

JOURNAL



SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:00am & 11:00am

Childcare is available for all worship services.

Open minds, loving hearts



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 BATHROOM

Words from our Senior Minister

Now that school is out and summer is upon us, hopefully you have settled into a slower pace and are finding moments to relax. I hope you'll be able to take some time to read a good book at the beach, in the mountains or just in the backyard.



For the last several years, I've gotten in the habit of offering a few book suggestions you might find interesting. These are books that I will be reading and I simply want to invite you to join me. And then, let's get together, maybe have a cup of coffee or lemonade and talk about how they spoke to you.

Everything Happens for a Reason: And Other Lies that I've Loved
by Kate Bowler

Bowler is a professor at Duke Divinity School where she specializes in the study of the prosperity gospel, a way of believing that sees fortune as a blessing from God and misfortune as a mark of God's disapproval. At thirty-five, everything in her life seemed to point toward "blessing." She was thriving in her job, married to her high school sweetheart and loving life with her newborn son.

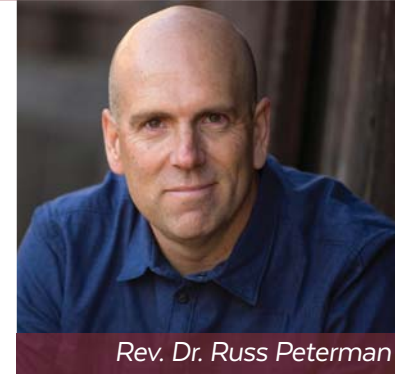
Then, she was diagnosed with stage IV colon cancer. All of a sudden, Kate was stripped of certainty, only to discover that without it, life is hard, but beautiful in a way it had never been before.

Braving the Wilderness: The Quest for True Belonging and the Courage to Stand Alone by Brené Brown

I typically read everything that Brené writes. She's a social scientist who writes about the experiences that bring meaning to our lives—experiences of courage, vulnerability, love, shame and empathy. In *Braving the Wilderness*, she redefines what it means to truly belong in an age of increased polarization. She argues that we're experiencing a spiritual crisis of disconnection, and introduces four practices of true belonging that challenge everything we believe about ourselves and each other.

Unafraid: Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times by Adam Hamilton
Hamilton is another of my favorites. In this book, he points out that

you'd be hard-pressed to overstate the extent to which fear, anxiety and worry permeate our lives today. Fear wreaks havoc on our relationships and communities. It leads us to making bad decisions. It holds us back from the pursuits that promise fulfillment and joy. Drawing on recent research, inspiring real-life examples and fresh biblical insight, Adam shows us how to untangle our feelings about disappointing others, failure, financial insecurity, loneliness, insignificance, aging, terrorism and death. He then offers spiritual practices that enable us to embrace Jesus's recurring counsel: "Do not be afraid."



Rev. Dr. Russ Peterman

Getting Grief Right: Finding Your Story of Love in the Sorrow of Loss
by Patrick O'Malley

This one came highly recommended by a member of this congregation. O'Malley is a psychotherapist who lost his infant son. His son's death challenged everything he'd ever been taught about grief. Illuminated by his own story, this book explores how the familiar "stages of grief" can trivialize our experience, press us to "get over it," and worsen our suffering with shame and guilt when we don't. He shows how embracing our loss and telling our story allows us to weave both our love and our sorrow fully into our lives.

Ben Hogan: An American Life by James Dodson

Okay, I know this is not a new book, but I can't live in Fort Worth and serve University Christian Church without knowing fully the story of one of golf's—and our own—greatest, most enigmatic legends! I'm looking forward to digging into biography of this Texan, whose fierce work ethic, legendary steel nerves, and triumph over personal disaster made him an American hero.

That's what will be on my nightstand this summer. What about you? If you have recommendations for me, I'd love to hear them!

Grace and peace,

Rev. Dr. Russ Peterman, Senior Minister

How to connect and get involved at UCC

We hope you enjoyed the new *UCC Journal* format seen in the May issue. The building map, on the opposite page, will help direct you so you feel welcome and at home. There is a color-coded key to direct you to events for specific groups—there are programs for women, men, youth, children, young adults, etc. The color-coded key is meant to help you find the information easily while also letting you know some of these events are geared for different groups of people. We also have many programs and events that are for everyone, and those are coded black ("All") on the key. Whether you are looking for ways to Connect, Grow or Serve, there are many opportunities to get involved at UCC

The "Connect" section shares all the ways you can find fellowship through common interests—get to know one another and cultivate new friendships. We look forward to and enjoy your company!

