@att.net) with any questions.



## FAITHFULLY FIT FOREVER

Faithfully Fit Forever, a holistic wellness and exercise program geared for older adults though all ages are welcome, meets each week on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 11:00am in Room 205. The hour includes exercise, health education and devotional time.

## GENTLE YOGA

**Mondays from 9:30 - 10:30 am | Room 205**

This in-person class is led by yoga instructor Julie Vitek. Each session is \$5. Please bring your own mat.

# WOMEN'S MINISTRY

## LATTE WITH THE LADIES

Changes are coming! Look for a new format and name change starting September 9!

## WILD WOMEN'S BOOK CLUBS

**3rd Monday, 6pm | La Madeline, 6410 Camp Bowie**  
**3rd Tuesday, 12pm | UCC, Room 206**

Book clubs meet monthly to discuss a diverse list of books—fiction, non-fiction, and faith-based books. Books for each group are listed on the UCC website under adult ministries.

## MEN'S QUARTERLY BREAKFAST

**September 16 | 8 am, Walker Hall**

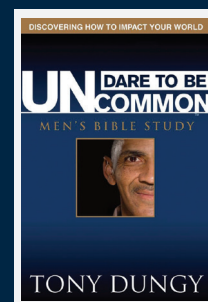
Mark your calendar and join us for our next quarterly Men's Fellowship Breakfast on September 16. These gatherings offer an opportunity to grow together in community, support one another, and dive deeper into what it means to be a man of faith in today's culture.



## MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL FELLOWSHIP: DARE TO BE UNCOMMON

**Monday Evenings | Sept 11- Oct 2, 6:30pm**

This will be a small group series for men. We'll meet in men's homes for a study on Tony Dungy's book, UNcommon. We'll gather to study Tony's book then watch the first half of the Monday Night Football game. For more information or to sign up to participate or serve as a host, please contact Dee Sandjian, [dee.sandjian@uccftw](mailto:dee.sandjian@uccftw).



**Rev. Dr. Russ Peterman**  
Senior Minister

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# FAMILY MINISTRY

Children learn faith by doing. Raising children who are empowered to share Christ's transforming love means inviting them into the action of sharing Christ's love—now! I am encouraged by the important conversations and fun families are having with their children as they grow in faith together. Children's Ministries is excited to continue to encourage asking BIG questions and wondering about faith in your family and has designed programming, service opportunities and at-home resources for your family to be equipped to foster growing in faith daily.

## Rev. Kera Watts

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## CHILD AND FAMILY DEDICATIONS

SEPTEMBER

17

NOVEMBER

19

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for more information.

## PARENTS NIGHT OUT

REGISTRATION

EVENT DATES

AUG 28 - SEPT 22

SEPTEMBER 29

OCT 2 - OCT 27

NOVEMBER 3

Everyone in a family needs a chance to re-charge their compassion batteries and Parents Night Out is designed to help everyone.

**Infants-5th graders. Registration required. Visit [universitychristian.org](http://universitychristian.org) for more information.**

## FAMILY FAITH CONVERSATION CARDS

Children are exploring and processing ideas about faith. Let's encourage conversation about their BIG ideas and questions. Our Family Faith Conversation Cards are available at check-in kiosks, welcome desks, and online. Visit [universitychristian.org](http://universitychristian.org) for more information.

## FAMILY SERVICE SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 10

4 - 5 pm

NOVEMBER 12

4 - 5 pm

All ages can serve! Practice faith by serving together as a family. Visit [universitychristian.org](http://universitychristian.org) for information.



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childrens-ministry](http://universitychristian.org/childrens-ministry)



## ADVENT FAMILY FAITH PACKETS

Family Faith Advent Packet will be mailed to each family with children, ages infant through fifth grade the last week of November so your family can be ready for the start of Advent on December 3. Inside will be opportunities for your family to connect with God and create new meaningful, spiritual experiences during the season. Let us help you create opportunities for your family to grow in faith daily. Extra Family Faith Advent Packets will be available for pick up at the welcome desks if you would like to share one with your extended family.

## SUNDAY MORNING PROGRAMMING FOR CHILDREN

Infants through 5th graders have meaningful opportunities to grow in faith each Sunday morning at 9, 10, and 11 am. Children's Worship for preschool and elementary occur at 9 and 11 am. Playground Faith for preschoolers and Discovery Kids for elementary (K-5th) happen at 10 am. We continue our Bible in One Year study as children experience a relationship with God through the eyes of ordinary Bible people. Kids will discover that they are a lot like people God has always loved and worked through. All ages will experience the same scripture and theme each week, allowing for conversation in the family throughout the week. Bridge Sunday School Class meets at 11 am in room 304 for all 4th, 5th, and 6th graders. This group will continue its unique perspective of joining in God's story each week.

