

JOURNEY

SPRING EDITION

2024

*Open minds.
Loving hearts.*



Rev. Dr. Russ Peterman
Senior Minister

DEAR UCC FAMILY –

Welcome to Lenten season and beyond. We're so blessed that you call University Christian home and both worship with us and involve yourself in the church in other ways.

First, a brief look back: 2023 was a tremendous year for UCC, but also one of the most challenging since I've been here. We celebrated our 150th year since our founding and began construction on a massive remodel project that will enable our facility to match the welcoming spirit of our congregation. But we also lost some seminal members of the church throughout the year, and experienced some collective tragedies that we're still all processing in our own way. At the same time, we brought 100+ new members into this faith journey and had some of our most-engaged sermon series of all-time. It was an impactful year.

As you receive this catalog at home or pick one up at church, Lent is beginning (a bit early this year) – and hopefully you're fully unplugged from the end of 2023 and thinking about the rest of 2024. From February 18 until Easter on March 31, we'll be embarking on a seven-part journey in the footsteps of Jesus: from his baptism to the temptations to the heart of his ministry, including the people he loved, the enemies he made, the parables

he taught, and the roads that he traveled. We hope to see you in-person or online for many of those worship services.

Beyond just Lent, work through this catalog for a full roster of amazing programs and offerings from UCC, including Outreach options, a Chancel Choir concert, more info on youth and college ministry, updates on Congregational Care, and more. The world can feel crazy right now, both politically and economically. Use some of these offerings as a safe space to reconnect with God and engage with the church as you journey in faith.

We greatly appreciate your generosity throughout 2023, from the beginning of the year to Red Envelopes and our ACH donations on Christmas Eve. As you're able, we encourage you to continue that generous spirit in your regular giving into 2024.

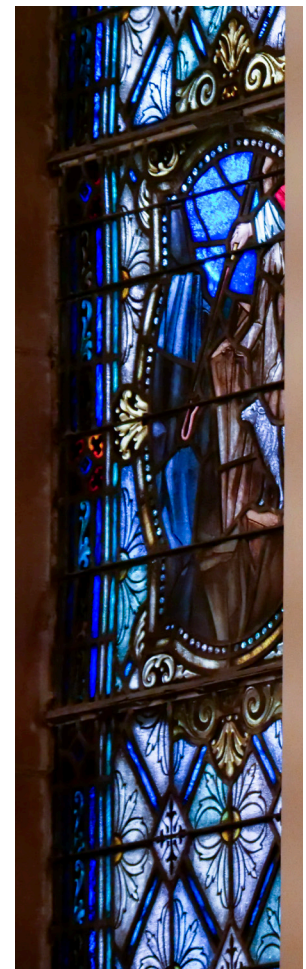
If you ever have any questions or want to discuss where you're at in your own journey of faith and life, please don't hesitate to reach out. I am honored to serve as your senior minister, and love to connect with as many of you as possible.

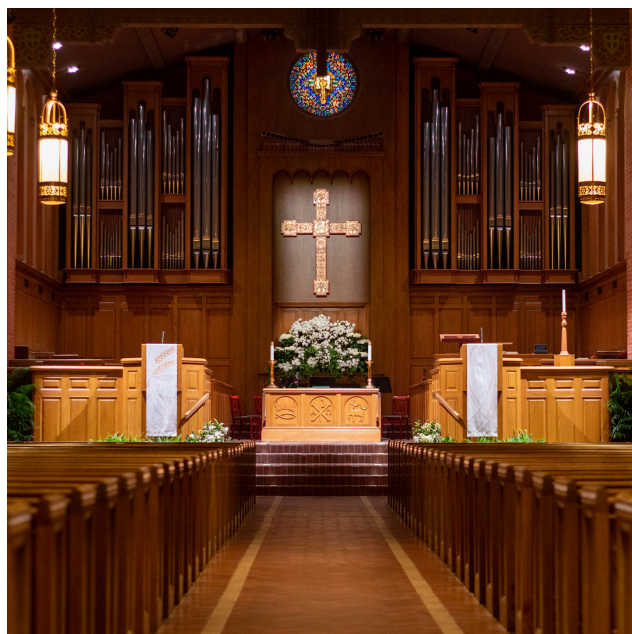
With gratitude and hope,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Russ", written in a cursive style.



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WORSHIP

9 am and 11 am, UCC 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!

