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Fat Tuesday



FAT
Tuesday
PANCAKE SUPPER

Hosted by
UCC MEN'S MINISTRY

**JOIN US ON FEBRUARY 13
AT WALKER HALL, 6-7:30 PM**

We will be serving pancakes, sausage, and all the fixings.
The Paschal/McLean Jazz Band will be playing. Great fun for
the whole family. There is no charge for this event.

We hope to see you a week from tonight in Walker Hall.

Ash Wednesday

A background image for the Ash Wednesday announcement. It shows a close-up of a person's hand drawing a large, dark 'X' shape on a light-colored, textured surface, likely ash. In the upper left corner, there are some green, feathery plants. The text 'Ash Wednesday' is overlaid in a large, bold, black sans-serif font.

Ash Wednesday

February 14

6:30 pm, Sanctuary



And then, the next evening, we'd love to see you back in the church -- this time in the Sanctuary -- for Ash Wednesday.

Because Ash Wednesday overlaps with Valentine's Day this year and we realize some of you may have dinner plans, we are coordinating some day-side options for receiving ashes. We will have an update on that ASAP.

This Sunday: Youth Sunday February 11



YOUTH SUNDAY

Sunday, February 11th



The Scripture for Youth Sunday will be Romans 5:3-5: *"Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit*

who has been given to us."

*Recommendation for nominees: Identifying and encouraging new leaders is a vital part of the ministry at UCC. Between now and February 15, all UCC members are invited to recommend committed members for positions as Deacons or Assembly Elders. Those who are elected will serve three-year terms beginning June 1, 2024. **Nominate now.***

Childhood's Impact On Religion

Formation Series

Roxanne Penix is a notable member of University Christian -- a Congregational Care Minister, an elder, a member of the Chancel Guild, and a friend to everyone who passes through these doors. It *might* surprise you to learn, then, that she was "un-churched" (i.e. not a regular attendee of any worship) through most of her childhood. To understand her journey of faith, and perhaps see some of it within yours, consider the latest *Formation* video:



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Recap: Forgiveness Sermon Series



We just concluded a four-part sermon series on forgiveness and its various meanings -- and the pathways to it. You can watch all four sermons in the series above. Even though this series is over, we encourage you to continue thinking about the important role of forgiveness in your faith, life, and relationships.

UCC Writers' Festival March 3



UCC Writers Festival

March 3

All written works welcomed

- Published or unpublished book
- Music compositions
- Magazine or newspaper articles
- Plays or performance compositions
- Contact marilynaivy@gmail.com



**REGISTER BY
FEBRUARY 18**

We have numerous events *throughout* Lent as well, including this new addition to the March slate.

This will be hosted by the Church and the Arts Committee. If you are a writer or composer and would like to share your published or not-yet-published work, please contact Marilyn A. Ivy at marilynaivy@gmail.com.

The writing can be anything from poetry to short stories to music to anything else!

Estimates Of Giving

At UCC, generosity is a core value. God's abundant blessings in our lives inspire us to share our resources and build God's kingdom here on Earth. We invite our members and friends to update your estimate of giving to the ministry of UCC.

Estimate of Giving cards are also available in the pews on Sunday, but you can submit online below.



The banner features a dark red background. At the top, the word "Generosity" is written in a large, white, cursive script, with a white heart shape integrated into the letter 'G'. Below it, the text "We respond to God's abundance" is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. In the center, the URL "universitychristian.org/eog" is displayed in a white, sans-serif font. At the bottom left is the University Christian Church logo, which consists of a white cross-like symbol made of four diamonds, followed by the text "UNIVERSITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH" in a small, white, sans-serif font. At the bottom right, the tagline "Open minds. Loving hearts." is written in a white, sans-serif font.

[Submit Your Estimate Of Giving](#)

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The Vinery



UCC just started a two-year, cohort-based program with an organization called **The Vinery**.

This national non-profit exists to help University Churches cultivate congregational thriving and ministry with their university neighbors for the sake of the common good in the name of Jesus. Through our time in this program our congregation will engage in deep listening & purposeful design so that we are better equipped to serve universities (and yes, TCU is our primary university neighbor) for decades & centuries to come.

We are beyond excited to join The Vinery's third cohort of churches. Each cohort journeys together for 24 months discerning their congregation's unique calling to doing University Ministry (for students, faculty/staff, administrators, alumni, families, & community partners) as part of our total ministry in the world.

Over the next two years, we anticipate opportunities for many to join UCC in the

discernment process & hope that you'll consider partnering with us on the exciting adventure of learning more about our stories of the past & how it informs our future.

UCC's Vinery lead team will consist of Rev. Alison Fitzgerald, Rev. Austin Schmidt, Taylor Howell, a member of UCC's College Ministry Committee, and Brooks Davenport, a local college student & church member.

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