



2720 S. University Dr.
Ft. Worth, TX 76109

Join us Sunday Morning

Traditional Worship

8:45 & 11 a.m.

and

join *The Search*

Alternative Worship

5 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Dr. A. Houston Bowers

*Transitional Senior
Minister*

Dr. Alan Lobaugh

*Senior Associate
Minister*

Rev. Russ Boyd

Rev. Suzanne Castle

Rev. Ellen Lewis

Rev. Judy Stempel

Rev. Cyndy W. Twedell

Associate Ministers

Emily Miller

Anna Ross

Jessica Vacketta

Assistants to Ministers

Road to Easter

Ann Weems is a Christian poet who begins her poem on holy week in this manner: *Holy is the week...Holy, consecrated, belonging to God... We move from Hosannas to Horror with the predictable ease of those who know not what they do.*

This year we hope that you will journey from Hosanna through the Washing through the Horror through the Silence and to the sung Alleluia in worship.

We begin on March 28 with the celebration of the Palms in our Palm Sunday worship services at 8:45, 11 a.m., and 5 p.m. Music will include Hosannas from the Chancel Choir and our pre-schoolers.

Maundy Thursday service will feature organ and oboe music, as well as congregational hymns, to help us contemplate The Last Supper and Jesus' washing of the disciples' feet with the story portrayed visually. Join us at 7:30 p.m. on April 1.

On April 2, at 7:30 p.m., we will have a Good Friday Service of Darkness. Our Chancel Choir will sing classic anthems about the Crucifixion from the balcony, and we will have readings from the last moments of Christ's life.



Easter provides many opportunities to celebrate the Alleluias! We will gather for our outdoor sunrise service in the courtyard at 6:45 a.m., where Rev. Russ Boyd will preach and music

will be accompanied by guitar. The three traditional services at 8, 9:30, and 11 a.m. will be festively accompanied by organ, handbells, brass quartet, tympani, and Chancel Choir. Handel's *Hallelujah Chorus* will be the benediction response. Dr. Houston Bowers will be preaching in all three traditional services in a Sanctuary dressed for the celebration of Easter.

At 5 p.m. join us for an alternative service at *The Search for Glow*. This service will incorporate visuals, lights, band and a sacred space that is lit for the Easter evening. Rev. Suzanne Castle will preach and our house band *Five Smooth Stones* will be joined by a horn section.

This Easter season, we hope you will join us in the Holy Week that leads us on a road to Easter.

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Longview, Texas and the
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the Southwest

Request the honor of your presence
at the **Ordination** of

Alec Clinton Ylitalo

to the order of Christian Ministry
Saturday, March 13, 2010, at 1 p.m.

First Christian Church, Longview, Texas
reception following at the church



Ministers On Call

Each week two of our ministers are available after hours and on weekends to handle pastoral care emergencies. If you have a need, call the church office 817.926.6631, at the prompt press (1) for pastoral care emergency. Then leave a message after the tone. Be sure to include your contact information. The system will call the ministers and they will respond.



Season of Invitation

During Lent and Easter, think about friends and co-workers who might benefit from a connection with the UCC community of faith and invite them to join you for worship!

And invite them to the Newcomers Class, offered Sunday mornings, March 7, 14, and 21, at 10 a.m. in Room 201.



Easter is Coming!

by Houston Bowers, Transitional Senior Minister

On Resurrection Sunday, the high peak of the church year, many preachers will stand before large crowds to proclaim once again:

*Christ has died!
Christ is risen!
Christ will come again!*

When the UCC staff explained to me about Easter worship, I must admit I was more than a little startled- *five* services, April 4.

For many years I have said to myself, "There is nothing *new* to say about Easter. The task before me is not to preach with novelty, but to tell the familiar story." That is until a new book by Harvey Cox hit the shelves in 2004, *When Jesus Came to Harvard: Making Moral Choices Today*. For a number of years Harvey Cox has taught a very popular undergraduate course called *Jesus and the Moral Life*. The course, over a fifteen year period, became so popular that he finally had to move the class to a theater.

