



Volunteers
needed,
see
page 10.



Photos from VBS, CYF Conference at Disciples Crossing, and Music Makers Camp.

#allarewelcome #allmeansall

Sunday Worship

Traditional • 9:00am | 11:00am

Simple Worship • 9:30am-9:50am

Childcare is available for all worship services

Open minds, loving hearts





Map of University Christian Church





NURSERY:
INFANTS TO
3 YEAR OLDS

**4'S AND
KINDERGARTEN**

JOURNEY LAND

**WORSHIP &
WONDER**

YOUTH

COLLEGE

**BUSINESS &
MINISTER'S
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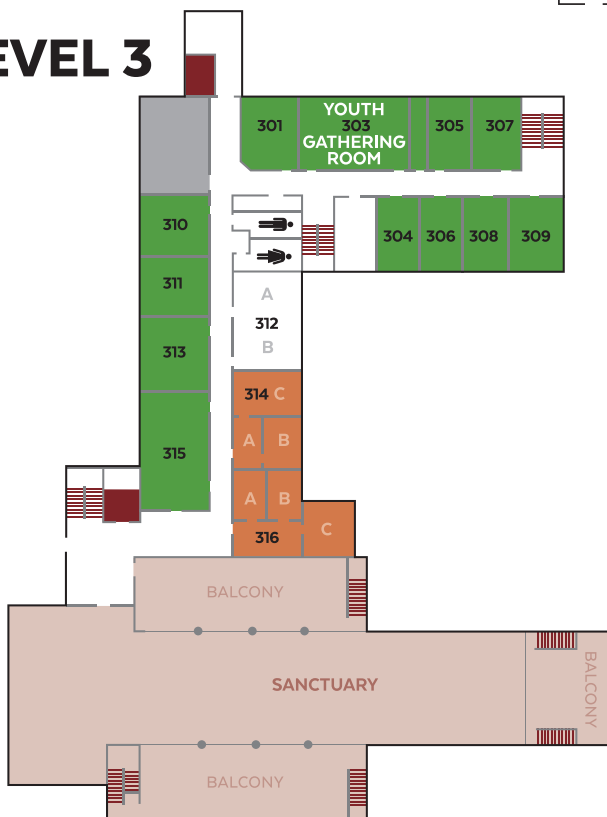
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LEVEL 2



LEVEL 3





Why We Do What We Do

For the last several months, a Visioning Team has been working hard to discern both who we are as a congregation and who God is calling us to be. It has been difficult, yet rich and rewarding work. One of the things that we have been paying attention to is what we do as a community of faith—and also WHY we do what we do.

It is always important, as business guru Simon Sinek says, to start with the why.

In the constantly evolving world we find ourselves in, the role and purpose of the church changes, too. Many of today's writers, scholars and pastors agree that the purpose of the church today is much more in keeping with the purpose of the church in its earliest days. You've heard me say that for the church to be effective and influential in the world today, that it needs to look more like the church of the first century, than the church of the last century. It's important to notice that the early church didn't focus on being the moral conscience of the culture. Instead, the purpose of the early church—and the church today—is human transformation.

Our purpose, church, is to *change* lives.

In his book *The Heart of Christianity*, Marcus Borg wrote that nothing has the power to transform the human heart like a relationship with God as known decisively in Jesus. As a pastor I find that to be true. Most of the people that I encounter come to church looking for change, for transformation, for healing, for a life that is deeper and more authentic than what they have found in the culture. At least that's why they come.

They stick around because when we are at our best they discover grace. They find out that, as Anne Lamott says, "God loves you as you are...but God loves you too much to allow you to stay as you are."

It will be important for us to remember in the days ahead not only what we are called to do, but also why we are called to do it.

I recently read of a Disciples congregation in Arizona that will not let anything show up in their newsletter, will not let an announcement be made, will not let something be tacked to their bulletin board unless it is attached to a story of transformation. They believe that if an activity will not aid in changing lives, it should not be a part of the church. So, then, the announcement would not just be "The Christian Men's Fellowship is hosting a pancake breakfast this Saturday." Instead it would continue, "Last year, Men's Fellowship raised enough money to buy 50 Christmas presents for the children of incarcerated adults. When our own Fred Evans delivered the gifts, one little boy asked him, 'Why are you doing this?' and Fred answered, 'Because God loves you, and FCC Santa Rosa loves you, too.' CMF hopes to touch even more lives for Christ this year with your support of next week's pancake breakfast..."

There are stories like that around here, you know—countless stories about how lives were turned inside out and upside down by the heart-waking, soul-changing God who loves you as you are, but loves you way too much to allow you to stay just like you are.