The "Grow" section is a great place to find ways to enhance and support your spiritual growth. UCC is committed to providing opportunities for everyone to continually grow closer to God.

The "Serve" section is where you can find ways to make a positive impact by volunteering your time and talents. The generosity within our congregation is nothing short of humbling. UCC continues to make a positive difference locally, nationally and globally.

Lastly, please explore the "Governance, Committee & Leadership" and "UCC Ministries" sections. These sections can offer more in-depth knowledge and how we interpret and communicate Christ's message.

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Programs & Events

Welcome to all things UCC!

We have so many programs and events for everyone to enjoy and participate in throughout the month. Below is a color code to help you quickly navigate whether programs are for: all (all ages and genders), men, women, college, youth, children and so on.

We look forward to seeing you all connecting, growing and serving!

- ALL
- ADULTS 18+
- MEN
- WOMEN
- YOUNG ADULTS
- COLLEGE
- YOUTH
- CHILDREN

JUNE'S FEATURED EVENTS & PROGRAMS

The following events and programs are highlights; specific to this month.

UCC'S PAGE SCHOLARSHIP

Sunday, June 3 • 11:00am
Worship Service

Six local high school students will be awarded UCC's Page Scholarship, made possible by the generosity of Mary Louise Page. Thank you to Bill Landreth and the Page Scholarship Committee.

\$10,000 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Abdullah (AJ) Khawaja



Michelle Nguimtsop



Bill Nyaoga

\$1,000 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Tatum Tran



Sawyer Blackman



Hanna Lei

STOCK SALES AND YOUTH PRAYER PARTNERS

Sundays in June
Gallery Table

UCC Youth attending Service-Learning trips this summer will be selling "stock" to help support their work on projects. Stock sells for \$10/share.

UCC members are also encouraged to sign up to be a prayer partner for one or more youth attending a Service-Learning trip.

The prayer partner is asked to pray for those participants by name leading up to the trip, to send them a letter or two with encouraging words while the trip is taking place, and to continue to pray for the participants that they may bring what they have learned back to their every day lives.

CHI RHO SERVICE-LEARNING TRIP: OK CITY

June 3-6 • Grades 6-8

The Chi Rho trip for grades six through eight, consists of four days spent serving local organizations in Oklahoma City, including City Rescue Mission, Infant Crisis Center, and the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma. The group will depart on Sunday morning, June 3, and return on Wednesday night, June 6. Register online (Resources Tab>Open Registrations) or email vanessa.taber@uccftw.com to sign up.

YOUTH CAMP POSTCARDS

Sundays in June | Gallery

Take a moment to write a friendly note to one of our UCC campers. Postcards can be found on the Gallery table. Write a note, and drop it in the box on the table.

NAVAJO MISSION PILGRIMAGE TRIP WITH BROADWAY BAPTIST CHURCH

June 8-16 | Navajo, NM

Again, in partnership with Broadway Baptist Church, we travel to New Mexico each year to work collaboratively with our Navajo friends to provide children's programs and assist with home repairs on the reservation. To register, email Dan White, daniel.white761@gmail.com.

ORDINATION SERVICE OF TYLER HESTON

June 10 • 3:00pm | Sanctuary

We are thrilled to announce that Tyler, Assistant Minister for Middle School, has been approved for ordination by the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Tennessee and will be ordained into ministry here at UCC on June 10. Ordination is a confirmation of the call of God, an acknowledgment of one's gifts and graces, and one's authorization of this ministry in and for the Church universal. Join us in this momentous occasion in Tyler's journey—he would love for you to be there.

UCC'S GOT TALENT

Saturday, June 16 • 6:30pm
Walker Hall

Attention singers, dancers, comedians, instrumentalists, yodelers, whistlers and storytellers of all ages! Share your talent as a solo, duet, family, or group/team (we're not picky)! Don't be shy—let your light shine! To perform, email todd.prickett@uccftw.com. Still not convinced? There will be free popsicles for all!



JUNE IS ALZHEIMER'S & BRAIN HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

June 17 • Gallery
Following both services

Members of the Alzheimer's Committee will be present with educational information about Alzheimer's Disease and other dementias and ways to keep your brain healthy. There will be a memory tree where the names of friends and loved ones suffering or have suffered with Alzheimer's or dementia can be placed on the tree.

