

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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God's Valentine Gift

God's Valentine Gift of love to us
Was not a bunch of flowers;
It wasn't candy, or a book
To while away the hours.

His gift was to become man,
So he could freely give
His sacrificial love for us,
So you and I could live.

He gave us sweet salvation,
And instruction, good and true—
To love our friends and enemies
And love our Savior, too.

So as we give our Valentines,
Let's thank our Lord and King;
The reason we have love to give
Is that He gave everything.

— Joanna Fuchs

Valentine Project: Thank you to the third, fourth and fifth graders who handed out bags of candy and Valentine cards to some of our UCC members Thursday evening.

"Dear children, let us not love with words or speech, but with actions and in truth."
— 1 John 3:18

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Kyle Bowen, Campus Ministry leader
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Welcome: Thank you for joining us today! We hope you feel a sense of welcome. Stick around and talk with us.

Class Time: Our Sunday morning class meets at 9 a.m. in MAC 503.

Dwelling Place: On Sundays, we meet at 6 p.m. in MAC 503. The Dwelling Place is a time of fellowship, singing and discussion.

Wednesday Nights: This Wednesday night, our gathering will meet at 7 p.m. in MAC 503. In addition, Wednesday Night Supper starts at 5:30 p.m. in the MAC if you are interested in free food and fellowship.

Volleyball on March 6: On Sunday, March 6, we will eat and then play a volleyball game with the Transitions class from 5-7 p.m. in the MAC.

Coffee or Lunch: If you would like to grab lunch or coffee with me, Kyle, the campus ministry leader, call me at 530-615-8188.

NEWS

Because of **Common Life Sunday**, there is no 5 p.m. Chapel today.

More tutors are needed for the ESL program on Wednesday nights. Contact **Paulette Haught** if you can help (660-7285).

Christian Service Center needs the following: small-size deodorants; towels and washcloths; queen sheets and full comforters; and boy jeans, pants, school shirts, hoodies and pajamas (sizes 6, 8, 10 and 12). Drop items off at 901 Mesquite.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Jason Craddock, Youth Minister
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No Organized Activity Tonight: We will not have an organized youth activity tonight, but maybe we can do something this afternoon for fun. We'll talk about it in class.

Huddles Resume Wednesday Night: Our small group Huddles will resume this week at their normal locations. The **Senior/Junior Huddle** will meet at the home of **Rusty and Amy Towell** (2910 Shirley Rd.). The **Sophomore/Freshman Huddle** will meet at the home of **James and Mandy Scudder** (658 E N 22nd St). The **Middle School Huddle** will continue to meet in the Youth Center. Make a habit of coming and inviting a friend to join you during this relaxed time of sharing, study and snacking.

Summer Camp Registration and Philosophy: We strongly encourage all eligible HS students to attend LCU's Encounter, which is just for HS students, at least once after spending their MS years at Camp Blue Haven.

— **Camp Blue Haven (June 11-24)** is for entering fifth graders through 2016 HS graduates, allowing nine years of eligibility. It costs \$420 for the two-week session plus additional expenses for travel and trading post. More information can be found on the website at CampBlueHaven.com.

— **LCU Encounter (June 11-18)** is for entering ninth graders through 2015 HS graduates, allowing five years of eligibility. It costs \$295 for the week with few additional expenses for fast food meals. Encounter registration will open soon and be open through May or when camp reaches capacity (approx. 800). You can register at LCUcamps.com.

HS Mission Trip Date Set: On July 14-22, we will be returning to Kinlichee, Ariz., in the Navajo Nation, to continue work we started this past year. In July 2015, we began work on a new meeting place for the congregation after their main meeting place had burned down. A group from Clarendon, N.M. were funding most of that project, and we joined them in helping this small church in need. Now? That facility is completed and it is time to help them in reaching out to the community. We will host a Vacation Bible School as well as conducting some other outreach opportunities. We are still working on the details, but the date is set! More information to come soon.

TRANSITIONS

Joey Roberts, Communications Minister
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Tonight, Transitions will meet at the Sprotts' house (834 Elmwood). Check out Facebook for details.

Next Sunday, we will meet at the Bowmans' house. More details to come.

Future Dates: We'll be at the Gibbs' on Sunday, Feb. 28 before continuing our dominance against the college ministry in volleyball on Sunday, March 6. We will feed them and then defeat them!