In fact, one of those stories is probably yours.

Grace and peace,

Rev. Dr. Russ Peterman, Senior Minister



Rev. Dr. Russ Peterman

How to connect and get involved at UCC

Growing up, my most meaningful relationships were formed at church. My peers and I bonded as we spent time together in community, whether at Bible study, youth group, service-learning trips, or at camp. Those relationships still persist to this day, and I am so thankful for them.

They never would have happened, though, had it not been for the adults who were intentionally present with us for all of those things. Those adults who cultivated conversations and encouraged us to step out of comfort zones, and who genuinely cared about who we were and who we were growing up to be. I still talk to some of those adults monthly. They check in with me, and I with them.

In short, I'm living proof that intergenerational relationships enhance spiritual development and community.

Here at UCC, there are so many different ways adults can enhance spiritual development and community with our incredible young people who make up UCC Youth. All of them are impactful, all of them are important, and all of them are wonderful opportunities for you to take that next step on your faith journey and give back.

Volunteering on Sunday mornings to teach a class means you get to explore how we can use scripture as a lens through which to view the world, and put that lens to use by considering current events.

Join us on Sunday nights for a time of high-energy and fun, as we run, play, and build community through laughter, joy, and games.

Sign up to host and/or lead a midweek small group bible study (launching in the fall), where we spend time learning and understanding the context and content of the Bible in people's homes. Or, provide a Sunday evening meal, join us on a service-learning trip, or chaperone a weekend retreat.

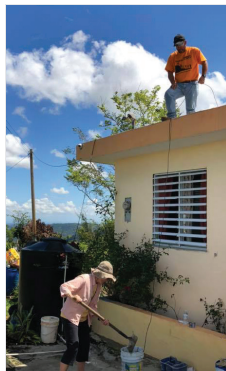
Trust me, you want to get to know these young people. If you have questions, or if you know you want to jump in, I'm here to show you how. Just email me at jamie.plunkett@uccftw.com.

I can't wait to get you plugged in.

--Jamie Plunkett, Minister of Youth and Families

REGISTRATION & OTHER MISC INFO

In this section, you will find opportunities to sign up for future programming, events and service opportunities. Unless otherwise noted, registrations are online at: www.universitychristian.org/web-calendar/open-registration.



TX City Hurricane Harvey Recovery Pilgrimage— Register by June 3

Participant Meeting • June 9 • 12:00pm • RM 223

We have answered the call to help our brothers and sisters in Galveston County July 28-August 3 with long term recovery from Hurricane Harvey. The need is still great and we need your help! All skill levels have a role. Cost is \$350 per person ages 14 & up. Partial Scholarships available. ✉ jessica@uccftw.com

Welcome to all things UCC!

We have so many ministries and events for everyone to participate in and enjoy throughout the month. Below is a color code to help you quickly navigate whether the programs on the following pages 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



Email for more information

JUNE'S FEATURED EVENTS & PROGRAMS

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



JUNE IS BRAIN HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

June marks Alzheimer's & Brain Awareness Month and gives us the chance to start a global conversation about the importance of brain health. Dementia affects 47 million people worldwide and the Alzheimer's Association is on a mission to help raise awareness.

Sunday, June 16 in the Gallery members of the Alzheimer's Committee will present information about Alzheimer's Disease as well as have a memory tree for the names of loved ones suffering or have suffered with Alzheimer's or other dementias.

CHI RHO SERVICE LEARNING TRIP PARENT MEETING

Sunday, June 2 • 12:15pm | RM 203

Parent meeting to go over the Chi Rho Service Learning to Disciples Crossing from June 30-July 4.

✉ jamie.plunkett@uccftw.com

CYF SERVICE LEARNING TRIP

June 3-9

Surround our high-school aged students in prayer as they travel to Los Fresnos, Texas to work on projects at the Texas-Mexico border with Southwest Good Samaritan Ministries.

✉ jamie.plunkett@uccftw.com

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 11-14 • 9:00am-12:00pm

Children 2 years through grade 5 will blast off to Mars for a week of fun.

✉ kera@uccftw.com

MUSIC MAKERS CAMP

**June 11-14 • 12:00pm-3:00pm
RM 207 • Grades 2-7**

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. Cost is \$60 per child.

[Register online.](#)

✉ maryelizabethfarmer@yahoo.com

DETECTING ALZHEIMER'S —DR. SID O'BRYANT

**Wednesday, June 12 • 6:30pm
Walker Hall**

Dr. Sid O'Bryant at the University of North Texas Health Science Center are making important advances in understanding, detecting and treating the illness. Find out what we know about Alzheimer's disease and other dementias from one of the nation's leading scientists.

