



# 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 16, 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

### Call to Worship

*Easter Song* Mixed Chorus

### Welcome/Family News Video

**An Easter Prayer** Bo Green

**344** *Low in the Grave He Lay*

**464** *Because He Lives*  
*Salvation Belongs to Our God*

**Communion** Brent Isbell

**Bread**  
*For All You've Done* Mixed Chorus

**Cup**  
*You Are My King* Mixed Chorus

### Offering

*Water from the Well* Men's Chorus  
Children's Chorus

**Broken Bread** Brent Isbell

**346** *He Lives*  
*To Him Who Sits on the Throne* Men's Chorus

**Worship Leader** Eric Lemmons

*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](http://www.uccabilene.org).*

## REFLECTIONS

**Brent Isbell**, Preaching Minister  
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**Happy Easter! Welcome to UCC!** If you are a guest today, please fill out a **Connections Card** (found on the seat backs). It's quick and easy. You can use that card to share contact information, request prayers or 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](http://uccabilene.org/card). Please, come again soon!

**A Place for Everyone.** Today is Easter, so our minds are on the Resurrection of our Lord. In Luke 24, two dejected disciples have begun the walk home from Jerusalem. Their hopes have been dashed in seeing Jesus die. Their hearts were broken in the city. Now it's time to go back to Emmaus, back to the way things were before Friday. What they don't know is that nothing will ever really be the same again! Today's Easter message: **Broken Bread**. Our worship leader is **Eric Lemmons**, and we will be blessed with some special choral music today from several of our UCC members, including some of our children.

Many of you were present early this morning at our **Sunrise Service** in the UCC courtyard. Several of our brothers and sisters led us in songs, prayers, Scripture, and communion—celebrating the Resurrection of our Lord. In our Time of Remembrance, we read the names of dear ones lost to death since last Easter. Sunrise is a special tradition!

We also send a huge thanks to the many folks who helped host our **Easter Pancake Breakfast** in the MAC! Thanks to **Barry Young** and his cooking team, servers, clean-up crews and everyone involved. The food was delicious. Easter Breakfast is a great way to show hospitality to our guests and neighbors, share fellowship with each other, and give all our hard-working Sunday School teachers a deserved holiday break!

Immediately following worship this morning, our Children's Ministry will host an **Easter Egg Hunt** due north of the UCC auditorium, across E.N. 16th Street on the ACU Sewell Theatre corner. This is for all families with young children! The Egg Hunt will conclude our day's activities.

This Wednesday we take a one-week break from our current series to share our last **Wednesday Praise!** this spring. Our worship leaders will teach us some new songs to use on Sundays, and we will enjoy an hour of singing together as a church. Join us at 7 p.m. in the Family Room.

### 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 - **384**  
Bilingual - **46**  
Coronado - **71**

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Northern Oaks - **14**  
Chisholm Place - **N/A**  
Silver Springs - **30**

### OFFERING:

**April 9** **\$11,098.22**

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Jennifer Welch, Children's Minister  
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**The UCC Children's Ministry begins with a nursery from newborn to 18-months and then 18-months to two years. We also have classes and activities from two years through fifth grade. Come see what UCC Kids is all about!**

**My God is a Good God**  
by Reggie Richardson

My God is a good God,  
Let me tell you how good he is  
He died on the cross for us,  
so that all of us could live.

There are some things he wants us to do,  
and that is to live our lives the right way  
and when things aren't going right for us,  
all we have to do is "PRAY."

My God is a good God,  
you wanna know how I know?  
I know my God is a good God  
because the Bible tells me so.

He's there when I need him,  
even if I take a fall,  
He's by my side when I need him,  
all I have to do is give him a call

My God is a good God,  
everything I am saying is true,  
My God is a good God,  
everything he does for me, he'll do the same for you.

**Easter Egg Hunt:** Immediately following worship, those who would like to egg hunt need to line up by the north wall. Across the street, the preschool group will hunt first, followed by our school age children.

