



Photos from Connect Lunch, CYF Service Learning Trip, Mens Cookout and Sunday Worship.

#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





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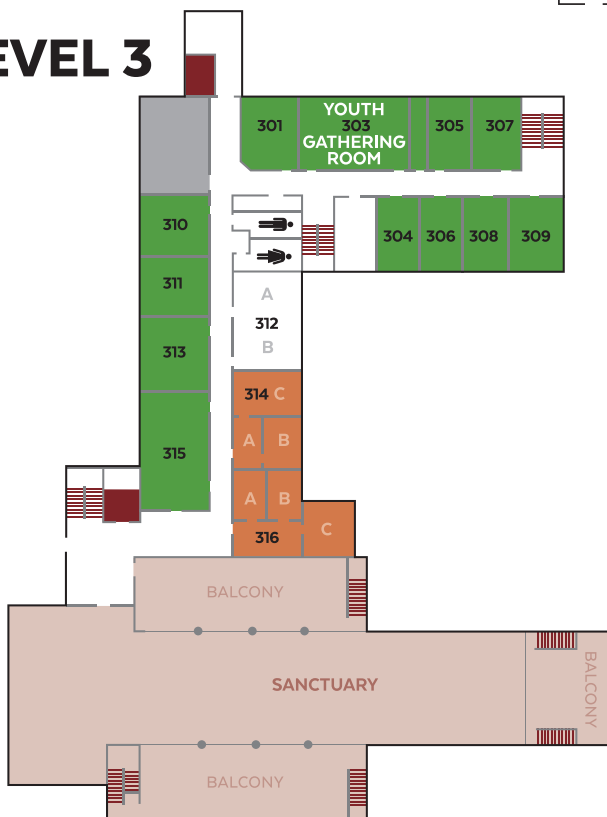
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Words from our Senior Minister

More or Less

Summers, for all the great publicity they receive, are hard on our families. The kids often get bored and end up sitting around watching too much television. Parents get stressed out because their young people have so much unstructured time. Most end up working more to make up for the time away during the family vacations. Money is tight and folks get anxious. Summers can be hard on the family.

I came across a poem in a book called Full Esteem Ahead: 100 Ways to Build Self-Esteem. The poem is called "If I had My Child to Raise Over Again."

*If I had my child to raise all over again,
I'd finger-paint more, and point the finger less.
I'd do less correcting, and more connecting.
I'd take my eyes off my watch, and watch with my eyes.
I would care to know less, and know to care more.
I'd take more bikes and fly more kites.
I'd stop playing serious, and seriously play.
I'd run through more fields, and gaze at more stars.
I'd do more hugging, and less tugging.
I would be firm less often. And affirm much more.
I'd build self-esteem first, and the house later.
I'd teach less about the love of power, and more about the power of love.*

What a wonderful world this could become if we all—parents, grandparents, kids, Sunday School teachers, and even Ministers—did more hugging and less tugging; less correcting, and more connecting!

I have to confess that sometimes I forget that being a father is the single most important role I will ever play. After all these years, I'm beginning to realize that through my actions and emotions I will not only be shaping my children, but influencing the future. I pray that I will always remember that the world I show to my children, is the world they will show to theirs.

In these very precious times I thank God for the extended family of the church within which our children—both yours and mine—can discover again and again who they truly are: the precious children of God.

May, you and your family have a wonderful, restful summer,

Rev. Dr. Russ Peterman, Senior Minister



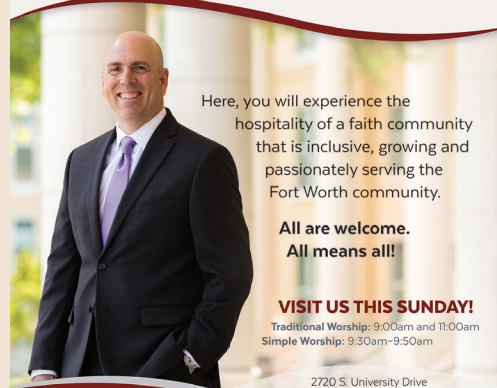
Rev. Dr. Russ Peterman

CONGRATULATIONS!

We congratulate our own Rev. Dr. Russ Peterman for recently being nominated as one of "The 400" most influential people in Fort Worth by the Fort Worth Inc. Magazine! Be sure to read the write up on Russ and see our full page ad in the July/August issue in stands or online at www.fwtx.com/fwinc.