✉ pam@uccftw.com

CYNDY TWEDELL FAREWELL RECEPTION

Sunday, June 23 • Following both services in Walker Hall

Come honor Reverend Cyndy Twedell and her many years of ministry at UCC in Walker Hall following both worship services. We will share memories and offer our prayers and best wishes for Cyndy as she begins her retirement.

✉ pam@uccftw.com

UCC BELL RINGERS CONCERT

Sunday, June 23 • 4:00pm | Sanctuary

Come enjoy the UCC Bell Ringers in concert before they depart for England on their quadrennial tour.

✉ todd.prickett@uccftw.com



WORLD REFUGEE DAY

Saturday, June 22

11:00am-3:00pm

Come and celebrate culture and community at the 2019 Fort Worth World Refugee Day! Enjoy performances, games, arts and crafts and food and refreshments as we honor the refugee community in Fort Worth.

✉ jessica@uccftw.com

UCC BELL RINGERS ENGLAND TOUR

June 23-July 5

UCC Bell Ringers will embark upon their quadrennial tour of England. This 12-day tour will include visits to Oxford, Bath, Canterbury, and London. The choir will perform at Canterbury Cathedral, Southwark Cathedral, and the "Actors Church" in Covent Garden. Sightseeing will include Warwick Castle, Stonehenge, London Eye, Tower of London, Glastonbury Cathedral, and the "Making of Harry Potter" studio tour. Please pray for this group of 19 youth and 8 adults as they fly over the pond.

✉ todd.prickett@uccftw.com

CHI RHO SERVICE LEARNING TRIP

June 30-July 4

Surround our middle-school aged students in prayer as they travel to Athens, Texas to work on projects around the Disciples Crossing campground.

[Register online through June 9.](#)

✉ jamie.plunkett@uccftw.com



Photos from Baby Dedications, Chi Rho Service Learning Trip and Connect Lunch.

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.

CONNECT LUNCH

Sunday, June 2 • 12:00pm | Walker Hall

Connect and have lunch with us! Adults, \$10. Grades 1-12, \$5. College students and children 5 and under, free. Your paid reservation makes all the difference—in person in the Gallery the Sunday before or online through the church website.

✉ pam@uccftw.com

COLLEGE FIRST SUNDAY LUNCH

Sunday, June 2 • 12:15pm

Meet in the Gallery following 11am worship for a time to connect with other students. Lunch is on us!

✉ jessica@uccftw.com

LATTE WITH THE LADIES

**Saturday, June 8 • 8:30am
Press Cafe**

Join women of all ages for fellowship over morning coffee. We meet at local coffee bistros each month on the second Saturday.

✉ cyndy@uccftw.com

MEN'S SECOND THURSDAY LUNCH

Thursday, June 13 • Noon | Café Bella

Join men of all ages for lunch and fellowship on the second Thursday of every month at Café Bella.

✉ robin.doyle@uccftw.com

ALZHEIMER'S CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

Thursday, June 13 • 3:30pm | RM 201

A support group for caregivers of those suffering from Alzheimer's disease and other dementias. This group meets the second Thursday of the month.

✉ pam@uccftw.com

CINNAMON ROLL SUNDAY

Sunday, June 16 • 10:00am | Gallery

Join us for delicious and warm cinnamon rolls the third Sunday of every month.

CONNECT DINNER

**Thursday, June 20
6:00pm-7:00pm | Walker Hall**

Gather with us around the table monthly on the Third Thursday of the month to fill your soul and tummies with good conversation, connected community and delicious food. College students and children 5 and under eat free, grades 1-12 \$6 and adults \$12. Your paid reservation makes all the difference—in person in the Gallery the Sunday before or online through the church website.

✉ pam@uccftw.com

FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP: GAME DAY

Friday, June 24 • 10:00am | RM 211

On the 4th Friday, we will gather for Game Day to play dominoes, cards and board games. Bring your favorite game and snack to share. RM 211 from 10:00am to 12:00pm.

✉ shannon.moore@uccftw.com

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. \$5 per class. Bring a mat if possible.

✉ mgroom@uccftw.com

FAITHFULLY FIT FOREVER

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

Join us for a light aerobic exercise program and a faithful reminder of God's loving presence in our lives. All ages welcome.

