



## The Party Goes On...



*A good goodbye ought to be where somebody like me, in the midst of a party, after having spent some time, can just sneak out the back and the party goes on; because that's how it's supposed to be. The party goes on. Things go on...* -Rev. Larry Thomas

The congregation of University Christian Church said a good goodbye to Reverend Larry Thomas on April 10. Gratitude for Larry's willingness and courage to help us open our eyes to the reality that each of us may bring hope and peace to our world through God's love and grace

was shared. Tears were shed, sadness was expressed and thankfulness for the ministry we shared together with Larry was remembered. Although Larry did not sneak out the back door, he did move on and left us with the charge to keep the party going, "because that's how it's supposed to be."

As we embark together on the next chapter of University Christian Church, we are reminded that the spirit of Christ is with us and moves through each of us. The legacy of sharing God's love remains and the work that each of us does to share God's love with our world continues. Take this transition time to be a part of our ministries, service and learning opportunities. Be with us in worship as we continue to share God's love and open our minds and hearts to all. Things indeed go on, and at UCC, our vision of sharing God's love with open minds and loving hearts is as powerful as ever.

So turn the page. Open your hearts to the continuous work of God's Spirit in our midst and plan to participate in the varied and vital ministries of UCC.

The party goes on...

**Celebrate** the birthday of the Church on Pentecost May 15. (*see below*)

**Pray** for Peace at our new Peace Pole. (*see page 2*)

**See the signs** of resurrection all around us. (*see pages 6 & 7*)

**Eat healthy** and enjoy the fellowship as the party goes on with a *Blue Zones* meal at Pegaso's. (*see page 8*)

**Rejoice** in the commitment of our youth to follow Christ. (*see page 5*)

**Support** one of our own as she is installed as moderator of the area church. (*see page 11*)

**Encourage** the faith of a child. (*see page 4 & 5*)  
...and so much more!

## Come, Holy Spirit, Come!



The word Pentecost means fifty. Christians world-wide celebrate a wondrous event that happened fifty days after Christ's resurrection when the Holy Spirit came to Jesus' disciples and inspired them to start the church universal. This year, on May 15, we at UCC will gather fifty days after Easter to

rejoice in the power of the Holy Spirit that led 3,000 people, on that day long ago, to be baptized and then go spread God's

love, through Christ, to all the earth.

The Holy Spirit came with a mighty wind and flames of fire to those gathered at Pentecost. The color red reminds us of Pentecost fire, the fire of Jesus' love poured out in the Holy Spirit towards others.

Sunday, May 15, all at UCC are invited to wear red to worship. The Sanctuary will be adorned in red, too. We will retell the story of our faith through the Word, music of brass, bells, organ and liturgical dance. Please bring friends and family with you to exult in God's gift of Pentecost, the birthday of the Church.

## Stay Connected!

**Sunday Worship** at 9 & 11 a.m.

**Live broadcast** of 11 a.m. service  
on KTCU FM 88.7  
or on our **website**  
at [www.universitychristian.org](http://www.universitychristian.org)



## Fond Farewell

by Rev. Larry Thomas



Thank you for my wonderful send-off. I was moved by the hard work that went into planning and facilitating my farewell reception on April 10. Likewise, I was amazed at the number of you that waited in line so long to say goodbye. I continue to receive

well wishes, blessings and gifts of appreciation. Thank you so very much for allowing me to move on with such grace and with so many fond memories.

I would also like to thank so many of you for your thoughtful cards and generous gifts of appreciation. There are so many cards, letters of appreciation and well wishes that I will probably be opening and responding to

them (where possible) throughout the summer. Thank you, again.

I want to conclude by saying that although my ministry at UCC has come to an end; you will live long in my heart. We accomplished a lot in a relatively brief period of time. I will remain forever grateful for the time we shared together.

## Dedication of the UCC Peace Pole



Rain didn't dampen the spirit as UCC's Peace Pole was dedicated on Sunday, April 17. We raised our voices in Korean, Arabic, Chinese, Greek, Spanish and English to pray together: May Peace Prevail on Earth.