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How to connect and get involved at UCC

As we keep Sabbath this month, I would encourage you to disconnect in order to connect. Seek out important ways to be in relationship with each other. Be intentional about spending quality time with the people in your life who are important. There is no app for that. Use social media to nurture your relationships with others, not as a distraction from life that is happening all around you. Be present with your family, with your friends, with your church.

As you slow down this summer and spend time with others, consider giving those individuals your full attention. If you have the opportunity to travel, live in the present and soak up as much of the experience as you can. There is plenty of time for posting to Instagram or Facebook at the end of the day or trip. Enjoy God's creative wonder in each place you visit and each person you meet.

One easy way to experience this connection during worship is by singing hymns together. By joining our voices, we express our unity or oneness. Congregational song shapes faith, heals brokenness, transforms lives, and renews peace. "Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth." (Psalm 100:1) The psalmist does not refer to beautifully trained voices, operatic tenors, or "barely-a-tones". It exhorts us ALL to sing. I look forward to connecting with you through song in worship

—Rev. Dr. Todd Prickett, Minister of Music



One of the reasons that I joined University Christian Church was due to how impressed I was with the church's ministry to the homeless through Room in the Inn. As a volunteer greeter, I not only greet the guests, but I have the opportunity to visit with them and hear their stories. One of the stories I heard was during the Christmas season.

When the homeless men came into the room, a man spotted the undecorated Christmas tree, ran over to it and asked me, "Can I help decorate the tree?" "Of course," I said as I dug out the boxes of decorations. With a big smile on his face, for the next forty-five minutes before dinner, he painstakingly decorated the tree. Then he said to me, "This is great. I never had a Christmas tree when I was a kid. This is the first Christmas tree I have ever decorated."

Most of us have decorated Christmas trees more times than we can remember, but for this guest, it was a unique and memorable experience. I am glad that our church, through Room in the Inn, gave him that opportunity as well as gave him a hot dinner, a safe and clean place to spend the night and a breakfast in the morning. As Jesus said, "As you did it to one of the least of these...you did it to me."

—Eldon Irving

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

JULY'S FEATURED EVENTS & PROGRAMS

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



SUMMER IS HERE!

Share where your summer travels take you! #ucconthego

Take selfies or pictures of your vacations and fun in the sun. Share them on social media, tag UCC and use #ucconthego.

Grab a UCC window decal and take UCC with you this summer. Decals are available in the Gallery and Front Desk.

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.

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UCC CLOSED—INDEPENDENCE DAY

Thursday, July 4

In observance of Independence Day, UCC offices and buildings will be closed.

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TX CITY HURRICANE HARVEY RECOVERY PILGRIMAGE

July 28–August 3

Surround our group in prayer as they travel to Texas City to help with long term recovery from Hurricane Harvey.

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SUMMER SABBATH

Month of July

Once again, UCC will observe Summer Sabbath during the month of July. The practice of keeping Sabbath is woven deep into the fabric of our faith as we remember that in the Creation story, God rested and took pleasure in all that God had made. Sabbath helps us reflect on the good work that has happened at UCC over the past year and allows us to honor the hard work of teachers, shepherds and congregational leaders.

What activities will take a break?

- No youth or children's classes—preschool classes and child care provided as usual
- Most Adult Sunday School Classes
- Most committees will observe Sabbath by not meeting in July

While we take a break from a few activities, there are still ways to serve and participate in life-giving ministries during July. For example:

- Room in the Inn will host guests each Wednesday night through Thursday morning
- On Wednesdays at 10:00am Bible study led by Rev. Shannon Moore
- Prayer Shawl Ministry on Sundays at 10:00am

Keeping the Sabbath holy gives us the opportunity to devote more focus to our worship and inspires us to let go of some of our busy-ness. To help kick off Sabbath, Rev. Jessica Vacketta will present "The Importance of Sabbath Living" at 10:00am on July 7 in Room 207 breakfast included.

REMEMBER THE SABBATH AND KEEP IT HOLY

—Exodus 2



Photos from Men's Gathering, Chi Rho Camp and Youth Lock-in.

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.

ALZHEIMER'S CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

Thursday, July 11 • 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.

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LATTE WITH THE LADIES

Saturday, July 13 • 8:30am
Black Rooster Cafe

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

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CINNAMON ROLL SUNDAY

Sunday, July 21 • 10:00am | Gallery

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

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.