## NEWS AND NOTES

There will be **NO 5 p.m. Chapel Service** because of Easter Sunday.

**Ladies' Bible Class** will continue this week at 10 a.m. on Wednesday in the Family Room. Jenna Sprott will be leading the discussion

**Wednesday Night Supper** will continue this week at 5:30 p.m. in the MAC. The meal is free, but if you can help cover the cost at \$5 per adult plate, that would be appreciated.

**Chris Kyker** was honored for by the area agency of the Texas Silver Haired Legislature for her long-time service to the TSHL.

## MISSIONS SPECIAL

We want to thank each one of you who helped us with the Missions Special Collection. We are sitting at \$54,500, just under our goal of \$56,000. If you would like to help us get over the top, you can either bring a check to the church office, or drop one in the collection plate earmarked Missions Special Collection. Thank you for helping to make this important endeavor a success each year.

## GATHERINGS

Bradley Steele, Young Adults Minister  
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**Gatherings is a UCC ministry that focuses on the 20-somethings. Whether you are single or married, have kids or don't, are a young professional or whatever your lot is in life right now, if you are looking for a place to belong, give us a chance to welcome you to the UCC Gatherings family.**

**Tonight:** We will meet for an Easter Dinner at the Carvers' house (4333 Mary Lou Lane) at 5 p.m. Make sure to sign up on our Facebook group with what you're going to bring. Hope to see you there!

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

**Facebook Page:** Make sure to check our Facebook group for more info. Search Gatherings@UCC to find the group.

## CAMPUS MINISTRY

Kyle Bowen, Campus Ministry Leader  
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**The UCC Campus Ministry is open to all area college students.**

**Welcome:** Happy Easter to everyone, and thank you for worshipping with us today.

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

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

**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).

**Senior Sunday (April 30):** Senior Sunday is a time to celebrate with graduating seniors. Let **Kyle Bowen** know if you are a graduating senior, or you know a graduating senior, who would like to be honored this year.

## UCC FAMILY LIBRARY

The **UCC Family Library** has a wide selection of reading materials and videos for all ages that are available to check out—from biographies, fiction, non-fiction, youth books, children's books and bilingual books. The library is open on Sunday from 8:45-10 a.m. and Wednesday from 6:45-8:15 p.m.

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## TRANSITIONS

**Joey Roberts**, Communications Minister  
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***Transitions is a ministry for mostly 30-somethings (with a few exceptions), as we are all in the midst of transitioning through life together. Perhaps you are new to Abilene? Perhaps you are a young family with kids? Perhaps you are single or single-again? Come check us out and see if we can be the place and family to which you can connect and through which you can deepen your relationship with God.***

We will not have small group **tonight**. Enjoy your time with family.

**Next Sunday** we will meet with Common Life Group Three in the MAC after our morning worship services. We will not have small group that evening.

**Coming up:** On Sunday, April 30, the gold group will meet at the Sprotts' house (834 Elmwood Drive). The blue group still needs a host for April 30 and May 7. Let me know if you want to host, and if you can't host at your house, let us know, and we can try to secure something at the building. On Sunday, May 14, we'll have a combined potluck.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

**Jason Craddock**, Youth Minister  
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***The UCC Youth Group covers students from sixth grade through graduating seniors, and anyone in that age range is welcome to come as they are and join us for our activities.***

**No Activity Today:** Since it is Easter Sunday, we will not have a youth activity today. Enjoy your family time.

**Wednesday Praise!:** We will join the rest of the congregation for *Wednesday Praise!* this Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Family Room. Huddles will resume next week.

**Senior Sunday Helpers Meeting on Wednesday:** On Wednesday, April 19, we will have a meeting for anyone (youth or parent or not) at 6 p.m. in MAC 501 for anyone who is willing to help organize our Senior Sunday festivities, which are on Sunday, 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 as soon as you are able.

