

Dear UCC family:

As I look forward to Feed the Hungry offering on Sunday, November 24, I want to tell you about a man I'll call David who came this week for food, but he got so much more. He asked me and Roberta Brown to pray for him about a spiritual need. We listened to him, shared the gospel and gave him a Bible. I invited him to Wednesday night church, he showed up, confessed his faith in Jesus and was baptized!

David's story illustrates how the Holy Spirit can multiply our small sacrifices like buying food for hungry people to bring them into the Kingdom. As we bring food and checks for Feed the Hungry on November 24, may we trust the Lord to use those sacrifices to draw more people to saving faith Jesus!

Jim Clark, *Director of Christian Service Center*

upcoming events

Monday, Nov. 25

- **Funeral service for Marion Bush** at 2 p.m. in the UCC Auditorium. Visitation preceding at 1 p.m. in the Family Room.

Wednesday, Nov. 27

- **Ladies Bible Class** will not meet during the month of December, they will pick back up in the new year!
- **Wednesday Night Supper** There will be no supper this week due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

sermon notes

WELCOME

Bradley Steele, Lead Minister
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Good morning! Welcome to UCC! Today we'll continue our walk through the Gospel of John; our text is from **John 11:17-44**. Today, as we read the story of the Raising of Lazarus, we'll be asking one central question: What does a Christian view of death and dying have to say to a world where the very subject of death and dying are diligently avoided? That is, what does it mean both to live and to die as a Christian? Our worship leader today is **Jeremy Meeks**.

Reminder: There will be **No Wednesday Classes** next week (11/27). Have a **Happy Thanksgiving!**

Save the date for our annual **UCC Christmas Party** on Sunday, **December 8**, at **5 p.m.** Come join us for a wonderful time of food, friends, and fellowship!

Today is our annual **Feed the Hungry** collection. Please consider making a donation, either monetary or canned goods, to support the Christian Service Center in their important ministry to our community. If you choose to donate, please make your checks out to **University Church of Christ** and write **Feed the Hungry** in the memo line.

Come join us at our **5 O'Clock** evening service tonight at **5 p.m.** in the Chapel. **Tim Archer** will be speaking, and **Roger Welch** will lead singing.

WORSHIP

Firm Foundation

Welcome Judy Siburt
Call to Worship Isaiah 25:6-9

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less
It Is Well
Wonderful Merciful Savior

Prayer Kris Southward

Before the Throne of God Above

Communion Ben Bailey
Luke 22: 14-20

Bread
How Deep the Father's Love for Us

Cup
How Deep the Father's Love for Us
Offering

Children's Church

Count Your Many Blessings

John 11:17-44
A Loud Cry Bradley Steele

Be Unto Your Name

Worship Leader: Jeremy Meeks

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

WORSHIP TIMES
Sunday - 10 a.m.
5 p.m in the Chapel

SMALL GROUPS
meet each Sunday night.
Check the bulletin for times and locations.

We also have a Spanish-English **Bilingual Service** that meets in the Chapel at 10 a.m.

NURSERY FACILITIES
are available during worship in the Early Childhood Center for your convenience.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (Birth–5th Grade)

Jennifer Welch, Children's Minister — jenniferw@uccabilene.org

Spiritual Formation at Home: On Sunday evening, December 1, the Children's Ministry will enjoy a presentation by Karen and Houston Heflin. They will share with us scripture and creative ideas to equip us as we lead our children to grow in the Lord. Babysitting will be provided for this time. Please plan to drop your child off in the Gym at 4:50. We will meet in the family room from 5-6 p.m. Families will need to eat before or after the event.

Sunday Morning Bible Class: On Sunday morning, December 1, All Bible classes located upstairs for the children will meet in room 231 for a combined lesson. Thank you.

"Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near." Philippians 4:4-5

YOUTH MINISTRY (6th–12th Grade)

Jason Craddock, Youth Minister — jason.craddock@uccabilene.org

Teen-Led Thanksgiving Party Tonight: Some of our seniors have put together a fun Thanksgiving party tonight from 5-8:30 p.m. in the Youth Center and it's *Peanuts* themed! We will also have Peanuts-themed snacks, like popcorn, jelly beans, toast and milkshakes. We are still looking for a couple of parents who could help chaperone the event. Make plans to join us and invite some of your friends.

