



Easter at UCC

Sunday, April 16

8 a.m. - Sunrise Service
9 a.m. - Pancake Breakfast
10 a.m. - Worship Service
11 a.m. - Easter Egg Hunt

April 2, 2017

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.

WORSHIP

202 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Video: Welcome/Family News

Prayer of Deliverance and Thanksgiving
Mark Hamilton

144 O Worship The King

180 Jesus Is Lord

Meal to Remember (Part 1) Brent Isbell
Bread: My body, given for you...
318 O Sacred Head

Cup: The new covenant in my blood...
334 'Tis Midnight, and on Olive's Brow

Offering

Children's Church

350 When My Love to Christ Grows Weak

Meal to Remember (Part 2)

Knowing You

359 I Love the Lord

Worship Leader David Allen Sprott

If you would like to pray with someone today, you are invited in Room 101 at the close of our service to pray with an elder.

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

REFLECTIONS

Brent Isbell, Preaching Minister
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Welcome to University Church! If you are visiting today, please fill out a **Connections Card** (white cards on the seat backs). You can use that little card to share contact information, request prayers or even let us know that you want to be a member here at UCC! Then simply drop your card into the offering plate. You can also do this on your phone at uccabilene.org/card. Looking for a church home? Come back soon!!

A Place for Everyone. Today is the most famous table story in the Bible. Luke 22 tells us about a time when Jesus shared a Passover meal with his disciples. That meal became something memorable, far more than just another Seder service. Taking bread and wine, Jesus told them (and us) to keep eating that meal in his memory. Today's message: **Meal to Remember.** Our worship leader this morning is **David Allen Sprott.**

This Wednesday we continue our feature class with guest teacher **Dr. Cliff Barbarick**, assistant professor of New Testament at ACU. This is week three of the series. Cliff is with us through May 3, sharing with UCC a well-received series he taught last year at Hillcrest: **Tackling a Taboo: Homosexuality and the Church.** This is thoughtful material, and Cliff is a fine teacher and scholar. Join us at 7 p.m. in the Family Room to study together a sensitive and important subject.

Easter is two weeks away! Mark your calendars for **April 16** and our **annual adapted morning schedule:**

- **Sunrise Service:** UCC courtyard, 8 a.m. Several of our brothers and sisters will lead us in this special worship time. If you want to submit names of family or friends who have passed away since last Easter, please contact the UCC office this week. We read these names aloud in a time of remembrance during Sunrise worship.
- **Neighborhood Pancake Breakfast:** In the MAC, immediately after Sunrise Service, we'll serve up free hotcakes and all the trimmings! We dismiss all our 9 a.m. classes and encourage everyone to invite neighbors to join us, especially those without a church home.
- **Easter Worship:** 10 a.m. in the auditorium. We will focus on the Resurrection in song, scripture and communion. We will conclude our *Place for Everyone* series with Broken Bread (Luke 24).
- **Egg-stravaganza!** Following worship, our Children's Ministry hosts an Easter egg hunt across E.N. 16th on the ACU campus corner. This is for all families with kids and concludes our day's activities. We always have a big crowd, so let's give a warm UCC welcome to our guests. Be praying about someone you can invite and bring!

MISSIONS SPECIAL COLLECTION

Did you miss your chance to give to the **Missions Special Collection.** We are sitting at just over \$40,000 of our \$56,000 goal, so if you did miss last Sunday, you can drop your check in the collection plate today, or bring it by the church office. Just earmark your check *Missions Special Collection.*

CLASS TIMES:

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

WORSHIP TIMES:

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

CONTACT INFORMATION:

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NURSERY FACILITIES

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

ATTENDANCE:

Worship - 356
Bilingual - 65
Coronado - 23

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Northern Oaks - 14
Chisholm Place - 6
Silver Springs - 33

OFFERING:

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Jennifer Welch, Children's Minister
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Children's Worship Helpers: Darby I., Jackson H., Lorena Z. and Chris R.

Painting with a Twist: Children third through fifth grade reserve your spot for "Painting with a Twist" on Thursday, April 13 in the Family Room. The cost of the class will be \$5 each. Please RSVP by Sunday, April 9.

VBS Interest Meeting: On Sunday, April 9 immediately following worship, we will meet in Room 231 upstairs. There will be many different ways to help with VBS this year. I hope to see you at the interest meeting.