The 11am service is live-streamed on our website at universitychristian.org/live and is also broadcast on 88.7 KTCU.



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SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

9 am, 10:10 am, 11 am



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Eric Vanderwerken is a regular worshiper at our Simple Worship service. He calls himself “the faithful candle-lighter” because he is always happy to light the worship candles and lead the Call to Worship.

SIMPLE WORSHIP

9:30 am, UCC Chapel

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.



JOIN US

Scan the QR code to join
via Zoom for Simple Worship



TEN:10

10:10am, Walker Hall

If you are looking for a relaxed worship experience in an informal setting, TEN:10 is for you. This service feels more like being at your favorite coffee shop than at 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.

Rev. Shannon Moore
Executive Minister
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LENT WORSHIP SERIES

FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS

During the season of Lent—the 40 days leading up to Easter—we will be taking a journey to the Holy Land to retrace the footsteps of Jesus from his baptism to the temptations to the heart of his ministry, including the people he loved, the enemies he made, the parables he taught, and the roads that he traveled. Along the way we'll look at the history to look at the way things were; explore the way things are today; and point with hope to the way things can be.

FEB 18

BAPTISM & TEMPTATION
MARK 1: 9-13

FEB 25

THE HEALING MINISTRY
MARK 1: 21-34

MAR 3

PROCLAIMING THE KINGDOM
MATT 5: 1-2A; 7: 24-29

MAR 10

CALMING THE STORM
MARK 4: 35-41

MAR 17

SINNERS, OUTCASTS & THE POOR
JOHN 4: 3-10

MAR 24

THE FINAL WEEK PALM SUNDAY
MARK 11: 7-10



When asked why she regularly attends 9 am worship, Sandra Soria says, "I really feel connected to my 9 o'clock friends. I can easily help usher, and I fully appreciate the dedicated musicians who show up for us early risers. The 9am service feels like home to me."



These 9 am ushers arrive extra early to put out bulletins, make sure the sanctuary is ready for the day, and serve communion. If you would like join this group of faithful servants, contact shannon.moore@uccftw.com.



Meet some of the 11 am ushers. They love serving on Sunday mornings, because they know how important communion is to us all. If you would like to learn and serve, simply email Lee.Nelson@uccftw.com



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The Harman family worship regularly at TEN:10. When asked what they like about the service, 8-year-old McKenzie replied, "There are snacks!" And 11-year-old Jackson said, "I like the Bible stories and how it's like a conversation. And there are snacks!"

ASH WEDNESDAY

February 14, 6:30 pm, Sanctuary

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season Lent, the six weeks of preparation for Easter. On Ash Wednesday we offer a prayer of confession and receive ashes on our foreheads or hands as a reminder of our mortality.

Join us in the Sanctuary for this worship service of reflection and preparation for our journey toward Easter. Childcare is available.

MIDWEEK LENT REFLECTION

Wednesdays during Lent, Feb 21 - March 27,
6:30 pm, Sanctuary

Join Rev. Shannon Moore for a time of reflection and meditation on Wednesdays during the season of Lent. Each week we will spend time focusing on scripture, prayer, and a variety of other spiritual practices.

Each service will end with a time of silent meditation, increasing in length each week. This is a great way to begin a discipline of spiritual meditation as well as an opportunity for those who are more experienced to practice in a group setting. Childcare is available. Contact shannon.moore@uccftw.com for more information.



PALM SUNDAY

March 24, All Worship Services

We begin Holy Week by remembering Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem. Our children will have the opportunity to process in with palm branches at all four of our worship services as we sing and declare, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!"

EASTER AT UCC

March 31

Easter is the celebration of Christ's resurrection and victory over death! It reminds us that good overcomes evil; that hope and light fill the dark spaces of the world; that because Christ lives, we too shall live!

7:00 AM SUNRISE SERVICE

THE MEMORIAL GARDEN

9:00 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

UCC SANCTUARY

9:30 AM SIMPLE WORSHIP

ROOM 150

10:10 AM TEN:10 CASUAL WORSHIP

WALKER HALL

11:00 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

UCC SANCTUARY

AND GOD'S PEOPLE SANG

AMEN



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MUSIC MINISTRY

“And God’s People Sang... Amen”

arose out of a desire amongst the singers in the Chancel Choir to enhance Sunday morning worship services with a set of new choral responses to be sung following the Pastoral Prayer and Benediction each week. The choir deeply values the congregation’s rich tradition of traditional worship music and seeks to keep the tradition alive by presenting fresh, updated musical offerings.