In the class, Cox used Jesus' parables to bridge the gap between the ancient and modern worlds. In the "Easter Story" chapter, he tells why he initially ended his class with the crucifixion of Jesus. Unlike the crucifixion, the resurrection was a "borderline event" that sat on the line between the historical and the mystical. Cox thought it best to stop short of that, devoting the last few sessions of the class to discussing some of the varied interpretations of the moral significance of Jesus' life that have arisen in the centuries after his death. His

students pressed him as to why he was leaving out the climax of the story, the resurrection of Jesus. This is one event, they said, that makes Jesus different from Moses, Muhammad, or the Buddha. So Cox decided to add the resurrection to the syllabus, but not before he had done his own research. Chief among his surprises was the discovery that:

Stories of raising the dead in the Old Testament did not have to do with immortality. They are about God's justice. They are expressions of a human hope that is both of a moral, not a metaphysical impulse. They did not spring up from a yearning for life after death, but from the conviction that ultimately a truly just God simply had to vindicate the victims of the callous and the powerful. ⁽²⁷⁴⁾

To restore a dead person to life is to strike a blow at mortality, but to restore a crucified man to life is to strike a blow at the system that put him to death. His most startling insight is that the deep hope nourished by Christ's resurrection – that God's shalom will triumph in the end – is not the private property of Christians, but a hope that may be shared by people of other faiths and no faith. If the Easter story "cannot be parsed to include the hopes of all peoples," he says, "then we are left with a tribal god who will be rightly dismissed by those who hold no church or synagogue membership card." ⁽²⁸³⁾

His book has truly influenced my thinking. It has stretched me to tell the story of the resurrection anew. I hope to find you in one of our five services on April 4.

2010 Easter Offering



Jesus asks "do you believe in me?" The 2010 Easter Offering supports the general units of the Christian Church and witnesses to our belief that we can do all things through Christ Jesus who believes in us.

Your support of Disciples ministries enables the denomination to be the hands, eyes, hearts and feet on the ground eradicating human injustice and abuse of God's people everywhere.

Reports, Conversations, and Next Steps

For the past several months, UCC has taken a variety of steps to help us discern our course for the future.

In mid-2009, a subcommittee of the Committee on Leadership and Governance (CLG) undertook a review of church governance policies and processes. Committee members are Laura West, Bruce Border, Bill Alexander, Rich Darr, and Lyn Willis. Their report was presented to the UCC Assembly in January 2010. The report offered recommendations in five areas: transparency with clear communication; adequacy of bylaws; broaden and equip lay leadership; ministerial support; and church policy, procedures, and process.

Also, in January 2010, the congregation was invited to participate in Conversations for Christ's Community. The Conversations were hosted by a task force appointed by the Board of Stewards. Task force members include Judy Clinkscales, Bobby Hawley, and Sandi Kennedy. Ex officio members are Judy Vick, Houston Bowers, and Dani Cartwright. This task force for healing and growth was tasked with researching the services, costs, and potential outcomes in contracting for consultation services. The task force's preliminary finding was that listening sessions would be offered to provide UCC members with the opportunity to talk and listen to each other as a community of faith. The Reverend Dani Cartwright, Regional Minister of the Southwest Region of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), and her team facilitated

thirty-four sessions with 372 participants. Conversation participants included a broad cross-section of our congregation including youth, residents at Broadway Plaza, UCC clergy, program and support staff. A consolidated report of our conversations was presented in February 2010 and resulted in 123 church members agreeing to be a part of a Conversations Follow-up Team effort.

In these past few months, we have learned more about our church governance and our policies and procedures. We have intentionally talked with each other and shared our hopes and dreams, our concerns, and the strengths of our congregation.

So what are the next steps?

The Board of Stewards approved a plan at their February meeting submitted by the Task Force on Healing and Growth. The plan includes the following:

- Grief Support opportunities (individual or group)
- Contracting with the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center (LMPC) to offer one or more workshops—"Healthy Congregations" and "Conflict in the Church"
- Plans for a congregation-wide event to encourage broader involvement and offer lay leadership opportunities for the coming year.

If you have questions or wish to be involved, please contact a member of the Task Force and watch for opportunities in the coming months to be involved as we grow together as a congregation!

A Celebration of Congregational Creativity

Mark your calendars for the decorative arts and crafts exhibit and reception, Saturday, April 24, from 2 to 5 p.m. It will remain up through Sunday morning, April 25, for viewing. Plan to enter your decorative creations--the limit is two per person. This exhibit is inclusive of all handmade items and mediums with the exception of artwork like paintings, drawings and photographs which made up the exhibit last April at the UCC Arts Festival. Ceramics and sculpture will be included again this year.

Encourage your children and youth to enter their work as well. We hope to celebrate and

recognize UCC artisans with an intergenerational representation of our congregation's creativity!

The exhibit will be held in Rooms 207 and 211. To enter your work, please email Charles Kendall at cbkiii@flash.net or call him at 817.913.0920. He will need your name, phone number, email address, and a description of your entry including space needed for display. The call for entries deadline is Wednesday, March 31. The date for bringing your items to the church for display on spaces prepared for them is Friday, April 23, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.



Lenten Concert

Of Many Colors (OMC) will present a Lenten Concert on Wednesday evening, March 10, at 7 p.m. The concert includes new and additional instrumentation and will be held in the Sanctuary.