Peace Poles have come to be recognized as the most prominent international symbol and monument to peace. Peace Poles bear the message, May Peace Prevail on Earth in the languages of the world. The

Peace Pole in UCC's Courtyard holds eight languages: English, Cherokee, Chinese (Mandarin), Swahili, Spanish, Hebrew, Hindi and Arabic.

More than 200,000 Peace Poles are estimated to have been dedicated in nearly every country on Earth. Planting a Peace Pole is a way of bringing people together to inspire, awaken and uplift the human consciousness the world over. And for those of us who have dedicated

ourselves to following the Prince of Peace, the Peace Pole is a place of prayer and commitment to the ways of healing, hope, reconciliation and peace.

It is fitting that Elena Huegel, our missionary partner, was with us for the dedication. It was with Elena at the Shalom Center in Chile that a UCC delegation there helped construct, plant and dedicate a peace pole (the first in Chile) at Centro Shalom, the camp set in the breathtaking foothills of the Andes Mountains. That day in 2008 we gathered around the pole and prayed in French Creole, Spanish, Guarani and English.

In January, our fourth delegation to Chile was part of a Peace Pole dedication in Vichuquen, Chile, with rubble yet to be cleared from the recent earthquake still visible behind it. And again we prayed in the languages of those present.

Peace Poles symbolize the oneness of humanity and our common wish for a world of peace. May our Peace Pole remind us to think, speak and act in the spirit of peace and unity in our diversity. May it stand as a silent visual for peace to prevail on earth.

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## Update from the Interim Search Committee

University Christian Church is engaged in an important transition. We're doing much more than waiting. Now is the time to engage in significant reflection, visioning and intentionality as we build on the strong foundation left with us by Rev. Thomas' intelligent and impassioned leadership. This time between settled senior ministers provides an opportunity for us to come to terms with our identity, reaffirm our vision and direction for ministry and cultivate a commitment to a new future with new leadership.

Taking time to be prayerful and intentional about how to spend this time of transition is the mark of a healthy church and calling an Interim Minister is an important step in this process.

At its April 19 meeting, the Board of Stewards heard a report from the Interim Search Committee. Not at liberty to tell the name of the candidate, the Committee told the BOS they had found the right person, a highly respected, capable minister whose call is intentional interim ministry. Pending final negotiations, the

candidate would begin the first of August. The Committee and the BOS are confident he is worth waiting for. More information will be presented at the May BOS meeting and at the May Assembly Meeting. A transition team will be created soon and the ministerial staff, with the support of the BOS and Elders, is confident they can provide the leadership needed until then.

Thank you to the Interim Search Committee: Zena McAdams, Chair, William Butler, Charles Sanders, Judy Vick and Cyndy Twedell.

## Pentecost Special Day Offering



Pentecost Special Day Offering supports Disciples new church development. Planning, nurturing and sustaining new congregations is part of the Disciples' vision.

The Disciples new church movement is experiencing a Second Wind. With courageous leaders at the helm and the

wind of the Holy Spirit breathing vitality into the movement, Disciples are on course to starting 1,000 new churches by 2020.

This year the Pentecost Offering will be taken on Sundays, May 15 and 22. Please make checks payable to UCC with a note in the memo line "Pentecost Offering."



## May the Books Be With You!

Thank you, UCC, for once again coming through for the children in our community! On May 19, at a special Star Wars themed school-sponsored celebration, each student at Rosemont Elementary School will choose a new book of their very own to take home to read for the summer.

For the past four years your generous contributions have insured that every student receives a new book. Through UCC's Kids Hope Ministry, children are mentored, teachers are encouraged and appreciated with breakfast gatherings and goodie bags throughout the year and Rosemont Elementary School knows their community supports them.

Our deepest appreciation goes to Alice Phillips, UCC Kids Hope Director, for making all this happen. Her inspired leadership and commitment are at the heart of our Kids Hope Ministry. *Thank you, Alice!*

## Canned Food Challenge—How High “Can” We Go?



South Central Alliance of Churches, the local outreach arm of UCC, is grateful to receive UCC's canned good offering each May. SCAC is made up of fourteen churches and has been in operation since 1988, serving our neighbors in zip codes 76104, 76109 and 76110. It provides both case management and emergency assistance which might include food, rental assistance, utility assistance, bus tokens, gas vouchers, toiletries and baby items.