Realizing the numerous connections the choir has with professional musicians and composers, we decided to undertake this project of compiling new choral responses written especially for the UCC Chancel Choir. As some of these relationships were entirely professional and would

require financing, Dick Stinson spearheaded a fundraising effort. Members of the choir were so excited about the idea that they fully funded the project from within their ranks. The request for new responses yielded submissions from more than a dozen composers including six TCU alums, two emeritus TCU faculty, two members of the choir’s bass section, several full-time professional composers, a current TCU faculty member, three members of UCC’s music ministry staff, and friends. This new booklet includes 35 beautiful responses that will greatly enhance worship for years to come. Many thanks to these composers and all those that helped make this project possible.



Rev. Dr. Todd Prickett
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On Maundy Thursday, March 28, at 6:30 pm, the Chancel Choir and Chamber Orchestra conducted by Rev. Dr. Todd Prickett, Minister of Music, will present Dan Forrest’s “Requiem for the Living” in the UCC Sanctuary. Admission is Free.

REQUIEM FOR THE LIVING

A Requiem, at its core, is a prayer for rest- traditionally, for the deceased. The five movements of Dan Forrest’s Requiem for the Living, (2013), however, form a narrative just as much for the living, and their own struggle with pain and sorrow, as for the dead. The opening movement sets the traditional Introit and Kyrie texts- pleas for rest and mercy- using ever-increasing elaborations on a simple three-note descending motive. The second movement, instead of the traditional Dies Irae, sets Scriptural texts that speak of the turmoil and sorrow which face humanity, while yet invoking musical and textual allusions to the Dies Irae. This movement juxtaposes aggressive rhythmic gestures with long, floating melodic lines, including quotes of the Kyrie

from the first movement. The Agnus Dei is performed next (a departure from the usual liturgical order) as a plea for deliverance and peace; the Sanctus, following it, becomes a response to this redemption. The Sanctus offers three different glimpses of the “heavens and earth, full of Thy glory”, all of which develop the same musical motive: an ethereal opening section inspired by images of space from the Hubble Space Telescope, a stirring middle section inspired by images of our own planet as viewed from the International Space Station, and a closing section which brings the listener down to Earth, where cities teem with the energy of humanity. The Lux Aeterna which then closes the work portrays light, peace, and rest- for both the deceased and the living.

MEMBER ENGAGEMENT

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In 2023, we welcomed almost 100 new members into the life of our church. Many of our new members share a similar experience on their journey to University Christian Church, that is, they begin by watching online before they ever attend in person. When they attend Church for the first time, they witness the hospitable nature of our congregation, and experience an authentic worship service, and perhaps encounter the Divine in a new way.

When these folks elect to attend our UCC and You class, those considering membership tell us how they love our core values and more importantly, how we as a church live out our values on a daily basis. They mention our core values are noticeable in our inclusive and compassionate relationships with each other and how we take our message of discipleship into the community with open mind and loving hearts. This is reinforced each Sunday when we recognize that the invitation to the Lord's table is not ours, but the Lords, and that ALL are welcome to the table.

As a journey church, new members also tell us how they appreciate the space that University Christian Church creates where

they can be vulnerable. This allows everyone to support each other and walk together through difficult times. We remind them that as a congregation we are generous with our time, talent and offering when we respond to the needs of our community in our many outreach programs. Lastly, we recognize that none of us have all the answers. As a result of this, we allow for space to be curious, so we can discover God as we dive into scripture through our Sunday School classes, individual prayer and worship.

Through each of our members, (old and new) University Christian Church makes a visible commitment to care for each other as we live out Christ's courageous love in our services and our community.



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Member Engagement
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ADULT MINISTRY



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In this season of Lent, we focus on Jesus, his call to ministry, and our own call to be disciples of Jesus and what that call requires of us. I often think of the missionary hymn that originated in India, “I have decided to follow Jesus. . . no matter what, no matter what.” Discipleship can be costly.

At UCC, we seek to provide ways for your faith to grow and deepen by participating in one of the many opportunities for intentional learning and exploring how to follow Jesus by expanding our knowledge and understandings —neither is particularly simple. Our goal is to be transformed by God’s love in Christ Jesus—God’s beloved son. Join us on that journey by participating in one or more groups to grow our faith.