"THE LONGEST DAY" MOVIE NIGHT

June 21 • 6:30pm | Rm 207

UCC will host a free showing of *The Father and the Bear*. The film focuses on a father's struggle with a dementia diagnosis and his enduring devotion to perform at his beloved summer theatre one last time. The film's director, John Putch, was inspired to make the movie after his mother, actress, Jean Stapleton, died with dementia. This event is part of "The Longest Day", sponsored by The Alzheimer's Association as part of their mission to raise awareness for Alzheimer's care, support and research. The movie and refreshments are complimentary, but space is limited and reservations are required. Email pam@uccftw.com to RSVP.

DISCIPLES WOMEN'S ASSEMBLY

June 22-24 • Radisson Hotel, Fort Worth North-Fossil Creek

"What the World Needs" is the theme for the 2018 Christian Church in the Southwest Disciples Women's Assembly, June 22-24 at the Radisson Hotel, Fort Worth North-

Fossil Creek. Rev. Virzola Law, Senior Minister at Lindenwood Christian Church in Memphis, Tennessee will be the Keynote Speaker. Register at ccsw.org/disciples-women.

WORLD REFUGEE DAY

June 23 • 11:00am-3:00pm
Walker Hall

Celebrate culture and community at the 2018 Fort Worth World Refugee Day! Enjoy performances, games, arts and crafts and refreshments, as we honor the refugee community in Fort Worth. Volunteers needed to help host this event—email jessica@uccftw.com to sign up to serve.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Workday June 25
8:00am-5:00pm
June 26-29 • 9:00am-12:00pm
Various Rooms

Adult and Youth Volunteers are needed to serve the children during VBS and Mission VBS! Join as we go on a "Rolling River Rampage" to experience the ride of a lifetime with God.

MUSIC MAKERS CAMP

June 26-29 • 12:00pm-3:00pm
Rm 207

For children entering grades two to seven, this music camp directly follows VBS and is a fun opportunity to gain musical experience and be creative with their friends. Lunch is provided at noon, followed by singing, dancing and playing instruments. See back page for registration information.

CONNECT

Meaningful fellowship, learning and spiritual development opportunities are available for all seasons of life at UCC. We offer an array of ways for you to grow and connect: Bible studies, book clubs, retreats, workshops and small groups.

COLLEGE FIRST SUNDAY LUNCH

June 3 • 12:15pm | Gallery

A free lunch for college students the first Sunday of each month. Students are invited to meet us in the Gallery following 11:00am worship.

YOGA WITH JULIE VITEK

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

Julie Vitek teaches yoga every Monday and Thursday! All are welcome. \$8 if you come once a week, \$10 if you come twice a week. Bring a mat if possible. Email mgroom@uccftw.com for more information.

ADVENTURE CAMP

June 4-9 | Disciples Crossing
Athens, TX • Grades 6-12

You're invited! This camp features hiking, swimming, rock climbing and other sports. Register online (Resources Tab > Open Registrations > Camp Registration).

SUMMER FUN SESSION 1

Mondays & Wednesdays
June 4-20 • 9:00am-12:00pm
WDS Rooms

This summer program provides fun and engaging interaction for children aged two months to entering Kindergarten. Summer Fun is on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:00am to 12:00pm, for two three-week sessions. Session 2 is Mondays and Wednesdays, July 9-25. Email Joy Milton, [cjoy@yahoo.com](mailto:cjoy@ yahoo.com), to register.

WEDNESDAY FUN DAYS

Wednesdays • 12:00pm-2:00pm | Offsite

During the summer months, Chi Rho, grades 6-8. and CYF, grades 9-12 will get together for lunch each Wednesday, and once a month will extend their time to go have fun and fellowship out and about in Fort Worth.

DISCOVERY CAMP

June 8-10 | Disciples Crossing
Athens, TX • Grades 1-2

Discovery Camp is for first and second graders attending with one or both parents. Introduce your child to summer camp while strengthening family bonds. Register online (Resources Tab > Open Registrations > Camp Registration).

LATTE WITH THE LADIES

June 9 • 9:00am | Buon Giorno

Meet us at Buon Giorno and join women of all ages for fellowship over morning coffee. We meet at local coffee bistros each month on the second Saturday. To learn more email mgroom@uccftw.com.



Programs & Events



CHI RHO CAMP I

June 11-16 | Disciples Crossing
Athens, TX • Grades 6-7

This is a week filled with exciting games, engaging small groups, meaningful worship experiences and great keynotes. (Chi Rho II is July 16-21.) Register online (Resources Tab>Open Registrations.)