✉ mgroom@uccftw.com

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.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

**Sundays • 9:00am and 11:00am
Sanctuary**

Our traditional worship services connect us to God and one another through scripture, sermon, and prayer. Music, led by organ and choir, is an important element of our worship each Sunday and at special services throughout the year. Our worship bulletin includes helpful information to guide you through the service.

Children are always welcome in worship, and worship activity bags are available to help keep children engaged. Preschool childcare is available for infants through

kindergarten. At our 11:00am worship service, our first through third graders are invited to attend Worship and Wonder during the sermon.

✉ shannon.moore@uccftw.com

SIMPLE WORSHIP

**Sundays • 9:30am-9:50am
Chapel of the Good Shepard**

Simple Worship is just that—we worship simply. This twenty minute, "come-as you are" service is an opportunity to worship in a casual atmosphere.

All ages are welcome!

✉ shannon.moore@uccftw.com

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays • 10:00am | RM 203

A weekly Bible study and discussion led by Rev. Shannon Moore. The conversations are lively, there's no homework and all are welcome to join at any time.

✉ shannon.moore@uccftw.com

FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP: LUNCH & LEARN

Friday, June 10 • 11:00am

Our Friday Fellowship group will be taking a field trip to the Kimbell art Museum. We will explore the permanent collection and have lunch at their cafe. Contact Rev. Shannon Moore to reserve your spot!

✉ shannon.moore@uccftw.com

SUMMER CAMPS @ DISCIPLES CROSSING • ATHENS, TX

GRAND CAMP

May 31-June 2

Ages 4-10 with Grandparent

Grand camp is an opportunity for grandparents and grandchildren to explore the joy of camp together.

✉ kera@uccftw.com

DISCOVERY CAMP

June 7-9 • Grades 1 & 2

This is designed to be an introduction to summer camp and shared with a parent having fun playing, growing and worshipping together!

✉ kera@uccftw.com

CHI RHO CAMP 1

June 10-15 • Grades 6 & 7

One of the most unique and memorable experience of all our summer camps. They will be exploring the New Testament and

all of the wonders it holds.

✉ jamie.plunkett@uccftw.com

CYF CONFERENCE

June 17-22 • Grade 10-12

Students explore the nature and mystery of God—connecting with their faith in new and unexpected ways. They will learn more about their identity as Christians and enhance their spiritual practices—all while playing, laughing and swimming with old and new friends.

✉ jamie.plunkett@uccftw.com

NINERS CAMP

June 17-22 • Grade 9

Niners focuses on leadership and spiritual life. Campers are taught ways to strengthen their faith practices and how to use their gifts and talents to serve God.

✉ jamie.plunkett@uccftw.com

EIGHTERS CAMP

June 23-29 • Grade 8

Eighters also know as "Just Say Know" Camp is designed to teach campers about spirituality and sexuality through a wonderful Christian curriculum.

✉ jamie.plunkett@uccftw.com

CHI RHO CAMP 2

June 24-29 • Grade 9

Same description as Chi Rho Camp 1.

✉ jamie.plunkett@uccftw.com

FAMILY CAMP

June 24-26 • Ages 0-18

Family campers come to rest, play and worship together. All ages are welcome—one family members required to be over the age of 21.

✉ kera@uccftw.com



Photos from Niners Camp at Disciples Crossing, Sunday Worship and JourneyLand.

Part of discipleship is responding to the needs of others. From around the world to our local community, we are being called to serve. We offer many outreach opportunities to live out this call.

PRAYER BEADS

Saturday, June 4
10:00am | RM 204

Prayer bead ministry meets the first Saturday of the month. No experience needed, beginning beader skill taught and all equipment provided. Prayer beads are made for UCC and THR Harris Hospital for people in crisis situations.

✉ pam@uccftw.com

NOTE WRITERS

Thursday, June 9 • 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.

✉ mgroom@uccftw.com.

"ROOM IN THE INN" SIGN UPS

June 16, 23 & 30 • 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.

✉ carolmstewart@sbcglobal.net

WORLD REFUGEE DAY VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

Wednesday, June 19
6:00pm | Walker Hall

Come enjoy the UCC Bell Ringers in concert before they depart for England on their quadrennial tour.

✉ jessica@uccftw.com

"ROOM IN THE INN" TRAINING

June 30 • 12:15pm | RM 204

Training for new volunteers. Learn about the different ways you can serve this ministry.

✉ carolmstewart@sbcglobal.net

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Sundays • 5:00pm

Prayer shawl ministry welcomes all to gather to knit and crochet shawls—given in gratitude, to those undertaking a new journey in life, and to those facing surgery or loss.