**Summer Camp Travel:** 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 be 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.

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

## CHRISTIAN SERVICE CENTER OPEN HOUSE

University Church of Christ is invited to an **Open House** at the new **Christian Service Center** on Monday, April 17 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Abilene's mayor will read a proclamation at 11:30 a.m. Come get a tour of the new facility which the Woodlawn Church of Christ and many generous donors made possible. Refreshments and a light lunch will be served in the new multi-purpose room.

"I want to thank UCC for all the prayers, volunteers and help through this process and beyond," said CSC Director Jim Clark. "I really hope everyone can make it to our Open House."

# ABOUT UNIVERSITY CHURCH OF CHRIST

## Ministries

The ministries at UCC are divided into four specific areas: Worship, Spiritual, Congregational, and International and Local Missions. For more information, see the Ministry Catalog located at the Welcome Center.

## Bible Classes

Bible classes for all ages are offered most Sunday and Wednesday nights. Sunday morning Bible class starts at 9 a.m. with Wednesday night Bible classes beginning at 7 p.m.

## Small Groups

At UCC, we believe one responsibility of a large church is to offer small group opportunities. On Sunday evenings, many individuals and families meet with one of several groups that gather in homes. These groups build community and provide support and friendship in ways larger classes or worship times cannot. Some groups focus on Bible study; others focus more on relationships.

In addition to our small groups, a group also meets each Sunday evening at 5 p.m. in the Chapel for worship (except on CARE Group Sundays). Every UCC member is invited and encouraged to participate in one of our small groups.

## Common Life Groups

These inter-generational groups simply care for each other, offering social interaction and fellowship, and respond to individual needs. For example, they often provide meals when a family member is hospitalized or help with special needs after a death in the family or the birth of a new baby. Primarily they just enjoy fellowshiping and taking care of one another.

## Wednesday Night Suppers

Each Wednesday Night during the school year, we offer a Wednesday night meal in the Ministry Activity Center (MAC) from 5:30-6:45 p.m. The meal is free, but a donation of \$5 per adult plate is appreciated to help cover the cost if you can help. If not, don't fret, come enjoy the meal and the fellowship. The menu rotates between chicken, pizza, Chinese food, Mexican food and hotdogs/hamburgers. All are welcome!

## PRAYER LIST

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR – April 16-May 3

- APRIL 16** 8 a.m. – Sunrise Service, UCC Courtyard  
9 a.m. – Neighborhood Pancake Breakfast, MAC (No Classes)  
10 a.m. – Worship, Brent Isbell – speaker, Eric Lemmons – worship leader  
11 a.m. – Easter Egg Hunt, ACU Lawn  
NO 5 p.m. Chapel Service
- APRIL 19** 10 a.m. – Ladies' Bible Class, Family Room  
5:30 p.m. – Wednesday Night Supper (Pizza)  
7 p.m. – Bible Classes/*Wednesday Praise!*
- APRIL 23** 8:30 a.m. – Coffee, Juice and Donuts, MAC  
9 a.m. – Bible Classes  
10 a.m. – Worship, Brent Isbell – speaker, Stephen Moore – worship leader  
5 p.m. Chapel Service – Singing Night
- APRIL 26** 10 a.m. – Ladies' Bible Class, Family Room  
5:30 p.m. – Wednesday Night Supper (Mexican Food)  
7 p.m. – Bible Classes
- APRIL 30** 8:30 a.m. – Coffee, Juice and Donuts, MAC  
9 a.m. – Bible Classes  
10 a.m. – Worship, Brent Isbell – speaker, Stephen Moore – worship leader  
5 p.m. Chapel Service – Bradley Steele – speaker; David Sprott – song leader
- MAY 3** 10 a.m. – Ladies' Bible Class, Family Room  
5:30 p.m. – Wednesday Night Supper (Hamburgers/Hot Dogs)  
7 p.m. – Bible Classes

## 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.