The SCAC emergency food pantry is

sourced entirely by donations from member churches and the community. This year, UCC has a goal of collecting and stacking 1,000 canned goods! How high *can* we go?

We invite *you* to drop-off non-perishable food items in the collection bin by the Reception Desk. Suggested items include: canned meats and fish, fruit, vegetables and soup, powdered and evaporated milk, baby formula, pudding or custard, peanut butter, dried beans, macaroni and cheese, hamburger helper, tuna helper, rice and pasta.

Monetary donations are also welcomed. Make checks made payable to UCC,

note as a donation for SCAC and place in the collection plate or leave with the receptionist. Or donate online—designate payment to “May Canned Food Challenge.”

Tips to make this ministry meaningful:

- Involve the family in deciding what to contribute or how much to give.
- Shop for extra portions of favorite food.
- Say a prayer of blessing for those who will receive your donation.

The hunger in our community is great. Please be as generous as possible, especially with sources of protein. We hope you accept this challenge!



## Important Summer Dates for Children's Ministries

You've been planning your summer calendar and penciled these dates in. Time to register and make it official!



### Vacation Bible

**School, June 21-24**

Be a part of *UCC Surf Shack VBS* (ages two to third graders) or *Mission VBS* (fourth and fifth graders).

VBS online open registration continues until spaces are filled (our twos class is full). Go to [ucckids.org](http://ucckids.org) to register your child or to register to volunteer. We need you to volunteer to make VBS happen!

There is a place for all volunteers at VBS and we will find a good fit for you! The number of children we can serve is dependent on the number of volunteers willing to serve. Please consider spending time with our children during this fun event. Youth volunteers, sign up today to serve and let us know where you would most like to work.

### Adult Volunteers Needed

In order to serve the children that have already signed up, we need more adult volunteers. Opportunities are available to shepherd kids, tell Bible stories, lead preschoolers, participate in missions and create fun snacks. All volunteer forms can be found at [ucckids.org](http://ucckids.org).

Adult VBS Training Lunch will be at 12:15 p.m. on June 5.

### Youth Volunteers

It is not too late to sign up to be a volunteer for VBS! Spending time having fun and serving as a role model for younger kids is the best way to become famous—younger kids will remember the relationships formed and look up to you each and every time they see you at UCC and in the community. Spend some quality time this summer creating fun memories and developing relationships as a role model—your help matters!

Youth Volunteer training is June 12 at 12:15 p.m. (pizza will be served).



### Summer Fun

(for children two months to entering K)  
Mondays and Wednesdays  
9 a.m.–12 p.m.

Session I – June 6, 8, 13, 15, 27, 29

Session II – July 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, 27

Visit [ucckids.org](http://ucckids.org) for details and information on how to register. Hurry! Limited spaces are available.

### Camps for Children and Families at Disciples Crossing

Grand Camp—May 20-22

(children ages 4-10 with a grandparent)

Discovery Camp—June 3-5

(completed first-second grade w/parent)

Family Camp—Session I: May 27-29  
and Session II: August 12-14

(families with at least one child under 18 and an adult over 21)

JYF Camp I—July 4-8

(completed third, fourth or fifth grade)  
\*UCC's Anne Darr will co-direct

JYF Camp II—August 1-5

(completed third, fourth or fifth grade)

## Congratulate UCC's High School Graduates!

You're invited to come honor UCC's graduating high school seniors at the annual Senior Banquet on Wednesday, May 4, from 6-8 p.m. in Walker Hall. The event will include tables decorated with pictures and memorabilia for

each graduate, a photo slideshow, an introduction to each graduate and opportunities to offer congratulations and best wishes for their continued faith journeys after high school.

The catered dinner from Pulido's will cost \$10 per person and reservations are required. To r.s.v.p., please contact Susan Henry at 817.926.6631 or email [susan@uccftw.com](mailto:susan@uccftw.com) by Monday, May 2.

## Journey Land Teachers Needed for Summer!

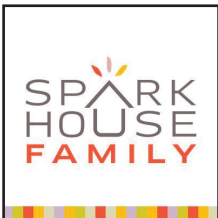


The summer is upon us and everyone will be taking some time to refresh and rejuvenate after a long school year.