✉ cyndy@uccftw.com

UCC BELL RINGERS

Sundays • 5:00pm | RM 229

Rehearsals continue for the upcoming England Tour.

✉ todd.prickett@gmail.com

ACOLYTES

Sundays • Grades 4-6

Each Sunday, children in our congregation help lead worship by serving as acolytes. Acolytes light the candles on the communion table as a sign of Christ's presence in our midst. At the end of worship, they carry that light out of the sanctuary as a symbol of our taking the Good News out into the world.

✉ ann@uccftw.com.

✉ shannon.moore@uccftw.com.

NEEDLERS

Thursdays in June • 9:00am | RM 312

The Needlers gather to crochet, knit and do needlework.

✉ cyndy@uccftw.com.

UCC CHANCEL CHOIR

Thursdays • 7:00pm | RM 147

Regular rehearsals of the Chancel Choir in Shirey Hall. Childcare available upon request.

✉ todd.prickett@uccftw.com



GOVERNANCE, COMMITTEE & LEADERSHIP

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, June 2

12:05pm | Sanctuary

A meeting for the congregation to approve the nominations for Elders and Deacons.

✉ betsy.ferguson@uccftw.com

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Sunday, June 2

9:00am | RM 226

The committee addresses maintenance and improvement of UCC buildings and surrounding grounds.

✉ renee.hoke@uccftw.com

ADULT MINISTRY MEETING

Tuesday, June 4

6:00pm | RM 312

Meet in the Third Floor Kitchen from 6:00pm-7:15pm.

✉ shannon.moore@uccftw.com

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS LEADER MEETING

Tuesday, June 11

6:15pm | RM 201

Class leaders gather to share resources and explore ways to promote and support adult Sunday School.

✉ shannon.moore@uccftw.com

MUSIC COMMITTEE

Tuesday, June 18

5:30pm | RM 150

A bi-monthly meeting to discuss the musical life of the church.

✉ todd.prickett@uccftw.com

BOARD OF STEWARDS

Tuesday, June 18 • 6:30pm | RM 150

The Board of Stewards has the general responsibility to govern and manage the business and affairs of the congregation.

✉ betsy.ferguson@uccftw.com

ELDERS MEETING

Tuesday, June 25

7:00pm | RM 207

A monthly meeting to discuss the spiritual needs of the church.

✉ betsy.ferguson@uccftw.com

MISSION PILGRIMAGE COMMITTEE

Wednesday, June 26

6:00pm | Los Vaqueros

This committee meets the fourth Wednesday each month to discuss current and upcoming Mission Pilgrimage opportunities.

✉ jessica@uccftw.com

Volunteers
we need
you!

UCC Children and Youth Ministry

Sunday Children Ministry

Preschool Childcare & Sunday School
8:45am-12:15pm

Infants-Kindergarten • Check-in

Journey Land • 10:00am • Grades 1-5

Welcome to Worship • 10:00am
May 5-19 • Age 4-Kindergarten

Worship and Wonder • 11:00am
Grades 1-3 • Gallery
During the **Scripture in Context** portion of our service, children are invited to join a **Worship and Wonder leader in the Gallery**—we listen to 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.

Youth Ministry Activities

Morning Sunday School Classes
10:00am-10:50am

Girls, Grades 6-8 • RM 304

Boys, Grades 6-8 • RM 308

Grades 9-12 • RM 312

Chi Rho Lunch Group Grades 6-8
12:00pm-1:00pm

Wednesday, June 5 • Dutch's
Wednesday, June 19 • Fuzzy's

CYF Lunch Group Grades 9-12
12:00pm-1:00pm

Wednesday, June 26 • Fred's

Youth VBS Volunteers Needed!

VBS is June 11-14 and we need **YOU** to be a part of this to make this program an amazing experience for children.

There are lots of opportunities for you to lead, help with activities, be part of skits, serve with a preschool or elementary group who will think you are the most amazing human they have ever met—and there are snacks!

This is also a wonderful way to get 14 hours of community service (with possibility of up to 17 if you help us set up on Monday).

If you are interested in serving, contact kero@uccftw.com or jamie.plunkett@uccftw.com.

ADULT MINISTRY

We offer many ways for you to grow in your faith and connect with God and others through fellowship, spiritual development, Bible studies, book groups, retreats, workshops and small groups.

Minister: Rev. Shannon Moore
✉ shannon.moore@uccftw.com
Leader: Sue Gover

CARPENTERS MINISTRY

A ministry that's equal parts carpentry and fellowship and everyone is welcome! Check us out on Fridays—we meet at 11:00am, at 2700 Rogers, followed by lunch at 11:30am.