✉ julie.vitek@gmail.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.

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FAMILY NIGHT AT THE RANGERS

Wednesday, July 17 • 5:30pm

Children and Youth Ministry families are invited to a Texas Rangers Baseball game at Globe Life Park in Arlington! Meet at UCC at 5:30pm. Tickets are \$20 for great seats in the Upper Deck.

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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.

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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!

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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.

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SUMMER CAMPS @ DISCIPLES CROSSING • ATHENS, TX

JUNIOR YOUTH FELLOWSHIP 1

July 1-5 • Grades 3-5

JYF campers will engage faith and Bible stories through interactive learning stations and creative & energetic worship experiences.

✉ kera@uccftw.com

WATER SPORTS CAMP 1

July 28-31 • Grades 6-8

Water Sports combines a love for water sports with the traditional elements of church camp.

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WATER SPORTS CAMP 2

July 31-August 3 • Grades 9-12

Water Sports combines a love for water sports with the traditional elements of church camp.

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JUNIOR YOUTH FELLOWSHIP 2

August 5-9 • Grades 3-5

JYF campers will engage faith and Bible stories through interactive learning stations and creative & energetic worship experiences.

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Photos from World Refugee Day and Room In The Inn.

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, July 6
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.

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NOTE WRITERS

Thursday, July 11 • 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.

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ROOM IN THE INN SIGN UPS

Sundays • 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.

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ROOM IN THE INN TRAINING

July 30 • 12:15pm | RM 204

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

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PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Sundays • 10:00am

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.

✉ mj.alland@att.net

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.

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NEEDLERS

Thursdays in July • 9:00am | RM 312

The Needlers gather to crochet, knit and do needlework.

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BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

The Box Tops for Education program is an easy way to support our Weekday School children. Last year, we collected enough box tops to purchase new picnic tables for the children to enjoy. Donate your box tops next to any preschool classroom or use the donation boxes next to the Weekday School offices.

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GOVERNANCE, COMMITTEE & LEADERSHIP

NEW ELDERS ORIENTATION

Tuesday, July 9
6:30pm | RM 207

Orientation for new Elders.

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

July 20-24 | Des Moines, IA

General Assembly is an opportunity to make connections and build relationships.

One of the highlights for many who attend the assembly is the worship. Musicians of professional caliber, speakers of high quality and special experiences envelope the congregation with a sense of God's presence and call.

Besides the preachers that will open your mind to new understandings in worship,

there are plenty of other opportunities to learn. In Des Moines, we will have workshops and classes that will include both inspiration and practical topics.

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DEACONS MEETING

Sunday, July 14
10:00am | RM 203

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UCC Children and Youth Ministry

Sunday Children Ministry

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

Infants-Kindergarten • Check-in

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, July 24

East Hampton Sandwich Co.

CYF Lunch Group Grades 9-12

12:00pm-1:00pm

Wednesday, July 10 • R-Taco

Chi Rho Whirly Ball • 1:30pm

Sunday, July 14

CYF Whirly Ball • 2:00pm

Sunday, July 28

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. Renee Hoke
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Leader: Brandon Cline

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
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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
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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
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Leader: Lisa Wan

COLLEGE MINISTRY

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

Minister: Rev. Jessica Vacketta
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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. Shannon Moore
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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
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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. Jamie Plunkett
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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
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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
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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. Renee Hoke
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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
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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
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Leader: Matt Wagner

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SAVE THE DATE!



**WOMEN'S FALL
RETREAT
PAUSE PLAY
PONDER PRAY
November 9-10
Possum Kingdom
Cliffs Resort**

The Women's Fall Retreat

may be just the perfect weekend for relaxation and renewal before the holidays.

Journey with leaders, Mary Jane Alland and Nita Gilger at the Cliffs Resort at Possum Kingdom Lake.

The time together will be a combination of free flow fun as well as nurture and spiritual discovery through devotional and prayer moments.

Julie Vitek will offer yoga for those interested and there will be free time and a welcoming space for relaxation and fellowship.

Register and pay now online! Space is limited and only a few spots remain. Cost is \$105, meals included.

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BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY



**BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY
Sunday, August 18**

Join us as we all officially return from summer vacations for:

- Worship services
- Sunday School
- Blessing of Backpacks
- Family fun activities
- Youth Family Roundup
- Starting Point
- Youth Group Kickoff
- Children's Ministry NEW
Sunday Morning Programming

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