PRAYER LIST

Immediate Health Concerns
Hal Howell

Health Concerns

Mable Bailey
Cheryl Ballard
Randy Becton
Carl Brecheen
Jerry Cook
Betty Gallaway
Phyllis Gilbreth
Brent Green
Bette Harris
Noble Harris
Lucy Hatch
Yuneva Kirk
Mary Leija
Callie Mickey
Martha Morris
Eddie Pierson
Norma Phipps
Georgia Sanders
Bob Scott
Bettye Shipp
Yvonne Sinclair
Jackie Smith
Bill Teague
Doris Vance
Kevin Weems
James White
Betty Whiteside
Norma Williams
Nancy Witt
Jamie Zimmerle

Homebound

Mary Anderson
Nick Barbato
Mary Barthelemy
Mitch Caffey
Deloris Davee
Ausencia Gutierrez
Gregorio Gutierrez
Billie Paine
Willa B Patterson
Agnes Stone
Jo Watson
Brenda Whitsett

BAPTISM

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DATES TO KNOW

Feb. 14
NO 5 p.m. Chapel Service

Feb. 17
10 a.m. — Ladies' Bible Class
5:30 p.m. — WNS
7 p.m. — Bible Classes



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WORSHIP

153 *Come, Let Us Worship and Bow Down*

Welcome/Family News Jason Craddock
Call to Worship: Psalm 130:1-4; 7-8

797 *Lord, We Come Before Thee Now*

Congregational Prayer of Confession
Kyle Bowen

112 *Wonderful Grace of Jesus*

111 *Grace Greater Than Our Sin*

Communion Tom Milholland
Scripture: Romans 8:33-39

Bread

335 *In Memory of the Savior's Love (1)*

Cup

335 *In Memory of the Savior's Love (2,3)*

Offering

635 *Freely, Freely*

CrossWords: A Word on Forgiveness
Brent Isbell

57 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Benediction: Ephesians 1:5-8a

Worship Leader Mark Tate

If you would like to pray with someone today, you are invited to pray with elders Steve Austin and Mark Hamilton in Room 101 at the close of our service.

Our Sunday morning service is broadcast live at www.uccabilene.org.

CLASS TIMES:

Sunday - 9 a.m.
Wednesday - 7 p.m.

WORSHIP TIMES:

Sunday - 10 a.m., 5 p.m.

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Current Sermon Series

University Church of Christ exists by the grace of God to be a loving fellowship praising God by living and telling the good news of Jesus.

REFLECTIONS

Brent Isbell, Preaching Minister
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Welcome to University Church! If you are visiting today, we thank you for joining our worship assembly. You are an honored guest. Please take just a minute to fill out a **guest registry card** (small white cards on the backs of the seats). Then drop your card in the offering plate later when it's passed. That's all we ask of you. If you are new to Abilene, maybe searching for a church home, please come back soon. We want to get to know you. Everybody needs a spiritual family, and the people of UCC make this a great place to call home!

CrossWords. For the last few weeks, we have been listening to Jesus' parables. We will come back to the parables in April, but today we are going to start a brief hiatus—seven weeks—that will take us to Easter Sunday (March 27). I want us to reflect in an extended way on the crucifixion of Christ. Specifically, we will be listening in on Jesus' final statements from the cross. Let's begin our series at Luke 23:34 with **A Word on Forgiveness**. Our worship leader today is **Mark Tate**.

This Wednesday, we will continue our special series with **Tim Archer** called **Church Inside Out**. This is a class about reaching out to neighbors and becoming a more hospitable and evangelistic community. We want to encourage **all of our adults** to attend these Wednesdays in February. Join us at 7 p.m. each week in the Family Room

When I think about the BEST of University Church, I think about...

• **Zambia Missions.** Anyone who has been around UCC long knows this church's deep and rich association with missions in Zambia and our own beloved **Estes family**. It began years ago with the dream of **"Dr. John" and June Estes** and their passion to serve the Zambian people. The annual summer medical/dental mission trip is such an amazing and monumental enterprise—a strong, living testimony to the difference one person (or family) can make for the Kingdom! Want to know more? Talk to **Johnny, Angela,** or **James Estes**.

• **Kid's Hope.** Every week, several UCC members go to Taylor Elementary to mentor kids. These are one-on-one relationships between trained adults and kids who, for various reasons, really need the love and guidance of a grown-up friend. Many of us have been doing this for a year now, and it is, to say the least, rewarding. This program is a great connection to our neighborhood families. Some of our Kid's Hope families have come to events at UCC. *One Child. One Hour. One Church. One School.* Want to know more? Talk to co-directors **Carla Copher-Robinson** or **Randi Williams**.

NURSERY FACILITIES

For your convenience, nursery facilities are available during worship in the Early Childhood Center.

ATTENDANCE:

Worship - **408**
Bilingual - **50**
Coronado - **77**

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Northern Oaks - **24**
Chisholm Place - **21**
Silver Springs - **28**

OFFERING:

February **\$18,306.10**

COMMON LIFE SURVEY

Dear UCC member:

As the year begins, we pray that 2016 has been good for you thus far. At UCC, we are working on getting the church database up and running, and part of that is making sure that you are plugged into the ministry, or ministries, for which God has given you a gift.

