



United Disciples Christian Church

601 E. Main Street, Richardson, Texas 75081

November 22, 2011



Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Thanksgiving was one of my favorite holidays as a child, and it still is. It usually means the family gathering in one place, and enjoying a meal together, maybe watching a football game, and seeing how much the kids have grown.

There are other things about thanksgiving that I really enjoy. I like the cooler weather. As the year winds down, the afternoon sunlight transforms, becoming softer and more golden. The colors of the leaves change, as the green of Summer gives way to the richer color tones of browns, reds, and even varieties of orange. Those deep colors of Fall warm our hearts, and that warmth of heart lends itself to a spirit of gratitude.

The Apostle Paul says that we should be grateful all the time, in all circumstances. A sense of gratitude infuses your whole life with a feeling of value and satisfaction. I believe that God wants us to enjoy life, and to feel a sense of constant gratitude for the goodness of his creation, and for our place in it. Being grateful makes our prayer life easier. A sense of thankfulness makes the hard times a little easier to tolerate, and gives us the perspective to see that God really does have a positive plan for our lives.



As we approach the Thanksgiving Holiday, I hope you'll spend some time in prayer; rejoicing in what God has given you, both now and in the past. Let's give thanks for the good times, and trust that the Lord will equip us with whatever we need to overcome the hard times. You can share your thoughts about gratitude with the people around you, and help them to transform the annual "holiday of Thanksgiving" into a genuine holy day—one of giving thanks to God. May the Lord multiply his blessings upon you and your family, both in this season of thanksgiving, as well as in the days to come.

Grace and Peace

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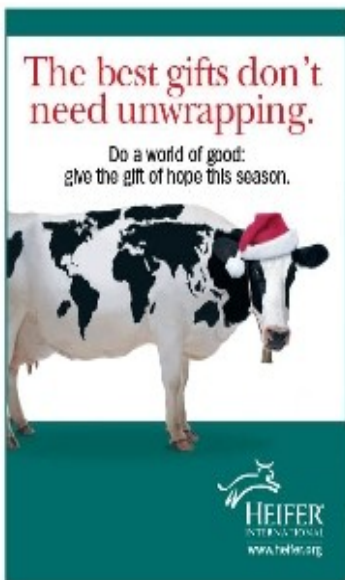
IN HIS SERVICE

	<u>WORSHIP LEADER</u>	<u>TABLE ELDERS</u>	<u>SHUT-IN ELDERS</u>
Nov. 27	Tami Fox	Meditation — David Self Prayer — Jim Hilkert	Group 1 — Bill Schaid Group 2 — Jim Hilkert
Dec. 4	Ellen Lamb	Meditation — Mike Hiatt Prayer — Kathy Stevens	Group 1 — Mike Hiatt Group 2 — Kathy Stevens
Dec. 11	Tracy Flies	Meditation — Sylvia Griffin Prayer — Mike Hiatt	Group 1 — Bobby Hawthorne Group 2 — Ken Bateman
Dec. 18	Whitney Waller	Meditation — Ken Bateman Prayer — Bobby Hawthorne	Group 1 — David Self Group 2 — Gene Hiatt

DECEMBER DEACONS

Alan Flies, Margy Gharis, Abigail Hawthorne, Melissa Muñoz, Diane White, Emily White, Tyler Trousdale

HEIFER MARKET



Wondering what to give that special person this holiday season? It's that time of year as we are making our Christmas list to remember Heifer International! What better act of giving than to honor a loved one with a *living gift*. This year our **Heifer Market** will be held **December 4th** and **December 11th**. A table will be set up in the narthex after church service for your convenience to purchase your living gift(s).

Heifer Market works by your generosity to purchase either a portion or whole animal! You may consider a goat, a pig, a trio of rabbits, ducks, a cow or a buffalo, fish, or honey bees. Heifer International in turn purchases the animals that are sent to families in other countries to help provide an animal for a means of living. These families have hope for the future of their children and knowing that they have a form of income.

Won't you consider a 'living gift' this year? Please contact Angela Baker at (972) 437-9112 or Cathy Robertson at (972) 690-8851 if you have any questions or need more information.