Children's Ministries understands! Therefore, we are asking volunteers to teach *one* week in Journey Land this June. We need you to take one week that you will be in town and can commit to serving as a leader. Fun, *Spark* curriculum makes

planning easy and the kids love it. Be a part this summer—Children's Ministries needs you! Email [susan@uccftw.com](mailto:susan@uccftw.com) with the date that works for you.

## Sparkhouse Family Book Fair



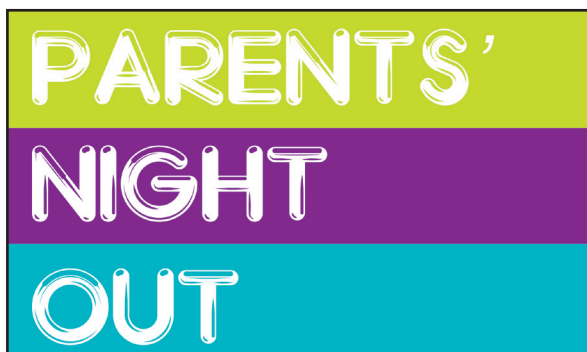
*Sparkhouse* creates meaningful and theologically relevant curriculum for children of all ages. UCC uses *Sparkhouse* curriculum to guide

our teaching from our two year olds all the way through our youth programs. *Sparkhouse Family* is a new addition to the line of materials provided by *Sparkhouse* and intends to help families fit faith into everyday life through engaging books, videos and Bibles.

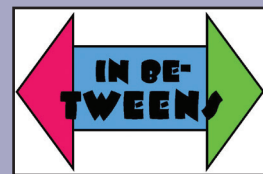
Families will have an opportunity to view and purchase some of these materials May 15-28 at UCC. Be on the lookout for details regarding how you can purchase meaningful faith encouraging literature for your home.



## Parents' Night Out



Fun activities and programs for children (infant-fifth grade)  
 Friday, June 3, 6-9 p.m., (reservation due by May 25)  
*(Kids eat dinner before or bring with you.)*  
 Cost: \$5 per child - \$10 max per family  
 Register at [universitychristian.org](http://universitychristian.org)



### Fifth Grade Youth Floor Tour

Fifth graders, join us during Journey Land on May 22 for an opportunity to get a full tour of the third floor and an explanation of the youth activities you can be a part of beginning this summer.

## Youth Confirmations and Baptisms



The following UCC youth completed the Disciples Class and were baptized or confirmed on April 3 and 10: Brenna Bowen, Jack Carmichael, Hattie Castillo, Stephen Coffey, Georgia Curtis, Abby Ellison, Maria Gober, Latham Hallgren, Joye Hatter, Mila Jones, Malcolm Keenan, Kendall Lehman, Ryan Mills, Summer Odom, John O'Neil, Chloe O'Patry, Emma Pardue, Audrey Patty, Will Putman, Tevy Sek, George Towle, Joey Tullis, Davis Watts and Gabriela Yarbrough.



### Youth Lead Worship on May 1

Middle and high school youth will plan and lead the worship services on Sunday, May 1, for Youth Sunday. Come support our youth as they share their faith and reflect back to the congregation what they have learned and experienced in this church. The theme of this year's Youth Sunday services is *Be The Peace*.



### CCF/JYF

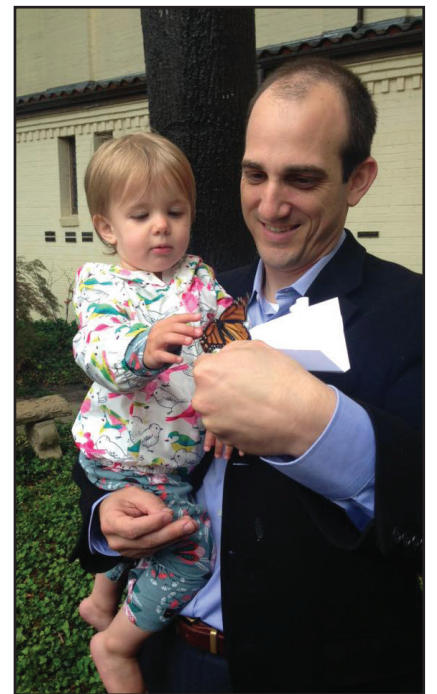
CCF/JYF will meet for the last time this semester on May 1. All first through fifth graders are invited to join us for our end of year party!