Minister: Rev. Renee Hoke
✉ renee.hoke@uccftw.com
Leader: Charles Kendall

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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

Minister: Rev. Kera Watts
✉ kera@uccftw.com
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.

Staff: Janet Pummill
✉ janet.pummill@uccftw.com
Leader: Lisa Wan

COLLEGE MINISTRY

Our hope is to cultivate life-giving community for students through worship, fellowship and service.

Minister: Rev. Jessica Vacketta
✉ jessica@uccftw.com
Leader: Mark Tentinger

CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRY

We're a large church with a BIG heart. Care is provided in personal and compassionate ways through visits to hospitals and to the homebound, prayer groups and countless interactions that help us sense God's loving presence and provision. Contact: 817-926-6631, pastoralcare@uccftw.com or use the Pastoral Care Request link on our website.

Minister: Rev. Cyndy Twedell
✉ cyndy@uccftw.com
Leader: Sandra Soria

FOOD FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

One sure way our faith grows is through relationships with other believers. Food Fellowship events at UCC encourage time around the table for our members and guests. It's a great way to begin new friendships and strengthen "the ties that bind" us to each other.

Minister: Rev. Renee Hoke
✉ renee.hoke@uccftw.com
Leader: Tim Taylor

MEN'S MINISTRY

Open to all, UCC's Men's Ministry offers events and programs in response to the unique interests and needs of men. Join the men of UCC as they serve the needs of others and share in opportunities for fellowship and fun together. All are welcome!

Minister: Rev. Cyndy Twedell
✉ cyndy@uccftw.com
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
✉ todd.prickett@uccftw.com
Leader: Bill Shelton

OUTREACH MINISTRY

Called to demonstrate the love of God, we work within and beyond our community to build caring partnerships and foster mutual ministries as we open our hearts in service to others.

Minister: Rev. Jessica Vacketta
✉ jessica@uccftw.com
Leader: Kim McAdams Baker

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Open to all, UCC's Women's Ministry offers events and programs in response to the unique interests and needs of women. Join us as we share together in fun, fellowship, spiritual growth and opportunities to advocate for women in our community and around the world. All are welcome!

Minister: Rev. Cyndy Twedell
✉ cyndy@uccftw.com
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
✉ shannon.moore@uccftw.com
Leader: Art Busbey

YOUTH MINISTRY

For our youth, we focus on fun, fellowship, games, worship, opportunities to serve, spiritual growth and so much more.

Minister: Rev. Jamie Plunkett
✉ jamie.plunkett@uccftw.com
Leader: Matt Wagner



UCC's Endowment Fund and the Legacy Society

By Kristi Hoban, Endowment Committee Chair

University Christian Church has always benefited from the generosity of its members and friends who value the wonderful ministries that touch their lives—ministries that impact them, our church community and countless others through UCC's outreach.

Over the years, this generosity has steadily increased, as is evident by the growth of UCC's Endowment, now valued at close to \$13.5 million. This past year over \$571,000 was distributed for ministry spending. Endowment income allows us to enhance the ministries of our church, enrich our worship experiences, extend our outreach and provide meaningful opportunities for Christian education and spiritual growth. It sustains and extends our ministries beyond regular budget support.

The Legacy Society was created to recognize members and friends who have included UCC in their estate plans or have made an outright gift of \$5,000 or more to the endowment to create a new named fund or support an existing ministry fund.

The beautiful wall display in the reception area of our church recognizes Legacy Society members. Name plates are unveiled on the wall twice annually, following the 11:00am worship service on Pentecost Sunday in June and All Saints Sunday in November. It is our hope and belief that this Legacy Society Wall is one more way to educate, celebrate, and support the work of this congregation.

Your endowment gifts and bequests are vital to supporting the ministries of our congregation, and they create a lasting legacy for our future. We give special thanks for the growing number of individuals and their families—some who are featured within this report—who have established these unending blessings to our church, benefiting generations to come.

Those wishing to learn more about ways to make a gift to the UCC Endowment Fund, now or through your plans for a future gift, may contact Bobby or Michelle:

Legacy Society

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Christian Church Foundation
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(817) 923-0422

Michelle Ingram
UCC Business Office
michelle@uccftw.com
(817) 926-6631

Ministry Division Annual Distributions and Market Value

As of December 31, 2018

FUND	DISTRIBUTIONS	ENDING MARKET VALUE
General Endowment	(314,240)	7,617,769
Capital	(155,117)	3,584,458
Worship & The Arts	(16,528)	394,934
Christian Education	(11,821)	277,077
Congregational Care	(6,470)	156,684
Outreach	(67,116)	1,461,019
Grand Totals:	(571,292)	13,491,941

A Legacy of Stewardship

For Harold and Ruby Cline, their devotion to the ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) was only surpassed by their love and devotion to their children and grandchildren.