VBS Date: Mark your calendar for June 2-3.

TRANSITIONS

Joey Roberts, Communications Minister
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Tonight: The gold group will meet at the Sprotts' house (834 Elmwood), and the blue group will meet at the Williams' house (6350 Summerhill).

Coming Up: Next week, the blue group needs a host, and the gold group will be at the Bowmans' house. No small group on Easter.

Check out **Facebook** for more activities and info.

GATHERINGS

Bradley Steele, Young Adults Minister
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Tonight we will meet at the Steeles' house (1451 Yeomans) for dinner and fellowship at 5 p.m. Hope to see you there!

Wednesday we will meet at **7 p.m.** in MAC 504 for coffee, dessert and Bible study.

Check out our **Facebook** page (search *UCC Gatherings*) for more events and info.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Kyle Bowen, Campus Minister
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Sundays: Our Sunday **class** starts at 9 a.m. in MAC 503. **Dwelling Place**, a time of fellowship, singing and discussion, meets on Sundays at 6 p.m. in MAC 503.

Community Groups: Our Community Groups meet on Wednesday Night at 7 p.m. at **Judy Siburt's** house (1657 Newcastle) and on Thursdays at 8 p.m. at the **Arringtons'** (2601 Garfield).

Gone to Retreat: If you're wondering where the college students are, we are on our retreat right now. Because of this, there will not be Dwelling Place tonight.

NEWS AND NOTES

The **Quilting Ministry** will meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow morning in Room 208.

Ladies' Bible Class (Family Room, 10 a.m.) and **Wednesday Night Supper** (MAC, 5:30-6:45 p.m.) continue this Wednesday.

Easter Eggs: Please bring filled Easter Eggs to help us prepare for our Easter Egg hunt. Please make sure to tape the eggs shut after filling them, and put them in the box in the Welcome Center.

DIRECTORY PHOTOS: Miss your chance to take Directory Photos? Today's the day in Room 107.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Jason Craddock, Youth Minister
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No Activity Tonight: Because we have been at the retreat all weekend, we will not have an activity tonight.

HS Mission Trip: Our HS Mission Trip will be July 13-21, and we will be going to McAllen. Our focus will be on helping Harvey Drive Church of Christ reach out to their community in a variety of ways, through putting on community events and service projects. We will be working over the coming months to shape exactly what that will look like, but it may be similar to many of the things we have been trying here at UCC. Part of our prep will be brainstorming for some of our own ideas to offer to them. Some of you may know **Abel Alvarez**, the longtime minister (27 years) at HDCC. In July 2016, Abel had the second kidney transplant of his life. Abel had struggled with health issues affecting his kidneys for many years, and his body had rejected his first transplant and tried to reject this most recent one as well. But now Abel is doing much better. We thought it would be helpful to him and to the congregation he serves to offer them a little boost through our own prayers, time, sweat and resources. We will even end our week with a day-trip down to South Padre Island to close out our time there. So, make plans to join us and invite a friend. Adults will also be needed, so if you are interested, please see Jason. Check out more about Abel's story on our UCC Youth Ministry Facebook page.

Huddles Continue Wednesday: Huddles will resume this Wednesday from 7-8 p.m. The **HS Huddle** meets at the home of **James and Mandy Scudder** located at 658 E N 22nd Street, just a half-mile down Campus Court. The **MS Huddle** will meet in the Youth Center.

Sign Up for CRADtalks: You've heard about CRADtalks: "conversations worth having." Our goal is to leave with a plan for growing deeper in relationship with God and praying over anything you may want prayer for. So far, all of our talks have been terrific and we look forward to more. Karla and I meet together with the girls (or minus Jason) and Jason meets with the guys (or plus Karla). So, please let me know when you can get together, and we will set up for some time at Sonic, over coffee, or somewhere else.

SANCTUARY

Sanctuary, a simple time of prayer and Bible study, will begin this Wednesday, April 5 at 7 p.m. in MAC 504. If you or someone you know (especially someone that is new to church) are interested, meet us in the MAC on Wednesday nights at 7 p.m.



PRAYER LIST

UCC ELDERS

Jeff Arrington
Steve Austin
Richard Cox
Mark Hamilton
Eddie Mahanay
Paul Rotenberry
Kris Southward, chair
Mark Tate
James Thompson
Gustavo Villanueva

Submit your bulletin items to Joey Roberts before noon on Wednesday.