A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words #thepartygoeson









## UCC Women

Women's Ministries engages women in meaningful enrichment, spiritual growth, study and worship while advocating for and reaching out to women in our community and around the world. Contact Cyndy Twedell, Senior Associate Minister, for details.

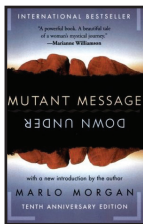


**Friday, May 1, 10:30 a.m.**  
**Church Women United**  
**May Friendship Day** will be at Bethlehem Center (970 Humbolt).



**Saturday, May 14, 9 a.m.**  
**Latte with the Ladies**  
at The Cup (3909 Camp Bowie Blvd., 76107)

### WILD Women Book Club



**Monday, May 16, at 6 p.m.** at Cat City Grill and  
**Tuesday, May 17, at 11:30 a.m.** in the UCC Library.  
We will discuss the book *Mutant Message Down Under* by Marlo Morgan.



**Monday, May 23**  
**Blue Zones Dinner**  
Meet at Blue Zones approved, Pegaso, (3516 Bluebonnet Circle, 76109) at 6 p.m. or meet at UCC at 5:15 p.m. and join the group walking to the restaurant!

### May 3, Rose Circle

Meets the first Tuesday October through May. Join us at 10:30 a.m. in Room 150.



## Room in the Inn

A foot injury nearly cost Brian his life. He was walking to the bus stop after a day's work and fell, cutting his foot. Because Brian was homeless, his problem became life threatening. Luckily, he survived thanks to the support of *Room in the Inn*. Brian was among the RITI guests at a Fort Worth church. He was limping badly. His foot was not healing and it hurt. That worried another guest who persuaded Brian to take off his shoe and check the wound. It was clear that this was a medical emergency.

An RITI volunteer called 911. Another sat with Brian offering encouragement

while waiting for the ambulance. Doctors saved Brian's life, but they could not save his foot. Through it all, a steady stream of visitors from RITI churches came to the hospital to show support. Kristy Hroch, DRC director of client services, worked hard to secure temporary shelter, a prosthesis and finally a permanent home for Brian.

This story is just one of many found on the DRC website. Here at UCC, we impact the lives of our RITI guests in many ways. When asked to do so, we pray with and for them. We offer a sympathetic ear as they tell us of their frustrations and tragedies. We encourage them as they seek jobs and housing, and celebrate with

them when their search is fruitful.

We truly care for our guests and want much more for them than the meal and bed that we provide. As often as possible, a nurse is here from 5-5:30 p.m. to take blood pressure, answer guest's questions and advise them to seek care when necessary. One of our nurses found that a guest had dangerously high blood pressure and was able to convince him to go to the clinic.

If you are a nurse who could help out occasionally, or if you are interested in volunteering to meet any of the many needs at our *Room in the Inn* ministry, email [carolmstewart@sbcglobal.net](mailto:carolmstewart@sbcglobal.net).

## Friday Fellowship on May 20



Join us May 20 at 11 a.m. in Room 207 for *A Journey to Antarctica*. Elaine Becker will highlight her memorable trip to the southernmost continent this past January.

She will give insight as to why this part of the world is so critical in understanding the movement of ocean currents and overall weather patterns of the Earth. There will be photos of the various species of wildlife that have

carved out their own niche in such an inhospitable, but exquisitely beautiful region. Elaine is currently an Elder, member of the Chancel Choir and UCC's *Blue Zones* Ambassador.

Potluck follows in Room 211. Entrée will be provided, please bring a side or dessert. R.S.V.P. to [danlsmith@mindspring.com](mailto:danlsmith@mindspring.com) or contact Barb Rektorik at the church.