ALZHEIMER'S CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

June 14 • 3:30pm | Rm 201

A support group for caregivers of those suffering from Alzheimer's disease and other dementias meets the second Thursday of the month. To learn more email pam@uccftw.com.

CYF CONFERENCE

June 18-23 | Disciples Crossing
Athens, TX • Grades 10-12

The conference provides a beautiful week for high school students to explore the nature and mystery of God and connect with their faith in new and unexpected ways. It is an opportunity for them to learn more about their identity as Christians and enhance their spiritual practices, as well as play, laugh and swim with old and new friends. Register online (Resources Tab>Open Registrations.)

NINER'S CAMP

June 18-23 | Disciples Crossing
Athens, TX • Grade 9

Ninth grade campers focus on leadership and spirituality by exploring ways to strengthen and expand their faith practices and share their gifts with the church. Register online (Resources Tab>Open Registrations.)

MEN'S THIRD THURSDAY LUNCH

June 21 • Noon | Café Bella

Join men of all ages for lunch and fellowship on the third Thursday of every month at Cafe Bella. To learn more email robin.doyle@uccftw.com.

EIGHTER'S CAMP

June 24-30 | Disciples Crossing
Athens, TX • Grade 8

This camp is designed to help eight-graders develop self-esteem and is a Bible-based sexuality and spirituality curriculum called "Created to Be Me: Fearfully and Wonderfully Made". Parents of enrolled campers will receive a packet from the keynoters providing details on the themes and topics covered each day of the camp. Register online (Resources Tab>Open Registrations.)

GROW

UCC offers Bible studies, classes, special speakers, small groups and more as, opportunities for you to continue your spiritual journey. Learn more about discipleship and grow your relationship with God.

1ST THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP

June 7 • 11:00am | Rm 207

A monthly lunch-and-learn series with a variety of guest speakers. Following the presentation, all are invited to stay for a potluck lunch in Room 211.

COLLEGE BIBLE STUDY

June 7, 14, 21 & 28 • 6:30pm
Ages 18-23

We'll meet at various homes for dinner and Bible study every Thursday in June. E-mail jessica@uccftw.com for more information.

BABY DEDICATIONS

June 17 • 10:30am | Rm 228

Families with infants reserve a dedication date through the Children's Ministries office. To learn more email robin.doyle@uccftw.com.

SERVE

Part of discipleship is responding to the needs of others. From around the world and within our local community, we are being called to serve. We offer mission pilgrimages and many outreach programs to fulfill this calling.

PRAYER BEADS

June 2 • 10:00am | Rm 204

Prayer beads are made for UCC and THR Harris Hospital for people in crisis situations. Prayer bead ministry meets the first Saturday of the month (except September and December) at 10:00 am in Room 204. No experience needed, beginning beader skill taught and all equipment provided. Email pam@uccftw.com to learn more.

VBS TRAINING LUNCHEON

Sunday, June 3 • 12:15pm
Rm 211

Luncheon for VBS volunteers to plan and prepare for VBS. Email robin.doyle@uccftw for information on how to volunteer.

NEEDLERS

Thursdays • 9:00am | Room 312

The Needlers gather to crochet, knit and do needlework. Learn more by emailing mgroom@uccftw.com.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

June 3, 10, 24 • 5:00pm
Meeting locations TBA

Prayer shawl ministry welcomes all to gather to knit shawls—given in gratitude, to those undertaking a new journey in life, and to those facing surgery or loss. During June, we will meet at various locations—announced in our weekly Worship bulletin. No meeting June 17 due to Father's Day. For more information email mgroom@uccftw.com.

UCC CHANCEL CHOIR

Thursdays • 7:00pm | Rm 147

Regular rehearsal of the Chancel Choir in Shirey Hall. To learn more, email todd.prickett@uccftw.com.

NOTE WRITERS

June 14 • 10:00am | Arches

The Note Writers gather on the second Thursday of each month in the Arches to send notes of encouragement, congratulations or condolences. For more information email mgroom@uccftw.com.

"ROOM IN THE INN" SIGN UPS

June 17 & 24 • Before & After
Worship Services | Gallery

Come by the Gallery on Sunday morning to learn more about Room in the Inn ministry and how to get involved. If you've already been trained, come sign up for your favorite job. Please contact carolmstewart@sbcglobal.net for more information.



