

# CONNECT WITH US

STARTING  
POINT ▶

If you want to learn more about UCC and what it means to be part of our faith community, make plans to attend this two-session introduction offered at 10:00am on May 19 and 26. More information is available on our church website.



**Ministers are on call**—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, fill out the pastoral care request form found at the bottom of our website or email us at **[pastoralcare@uccftw.com](mailto:pastoralcare@uccftw.com)**.



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Assisted listening devices are available; please ask an usher to obtain one.  
*Handicap accessible restrooms located in the Gallery (second floor).*



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*Open minds, loving hearts*

April 28, 2019



*Photos from Easter Sunday.*

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A Disciples of Christ Congregation



# WELCOME

## TO UNIVERSITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

We choose love—as God does—loving people where they are and giving them the space to doubt, learn, wonder and ask the hard questions.

— Rev. Dr. Russell Peterman • Senior Minister



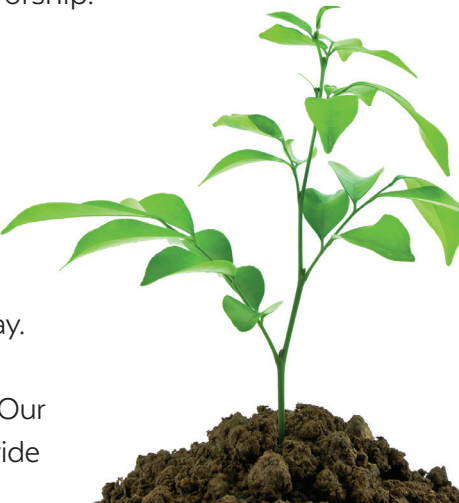
# TODAY

### Carpenters Open House 11:00am–1:00pm 2700 Rogers Street

Come see what’s happening at the Carpenters House! Meet our craftsmen, view current projects and find out how you can get involved. Refreshments served on the porch.

### Disciples Class Baptisms and Confirmations 9:00am & 11:00am

Join us as we celebrate the baptisms and confirmations of our Disciples Class students during Sunday morning worship.



### Earth Stewardship Sunday 9:00am and 11:00am

The Sunday closest to Earth Day is celebrated by faith communities around the world as Earth Stewardship Day. This morning will highlight our shared blessings from God’s creation and our responsibilities for its care. Our UCC Caring for God’s Creation Committee will also provide helpful earth-friendly information in the Gallery.

# RECURRING EVENTS

### CHILDREN’S CLOSET

Mondays & Thursdays • 10:00am–12:00pm

### COLLEGE LUNCH BUNCH

Wednesdays • Noon | College Lounge (RM 223)

### CONNECT MEALS (MONTHLY)

Lunch • First Sunday • Noon | Walker Hall  
Dinner • Third Thursday • 6:00pm | Walker Hall

### FAITHFULLY FIT FOREVER

Mondays • 4:00pm | RM 205  
Wednesdays & Fridays • 11:00am | RM 205

### FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP: GAME DAY

May 28 • 10:00am | RM 211

### FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP: LUNCH & LEARN

May 10 • 11:00am | RM 207

### NEEDLERS

Thursdays • 10:00am | RM 205

### PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Sundays • 5:00pm | RM 206

### WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays • 10:00am | RM 203

### YOGA

Mondays • 12:30pm | RM 205  
Thursdays • 10:30am | RM 205

## GOVERNANCE MEETINGS




### Building and Grounds Meeting Sunday, May 5 • 12:15pm | RM 226

### AS A GLOBAL MINISTRIES CONGREGATION UCC SUPPORTS AND PRAYS FOR:

Our missionary partners  
Elena Huegel, Mexico  
Larry and Debbie Colvin, Ghana

### This week we pray for:

 Kenya and  
Mission Coworker Bosela Eale



**AS A GREEN CHALICE CONGREGATION:**  
UCC joins churches across the country  
in faithfully caring for God’s creation.

### LEARN MORE ABOUT:

Our ministries at [universitychristian.org](http://universitychristian.org)  
The Disciples of Christ, visit [disciples.org](http://disciples.org)