## WEEKDAY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE – OCTOBER 12

Weekday School Families gather on this evening as Weekday School students show off their classrooms, artwork and learning with their parents and siblings! More information about WDS at [uccweekdayschool.com](http://uccweekdayschool.com).



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# STUDENT MINISTRY

## YOUTH GROUPS

Sundays | 3rd Floor | Begins August 20

This fall we are taking a new approach to the timing of our Youth Groups to help cultivate community!

**CYF (9th – 12th Grade)**

**CHI RHO (7th – 8th Grade) 5:00-6:00pm**

We will start as a big group for some game time, split into smaller groups for activities, and then meet back together for a short devotional and prayer to close our time. We hope that you can join us as we cultivate meaningful community, have lots of laughs, and spend time with the sacred this fall!

## COMMUNITY GROUPS

Community Groups are a wonderful way for youth to spend time growing their faithful community in smaller group settings! Our high schoolers (9th – 12th grade) and middle schoolers (7th – 8th grade) meet throughout the week to check-in, re-center, and have a lot of fun. If you'd like more information, reach out to Rev. Alison Fitzgerald or Linnea Blakemore.

## DISCIPLES CROSSING

**Retreat Dates: November and Early December**

DC Youth (6th – 12th Grade) will have the opportunity to grow their faith and to play and pray with others out in God's creation at Disciples Crossing camp this fall. Each weekend retreat is packed full of fun, learning, and good time to rest and recharge. Registration with Disciples Crossing will begin in late August.



**Alison Fitzgerald**  
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A new year of student ministry programming has begun, and we'd love for you to join us! Below you will see the many and varied ways to plug into our youth and college ministries this semester, and how to experience the sacred in building community, growing spiritually, and having a lot of fun in the meantime! Please visit our website for more information, sign up to receive our e-newsletters, or to reach out to me or one of our directors. We look forward to seeing you soon!

## YOUTH MINISTRY



**Linnea Blakemore**  
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## YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

**Sundays @ 11:00am | 3rd Floor**  
**Begins August 20**

Youth Grades 7-12 explore the weekly sermon text through games, art, and conversation. Join us for a time to ask good questions and grow as a faithful community!



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# COLLEGE MINISTRY



## CENTERED

Sundays | 7:30 to 8:30 pm | UCC Chapel

Centered is a worship service designed to connect students with God, each other, and to center ourselves for the week. Here we seek the sacred, come with our questions, and seek to live the way of Christ. All college students are invited to join us by starting their week centered!



## GROW

Wednesdays | 6:30 to 7:30 pm  
College Lounge

Grow is our small group ministry for students to go further & deeper in their relationship with God, others, and in discipleship to Jesus. Time in community at Grow guides students to be formed as people in an intentional direction, namely by putting on the character of Christ in their everyday lives.



## LUNCH BUNCH

Wednesdays | 11:30 am to 1:30 pm  
College Lounge

Lunch Bunch Day is arguably our students' favorite part of each week. On Wednesdays, UCC hosts our university student neighbors for a free lunch. If you're a college student and love free food and fun, join us every week in the College Lounge!



Are you, your family, or Sunday School Class interested in signing up to bring our students Lunch Bunch? Please reach out to Austin or Alison, or sign up at [universitychristian.org/volunteer](http://universitychristian.org/volunteer).



## YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays | 11:00 am | Room 150

College students and twenty-something young adults meet on Sunday mornings after the Ten:10 service in Room 150 to meet others, process what they've been learning, and grow in their faith, hoping to become more faithful followers through time together.

## CROWDED TABLE DINNER

Dates & Locations are internally shared.

Crowded Table is a monthly dinner gathering for LGBTQ+ college students to receive a free meal, be affirmed in their identities, and learn from others who have had similar experiences in the Queer community. This group takes seriously the privacy of those who attend, so the date, time, and location of the gathering are provided by reaching out directly to Rev. Alison Fitzgerald or Austin Schmidt.



## DISCOVERU

August 24 & 31, September 7 & 14 | 6-7 pm

All first year students are invited to join us for dinner at the College Lounge! DiscoverU is a new initiative running once a week for the first month of the Fall semester, where new college students can find community and belonging as they learn about University life. DiscoverU is a space for students to be equipped with tools to help them determine the kind of person they want to become during their young adult years in college.



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# OUTREACH



The Outreach ministry is excited to share that we are headed on our first Mission Pilgrimage since COVID! This October we'll travel to Los Fresnos, Texas to serve alongside our partners at Southwest Good Samaritan Ministries, a refugee ministry of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Our work could include anything from home repairs, sorting donated items, or supporting newly arrived refugees. We'll also be worshipping at Iglesia Cristiana Ebenezer. Scan the QR code to register today!