MIKE'S KIDS

The kick off for Mike's Kids started **Sunday, November 6th**. We will be collecting new and gently used toys and children's clothing (no adult clothing, please). We will also be collecting boys' and girls' new underwear and socks. The banana boxes will be located in the narthex. This project serves the poorest of the poor in the Rio Grande Valley through the Southwest Good Samaritan Ministries. For some, our donations will be the only Christmas gifts they receive. Our goal is to fill more than the 22 banana boxes that we filled in 2010! Our collection drive ends on **Sunday, December 11th**. For more information on this ministry, please contact Mike Tanguay at (214) 693-7868 or mjtanguay@verizon.net.



LET'S BE FRIENDS!



Whether you are a Facebook fanatic, or an occasional browser, be sure to visit United Disciple Christian Church's Facebook page. "Like" us on Facebook, and you will receive updates on upcoming events at UDCC.

Youth Notes

...Colin McRaney

Howdy.

First I would like to thank everyone who showed up to the **Parent Meeting** Last week! It was a very productive meeting and now we have a calendar pretty much updated up though the summer. Thank you all for all the hard work you do to make this Youth Program a success!

Well, it is almost here! The day that we have all been waiting for, the most important day of the year is coming this week! That's right **The Muppets Movie** premieres this Wednesday! I hope everyone has a great Thanksgiving on and safe travels to all who are on the roads this week. Drive safe! We are not having Youth this Wednesday due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Just as a reminder, **December 4th** at 1pm the Youth are packing food for **Kids Against Hunger**. Don't worry about lunch, it will be provided all you need to do is show up and be ready to help out. This food goes out to those who are hungry in the border region of Texas.

December 17th is the **Caroling Progressive Dinner**. We will be meeting at the church at **5pm** on that Saturday and heading off to sing and eat! We will eventually find ourselves at the annual **Youth Christmas Party so don't forget your White Elephant gift!** On December 18th, that Sunday, we will not be having Youth Groups because... **December 19th** is the Annual **Six Flags Day!** The Youth Group will be going to Six Flags all day (weather permitting). The youth fund will cover most of the cost for the Youth and Youth Sponsors making tickets only **\$10**. All other adults are invited to come but will be asked to pay full price. We need a **head count for Six Flags** as soon as possible so we can know how many tickets to buy in advance! Thank you!

Kids Against Hunger®

Feeding families around the world...and around the corner.

Make a difference in the lives of many South Texas families by joining the "**Kids Against Hunger**" meal packaging event on **Sunday, December 4th** starting at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall in the CLC. Packaging is done "Assembly Line" style and it is not difficult. You can volunteer for any 55-minute period from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex.

After we make the meals, the individual packages of rice, soy flour, vegetables, and nutrients will be delivered to Feliberto Pereira, founder and executive director of Southwest Good Samaritan Ministries, for distribution. They'll be on the same truck with "Mike Kids" donations going to the Valley.

Additionally, we would appreciate monetary donations for this effort. Envelopes are in the pew-backs, or simply write "Kids Against Hunger" on the memo line of your check and put it in the offering plate. Pledges will be accepted.

God calls His people to be actively involved in ministry to those in need, such as the family pictured above.

"He replied to them, 'The one who has two shirts must share with someone who has none, and the one who has food must do the same.'" Luke 3:11

Won't you help?



A family, with emergency needs, living in the Rio Grande Valley.

UNITED DISCIPLES CHRISTIAN CHURCH

2011 ADVENT SEASON CALENDAR

- Nov 27 ~ 6:30 pm "Hanging of the Greens" Service
Dec 3 ~ 6:00 pm Friendship Class Christmas Party (UDCC)
Dec 4 (after worship) Heifer Market ~ Alternative Gifts
4-6:00 pm Harker Open House
Dec 10 ~ 10:30 am Disciples Women Christmas Party (All are welcome)
Dec 11 (after worship) Heifer Market ~ Alternative Gifts
Dec 17 ~ 5:00 pm Youth Progressive Dinner
Dec 18 ~ Faithbuilders Class Christmas lunch at Luby's
6:30 pm "Lead Me Back To Bethlehem" Christmas Cantata
(Dessert Fellowship to follow in CLC fellowship hall)
Dec 24 ~ 7:30 pm Christmas Eve Service
Dec 25 ~ 10:30 am Worship Service



"HANGING OF THE GREENS"

Join us on Sun., Nov. 27th at 6:30 pm to begin the Advent Season. We will worship and celebrate "Hanging the Greens" to prepare the sanctuary for our Advent Season. We will learn of the special meanings connected with the adornments we use and sing Christmas songs. Everyone (from young to tall) will be needed to participate, so please plan to be part of this special time.