The concert program will feature new arrangements of *Holy Ground, Before the Throne Of God, Shine on Us, and How Great thou Art.*

As Christians, we understand that our Lenten disciplines are to help us "become by grace what God is by nature."

Don't miss this very special concert program which speaks to and reminds us of God's grace.

Are You Connected?



Have you moved? Changed phone numbers or email addresses? Have you changed employment or careers? Has your family status changed?

Visit the website at universitychristian.org and click the 'Stay Connected' logo on the right side of the screen.

When received, this information will be updated quickly and readily available to all UCC staff.

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Administrative Committees of UCC

by Judy Vick, Board of Stewards Chair

The purpose of this article is to inform members of UCC about the Administrative Committees of our church. The members of these committees work on your behalf to manage the business of the church. The information in this article is a brief overview of the responsibilities of each committee. Information can be found in Article 10 of the Bylaws regarding the Length of Term, Maximum Length of Service, and Responsibilities.

There are four Administrative Committees: the **Finance Committee**, the **Personnel Committee**, the **Endowment Committee**, and the **Building and Grounds Committee**. The Board of Stewards selects persons to serve as chair and members of each of these committees in April or May. Each member of UCC is eligible to be selected to serve as the chair or a member of an Administrative Committee, so long as that member is not a staff member.

The Finance Committee has oversight responsibilities for all of the finances of UCC. It reviews various financial reports, the church's budgets, and the financial procedures and practices of the church on behalf of the Board. It participates in securing adequate funding for the ministries of the church. This committee also appoints a Chair and members of the Stewardship Committee. The Stewardship Committee is a sub-committee of Finance. The Finance Committee provides reports and recommendations to the Board of Stewards and the Assembly for the authorization of expenditures. It answers questions and interprets the financial reports to the Board and to the Assembly.

The Personnel Committee formulates policies relating to the employees of UCC. The committee works closely with the Senior Minister and the Human Resources manager. The committee is responsible for coordinating evaluation of the Senior Minister and oversees the evaluation of the staff. Policy decisions regarding personnel are recommended to the Board of Stewards for approval. A current project of this committee is the revision of a comprehensive Employee Handbook.

The Endowment Committee has specific responsibilities outlined in Article 10.6 of the Bylaws. This committee is responsible for establishing a controlled environment

through which the Endowment funds of UCC are invested. The managed investment accounts of UCC are managed by the Christian Church Foundation. At the end of 2009, these managed investments totaled \$8,139,957. Other endowment assets include assets held in various trusts and oil and gas royalty interests. These other assets totaled \$1,007,385 at the end of 2009. The Endowment Committee furnishes a written report to the Finance Committee, the Board of Stewards, and the Assembly. Income related to donor designated Endowments is distributed for the purposes specified by the donors. Income attributable to other or "General" Endowment funds is allocated by Endowment Policy: 40% to outreach, 30% to building maintenance, and 30% to the annual budget. Disbursement of income from Endowment funds totaled \$353,629 in 2009.

The Building and Grounds Committee's mission is to maintain and manage the buildings and grounds of UCC in a manner that supports the church's ministries and interests, and is financially and environmentally responsible. Among their responsibilities are: making recommendations to the Board of Stewards regarding buildings and grounds, supporting the Director of Facilities and staff, overseeing upkeep and repair of the church campus, reviewing any planned facility modifications, coordinating rental property management, and utilizing conservation techniques to lessen UCC's impact on our environment.

The Board of Stewards encourages any member of UCC who has a special interest and/or expertise in one of these administrative areas, to express their desire to serve. Please send that information to Thelia Chaffin, Administrative Assistant to Dr. Bowers. Her email at UCC is: thelia@uccftw.com. During March the Board of Stewards will work to develop a slate of members, and chair, for each administrative committee. The Board of Stewards and all of the members of UCC appreciate the time and dedication shown by the chairs and members of these committees during this program year. Don Houk, Jeff King, John Clay, and Steven Harris currently serve as chairs of these committees. They, and the members of each committee, work on our behalf to do the "business of the church" so that we can continue to be God's church in this community and in the world.

Campus Ministry Spring Break Opportunities



Monday, March 15, the students will be having an in-town outreach opportunity for those who have stayed in or around Fort Worth for Spring Break. We'll be spending the day helping Catholic Charities of Fort Worth move into their newly consolidated building.

Also the week of Spring Break, on Wednesday, March 17, all college students/young adults are invited to see a movie together at the Seventh Street Movie Tavern. Movie and time are TBA. UCC will cover the cost of your ticket, but you are responsible for refreshments.

Contact Emily or Suzanne for more information!