SERVE



## May Canned Food Drive Month of May

During the month of May, UCC will collect food items for South Central Alliance of Churches emergency food pantry. Suggested items include: canned meats and fish, fruit, vegetables and soup, macaroni and cheese, hamburger helper, tuna helper, rice and pasta, powdered and evaporated milk, pudding or custard, baby formula, peanut butter, dried beans. Monetary donations made out to UCC for SCAC or online for May Canned Food Drive.

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## Youth Sunday—Growing Together Sunday, May 5 • 9:00am & 11:00am

A service of worship planned and led by our middle and high school youth.

Contact: [jamie.plunkett@uccftw.com](mailto:jamie.plunkett@uccftw.com)

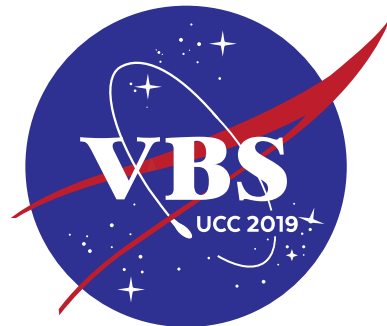
## SERVE • VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

### VBS Registration

**Register children and Volunteers online!**

**Vacation Bible School is June 11-14**

VBS is for children 2 years through grade 3. Mission VBS is for grades 4 and 5. Cost is \$25 per child for VBS and \$40 per child for Mission VBS. Scholarships are available by request. Contact: [robin.doyle@uccftw.com](mailto:robin.doyle@uccftw.com)



## CLERGY

**REV. DR. RUSS PETERMAN**

Senior Minister

**REV. RENEE HOKE**

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**REV. JAMIE PLUNKETT**

Minister of Youth and Families

**REV. DR. TODD PRICKETT**

Minister of Music

**REV. CYNDY TWEDELL**

Minister of Nurture

**REV. JESSICA VACKETTA**

Minister of Connections

**REV. KERA WATTS**

Minister of Children and Families

**ALLISON BRIGHT**

Assistant Minister for Youth

**WILLIAM JUDD**

Assistant Minister for Youth

## LEADING MUSIC TODAY

**JANET PUMMILL**

Senior Organist

**DR. AMY STEWART**

Assistant Organist

## SUPPORT STAFF

**ANN BOWLING**

Childcare Coordinator

**SAM DEMPSEY**

Front Desk Reception

## WAYS TO GIVE

**Easy, convenient, secure and flexible—choose which way works best for you.**

### Online

Make a one-time donation or set up recurring payments. [www.universitychristian.org](http://www.universitychristian.org)

### Text

Text **your giving amount to 817-241-2780.**



### Mobile App

Search and download “**ShelbyNEXT | Giving**” app in your mobile app store.

### Cash or Check

Make checks payable to “University Christian Church”. Mail or drop checks into offering plate or at the Front Desk.

## HELPING US WORSHIP TODAY

### Chancel Guild:

Lori Eagleton • Randy Eagleton  
Ann Lesok • Mandy Teichelman

**Sound:** Chris Shipman

**Video:** Jack Stewart

**Radio Announcer:** Darla Jones

*The flowers in the Chancel are given to the glory of God and in honor and celebration of the baptisms of the Disciples Class.*



SUNDAY MORNINGS • CHILDREN, YOUTH AND ADULT

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP • ALL AGES

9:00am • 11:00am

SIMPLE WORSHIP • ALL AGES

9:30–9:50am

CHILDCARE • INFANT-23 MONTHS

Available from 8:45am–12:15pm.

PRESCHOOL CHILDCARE AND SUNDAY SCHOOL • TWOS-KINDERGARTEN

Offered from 8:45am to 12:15pm with Sunday School and music at 10:00am.