**Dates: October 1-7**  
**Cost: \$350 (scholarships available)**  
**Registration Deadline: Friday, September 8**

The best way for you to stay informed about how you can join us in service to God and our community is by signing up to receive our outreach e-mail "Commit to Love." E-mail [Melanie.williams@uccftw.com](mailto:Melanie.williams@uccftw.com) to be added to our e-mail distribution list, and visit the Outreach page on our website to learn more about what's coming up, and to sign up to serve!





**Rev. Jessica Vacketta**  
Minister of Outreach  
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## ACADEMY 4

We need your help! Academy 4 takes place one Friday afternoon a month during the school year. All fourth-grade students, mentors, and volunteers gather on the school campus, on the same afternoon, for a fun-filled time of leadership training and relationship building. We need 125 individuals to make this 9-month commitment for the 2023-2024 school year. All it takes is 90 minutes, once a month. Mentors will be provided day of, onsite training, easy to follow curriculum and fun activities to do with your 4th grader. For more information visit [universitychristian.org/academy-4](http://universitychristian.org/academy-4).



2023-2024 Academy 4 Dates	
SEPTEMBER 29	JANUARY 26
OCTOBER 27	FEBRUARY 16
NOVEMBER 17	MARCH 22
DECEMBER	APRIL 19
MAY 10 - CELEBRATE	

## CHILDREN'S CLOSET

Help our Closet volunteers sort clothes and fill orders of school uniforms for FWISD students. Volunteers fill uniform orders on Mondays and Thursdays from 10am-12pm and unpack and sort clothing throughout the week and on the weekends.



**Contact Susan Hill, [sushillhill@gmail.com](mailto:sushillhill@gmail.com) for more information**





## CREATION CARE MINISTRY

Our Creation Care Ministry meets monthly to plan service projects and learning opportunities for us to be the best stewards we can of God's creation. Email [tcaliga@gmail.com](mailto:tcaliga@gmail.com) to learn more.



**CREATION CARE**

## FORTRESS YOUTH BIRTHDAY PARTIES

Help us throw a birthday party at Fortress Youth Development Center each month! Cupcakes, balloons, and birthday songs - the joy from the kiddos is contagious!

SEPTEMBER	14
OCTOBER	12
NOVEMBER	9

## SACK LUNCH MINISTRY

Join us once a month as we make sandwiches and sack lunches (Thursdays, 3-4:15 pm) and deliver them to True Worth Place (Fridays, 9-9:45 am).

SEPTEMBER	21 & 22
OCTOBER	19 & 20
NOVEMBER	30
DECEMBER	1

## PROM DREAMS BOUTIQUE

Prom Dreams will be open on Thursday evenings from 5-7 pm, September 14-28, for students to "shop" for Homecoming. Volunteers are needed to help serve as sales associates.



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Scan the QR code to visit [universitychristian.org/volunteer](http://universitychristian.org/volunteer)



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# 10th Quadrennial England Tour

June 30—July 14, 2023

The UCC Bell Ringers showcased their remarkable talent during their performances at Bolton Priory, Bath Abbey, St. Thomas Church Salisbury, St. Andrew's in Nuthurst, Canterbury Cathedral Chapter House, and the London Actors' Church. In addition to their musical endeavors, UCC members explored the iconic sights of London, York, and Stratford, immersing themselves in the rich history and cultural offerings of these vibrant cities.



# VISION

**TRANSFORMING  
THE WORLD BY  
LIVING OUT CHRIST'S  
COURAGEOUS LOVE.**

**AN OPEN-HEARTED  
CHURCH FOR  
CURIOUS-MINDED  
PEOPLE.**



# MISSION

**SEEK THE SACRED  
COMMIT TO LOVE  
EMPOWER TO SERVE**

## CORE VALUES

### DISCIPLESHIP

As member of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), we are committed to following Jesus Christ with open minds and loving hearts as we work to bring about wholeness in a fragmented world.

### INCLUSIVITY

God created you to be you. We welcome all people, understanding that our conversations and relationships, and thus our work, becomes richer when we listen to each other, rather than we turn people away.

### COMPASSION

Jesus' compassionate spirit is at the heart of everything we do. We are called to care for one another as we experience each other's vulnerability, and we are equipped to carry that compassion into the world.

### CURIOSITY

We don't pretend to have all the answers, and we don't shy away from big questions about who God is and what God is calling us to do.

### GENEROSITY

We respond to God's abundance with gratitude as we invest in God's calling for our community. Our giving doesn't begin and end with our finances. We commit our spiritual gifts and talents back to God.

### VULNERABILITY

Together we create brave spaces where we can be honest and open about where we are on our spiritual journey. It is in these brave spaces where we do the work of discernment to uncover what God is calling us to do, both as individuals and as a community of faith.





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