Two Assistant Ministers Join UCC Staff

UCC welcomed two new Assistant Ministers to our staff in January. Jessica Vacketta joined the youth ministry staff as the part-time Assistant Minister for CYF. Jessica will primarily provide leadership and pastoral care for high school youth as she works collaboratively with Rev. Russ Boyd, Associate Minister, and Anna Ross, Assistant Minister for Chi Rho.



Emily Miller joins the staff as the part-time Assistant Minister for Campus Ministry and *The Search*. Emily will work collaboratively with Rev. Suzanne Castle, Associate Minister, to provide leadership for *The Search* worship gathering and UCC's ministries to college students.



Prayer Vigil

³² Then they came to a place which was named Gethsemane; and He said to His disciples, "Sit here while I pray." ³³ And He took Peter, James, and John with Him, and He began to be troubled and deeply distressed. ³⁴ Then He said to them, "My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. Stay here and watch."

³⁷ Then He came and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, "Simon, are you sleeping? Could you not watch one hour? ³⁸ Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." (Mark 14: 32-34, 37-38)

The Elders invite you to 'stay awake, watch and pray' during our Forty Hour Prayer Vigil beginning Friday, April 2, at 3 p.m. and concluding during the Sunrise Service Easter morning. A 'vigil' is a "purposeful or watchful staying awake during the usual hours of sleep." Our Prayer Vigil will be a time of staying awake to pray for our church, our

neighbors, our world, our families. An Elder will be present each hour. Resources will be available for silent prayer in The Chapel of the Good Shepherd and a variety of prayer stations will be set up in the Library.

After previous vigils, some participants said, "I was amazed at how quickly the time went by." "This quiet time is just what I needed." You can sign up for a specific hour to participate in the Gallery on Sunday, March 14, 21, and 28 after each worship service.

Prayer requests may be made by filling out a prayer request card found in the pews, by calling Jennifer Cricchio at 817.926.6631 or by email at jennifer@uccftw.com. Prayer requests should be submitted by Wednesday, March 31. Check website for more information.

During this season of Lent, make the commitment to stay awake, watch and pray.

Wednesday Bible Study

with Dr. Bobby Cook

Ongoing study series, Wednesdays, 10-11 a.m., Room 203
Using *The Present Word* series, our spring quarter begins on March 10 using the theme of "Teachings on Community." The lessons will explore the books of Jonah, Ruth, and various selections from the New Testament with the following topics: Community with a Mission, Teachings of Jesus, and Teachings of the Church. This Bible Study is ongoing and we welcome you to attend at any point along our journey.

the **Outlet**

The Outlet

Are you a young adult (22-35ish)? We are creating new opportunities for fellowship and study and would love to have your voice. We are the Outlet! Please contact Suzanne: suzanne@uccftw.com and let her know that you are interested in the joy that comes from faithful fellowship with one another.

2010 Summer Camps for UCC Youth and Children

Disciples Crossing in Athens

(grade completed in
parentheses)

Grand Camp

(K-fourth with
an adult)
June 4-6

Discovery Camp

(second-third with adult)

Option 1: May 29-31
Option 2: July 2-4

JYF Camp

(fourth-fifth)

Option 1: June 28-July 2
Option 2: July 20-24

Chi Rho Camp

(sixth-seventh)
June 21-26

Eighters Camp

(eighth)
July 11-17

Niners Camp

(ninth)
July 5-10

CYF Conference

(tenth-twelfth)
June 14-19

Camp Truth

(ninth-twelfth)
*Diversity and racial
reconciliation*
July 17-20



Vacation Bible School

Going Green-June 15-18, 9 a.m. to noon

Our sessions will introduce children to the Biblical commandment to be good stewards of the earth, giving particular attention to our earth, the air we breathe, the water that sustains us, and how we can recycle to minimize waste.

Children will discover what they and their families can do to make a difference. We will be working in partnership with UCC's Caring for God's Creation group.

Registration forms are available in The Arches, the Office for Congregational Life (Room 316) or online at universitychristian.org. Registration for UCC members will conclude on Friday, March 26 for children currently in twos classes (two years by 9/1/2009) through the third grade. Open registration will begin April 1 through May 7 or until classes fill. For more information contact Judy Stempel or Susan Henry at 817.926.6631 ext. 165. Cost due with your registration form(s) is \$15 per child or \$30 per household. Scholarship assistance is available on a confidential basis.

New for Grades 4 and 5--Mission Green

June 15-18, 9 a.m. to noon

Bump it up to the next level! Children who have completed grades four and five will have the opportunity to go out into the community and actively participate in hands-on activities to both learn about and do work to repair our earth. Space is limited to twenty-four participants. We will meet at the church and go by van to participate in various hands-on environmental projects. We will be working in partnership with UCC's Caring for God's Creation group.