TAPESTRY

Tapestry offers a mix of small group discussion, service projects, and social gatherings for young professionals. Monthly small group is on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 7 pm in room 150. Service and social events are planned throughout the year. For more information and details about upcoming happenings, email Mary Ashley Ray at maray413@gmail.com. Instagram: @uccftw_tapestry



Sunday School/ Community Group Educational

On Sunday mornings, we currently offer a variety of diverse classes/groups. 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. We have offerings at both 10 am and 11 am. Information can be found on the website under Adult ministries. Please check the website regularly to keep up with room information over the next few months due to construction.



**UCC Writers
Festival
Opportunities**
Sunday, March 3

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!

Wednesday Bible Study Opportunities

Wednesday Bible Study provides a discussion-oriented opportunity to study scripture from a historical and critical perspective while reflecting on how the text is relevant to current day issues. We meet weekly (except for July) at 9:45 am in Room 150. Wherever you are in your faith journey, you are welcomed into an inclusive study group as we ponder biblical texts, ask lots of questions, pray for those in need, and delight in the company of one another. Zena McAdams is the facilitator. Please join us!

Circles of Faith—Small Group Ministries

COF are a small group ministry of UCC. Each fall and spring, we offer 12-15 small groups focused on a variety of topics—Bible study, progressive theology, justice-oriented issues, prayer groups, Enneagram-related, creative arts, spiritually—to name a few. This spring will be somewhat different. We will have groups setup for the Lenten season and, in addition, we will be offering several post-Easter groups leading up to Pentecost. Please note, we are also offering three Zoom classes for this spring—partly, due to disruptions in room availability during construction and we have a significant number of people with mobility issues and a number of people who prefer not to be out at night. Check them out on the website and sign up for a wonderful spring of small group ministry.

Women's Ministries Latte with the Ladies

If you need a time out once a month to be in conversation with other women, we gather on the 2nd Saturday of each month at the Panera's on South University at 9 am for coffee, pastries, and fellowship. All are welcome. For more information, contact Zena McAdams at zena.mcadams@uccftw.org.



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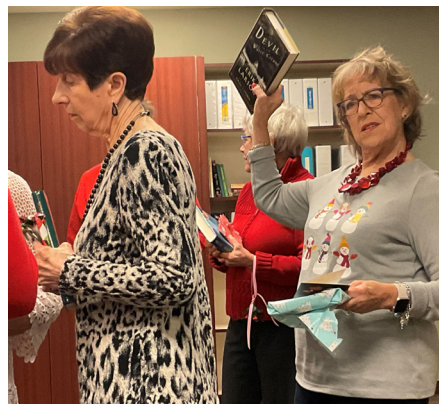
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Banned Book Club

In the fall, we started a banned book club looking critically at books and literature that have been banned in the public school at the high school level. It took us several months to develop a working format for this group. Now, we have it. Each month, two books will be designated for participants to read, at least, one and/or both if they have time. This is not like a regular book club where we discuss the story and characters. Specifically, we are reviewing whether these specific books should be banned or, otherwise, used in specific settings. We have lots of opinions and it is surprising when we delve into why or why not we think this book would be appropriate and, if so, how it would be used. Gala Arambula, a long time English educator, is our facilitator. Come check it out. We meet the 4th Thursday of each month at 2 pm in Room 206. Great conversations.

Wild Women Book Clubs

UCC has two active book clubs—known as Wild Women Monday and Wild Women Tuesday. The books vary with many topics—fiction and nonfiction. Not only are these groups informative, but they are filled with laughter and fun. The Monday group meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at 6 pm, at La Madeline, on Camp Bowie Blvd. The Tuesday group meets on the 3rd Tuesday (bring your own brown bag) of each month, at Noon, UCC in Room 206. Books and dates are listed on the UCC website. Whether you have read the book or not, new participants are always welcomed!



MEN'S MINISTRY

Men's Ministry holds multiple events through the year like last December's quarterly breakfast – at which new Rev. Allen Lutes shared his faith journey and call to serve. Men's Ministry sponsored the Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper, and future events can be found on the associated QR code.



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CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRIES

Children learn faith by doing and close family is the primary model for a child's understanding of faith. Raising children who are empowered to share Christ's transforming love means showing them what sharing Jesus' love looks like and inviting them into the action of sharing that love—now! All of our children and families programming is designed for your family to be encouraged and equipped to grow in faith together.



Rev. Shannon Moore presents Bibles to third graders at Ten:10.