WORSHIP BAGS FOR CHILDREN

Check out this way to engage children in worship. Worship Bags are available at the Gallery door. Please return them after worship.

JOURNEY LAND • GRADES 1-5

A unique approach to learn faith by experience and doing—engages children in cooking, art, drama, music, science and movies.

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ABC’S of Health—QPR  
Sunday, May 5 • 1:00pm

This 75-minute educational program is designed to teach us the warning signs of a suicide crisis and how to respond.

[Register Online by Wednesday May 1.](#)

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Finals Feast  
Monday, May 6 • 5:00pm

Finals Feast is almost here! Please help us in providing food for the college students as they de-stress and take a break from studying and exams. [Register Online.](#)

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Texas City Hurricane  
Relief Pilgrimage

Grab your air mattress and tool belt—we are going to Texas City to help with Hurricane Relief! July 28–August 3. Cost \$350 per person. Registration forms are in the Arches and at the front desk.

[Register by June 1.](#)

[Contact: jessica@uccftw.com](#)

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Legacy Society Luncheon  
Ways to Make a Gift to UCC  
Sunday, May 5 • Noon

Have you noticed our beautiful wall display in the reception area honoring Legacy Society members? Ever find yourself wondering what the UCC Legacy Society is? Join us for lunch to discover ways to be a part of the Legacy Society. Childcare available upon request. No cost, be our guest! [Register online by May 1.](#) [Contact: michelle@uccftw.com](#)

GROW

Welcome to Worship  
Sundays, April 28–May 19  
10:00am

Welcome to Worship is a faith development program for our Kindergarten and Fours classes to prepare them to be part of a worshipping community. Children will meet our ministers, spend time in the sanctuary and experience the meaning and purpose of why we do what we do when we worship together.

[Contact: kera@uccftw.com](#)

FEATURED EVENTS Register, RSVP or learn more online.

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**Blanket the World with Love**  
Sundays, April 28 & May 5

Provide comfort, warmth and compassion to our neighbors facing displacement, disaster or the strain of poverty. \$10 provides a blanket (through Church World Service) and an opportunity to honor your mother or other important women in your life.

Contact: [cyndy@uccftw.com](mailto:cyndy@uccftw.com)




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**Kids Hope USA • Month of May**

Larger class sizes and smaller budgets make giving individual attention to students harder each year. UCC partners with Rosemont Elementary to support educators and mentor students. Weekly, mentors meet with students for an hour during school hours. Kids Hope USA builds life-changing relationships one at a time: One Child. One Hour. One School. One Church.

Contact: [Mike Wager • tcuwags@aol.com](mailto:tcuwags@aol.com) if interested in serving as a mentor



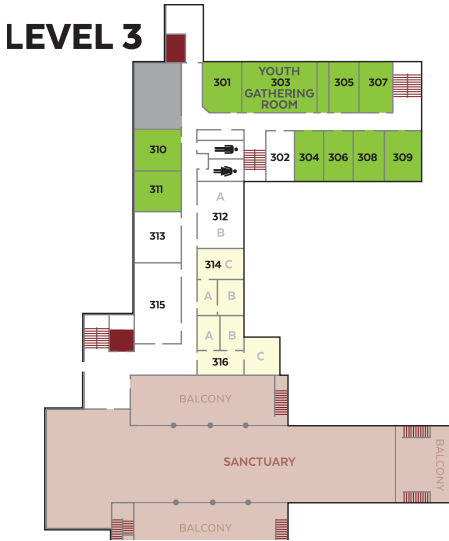
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**Senior Banquet**  
Wednesday, May 1 • 6:00pm

Honor UCC’s graduating high school seniors at the annual Senior Banquet. All are welcome to come share a meal as we hear from each senior and learn more about “what’s next” for them. Graduating seniors eat free. \$10 for all others.