GOVERNANCE, COMMITTEE & LEADERSHIP

NEW DEACONS ORIENTATION AND MEETING

June 10 • 12:15pm | Rm 207

An orientation for the new Deacons and meeting for all Deacons.

CHURCH AND THE ARTS MEETING

June 11 • 6:30pm | Rm 150

A monthly meeting to discuss outings, the Gallery and other arts topics.

NEW STEWARDS ORIENTATION

June 13 • 6:00pm | Rm 205

New stewards orientation. Email vanessa.taber@uccftw.com for more information.

BOARD OF STEWARDS MEETING

June 19 • 6:30pm | Rm 150

The Board of Stewards is responsible for governing and managing the business and affairs of the congregation. To learn more email vanessa.taber@uccftw.com.

NEW ELDERS ORIENTATION

June 30 • 9:00am-Noon | Rm 206

A short orientation for 2018-2019 Elders. To learn more email vanessa.taber@uccftw.com.

ADULT MINISTRY TEAM MEETING

June 24 • 6:00pm | Rm 312

Meet in the third floor kitchen from 6:00pm to 7:30pm. To learn more, email shannon.moore@uccftw.com.

MISSION PILGRIMAGE COMMITTEE

June 27 • 6:00pm | Rm 226

This committee meets the fourth Wednesday each month to discuss current and upcoming mission pilgrimage opportunities.



UCC MINISTRIES

ADULT MINISTRY

We offer an array of ways for you to grow and connect through fellowship, learning, spiritual development, bible studies, book clubs, retreats, workshops and small groups.

Minister: Rev. Shannon Moore
Leader: Sue Gover

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

We provide a safe, welcoming and fun place for our children to discover and experience God.

Minister: Rev. Kera Watts
Leader: Ali Briseno

CHURCH AND THE ARTS MINISTRY

Church and the Arts enhances the understanding, shaping, and expression of our faith through the arts. We sponsor various cultural activities throughout the year.

Minister: Rev. Dr. Todd Prickett
Leader: Lisa Wan

COLLEGE MINISTRY

We cultivate life-giving community for students through worship, fellowship and service.

Minister: Rev. Jessica Vacketta
Leader: Mark Tentinger

MEN'S MINISTRY

Hang with "The Guys" for fellowship and opportunities to help serve.

Minister: Rev. Cyndy Twedell
Leader: John Andrus

MUSIC MINISTRY

Music enriches our worship experience and helps us understand our relationships with God and each other. All of our music ensembles are open to anyone who would like to participate.

Minister: Rev. Dr. Todd Prickett
Leader: Bill Shelton

OUTREACH MINISTRY

Called to demonstrate the love of God, we work within and beyond our community to build caring

partnerships as we open our hearts in service to others.

Minister: Rev. Jessica Vacketta
Leader: Kim McAdams Baker

PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY

We share God's loving presence within the church community. We offer support in times of joy, illness, hospitalization, crises and other major life events. After hours and weekends ministers are on call: **817-926-6631**, email pastoralcare@uccftw.com or use the [Pastoral Care Request](#) link found on the bottom of every page of our website.

Minister: Rev. Cyndy Twedell
Leader: Sandra Soria

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Join other women in fellowship and spiritual growth as we reach out and advocate for women in our community and world.

Minister: Rev. Cyndy Twedell
Leader: Debbie Powell

WORSHIP LIFE MINISTRY

We focus on ways to grow, support, and enhance how we worship as a congregation and community.

Minister: Rev. Shannon Moore
Leader: Art Busbey

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Focused on ages 18 to 30, we are committed to equipping young people as the present and future of the church, by providing opportunities for spiritual growth and connection for young adults.

Minister: Rev. Jessica Vacketta
Leader: TBA

YOUTH MINISTRY

We focus on fun, fellowship, games, worship, opportunities to serve, spiritual growth and so much more.

Minister: Rev. Jamie Plunkett
Leader: Julie O'Neil

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REGISTRATIONS & OTHER MISC INFO

In this section you will find opportunities to sign up for future programming, events, service-learning trip and mission pilgrimages. Most registrations are online unless otherwise noted. Register at www.universitychristian.org/web-calendar/open-registration.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Registration ends when classes are full
VBS is June 26-29

VBS for children in 2's classes through third-graders and Mission VBS for fourth and fifth-graders. Cost is \$20 per child, discounts given for parents who volunteer! Join as we go on a "Rolling River Rampage" to experience the ride of a lifetime with God. Email robin.doyle@uccftw.com for more information or to register.

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