Child and Family Dedications

Growing in faith happens in the home when children are encouraged to engage in faith practices by watching and experiencing the close adults around them. Children and Family ministries help your family through Lent, Easter and the season of resurrection with our Lenten devotional packets. Engage in simple faith practices together and grow in faith as a family.

**Dedications are celebrated during the
11 am worship service.**

April 14
May 12, Mother's Day
June 16, Father's Day

Contact Robin.Doyle@uccftw.com for information.

Parents Night Out

April 12
(Registration March 14-April 5)
6 pm to 9 pm

Your children can join us for fun while you have an evening out. Infants-5th graders. Registration required, \$5/child or \$10 max/family. Visit universitychristian.org for more information.



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Mission VBS—Compassion Camp: Changing the World

June 11-13, 9 am to 3 pm
Current 4th-5th graders

Registration for UCC Members begins March 1;
Open registration begins April 1.

*This event is potentially subject to change based
on Cornerstone Project construction.*

UCC Kids Adventure Camp Fruitful Faith: A Spirit Filled Life!

June 11-13, 9 am to 12 pm
for current Twos class –Third graders

Registration for UCC Members begins
March 1; Open registration begins April 1.
Adult and Youth Volunteer Registration
begins March 1. Visit universitychristian.org
for more information.



Family Service Sunday

June 11-13, 9 am to 3 pm
Current 4th-5th graders

Registration for UCC
Members begins March 1;
Open registration begins
April 1.



Family Picnic

April 28, 5-6:30 pm
Park Playground

Join families as we gather for
fun, food, and fellowship.
Lots of playing and time
to meet and connect with
others. Bring a blanket and
we will provide the rest!

LENT AND CHILDCARE



Ash Wednesday Worship
Preschool childcare is available
for the service.

Midweek Lenten Worship
Preschool childcare
is available.

Holy Thursday Service
Preschool childcare is
available for the service.

Circles of Faith
Childcare is available
by reservation.

STUDENT MINISTRY

Spring is a busy and incredible time for Student Ministries at UCC. Below are the many varied ways to plug into our programming as we dive deeper into our semester and anticipate the fun summer will bring. As we look ahead into this spring, I invite you to find something in the ministries offered below that speaks to you or something you'd like for your student to participate in and contact a member of the Student Ministries Team. We would love to help you get connected to all that Student Ministries has to offer!



Rev. Alison Fitzgerald
Minister to Students
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COLLEGE MINISTRY

Centered

Sundays | 7-8 pm | UCC Chapel

Centered is a college worship service designed to connect students with God, each other, and to center ourselves for the week.

Crowded Table Dinner

First Tuesday of the Month | 6-7 pm | College Lounge

Crowded Table is a once-a-month dinner gathering for LGBTQ+ college students hosted by an LGBTQ+ UCC member. Here, we exchange our diverse stories and make every effort to support one another.

Lunch Bunch

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

Each week, college students meet in the College Lounge, easily accessed from the "College Corner" (Cantey & Rogers). This staple ministry provides a free meal and time of connection for our local college students.



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Finals Feast & Fun

Evening of May 2nd

Finals Feast & Fun is held at the end of each semester as a way for students to decompress, eat a good meal, and have some fun before finals season sets in. This event is open to all college students on May 2nd.

Spring Retreat

February 23-25

All college students are invited to attend the Spring Retreat hosted about a half an hour away at a retreat site outside of Eagle Mountain Lake. Over this weekend, our students are invited to rest, relax, and take a moment to breathe and unplug. Check the website or our Instagram for more details.



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YOUTH MINISTRY

Evening Youth Groups

Sundays | 5 pm | Room 211

Youth Groups are an incredible way for our 6th – 12th Graders to connect each week and focus on our core values of Community, Compassion, and Curiosity by putting them into action! Here's what to expect each Sunday:

All Youth (6-12th Grade) meet for youth groups from 5:00pm – 6:00pm, which is normally made up of games, our focus for the week – and ends with devotion time. Youth Group is followed by a Snack Supper for all grades from 6:00pm – 6:30pm as an opportunity for all of us to gather for a meal.

We hope that you can join us as we spend time building community, finding God in our week, and having a lot of fun together.

Senior Banquet

Evening of May 5 | BRIT Event Center

We hope you can mark your calendars as we celebrate and send off a wonderful group of graduating Seniors! This year's event will be held at the BRIT Center due to potential construction restrictions at UCC. Join us as we congratulate this amazing group!