Rev. Dr. Cline and Ruby, his wife of 48 years, raised three children during their lifetime. Together they served Disciples congregations in Indiana for 36 years before they moved to Texas for Harold to answer God's call to be an area minister and later interim regional minister. Harold died in October 2011; Ruby preceded him in death in 2000. In addition to their three children, they had six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

While Harold was a leader in congregations, Ruby Cline had her own ministries, serving as a licensed Disciples lay minister and leading numerous workshops on spiritual

A Life and Legacy of Care

By Lerii Smith, Endowment Committee Member

A “disastrous” first date in 1959 did not leave Anne McElheny and Charles Sanders, both students at Texas Tech, very encouraged about future dates, much less a life together, but a chance encounter on the steps of the administration building changed that.

Fast forward to the fall of 2018, when Anne and Charles Sanders established an endowment fund at University Christian Church—the Reverend Dr. Charles H. & Anne M. Sanders Pastoral Care Endowment. You’ll learn that they not only created a life together (they’ve been married 57 years!) but created one of service to God and others.

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“This gift to UCC reflects my love for this church and what it’s meant to my life,” says Charles. Anne adds, “UCC is a steady, dependable, caring place where pastoral care can happen. We want to make sure it does, and this gift is an investment in that caring future.”

Dedicating the fund to pastoral care was an easy choice for Anne and Charles—their life has been devoted to caring for those around them. Anne earned a Masters in Reading, taught

Spanish and English, and tutored during her “retirement.” Charles earned a master’s in Theology and a Ph.D. in Counseling and Student Services. He was on the UCC staff from 1964 to 1968. He then served as Director of the Pastoral Care and Training Center at Brite Divinity School; as Minister at First Christian Church in Denton; and as a Professor at Northwest Christian College in Eugene, Oregon. In 1981 he received a call from Dr. Albert Pennybacker to serve again at UCC as Associate Minister of Pastoral Care. He continued in that ministry until his retirement in 2001. Having raised two sons, Chuck and David, Anne and Charles now enjoy four wonderful grandchildren.

Both cite Dr. Charles F. Kemp, former Brite professor, as a major influence in their lives—as special friend, co-worker, mentor, and counselor. This fund honors his memory and service as well.

“Being a good steward of what God has given us is important. It’s a matter of making a difference. We chose UCC for this investment because our church is steadfast. We truly believe in the ‘open minds and loving hearts’ philosophy,” stated Anne and Charles. “We hope this gift will encourage others to give to this fund now. At the time of our passing, we hope family and friends might consider gifts in our memory. Knowing this investment, now and in the future, will make a difference in the lives of others, brings us joy.”



Charles and Anne Sanders

“Their faithful giving beyond their lifetime provides a lasting legacy to us all.”

By Bobby Hawley, Vice President of Christian Church Foundation

life and prayer. She was a licensed professional counselor, licensed marriage and family therapist and member of the American Association of Pastoral Counselors.

As generous givers themselves, Harold and Ruby worked at educating others to be wise stewards of their resources and inviting abundant giving. Their focus on mission outreach included not only support of the establishment of new churches in the United States, but also two pilgrimages to work with the church in Lesotho, Africa.

During their lifetimes, these generous saints of the church completed several charitable gift annuities that provided them a stream of payments to supplement their retirement income. Their estate plan directed the residuals of those gift annuities and other retirement assets to their named permanent fund at

the Christian Church Foundation. Annual distributions from that fund will, in perpetuity, continue their financial support of several ministries important to them, including overseas mission work, establishing new churches, helping ministers with low pensions, spiritual formation programs and an unrestricted gift to University Christian Church.

The Clines’ legacy extends beyond their love for God and their family. Their faith witness in life was an example to family. Their faithful giving beyond their lifetime provides a lasting legacy to us all.





2018 Investment Report

By Urbin McKeever, Investment Committee Chair

The objective of UCC's endowment investments is to provide support annually for church programs, ministry and facilities while also growing the investment funds over time.

The Endowment Funds are invested with the Christian Church Foundation (CCF). Additionally, UCC is the beneficiary of several trusts that are managed by third-party trustees. The investments at CCF are in four separate "pooled" funds, each having their own investment objectives and risk levels through the use of various equities, fixed income and alternative assets. In order to increase our fixed income holdings, we added a new fund (Brown) in the 4th quarter of 2018, which holds a majority of its investments in more conservative, fixed assets.