Registration forms will be available in The Arches, the Office for Congregational Life (Room 316) or online at universitychristian.org. Registration for UCC members will conclude on Friday, March 26 for children currently completing fourth and fifth grades. Open registration will be April 1 through May 7 or until classes fill. For more information contact Judy Stempel or Susan Henry at 817.926.6631 ext. 165.

Cost due with your registration form is \$25 per child. Scholarship assistance is available on a confidential basis.

Summer Fun Registration

Ages two months - entering Kindergarten



Dates:
July 19, 21, 22
and July 26, 28, 29

Mondays/Wednesdays/Thursdays
9 a.m.-noon

Tuition: \$120

Church member registration:

Sunday, March 7, 8:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Registration at reception area by Crib Room 118

Open registration for non-members will begin Monday, March 22, if space is available.

For more information contact Glenda Appleby at glenda@uccftw.com.



children's christian fellowship
junior youth fellowship

Excitement is brewing at 6 p.m. on Sunday nights with our CCF (first-third grade) and JYF (fourth and fifth grade) groups. Our numbers are growing and so is the fun! March will be a month full of questions guiding our activities and discussions about the Lenten season. We

CCF/JYF March Update

will combine learning and a whole lot of fun on Sunday nights from 6-7:30 p.m. (\$3 snack supper). Join us in March as we answer such questions as "What can you give up?," "How many do you think can fit?," "What's the plan?," and "How many board games can you play in an hour?" Room 218 is the place to be with friends on Sunday night!

Spring Break Mission Pilgrimage



Thirty-five youth and adults will represent UCC as they travel to Slidell, LA, March 14-20 to help construct a new mission building at First Christian Church. The mission building (3200 sq. ft.), part of a modified blitz build, will be used to house volunteers who will continue to participate in reconstruction of the Gulf area following

the devastation of Katrina and the storms that followed, as well as a community center and additional space for the church. The UCC group will also tour New Orleans to observe the recovery effort, with special attention to areas served in previous mission pilgrimages to New Orleans.

The participants will be commissioned and blessed the Sunday before they leave, March 7. We invite your prayers for them as they travel, as they work, and as they represent UCC in this special ministry.

At Home or in the Car Sunday Mornings?

You can join your UCC family Sunday mornings at 11 a.m. by tuning your radio to KTCU 88.7 FM. Worship is broadcast live every Sunday morning. We would love to have you as part of the congregation.



Backpacks for Kids

March 24

Tarrant Area Food Bank's Backpacks for Kids program ensures that children in low-income families who depend on school meals for their primary nutrition do not

go hungry on the weekends. The backpacks are filled with nonperishable, kid-friendly food which is easy for them to prepare. The backpacks are distributed discreetly by the school counselor at the close of school each Friday. UCC has committed to helping fill the backpacks on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. at TAFB, located at 2600 Cullen Street. Family participation is encouraged.



Community Garden

The UCC Community Garden is in its fourth year and we are looking for folks to join us for work and fellowship and wonderful growth in the garden. Regular workdays are the second Saturday of each month from 9-11 a.m. throughout the growing season—beginning March 13. There are eight raised beds in the garden. Anyone interested in “adopting” part or all of a raised bed is invited to contact John Andrus at andrusfam@sbcglobal.net or Cyndy Twedell at cyndy@uccftw.com.

UCC Global Ministries Weekend

An exciting weekend is planned for May 15 and 16 at UCC as we prepare to sponsor our Global Ministries missionaries.

Saturday, May 15, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.—an incredible day of learning

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) has resolved to hear the cries of people around the world; to find the energy and enthusiasm to reach out and respond with grace; to proclaim the



joys as well as denounce the suffering of God's people; to seek wisdom and guidance in building a global connection in the life of all settings of the church; to be immersed in the church's work for the healing of the nations. UCC has responded by covenanting with Global Ministries to support a missionary for a three year term, serving in one of the identified mission priorities.

Global Ministries staff will conduct a Ministries and Mission Interpreters Training at UCC to help us prepare to help us support our missionary, convey the stories of mission and educate people in our congregation about the work of mission around the world. A full day of training will be held at UCC on May 15.

Sunday, May 16—meet our new UCC missionaries at all three worship services.

Chancel Flowers

The flowers in the Chancel are given to the glory of God:

March 7--and in loving memory of Dr. George Tade and Terry Tade Helmick by Wilma Jean Tade, and Dr. and Mrs. Don Mills.

March 14--and in loving memory of Vernie G. and Mary Elizabeth Virginia Runnion, John D. and Lucy Kelso Johnson, and Ralph Runnion by the George and Rosemary Runnion Family.

March 21--open

March 28--open

If you are interested in providing Chancel flowers, contact Pam Reeser at 817.926.6631.