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Sunday School

Sundays | 11 am | Room 223

Youth grades 6-12 explore the weekly sermon text through games, art, and conversation. Join us for a time to ask good questions and grow in a faithful community.

Community Groups

Middle School:

Wednesdays 6:30-7:30 pm | Room 211

High School: Wednesdays | 7:30-8:30 pm

Contact us for more details!

Community Groups are an incredible way for youth to spend time growing their faithful community in smaller group settings! Please let Rev. Alison Fitzgerald know if your youth would like to participate.

Service-Learning Trip Registration

March 18 – May 3

Service-Learning Trips are offered for grades 6 -12 and are an incredible way to learn more about issues and injustices that people face every day, while also getting the opportunity to make an impact nationally with our hands and feet. This year our CYF group (grades 9-12) will be headed to Christmount in Black Mountain, NC from June 2 to June 9, and our Chi Rho Group (grades 6-8) will go to Austin, TX July 15-18.

We hope you'll join us on one of these amazing trips that are always the highlight of the summer for our youth. Register today!

Summer Camp Registration

Disciples Crossing

Registration opens February 18

Camp season at Disciples Crossing in Athens, TX is coming up quickly, and registration is open! Here is when each camp is being held, along with a bit of information:

June 16 – 22 | CYF Camp (Grades 9-12): CYF campers will connect with their faith as they explore spiritual disciplines, play, pray, and worship

June 16-22 | Imago Dei (Grades 6 & 7): Imago Dei is designed to teach campers about spirituality and sexuality through a Christian curriculum

June 24-29 | Chi-Rho Camp (Grades 6-8) Chi-Rho Campers will have an amazing time in nature connecting with God, themselves, and others on the "Creative Side" of camp

If you have questions about our regional camping program, please contact Rev. Alison Fitzgerald.



OUTREACH MINISTRY

I am so excited to serve as the new minister of Outreach at UCC! In the gospel of Matthew, Jesus shares the parable of the sheep and the goats. In this story, the king tells everyone gathered that in their lives, either they did or didn't feed him when he was hungry, give him water when he was thirsty, visit him when he was in prison, cared for him when he was sick or welcomed him when he was a stranger. When they replied they never saw him in any of these situations, Jesus replies "When you did this for the least of my brothers or sisters, you did it for me."

University Christian Church embraces this call from Jesus by serving the least, the last and the

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lost in our community, and that's exciting news to proclaim! There are many opportunities to serve in the coming months, whether you are a long-time volunteer or someone looking to explore where God would have you serve; maybe for the first time. We all have gifts, and I promise there is a place for you to use your gifts through the outreach ministries at UCC.



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Academy 4 March 18 – May 3

Our 4th grade mentor program at Alice Contreras meets on the following Fridays for 90 minutes for mentoring (12:40-2:30 pm) and Clubs (11:30 am-1:15 pm). Volunteers are always needed to help with set-up, substitute mentor, and assist our Club leaders (activities like cooking and art).

February 16 **March 22**
April 19 **May 10**

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 10 am-12 pm and unpack and sort clothing throughout the week and on the weekends.

Fortress 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! Parties are from 3:50-5:30 pm.

February 22 **March 7**
April 25 **May 16**

Earth Day 2024

The UCC Creation Care team is reaching out for interested participants for this year's Earth Day cleanup at Glenwood Park. Last year's Earth Day Clean up at Glenwood Park had a turnout of 100 people and was part of disposing 3.2 tons of trash in no small part thanks to UCC's dedication to service.

Mark your calendars for Saturday April 20, 2024, We hope to see you there!

PROM DREAMS BOUTIQUE

**Will be open Thursdays from 5-7 pm
March 7-May 9, and Sundays in April
from 12:30-2:30 pm.**

We have rooms and closets filled with items for local high school students to come “shop” for their special event. Volunteers are needed to serve as Boutique Associates and help students shop for dresses. It’s like Say Yes to the Dress, prom edition!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Sign up at universitychristian.org/outreach



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, 9-10:15 am).