## UCC Mission Statement

*University Christian Church is dedicated to proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ through deeply spiritual worship, study and service. Founded on the campus of Texas Christian University and shaped by our academic heritage, University Christian Church encourages a spirit of openness and freedom of thought. We are called to create a loving and caring community for all people, and work together for justice and peace in our world. Recognizing that our spiritual journeys are all different, we strive to be respectful and inclusive concerning each individual's relationship with God.*



## New Members



*We are happy to welcome Bryson Proctor and Jeremy Byrd to the UCC family of faith! Bryson is a Fort Worth native, and graduate of TCU, while Jeremy is a transplant from Houston, who graduated from Texas A&M. Both are very involved with the Fort Worth community, whether it be volunteering with Trinity Habitat for Humanity, where Jeremy serves as Director of Events & Volunteers, or cheering on TCU at the home football games. Bryson works in Finance with a Government Contractor.*

## Alzheimer's Fact

Women are at the epicenter of the Alzheimer's crisis. Not only are they more likely to have Alzheimer's, they are also more likely to be caregivers to those with dementia.

## Would You Like to Have Your Child Dedicated?



Dedications take place during 11 a.m. worship. Upcoming dates are: May 10, June 19 and August 7.

The baby dedication is a blessing of the child and a promise from parents to their child to raise them in a Christian home. But, it is also the public acknowledgement of a covenant with the people of University Christian Church that we as a community of faith

will surround the child with the spirit of Christ as they grow in our midst. In order to affirm these provisions, parents will participate in a Baby Dedication class to learn about some of the intricacies of a child's faith journey and about how University Christian Church can help foster their family and child in the process of understanding Christ's love.

The next class offered will be on June 5 at 10 a.m. in the Bride's Room. Please email Susan Henry in Children's Ministries at [susan@uccftw.com](mailto:susan@uccftw.com) for further information.

## Don't Miss Out on Youth Summer Mission Trips!



UCC's middle and high school youth will be learning and serving on two mission trips this summer and there's still time to register!

Youth in grades nine-twelve will travel to Los Angeles, California on the CYF Mission Trip, where they will work at Loch Leven Camp and All Peoples

Community Center. The group will fly to LAX on July 16 and return to DFW on July 23 after a campus tour at Chapman University and a visit to Disneyland. The trip cost is \$450 per person.

The Chi Rho Mission Trip for grades six-eight will spend four days in Houston helping feed the hungry by working at the Houston Food Bank. The group will depart on Sunday afternoon, June 5, and return on Wednesday night, June 8, after a stop at Schlitterbahn Galveston Island Water Park. Trip cost is \$200 per person.

Registration deadline for both trips is May 31, and full and half scholarships for both trips are available upon request. For trip details and registration forms, visit [uccyouth.org/missiontrips](http://uccyouth.org/missiontrips).

## Life of the Church

### Births

*Emma Kathryn Chavarria*, February 13  
Parents, Dana and Adrian Chavarria  
Great grandfather, Morris Matson

*Hattie Marie Ledyard*, March 7  
Parents, Natalie and John Ledyard  
Grandparents, Tami and Kerry Dick

*Kathryn Blair Smith*, March 31  
Parents, Nicole Duvall and Brian Smith  
Sibling, Marshall Reed Smith

### Deaths

*Gene Shindoll*, March 31  
Uncle of Pam Miller

*Mary Markland*, April 1

*Leta Arthur*, April 3

*Glenn Curtis McAdams*, April 5  
Father of Kim McAdams Baker  
and Chris McAdams, Grandfather of  
Miles Baker and Nathan McAdams

*Ernest L. Stutheit*, April 12  
Grandfather of Rebekah Stutheit

### Weddings

*Chelsea Collins and Chris Oakes*  
April 2

*Allison Zachry and William Bowling*  
April 16



## Lunch Bunch Thank You

College *Lunch Bunch*, a weekly gathering of students at 12 p.m. on Wednesdays, is only possible through the generosity of groups and individuals who provide food for our students.

The college ministry team says *thank you* to everyone who has served this ministry over the past school year: The Wagner Family, Mary Jane Alland, Carol Wilkerson, Cathy Taylor, Margaret McDonald, UCC Staff, UCC Chancel Choir, Jim Garvin, Diane and Bobby Hawley, Jim and Susan Smith, LOGOS Sunday School Class, Peggy Ivy, Moms Christ Care Group, Round Table Sunday School Class, Spirit Sisters, Bridges Sunday School Class, Seekers Sunday School Class, Stacy McCoy, Debbie Powell and David Nolan.