Easter Lily Orders

What a special way to honor, celebrate, appreciate, or remember someone special in your life with the donation of a glorious Easter lily! Lilies are \$23 each and the deadline is Sunday, March 28. Order forms are available at the Reception Desk or Arches information desk. Return your order form and check to the Receptionist or order online at universitychristian.org.

Contact Pam at 817.926.6631 ext. 123, or email pam@uccftw.com for more information.

Heeding the Call

The search committee for the new Minister for Children and Families has been called by the UCC Board of Stewards. The committee is currently preparing materials necessary for the process, including an updated congregational profile.

Over the next several months, this group, which consists of Mary Graham, Heather Harris, Elizabeth Jones, Paige Midgley, Margaret Puckett, Michael O'Neil, and Jake Yarbrough, will meet to carefully and deliberately conduct this process.

The committee seeks the congregation's support, prayers, patience, respect for confidentiality, and input. In addition, this group will share the profile prior to soliciting applications. However, if you or someone you

know is interested in being considered for the role, please submit that candidate's name to one of the committee members (contact information is below).

Elizabeth Jones (chair):

elizabethjonesphd@gmail.com

Mary Graham: gcrackers@sbcglobal.net

Heather Harris: heatherandsteven@sbcglobal.net

Paige Midgley: pmidgley@sbcglobal.net

Margaret Puckett: mpuckett@charter.net

Michael O'Neil: michael.s.oneil@sbcglobal.net

Jake Yarbrough: jakeybro@gmail.com

Please stay tuned to the UCC *Update* and website for reports and more information. Thank you for keeping the committee in your prayers as it deliberates this important decision for the future of our congregation.

Easter Egg Hunt

This is a time when we actually want to encourage you to "put all your eggs in one basket." Join the youth and other families for our annual Potluck and Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 27, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Not only will there be egg hunts for little ones (under four years old) and big kids (four and up), we will also have games and activities for kids of all ages! There is no cost and this would be the perfect time for your kids to bring a friend or to ask that family down the

street that you have been meaning to invite to our church. We will meet in Fellowship Hall for the potluck lunch and then invite all the kids to move outside for the egg hunts and games. If you plan to attend, please bring two dozen filled plastic eggs per child to the church and deposit them in the collection bins. Also bring a food item to share with others on the day of the event. "Hop" to see you there! Contact Pam Reeser if you have questions.



Caring for God's Creation

Used batteries will be accepted by the Caring For God's Creation ministry for proper disposal on Sunday, March 14.

(No car batteries, please!) This is another Second Sunday Caring Collection offered to help all of us "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle" and care for God's

creation. Join with others on the third Wednesday on each month at 7 p.m., in Room 206, to explore ways we can care for the Earth.

As Christians and stewards of God's creation, we can learn from the beauty and harmony of the earth as we take responsibility in caring for it.

Vascular Screening

Harris Methodist Hospital will be at UCC, Sunday, March 21, to provide vascular screening to individuals who may be at risk for stroke, aneurysm, and peripheral vascular disease. Associated risk factors include: diabetes, high blood pressure, smoking, high cholesterol, and family history of stroke or heart attack.

This simple screening will take about twenty minutes and will be performed by a Registered Vascular Technologist. Cost is \$120. Please contact your insurance company for coverage details. Screenings will be held from 8 a.m.-1 p.m., in Room 221. To make an appointment call 1.877.THR.WELL or Shannon Mentasana with Harris Hospital at 817.250.6198.

Quadrennial Assembly



Who: All Disciples women are invited!

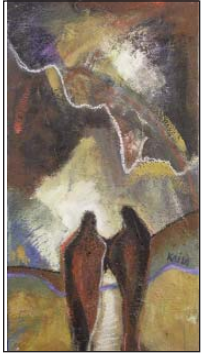
North Carolina (Koury Convention Center and the Sheraton at Four Seasons Hotel)

What: The every four year gathering of Disciples

How about *you*? Early registration ends on March 31 so sign up now at www.quadrennial.org. Scholarships available for first time attendees through UCC Women's Ministries. Contact Cyndy Twedell for more information.

Women for fellowship, worship, hands-on mission, singing and learning together.

When & Where: June 23-27--Greensboro,



Walking Together

Spiritual Connection for Women

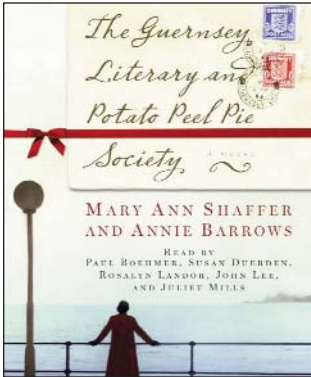
Walking Together, a multigenerational group of women who gather for spiritual connection, offers six week sessions that meet on Mondays at 9:15 a.m. for small group discussion.

