



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 9, 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

162 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Video: Welcome/Family News

Congregational Prayer David Swearingen

227 On Zion's Glorious Summit

155 Highest Place

Communion Rusty Towell

Scripture: Luke 22:54-62

Bread

287 There Is a Redeemer

Cup

287 There Is a Redeemer

Offering

Shout Hallelujah

Kids Corner

You're One of Them Brent Isbell

Blessed Be Your Name

We Love You With the Love of 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 UCC this Palm Sunday! If you are a visitor, please fill out a **Connections Card** (white cards on the seat backs). It's quick and easy. You can use that card to share contact information, request prayers, or perhaps even let us know you want to be a member here at University Church. Then drop your card in the offering plate. You can also do this on your phone at uccabilene.org/card. Please, come again soon!

A Place for Everyone. Today we are in the last part of Luke 22. Jesus has been arrested and is only hours from the cross. His disciples have scattered, except one who lingers in the courtyard firelight. Someone calls him out as one of Jesus' followers. Careful, Simon Peter. This is dangerous. What would you say? Today's message is **You're One of Them!** Our worship leader is **David Allen Sprott**.

This Wednesday we continue our feature class with guest teacher **Dr. Cliff Barbarick**, Bible professor at ACU. This is week four. Cliff is with us through May 3, sharing with UCC a class he taught last year at Hillcrest: **Tackling a Taboo: Homosexuality and the Church**. This is thoughtful material, and Cliff is doing a great job navigating a difficult subject with kindness and honesty. Join us at 7 p.m. in the Family Room.

Next Sunday is Easter! Remember our **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!

CLASS TIMES:
Sunday - 9 a.m.
Wednesday - 7 p.m.

WORSHIP TIMES:
Sunday - 10 a.m., 5 p.m.

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NURSERY FACILITIES

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

ATTENDANCE:	April 2, 2017
Worship - 238	Northern Oaks - 19
Bilingual - 45	Chisholm Place - N/A
Coronado - 69	Silver Springs - 42

OFFERING:	
April 2	\$19,965.67

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Jennifer Welch, Children's Minister
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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.

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 from 6:15-7:30 p.m.. The cost of the class will be \$5 each. Please RSVP by Sunday, April 9.

Easter Egg Hunt: If your child would like to participate in the Easter Egg hunt immediately following worship Easter morning, please bring 12 dozen filled eggs per child. There is a basket located in the welcome center for your eggs. It is helpful if you tape your eggs closed.

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 Bowmans' house (642 Green Valley), and the blue group will announce its plan on Facebook.

Easter: Join us for all of the Easter activities next Sunday morning, and invite a friend. We will not have small group next Sunday night.

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 Sanctuary. Join us 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).

NEWS AND NOTES

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

Easter Eggs: Bring filled Easter Eggs and put them in the Welcome Center.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Jason Craddock, Youth Minister
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REEL Faith Tonight: Join us you will for REEL Faith tonight from 4-7:30 p.m. as we watch *Rogue One: A Star Wars Story* and discuss the spiritual themes within. Bring \$3 to cover the cost of pizza that we will eat after the movie and before our discussion. We will also have popcorn and drinks. So, invite friends and let's enjoy one of the biggest movies of the year.

Senior Sunday Helpers Meeting Wednesday: Wednesday night at 6 p.m. in MAC 502, we will have a meeting for anyone (youth parent or not) who is willing to help organize our Senior Sunday festivities, which is on May 21. We will discuss the day's plans and divvy up responsibilities for making this a special day for our graduating high school students. If you would be willing to help in this way, but can't come to the meeting, please let Jason know, and come to the meeting today at 3 p.m.

Summer Camp Trip: As usual, we will be taking two groups to camps this summer during the same time period. The **Camp Blue Haven group** will leave on Saturday, June 10 and return Friday, June 23. The **Encounter group** will leave on Sunday, June 11 and return Saturday, June 17. We will getting paperwork out soon in addition to what you have already received from the respective camps.

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: Our goal is to leave with a plan for growing deeper in relationship with God and praying over anything you may want prayer for. Let me know when you can get together, and we (Karla and/or I) will set it up.

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.