From our students:



## Join Us for Pickleball!

When: Sunday, May 15, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Where: Walker Hall

Cost: Free, just wear tennis shoes!

Pickleball can be learned in less than fifteen minutes and can be played from ages 9 to 90. To see the game in action, visit [www.usapa.org](http://www.usapa.org).



## UCC Softball May Schedule



Come cheer on UCC's softball team! All games will be played Friday nights on Field #5 at Gateway Park in Fort Worth (4800 E. 1st St., off the Beach Street exit and I-30).

May 6—7:45 p.m.

May 13 —8:45 p.m.

May 20 – 9:45 p.m.

May 27 – 8:45 p.m.

## In the Pulpit

Great preaching from varied voices will fill the pulpit during May. You won't want to miss a Sunday!

May 1 - Youth Sunday

May 8 - Jessica Vacketta

May 15 - Cyndy Twedell

May 22 - Russ Boyd

May 29 - Kera Watts



## Register Now!

**Summer Camps for  
UCC Youth and Children  
at Disciples Crossing in Athens**

Details, pricing, and registration available at [uccyouth.org/camps](http://uccyouth.org/camps)  
Registration deadline is May 15.

*(All grades indicate grade to be completed in the 2015-16 school year.)*

### Family Camp

(ages 0-18 w/adult)

Session 1: May 27-29

Session 2: August 12-14

### Grand Camp

(ages 4-10 w/grandparent)

May 20-22

### Discovery Camp

(Grades 1-2 w/adult)

June 3-5

### JYF Camp

(Grades 3-5)

Session 1: July 4-8

Session 2: August 1-5

### Chi Rho Camp

(Grades 6-7)

Session 1: June 20-25

Session 2: July 4-9

### Eightier's Camp

(Grade 8): June 26-July 2

### Niner's Camp

(Grade 9): June 13-18

### CYF Conference

(Grades 10-12): June 13-18

### Adventure Camp

(Grades 6-12): June 8-11

### Water Sports Camp

(Grades 6-12): July 25-28





## Ordination of Alison Nicoll on May 28

Your prayers and presence are cordially invited for the Ordination to Christian Ministry of Alison Nicoll at 2 p.m. on

Saturday, May 28, at West Des Moines Christian Church in West Des Moines, Iowa. A reception will follow the service, and all guests from UCC are invited to a dinner at 6:30 p.m. hosted by Joanie and Steve Nicoll (Alison's parents).

Alison has served on staff at University Christian Church since December of 2012, when she accepted a position as

Assistant Minister for Middle School and began leading our programs for grades six through eight. In August of 2015 she transitioned into the Assistant Minister for High School job, providing leadership for our ministries to youth in grades nine through twelve.

Alison was approved for ordination to ministry by the Christian Church in the Upper Midwest after completing her final interview on February 6, and will graduate from Brite Divinity School at TCU with her Master of Divinity degree on May 7. She is currently in our denomination's Search and Call process as she prayerfully seeks a new call to a full-time ordained position.

UCC's youth ministry is sponsoring a road trip to Alison's ordination that will depart on Friday afternoon, May 27, and return the following Monday night. In addition to attending Alison's ordination service and reception, over the course of the trip the group will be staying overnight at a Disciple camp and two Disciple churches, enjoying good food and fun in Des Moines and Kansas City, seeing the World Series champion Kansas City Royals take on the Chicago White Sox at Kauffman Stadium, and taking time each day for prayer and reflection. For full itinerary, pricing and registration, go to [uccyouth.org/roadtrip](http://uccyouth.org/roadtrip).



## Deep Conversation. Beautiful Worship. Tasty Food

### Trinity-Brazos Area (TBA) Assembly, May 15

Roadhouse (1170 East Kennedale Parkway) in Kennedale, the worship space for Galileo Church. Galileo will host the Assembly and lead us in worship at 5 p.m., followed by dinner.