No Huddles this Week: Because of Thanksgiving, we will not have Huddles this week. We will resume next week.

NEWS AND NOTES

Our sister **Marion Bush** passed away Thursday morning. Please join us Monday, Nov. 25 at 2 p.m. in the UCC Auditorium as we celebrate both the manifold ways that Marion boldly bore witness to Christ and her entrance into the eternal rest which Jesus prepared for her. Visitation will be at 1 p.m. in the Family Room.

"Thank you for the wonderful Christian love and support you showed to my Mother, Marie Coker, for the many years of her being a member of University Church. When she was able, she loved attending services and when she got where she could not attend, she looked forward to the many cards, visitors, and prayers that came her way. Thank you for being such an important part of her long life and for your love and thoughtfulness." *The family of Marie Coker*

"Thank you for the cards and visits during my stay at the Hospital. We are so grateful for our UCC family." *Hal and Karen Howell*

ESL Ministry needs volunteers to teach classes on Wednesday nights from 7-8 p.m. If you would like to help this ministry, please contact Paulette Haught at 325-660-7285. You do not need to speak a second language to participate.

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NUMBERS

November 17, 2019

ATTENDANCE

English Worship- **295**

Bilingual Worship- **51**

Online Viewers – **145**

Northern Oaks – **19**

Silver Springs – **30**

Coronado – **75**

Bright Point – **22**

Chisholm Place – **15**

OFFERING

\$14,789.50

CAMPUS MINISTRY (Young Adults)

Jason Craddock — jason.craddock@uccabilene.org

Morgan DeBoer — morgan@uccabilene.org

Sunday AM: We invite all university students to come join us for our weekly Sunday morning Bible class at 9 a.m. in MAC (Gym) Room 503. We'll even have donuts and K-cups ready! So set an alarm (or two) and come join us!

No Peak this week: Because of Thanksgiving, we will resume next week.

If you ever have any questions, don't hesitate to email the campus ministry or find Jason Craddock at the front after morning worship!

GATHERINGS (20's & 30's)

Bradley Steele — bradley@uccabilene.org

Don't forget to join us for class on **Sunday mornings at 9 a.m.** in MAC classroom 504.

Wednesday, please enjoy family time this week since there will be no class due to Thanksgiving. We will resume Wednesday night class next week.

TRANSITIONS (YOUNG FAMILIES)

Andrew Huddleston — huddleston_andrew@yahoo.com

Tonight, we will not meet due to Thanksgiving break.

Next Sunday, we will join the Children's Ministry activity.

BILINGUAL MINISTRY (Spanish-English Group)

Vini Montesdeoca, Bilingual Minister — vini@uccabilene.org

Ladies Bilingual Prayer Group gathers every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. The location changes every week; please call the church for more details.

Men's Prayer Group every Saturday at 7 a.m. at McDonald's on Judge Ely.

Saturday, December 7, we will host the Spanish songs in the Chapel for Latino churches around Abilene.

SMALL GROUPS

Ezzell & McCaleb

Rotenberry's

20s & 30s

Southward's

Green's

Young Families

S.A.L.T

Presley's

Transitions

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LIFTING UP IN PRAYER

Immediate Concerns

Zach Ice

Carol Alford

Carl Brecheen

Cathy Chisholm

Milton Evitt

Ian Williams

Health Concerns

Ellis Anderson

Roma Lee Aberegg

Gay Barton

Vicki Blair

Phyllis Gilbreth

Ina Green

Myra Holmans

Exa Fay Hooten

Ann Hulett

Bob Hunter

Shirley Hunter

Marshal Kellar

Shirley Kellar

Mary Leija

Jeannette Lipford

Dale McAnulty

Imogene McAnulty

Martha Morris

Virginia Mosier

Norma Franklin

June Presley

Marianna Rasco

Carlos Reyes

Marilyn Reyes

Kay Robbins

Gina Sadler

Michael Sadler

Alex Shead

Bettye Shipp

Yvonne Sinclair

Micaela Villanueva

Nancy Witt

Harry Rowland