There is also an

opportunity to go to lunch together at a nearby restaurant. The next session begins April 12.

\$15 cost covers study materials. Childcare for the study and lunch (9-11:45 a.m.) is available by reservation. Contact the Women's Ministries Office with any questions or to register.

WILD Women Book Club



Ann Schaffer and Annie Barrows.

Join us Tuesday, March 23 (one week later than normal due to Spring Break) for the WILD Women Book Club! This month we will discuss the book *Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* by Mary

WILD Women Book Club meets for brown bag lunch between 12 and 1 p.m. (or come at 11:30 a.m. and enjoy fellowship around the tables) in Room 150 to discuss books and movies that celebrate the courage, creativity, strength and wisdom of women.

With their financial contributions, the group also shares in the lives of women and families around the world through Heifer International's WILD program (Women Involved in Livestock Development).

Family Pathfinders



UCC has a team of trained mentors working with a family on public assistance striving to become independent. The team consists of Sandra Soria, Carolyn Critz, Lorraine Braden, and Karen Parker. Their mentoring client, a single mother, would love for her son to have a twin bed, and she would welcome a black couch to replace some really old furniture. If anyone

has either to donate, please call Sandra Soria at 817.980.9654.

Training for new teams is provided by Family Pathfinders. The time commitment is variable but face-to-face meetings need to take place at least once a month. For more information, check out their web site: familypathfinders.org or contact one of the UCC team members.

World Day of Prayer

Friday, March 5, at 10:30 a.m., Genesis United Methodist Church will host the Church Women United World Day of Prayer. Genesis is located at 7635 South Hulen Street, Fort Worth 76133.

World Day of Prayer is a worldwide ecumenical movement of women of many faith traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year on the first Friday in March. Throughout the entire day, women collectively pray all over the world, beginning with the first sunrise and ending at the last sunset. The prayers follow the sun's path around the globe.



Circles

Women's Ministries Circles meet the first Tuesday of every month October through May at various times and locations for fellowship. If you are interested in being a part of a Women's Ministries Circle, contact Michelle Groom for further information about the upcoming March 2 and April 6 opportunities.

Senior Adult Fellowship

What is the Carpenters Fellowship? Who are the men that meet at the house behind UCC at 2700 Rogers Street known as the “woodworking shop?”

Meet “The Carpenters,” a group of very talented men from UCC, and learn about their special woodworking projects for the church and for many non-profit organizations. Come and see examples of their work!

We will meet Friday, March 12, at 11 a.m., in Room 207, followed by a potluck lunch in Room 211. UCC will provide a main dish; please bring a side dish to share. No reservations needed.



Explore Texas Painted Churches in April

From the outside, they look like simple country churches built around the turn of the last century. But when you step inside, you'll encounter a riot of color with foliage, geometric designs and murals covering nearly every wooden surface. These are the Texas Painted Churches and you can get a firsthand look at them when UCC members travel to the Hill Country to tour four of the best April 9-10.

We'll depart from UCC at 9:30 a.m. Friday morning, stop for lunch at Stagecoach Inn in Salado (browsing/shopping time included!) and then proceed to the tiny town of Schulenburg. You'll have time to rest and sightsee before we meet for an Italian dinner

at the Iron Horse Filling Station. On Saturday, we'll enjoy a tour of area churches painted by Czech and German settlers, have lunch at the Iron Horse and then return to Fort Worth. We'll arrive back at UCC about 6:30 p.m.

Trip cost is \$135 per person and includes transportation, guided tour, double hotel accommodations at Best Western Inn, breakfast, and Friday night dinner. Individuals who want a single room will pay about \$50 extra. Lunches will be paid individually.

Deadline for reservations is March 16. Registration forms available at the Reception Desk, in The Arches, or from Marsha Hodges in the Music Office.

Congregational Governance • Notice of Meetings

Tuesday, March 2, 6 p.m.	Personnel Committee	Room 226
Wednesday, March 3, 12 p.m.	Endowment Committee	Room 202
Sunday, March 7, 12:15 p.m.	Building & Grounds	Room 202
Tuesday, March 9, 5:30 p.m.	Finance Committee	Room 202
Tuesday, March 23, 5:30 p.m.	Elders' Meeting	*Room 205
Tuesday, March 23,** 6:30 p.m.	Board of Stewards	Room 207

*note: change of time and room number • **note: change of date

All members of the congregation may attend these meetings except those portions of the meeting held in Executive Session.