During the business session our own Mary Jane Alland will be installed as the next moderator of the TBA. And this year's assembly will have the unique opportunity to participate in a Mission First! gathering, the mission initiative introduced at the 2015 General Assembly

of the Christian Church in Columbus, Ohio, inviting us into conversation about what God is calling us to be and do in ministry. Register at <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/trinity-brazos-area-assembly-2016-tickets-24275550826>. \$15 registration fee includes dinner.

It would be great to have a big UCC contingency at the Area Assembly to support our wonderful Mary Jane Alland, the incoming moderator of the Trinity Brazos Area of the Christian Church!

## UCC Quick Financial Summary - Unified Budget March 2016

Description	2015 YTD Actuals	2016 YTD Actuals	Budget YTD 2016	Budget Annual	YTD Variance
<b>Income</b>					
Pledges	\$628,099	\$583,374	\$619,845	\$2,115,789	(\$36,471)
Non Pledge Contributions	\$44,757	\$79,546	\$50,018	\$289,584	\$29,528
Offering	\$5,683	\$10,633	\$7,768	\$36,193	\$2,865
Misc. Unrestricted Income	\$61,112	\$47,999	\$64,228	\$408,209	(\$16,229)
WDS Income (Net)	\$65,462	\$49,081	\$55,340	\$75,585	(\$6,259)
Endowment Income	\$74,067	\$78,312	\$77,137	\$313,191	\$1,175
Participant/Restricted Income & Reserve Use	\$233,813	\$109,918	\$110,167	\$391,370	(\$249)
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$1,112,994</b>	<b>\$958,863</b>	<b>\$984,502</b>	<b>\$3,629,922</b>	<b>(\$25,639)</b>
<b>Total Personnel Expense</b>	<b>\$393,149</b>	<b>\$410,820</b>	<b>\$421,167</b>	<b>\$1,813,685</b>	<b>\$10,347</b>
<b>Total Program/Admin. Expense</b>	<b>\$248,382</b>	<b>\$248,980</b>	<b>\$302,766</b>	<b>\$1,240,540</b>	<b>\$53,786</b>
<b>Total Mission/Outreach Expense</b>	<b>\$156,422</b>	<b>\$193,624</b>	<b>\$194,832</b>	<b>\$552,702</b>	<b>\$1,207</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$797,953</b>	<b>\$853,424</b>	<b>\$918,765</b>	<b>\$3,606,927</b>	<b>\$65,341</b>
<b>Net Operating Income (Loss)</b>	<b>\$315,041</b>	<b>\$105,439</b>	<b>\$65,737</b>	<b>\$22,995</b>	<b>\$39,701</b>

This is a summary report of our Unified Budget. The full report is available for download from the UCC website or copies can be picked up or requested from the Business Office. If you have questions regarding this report please contact Michelle Ingram, Director of Operations, at 817.926.6631 or [michelle@uccftw.com](mailto:michelle@uccftw.com).



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## Congregational Meetings

### Personnel Committee

Tuesday, May 3, 5:30 p.m., Rm 202

### Finance Committee

Tuesday, May 10, 5:30 p.m., Rm 203

### Investment Committee

Wednesday, May 11, 11:30 a.m., Rm 202

### Endowment Committee

Wednesday, May 11, 12 p.m., Rm 203

### Board of Stewards

Tuesday, May 17, 6:30 p.m., Rm 207

### Congregational Meeting

Sunday, May 22, 12:05 p.m., Sanctuary

### Building & Grounds

Sunday, May 22, 12:30 p.m., Rm 202

### Assembly Meeting\*

Tuesday, May 24, 6:30 p.m., Walker Hall

*All members of the congregation may attend congregational meetings with the exception of any portion of a meeting held in Executive Session.*

*\*Child care for infants-pre-school available by reservation only and must be made on or before noon Thursday of the prior week. Contact Ann Bowling at ext. 159 or [ann@uccftw.com](mailto:ann@uccftw.com).*

## Prom Dreams Boutique is Open!



UCC's *Prom Dreams* Boutique is open for shoppers!

We are so grateful for the abundance of donated items and the volunteers who help girls shop each week, repair dresses and manage inventory.

Here are a few images of the boutique, our volunteers and first shopper of the season.

You can help this ministry by spreading the word that we will be open on Thursdays from 5-7 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m.- 12 p.m. through May 7, and by appointment through the end of May.