Contact: [jamie.plunkett@uccftw.com](mailto:jamie.plunkett@uccftw.com)



WORSHIP AND WONDER • GRADES 1-3

During the Scripture in Context portion of our 11:00am service (see bulletin for weekly information), children are invited to join a Worship and Wonder leader in the Gallery—they hear the scripture used in worship, wonder about what it means for our lives, and return to worship during the Hymn of Response following the sermon.

SUNDAY SCHOOL • ALL AGES

Classes for children, youth, college and adults meet every Sunday at 10:00am. Adult class topics are located by the Sanctuary doors and reception desk. Our children and youth programs encourage discipleship through fun and faith-centered activities. Music programs are available.



TODAY’S CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP • 9:00am and 11:00am

The information in these margins will guide you through worship. If you have any questions, please ask a greeter, usher or minister.

Red text is read by the congregation. Asterisks (\*) indicate times when you are invited to stand. Feel free to remain seated if need be.

In our worship, we strive to find various ways to encompass God’s character and nature. We use expansive language for God, when possible, knowing that no words can describe the Holy One completely.

Prelude

Four Chorale Miniatures on “For the Beauty of the Earth”  
Michael Burkhardt  
Dr. Amy Stewart, organ

Ringing of Tower Bells and Procession of Acolytes  
(11:00am) Josie Scanlon and Adelaide Butler

Welcome and Call to Worship  
Reverend Kera Watts

\*Processional Hymn 64 | We Sing Your Mighty Power, O God  
Hymn Tune: ELLACOMBE

\*Litany of Praise

One: The joy of Easter sings in our hearts.  
All: We breathe the breath of new life in our spirits!  
One: We open our hearts to all the wondrous work  
God has for us to do.  
All: Let our lives reflect God’s amazing love!

\*Gloria Patri 35  
Glory to the Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Service of Baptisms and Confirmations  
Reverend Russ Peterman and Reverend Renee Hoke  
For the names of the baptism and confirmation candidates, see page 11.

DISCIPLES CLASS  
BAPTISMS & CONFIRMATIONS

Amelia Alsleben	Grace Gibson	Abigail Pardue
Meeya Anderson	Savannah Leigh Hardin	Cole Steven Peninger
Wyatt Robert Averhoff	Corbin Harrell	Kathryn Grace Putman
Jacob Burton	Grace Housley	Caroline Rose
Emma Jane Farmer	Sarah Elizabeth Lo	Whitney Watts

Congratulations, Disciples Class, and a special thank you to all the volunteers and mentors who helped make today possible! For more information about next year’s Disciples Class contact jamie.plunkett@uccftw.com.

NEXT SERMON SERIES

LORD, TEACH US:  
THE LORD’S PRAYER & THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

- 5-Part Series:
- June 2 • Abba
  - June 9 • Your Kingdom Come
  - June 16 • Our Daily Bread
  - June 23 • Forgive Us...As We Forgive
  - June 30 • Lead us...Deliver Us



“A society grows great  
when old people plant  
trees in whose shade  
they know they shall  
never sit”

—Greek proverb

‘The kingdom of  
heaven is like a  
mustard seed that  
someone took and  
sowed in his field; it  
is the smallest of all  
the seeds, but when  
it has grown it is the  
greatest of shrubs and  
becomes a tree, so that  
the birds of the air come  
and make nests in its  
branches.’—Mathew  
31-32

## SERMON NOTES

### Baptismal Hymn

Hymn Tune: AURELIA

Creator of the water that makes the world so green,  
That satisfies the thirsty, and keeps us cool and clean,  
We take from your creation this gift we use each day;  
You call us now to use it in this most holy way.

As in the time of Noah, the sea engulfed the lane,  
And through the Red Sea, Moses led Israel ‘cross the sand,  
And to the Jordan waters, Christ went and was baptized –  
Your water has a power: it changes all our lives.

May this your gift of water, long springing from the earth,  
Become for all new Christians their fountain of rebirth.  
Lord, wash away their sinning, and give them life anew –  
Pour out your Spirit on them, that they may follow you.