2018 was clearly the most challenging year for the equity markets since the financial crisis of 2008-2009. Several factors collided at year end, resulting in the worst December on record. At the time of this writing, we are now well into 2019 and most of the issues that were effecting markets in late 2018 are either so far unfounded (such as fears of a dramatic slowdown in the U.S. economy) or have reversed course (in the case of the Federal Reserve and its forecast on rate hikes for 2019).

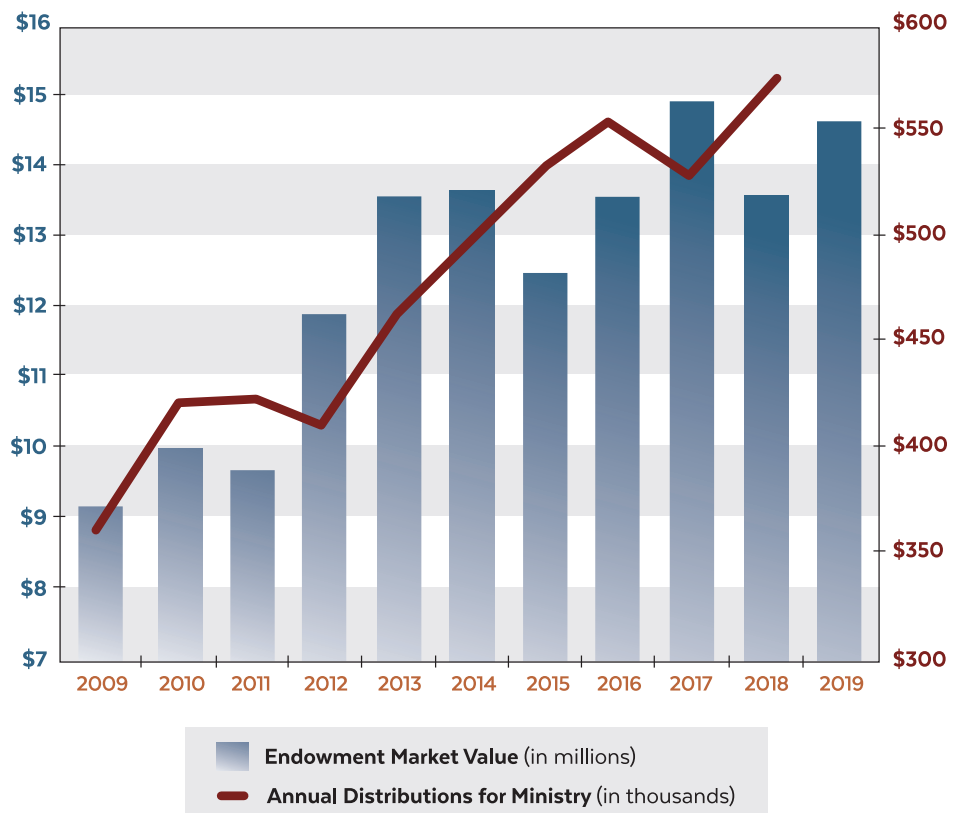
This reversal of market psychology can be seen in our account performance. After a stellar year in 2017 of +10.37%, our combined accounts had a net investment loss of -5.62% in 2018. Through 3/31/19, the accounts are up for the year by \$1,114,357.

Endowment Funds Asset Allocation/Performance

CCF MANAGED FUNDS	MARKET VALUES AS OF		
	12/31/2017	12/31/2018	3/31/2019
Common	\$4,351,710	\$2,389,355	\$2,469,862
Campbell	\$4,979,995	\$4,323,117	\$4,767,290
Beasley	\$4,319,794	\$3,705,890	\$4,077,799
Brown	\$ -	\$1,916,788	\$2,034,222
Total Managed	\$13,651,499	\$12,335,150	\$13,349,173
Beneficial Interests	\$1,248,761	\$1,156,791	\$1,257,125
Total Market Value	\$14,900,260	\$13,491,941	\$14,606,298
Distributions	\$(526,292)	\$(571,293)	\$(145,836)
*Gain/Loss on Investments	\$1,891,039	\$(837,026)	\$1,260,193
	13.97%	-6.90%	9.28%

*Net results reflecting distributions and new contributions.

Annual Distribution Rate for 2018 and 2019 is 4.5%



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Sign up now! The space is limited to 24 people. Cost is \$105, meals included.

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