February 22 & 23

March 28 & 29

April 25 & 26

May 16



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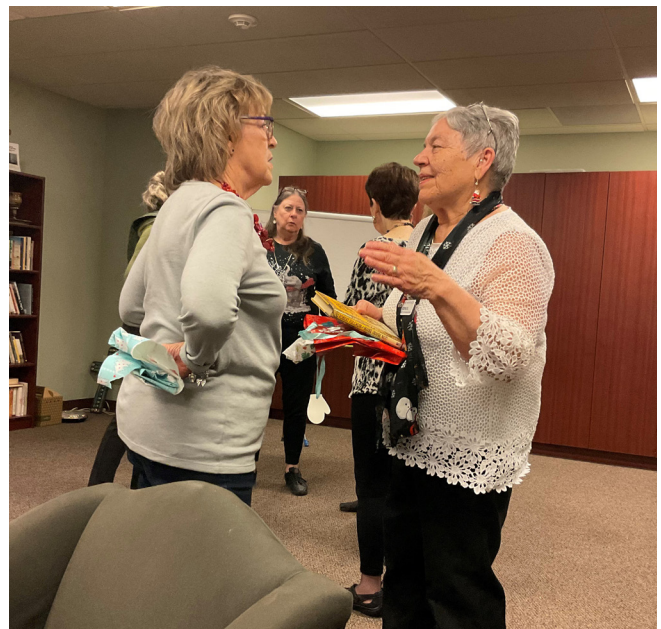
MARY LOUISE PAGE SCHOLARSHIP

There is no better way to impact a student and their family than providing an educational opportunity. Mary Louise Page certainly knew this and acted on it with a generous endowment of a scholarship fund to help Tarrant County students. You are invited to participate by honoring or memorializing someone of your choice through UCC’s Page Scholarship.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

visit universitychristian.org/scholarships





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LOVE

YOU ARE VALUABLE,
WORTHY OF LOVE,
AND ALREADY PART OF WHAT
GOD'S DOING IN THE WORLD.



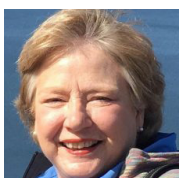
MINISTERS are available after hours and on weekends for pastoral care emergencies. If you have a need, call us at 817.926.6631 and follow the prompts. You may also contact us via the Prayer and Care page on our website or by emailing us at pastoralcare@uccftw.com.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

A NOTE FROM REV. SHANNON MOORE:

It has been my honor and privilege to serve as the minister overseeing Congregational Care at UCC for the past 7 years. Upon the retirement of Rev. Renee Hoke, my responsibilities have shifted into the role of Executive Minister. Rev. Kera Watts will serve as the new Minister of Congregational Care when she returns from sabbatical in April.

In the meantime, we are thrilled to welcome Rev. Nita Gilger as our Interim Minister of Congregational Care! Nita is a long-time member, a former member of our staff, and has served as a Congregational Care Minister since that ministry started in 2020. She is doing a remarkable job, and she is a continued gift to our church!



It is my honor and pleasure to return to part-time ministry here at UCC for the next 3 months while Rev. Kera Watts is on sabbatical. My role will be to assist in covering the pastoral care needs of our congregation and direct the Congregational Care Ministries.

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I was on staff at UCC for 25 years as Weekday School Director and then as Associate Minister for Children and Families, having retired in 2009. For the last 4 years I have served as a Congregational Care Minister and an Elder. UCC has been our church home for 40 years and I am so deeply grateful to share in ministry with this remarkable staff and such a loving congregation. May God bless our journey together.

Congregational Care Ministers

Our CCMs at UCC are laypeople who are trained and commissioned by our church to assist the clergy in providing pastoral care to the hospitalized, ill, homebound, and grieving.

Shirley Branham, Nita Gilger, Susan Hill, Kay Higgins, Gay McKeever, Ann Murphy, Roxanne Penix, Jim Smith, Susan Sprinkle and Judy Stempel.

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Seek the sacred
Commit to love
Empower to serve



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Transforming the world
by living out Christ's
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| Discipleship | Vulnerability |
| Curiosity | Generosity |
| Inclusivity | Compassion |









ON GOING IN 2024

We do apologize for any inconveniences caused by the Cornerstone Project in various wings, balconies, and hallways this year. The good news: when finished, we'll have an even more beautiful (and modern!) church to build community in. The Beck Group has been doing a great job, meeting deadlines, and keeping the senior clergy updated every Wednesday on what to expect in the coming week. If you have any questions about the Cornerstone progress, feel free to reach out to Michelle Ingram in the business office. If you'd like to see a "Hard Hat Russ" video explaining the latest progress, scan the QR code here, or visit universitychristian.org/cornerstone/.



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