Ministries at UCC fall under six different categories. Leaders of the Common Life Groups are interested in helping you match up with your area(s) of interest. Please check the areas(s) in which you are currently engaged, or would like to be. If there are other ministries not mentioned here, please put them down also.

____ Teaching (Nursery through Adult, etc.)

____ Missions (World Bible Sch., Prison, ESL, Short Term or Summer, etc.)

____ Caring (Christian Service Center, Prayer, Young at Heart, etc.)

____ Resource (Library, Media Team, Facilities, Media Center, etc.)

____ Women (Bible Class, Quilting, Prayer, Funerals, Mentoring, etc.)

____ Service (Praise Team, Drive Bus, Safety Team, Sewing, Visiting, etc.)

There are more opportunities than we can place on this sheet. We would be happy to visit with you to help you plug into opportunities to serve God at the University Church of Christ. We would like to have this information for each member separately.

Thank you for being a member at UCC. Our desire is that each member can be active in the areas of his/her choice. Feel free to contact us with any questions or suggestions you have. Our prayer is that others can be blessed through God using our talents.

Please fill out and sign this form, and give it to one of the leaders of your Common Life group, listed below. We will try to follow up with you soon.

Printed Name

Signature

COMMON LIFE INFORMATION

The list of Common Life groups and members is available in the church office, at the Welcome Desk, and are soon to be online. If your contact information is incomplete or incorrect, please let your Common Life group leaders know, and we can update it.

We are informally designating the second Sunday each month as Fellowship Sunday. Not all the groups have the same frequency or kind of meetings—each Common Life group is free to plan any activities they believe can benefit the group, and in any schedule they choose. Our goal is fellowship, getting to know each other, and helping one another in any way we can.

Regarding funerals—**Angela Estes** and the funeral ministry will continue their capable work in organizing the meal for the family the day of the funeral, if the family desires and the meal is at UCC. When someone passes away, please notify the church office, and they will in turn notify the elders, staff and Common Life group leaders of the group of which the person was a member. If other meals are needed, then a good way to handle that would be to check with the leaders of that person's usual Bible class to see who might help; then perhaps ask the Common Life group leaders.

When new members place membership, they are assigned to a Common Life group, then are visited by an elder and/or members of that group to welcome them and orient them to the congregation and activities.

If you know of other events or news regarding a church member, and perhaps others don't, please notify the church office and/or the Common Life group leaders. The leaders may often be aware of it, but it's always helpful to get a heads up.

We appreciate your involvement! Please share any comments or questions with your group's leaders.

COMMON LIFE GROUP NEWS

Common Life Group Four will have a potluck luncheon today after morning worship. Bring your favorite dish (homemade or bought!). We look forward to getting more acquainted.

Common Life Groups One, Two and **Three** all met during the month of January.

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NEWS AND NOTES

In honor of her 43 years of work at Abilene Christian University, the family of Maurita Dietz has established the **Maurita J. Dietz Memorial Scholarship**. Once the scholarship fund reaches \$10,000, it will be awarded annually to an ACU student. Send payments to: Maurita Dietz Scholarship, ACU Box 29132, Abilene, TX 79699

Marriage Made in God's Image: A marriage retreat for all ages is set for April 28-May 1 in Lueders at the Big Country Baptist Academy and is sponsored by several churches in Abilene and Lubbock, including UCC. See the brochures in the Welcome Center for more information, or visit www.imageretreat.com.

All Ladies: Save the dates of June 17-18 for a bilingual two-day women's retreat featuring Michelle J. Goff. Michelle is the founder of Iron Rose Sister Ministries, and the focus of her ministry is to equip women to connect to God and one another more deeply. She is the author of *Human and Holy and in God's Right Hand*.

Ladies' Bible Class continues this Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the Family Room. Naoma Parks will wrap up her three-week series.

The **Missions Special Collection** is set for Sunday, March 6.

The Family of Maurita Dietz: "Thank you for your love, care and support of our Aunt Rita. She was a special lady, and she truly appreciated her church family at UCC. May God continue to bless your work and worship in Abilene and beyond."

Bill Teague: "Thank you Young at Heart for the gift. I can use everything that was in the bag. What a nice surprise!"

Mary Clark: "I want to thank you for the beautiful flowers you sent when I was in the hospital. You are very kind, and I love you very much. The flowers and the cards from all are appreciated very, very much. With love and thanks to all of you."

The Family of Art Evans: "Thank you for being our mother and dad's friends and family for so many years."

Susan Purrington Enzor: "I wish to express my deepest thanks to all of you in the church for the great expressions of love and concern which you have shown to me and the entire family since Ed's death. As you all know, it was such a shock to all of us. I thank you for all the food which was brought to the home for the family; for the use of the church auditorium during the funeral; for the luncheon after the burial; and thanks to those who participated in the funeral service. May God richly bless all of you."