God, through your gift of water, your family we become;  
You take away divisions; in Christ you make us one.  
Now send your Spirit on us and give us work to do,  
That we may share with others the love we have from you.

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### Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Reverend Jessica Vacketta

### Call to Prayer

**One:** The Lord be with you.

**All:** And with your spirit.

**One:** Let us pray.

### Pastoral Prayer, Lord’s Prayer and Choral Response

**All:** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.

The Lord’s Prayer is a prayer Jesus taught his disciples. We say it together each week following the Pastoral Prayer. You might begin it by saying “Mother” or “Creator” instead of “Father” depending on how you think about God.

11:00am worship,  
1st-3rd graders are  
invited to join a  
Worship and Wonder  
leader in the Gallery.  
Children will return  
to the Sanctuary  
following the sermon.

You can find today’s  
scripture reading  
on page 14-15 of the  
New Testament  
in your pew Bible.

The Sermon is a message  
based on scripture that  
proclaims God’s love  
and helps to strengthen  
faith within the gathered  
community.

The Passing of the Peace  
is one of the most ancient  
worship responses. Having  
received Christ’s peace, we  
pass it on.

This morning’s offertory  
is a Latin American folk  
song based on Matthew  
17:20. Its infectious rhythm  
coupled with the bilingual  
treatment of the lyrics  
creates a wonderful setting  
for the parable of the  
mustard seed.

Worship and Wonder

Scripture | Matthew 13:31-32  
(9:00am) Maddy Putman  
(11:00am) Emory Watts

Congregational Response

One: The Word of God, for the people of God  
All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Planting Trees Under Whose Shade We Will Never Sit  
Reverend Russ Peterman

\*The Peace

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.  
All: And also with you.

\*Hymn of Response 56, stanzas 1 & 2  
For the Beauty of the Earth  
Hymn Tune: DIX

Invitation to Offering

The Receiving of Tithes and Offerings  
*Si Tuvieras Fe (“If You Had Faith”)* • Rory Cooney  
Kyle Barker, tenor, and Drew Ruiz, percussion  
Chancel Choir and Dr. Todd Prickett, choirmaster  
  
Si tuvieras fe como un grano de mostaza, eso lo dice el  
Señor, Tu le dirías a esa montaña, “¡Muévete, muévete!”  
  
If you had faith small as a mustard seed within you, so  
says the word of the Lord, Then you could say, “Get up  
and fly, get up and fly!”

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\*The Doxology 46  
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host:  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\*Prayer of Dedication  
Elders: (9:00am) Meg Lehman  
(11:00am) Kristie Gibson

(11:00) Communion Hymn 363  
Here, Savior, We Would Come  
Hymn Tune: TRENTHAM

Invitation to the Table  
Reverend Kera Watts

The Words of Institution, Prayer for the Bread and Cup  
Elders: (9:00am) Gregg Lehman  
(11:00am) Brian Gibson

The Sharing of the Bread and the Cup  
*Triptych on “Adoro te devote”* • Charles Callahan

\*Hymn of Discipleship 696, stanzas 1 & 3  
For Beauty of Meadows  
Hymn Tune: ST DENIO

\*Benediction and Choral Response

\*Ringing of the Tower Bells

\*Postlude  
*Alleluia No. 1* • Jeffrey Honoré

The Lord’s Supper (also  
called communion)  
is a celebration of  
Christ’s love for the  
world. Christ is the  
host and invites all to  
share in this meal. Our  
communion bread is  
free of gluten, wheat,  
dairy, yeast, eggs, soy,  
nuts, and corn and we  
also use alcohol-free  
grape juice.

University Christian  
Church is dedicated to  
Living the Good News  
of Jesus Christ with  
Open Minds and Loving  
Hearts. If you proclaim  
Jesus as the Christ and  
would like to partner  
with us on your journey  
of faith, we invite you  
to speak to a minister  
after worship.