Business Office Update

Quick Financial Summary - January 2010 Operating Budget

Description	YTD Actual 2009	YTD Actual 2010	YTD Budget Est. 2010	YTD Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
Income				
Pledges	184,956	161,467	174,884	(13,417)
Contributions	22,769	20,010	22,053	(2,043)
Offering	2,509	2,504	2,582	(78)
Other Income from Interest, Endowment & Misc. Revenue	7,676	9,397	9,452	(55)
Total Income	217,910	193,378	208,971	(15,593)
Expenses				
Total Expense	202,902	179,234	207,199	27,965
Net Increase/Decrease	15,008	14,144	1,772	12,372

This is an overview of our monthly financial report. The full report is available for download from the UCC website. Current reports can also be picked up from the Business Office. For more information on this report, or for questions regarding our financial operations, please contact Michele McNicol, Director of Finance, at 817.926.6631 or by email mmcnicol@uccftw.com.

Baby Dedications

James Kenneth Stoner, son of David & Stephanie Stoner. Grandchild of Philip & Kathleen Gabriel and Sharon Stoner. Great-grandchild of Marian Stoner, Peg Humphreys, Edmund & Elizabeth Gabriel, and Elma Seiferlein.



Henry Charles Vitek & Sylvie Nell Vitek, twin son & daughter of Ross & Julie Vitek. Grandchildren of Charlie & Suzanne Gelineau and Gary & Sharon Butts.

New Members

We are happy to welcome the Brown family to UCC. Corey owns a business, HITEK Exchange.com, which enables the online buying and selling of electronic manufacturing equipment. Susan enjoys staying at home with their son Berk, who will celebrate his third birthday on Easter Sunday. A Paschal graduate, Susan remembers attending UCC with friends when she was in High School. Welcome Susan, Corey, and Berk!



UCC welcomes the Rev. Dr. Eldon and Gloria Irving. Eldon is a retired Disciples minister having served churches in Ohio, Kansas, and Texas for forty-three years. His most recent ministry of twenty-eight years was at First Christian Church in Duncanville. Gloria is a retired commercial artist having balanced working for Hallmark with being a mom and minister's wife. Gloria and Eldon are the parents of two grown children, Angela and Ryan. They enjoy UCC's music program and the worship services, noting that being in worship each week feeds them and gets their week off to a good start. It's great to have Gloria and Eldon among us!



Newcomer's Class

All are welcome to be a part of the Newcomers Class! Join us Sunday, March 7, 14, and 21, at 10 a.m. in Room 201. Take this opportunity to invite a friend to learn more about UCC.

The Newcomers Class provides an opportunity to get to know others, learn about UCC and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and tour the building. Questions are always welcome.

For more information, please contact Michelle Groom, Ministry Assistant to Rev. Cyndy Twedell, at 817.926.6631 ext. 138., or email her at mgroom@uccftw.com.

The next Newcomers Class will be offered in May.



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On The Journey

Deaths

We remember our UCC family and friends in the loss of these loved ones:

Roxanne Penix and family in the death of her mother, Patricia Graves, February 8.

Judy Hobart and family in the death of her mother, Kathryn May, January 27.

Joan Winter and family in the death of her brother, Charles M. Williams, January 19.

Newell Faulkner and family in the death of his niece, Terry Warner, January 18.

Debbie Grant and family in the death of her father, John Allison, January 16.

Jan Cantrell and family in the death of her mother, Ruth Burchard, January 16.

Sara Ann Shryoc and family in the death of her sister, Jane Bruynell, January 15.

Janet Cox and family in the death of her mother, Eileen Langevin, January 14.

Sharon L. Moore and family in the death of her aunt, Marquette Carson Grimm, January 6.

Family and friends of Frances McPherson who passed away January 4.

Births

We celebrate the newest additions to the UCC family:

Laney Grace Morgan, daughter of Randy and Jana Morgan, born February 7.

Christine Bradley, daughter of Lee-Anne and Scott Bradley, born February 4.

Connor David Ranelle, son of Brantley and Shanda Ranelle, born January 10.

Samuel Allan Grimm and Elliott Stephen Grimm, twin sons of Nancy and Justin Grimm of Norwalk, CT., born January 10. Grandparents are Allan and Ann Barr.

Weddings

We rejoice in the following unions:

Stephanie Slovak and Jon Eudaly who were married in our Sanctuary on January 30.

Jennifer Conatser and Max Hendrix who were married at Robert Carr Chapel on February 13, 2010.

Home from the hospital

We remember friends and family who have been discharged from hospitals or health care facilities: Lee-Anne Bradley, Mildred Jones, Sara Meadors, Jana Morgan, and Margaret Rimmer.

Confidentiality

Due to privacy reasons, hospitals in our area will no longer be providing information about hospitalized parishioners to the local faith community. Hospitals will still confirm if someone is currently there; however, we must be able to provide a name in order for them to verify hospitalization.

If you or someone you know will be entering the hospital or has been dismissed from the hospital, please contact the Pastoral Care Office.