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No Meetings This Week.

## UCC SUPPORTS AND PRAYS FOR

### Our Global Missionary Partners:

Elena Huegel, Mexico  
Larry and Debbie Colvin, Ghana

### This week we pray for:

 **Hong Kong** and  
Mission Coworker **Judy Chan**



### AS A GREEN CHALICE CONGREGATION:

UCC joins churches across the country in faithfully caring for God's creation.

## CONNECT WITH US



**MINISTERS 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).

### JOURNALS • EMAILS • WATCH • LISTEN

We offer a variety of ways to connect with our many ministries from printed materials to digital resources. Visit our website for all the different ways we are trying to meet and support you on your spiritual faith journey. Please help yourself to printed materials found at the Information Points near the Front Desk or across from room 207.



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Devices are available. Please ask an usher for assistance.  
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# WELCOME TO UNIVERSITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

We're so happy that you have joined us today and pray your time with us be filled with a sense of connection. Please let us know if you need prayer support or if you're visiting by filling out a communication/prayer request card located in the back of the pews.

— Rev. Dr. Russell Peterman • Senior Minister



If you want to learn more about UCC and what it means to be part of our faith community, please email [stacy.mccoy@uccftw.com](mailto:stacy.mccoy@uccftw.com) or speak to a minister. More information is available on our church website.

## TODAY & FEATURED EVENTS



### BHYLF Stage Build—Volunteers Needed!

Today • 1:00pm • Sanctuary

Please bring work gloves along with a 9/16 socket wrench and crescent wrench if you have them; we will have a few spares. Food and drinks will be provided.

### 44th Boar's Head Yule Log Festival

JAN 4 and 5 • 4:00pm and 6:00pm

The BHYLF is a wonderful way to celebrate Epiphany and ring in the New Year. Beautiful music, costumes and pageantry make the festival a unique experience you don't want to miss! [Tickets available to purchase online and by calling 817-926-6631, Ext. 139.](#)

### BHYLF Stage Strike—Volunteers Needed!

Monday, JAN 6 • 5:00pm • Sanctuary

Please bring work gloves along with a 9/16 socket wrench and crescent wrench if you have them; we will have a few spares. Food and drinks will be provided.

## Invitation to the Table and The Words of Institution

### Prayer for the Bread and Cup

Elder: Chad Cline

### The Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

*In the Bleak Midwinter • Gustav Holst*

### \*Hymn of Discipleship 167

#### Go Tell It on the Mountatin

Hymn Tune: GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

### \*Benediction and Choral Response

### \*Ringing of the Tower Bells

### \*Postlude

*God Rest Ye Merry • arr. Alfred Fedak*

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.

Join us for our next Worship Series  
starting January 5

## Who are you?

The beginning of a new calendar year is a time when we often reassess direction and ask questions yet again about who we are and where we are going in life. In this season of Epiphany, we'll seek a renewed spirit and imagine what amazing transformation can happen when we live our best, most authentic lives.

This morning’s anthem is a selection from L’Enfance du Christ (The Childhood of Christ), an oratorio by Hector Berlioz (1803-1869). It depicts the shepherds bidding farewell to the baby Jesus just before the flight into Egypt. Its rocking rhythm suggests a lullaby.

Doxology is a term used to describe an expression of praise to God. Feel free to sing the last phrase as “Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost” if you wish.

Invitation to Offering

Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

*The Shepherds’ Farewell* • Hector Berlioz  
Chancel Choir and Eric Mullins, assistant choirmaster  
Thou must leave thy lowly dwelling, the humble crib, the stable bare, Babe, all mortal babes excelling, content our earthly lot to share. Loving father, loving mother, shelter thee with tender care! Blessed Jesus, we implore thee with humble love and holy fear, in the land that lies before thee, forget not us who linger here! May the shepherd’s lowly calling ever to thy heart be dear! Blest are ye beyond all measure, thou happy father, mother mild! Guard ye well your heav’nly treasure, the Prince of Peace, the Holy Child! God go with you, God protect you, guide you safely through the wild!

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\*The Doxology 47

Hymn Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH  
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

Elder: Brenda Cline

(11:00) Communion Hymn 161, stanzas 1, 3 & 4

**I Wonder as I Wander**  
Hymn Tune: I WONDER AS I WANDER

UPCOMING EVENTS Register, RSVP or learn more online.

UCC Offices Closed—New Year’s JAN 1

In observance of New Year’s Day UCC’s offices will be closed.

Room in the Inn Wednesday Evenings

Room in the Inn is open for the winter season. Sign up online to serve or stop by The Gallery after worship to learn more about this ministry of radical hospitality.

Red Envelope Offering

We invite you to prayerfully consider a special Christmas gift to the ministries and outreach of UCC. Red envelopes may be found in the Sanctuary pews.

Financial Peace—Register Now! Sundays, JAN 12-MAR 8 • 5:00pm | RM 204

If you’re looking for a better approach to your finances Financial Peace University is for you. This 9-week faith-based program will show you how to get rid of debt, save for emergencies, and build financial security. Led by Alicia and Jonathan Hawley-Bernandez. Childcare available. [Register online.](#)

Children & Youth Mid Winter Retreats JYF (3-5) • JAN 24-26 Chi Rho (6-8) • JAN 31-FEB 2 CYF (9-12) • FEB 14-16

Mid Winter is a weekend retreat at Disciples Crossing in Athens, Texas. Scholarships available. [Register through Disciples Crossing at disciplescrossing.org](#) and click “pay with check” and UCC will contact you with a payment link.

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HELPING US WORSHIP TODAY

Chancel Guild:  
Lori Eagleton, Randy Eagleton,  
Ann Lesok, Mandy Teichelman  
Web Host: (9:00) Kyle Killion  
(11:00) Addison Gardner  
Sound: Jack Stewart  
Video/Livestream: Rich Darr  
Radio Announcer: Troy Tourmey



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

Discovery Kids for grades K-5 is available during worship. Join us in Discovery Headquarters RM 211 and learn to put faith into action. Children will return to Sanctuary and sit with families during the Communion hymn.

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

As we worship, we are aware that no words can adequately describe God or encompass God’s nature. In hymns and prayers, feel free to use language that reflects your image and understanding of God.

Prelude

Variations on “God Rest Ye Merry” • arr. Robert Lau  
Dr. Amy Stewart, organ

Welcome

Rev. Renee Hoke

Ringling of Tower Bells and Procession of Acolytes

(11:00) Olivia Evans

\*Call to Worship

Rev. Jamie Plunkett

One: Holy Living God, Blessed Jesus, Guiding Spirit.

All: Light in us your flame of hope as we worship today.

One: Open our hearts to hear your message and grant us courage to be your messengers in the world.

All: In the midst of fear, create life hope for us.

\*Processional Hymn 149

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

Hymn Tune: REGENT SQUARE

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

(9:00) Rev. Kera Watts

(11:00) Rev. 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 Scripture in Context

Scripture | Matthew 2:1-23

(9:00) Marshall Lehman, reader

(11:00) Barbara Tucker, reader

Congregational Response

One: The Word of God, for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon | Get Up and Go

Rev. Renee Hoke

The Peace

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

\* (11:00) Hymn of Response 153, stanzas 1 & 4

It Came upon the Midnight Clear

Hymn Tune: CAROL

You can find today’s scripture reading on page 2 of the New Testament in your pew Bible.

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

SERMON NOTES

Get Up and Go • Matthew 2:1-23

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