"Lead Me Back To Bethlehem"

Christmas Cantata

Dec. 18th at 6:30pm

Dessert Fellowship to follow

Come enjoy as the choir presents this "rediscovering of the Joy, Peace, and Love of Christmas" in song. Listen to see if you recognize any of the familiar folk tunes the composer used in creating this spiritual journey of the Child's birth, the joy of the shepherds, the mystery of the star, and the men who followed it. Pick up a flyer in the narthex and invite your family and friends to share in this special time of celebration.

We ask that you bring a dessert to share for our fellowship time in the CLC Fellowship Hall.

Please contact the church office if you desire transportation to the church.

UNITED DISCIPLES WOMENS MINISTRY CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Disciples Women's Christmas party will be held on **Saturday, December 10th** at 10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall at the CLC. The party will feature the UDCC Men's Quartet to be followed by a potluck lunch. All of the men and women of the church are invited. Please bring a friend and a dish to share.

THANKSGIVING THANK YOU!

We want to thank everyone involved with our Thanksgiving dinner. The shoppers, decorators, cooks, cleaner-uppers, and all of you who brought delicious salads and vegetable dishes. We especially want to thank Judy Martin for making the great dressing, Juanell Lovell and Linda Wills for the gravy, and Mike Hiatt for washing the piles and piles of dishes. We had originally set up 15 tables/8 chairs per table and before we were able to eat, we had to set up 4 more tables. That's what we call success. Thanks again,
The Membership Committee





Advent Open House

The Christ Child is on his way, it's time to prepare for Christmas Day. As all the children squeal with glee, come hang an ornament on our tree. Celebrating our church family this time of year, come be our guest and fill our home with cheer. Come eat and drink as our gift to you for who you are the whole year through!

Sunday, December 4, 2011

4:00 pm ~ 6:00 pm

The Harker Family Residence

5802 Edinburg Drive
Richardson, TX 75082

SOUL SISTERS

The next Soul Sisters Bible Study will meet on **Monday, December 19th**. Set up begins at 6:15 pm and our shared meal begins at 6:30 pm. After our meal we will pray for our joys and concerns, we then begin our study. We strive to close our study at 8:30 pm. Food, fellowship, prayer, and fulfillment of being in the word give us strength. We want to welcome all women of UDCC and any friends you may want to invite. Please contact Cathy Tanguay if you still need or want a book.

PRIMETIMERS

The next Primetimers meeting will be held on **Tuesday, December 6th** at 11:30 am. Please bring a covered dish to share. We hope to see you there!

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Is there an event at church that you would like to publicize in the newsletter? Please write an article and *email* it to Jennifer Guidry at uniteddisciples@sbcglobal.net. Our next deadline is **Mon., Dec., 5th**.

DISCIPLES WOMEN MINISTRY

A special thank you to those of you who took a name for a resident at Fowler Home. Please deliver your gifts to the office or to Helen Hammer by **Nov. 28th**.

NEW ADDRESS

Please note that effective **December 31, 2011**, Caryn Weston will be moving home to Michigan to embark on a new journey. We wish her well in this next chapter of her life. Her new information is below.

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THE UPPER ROOM

The Upper Room is a daily devotional guide that is available in the narthex of both the sanctuary and the CLC. These devotions are printed bi-monthly and are provided for everyone. If you would like to make a donation to help toward the cost of providing these daily walks with God, costs are \$1.50 for regular size and \$2.00 for the large print which we provide to our shut-ins. You may also connect with these devotions on line at www.upperroom.org.



2012 UDCC PROPOSED BUDGET AND CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The budget committee have prepared a proposed budget for the 2012 fiscal year. Please review the information listed below. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Bill Schaid at (972) 783-8448 or billschaid@tx.rr.com or Charleen Stockwell at (972) 496-5566 or stockwellfamily1@verizon.net. We will hold a brief Congregational Meeting following worship on **Sunday, December 11th**. Please plan on staying after worship for a few minutes as we discuss the 2012 budget and church officers.

2012 UDCC PROPOSED BUDGET

GENERAL FUNDS REVENUES

	REVENUES
General Fund Pledges	\$ 238,000
Unpledged Giving	\$ 50,000
Loose Change Giving	\$ 2,000
Expense Reimbursements	\$ -
Wedding Income	\$ 1,000
ELC Income	\$ 4,000
Other Income	\$ 5,000
Total Revenues	\$ 300,000

GENERAL FUND EXPENSES

ADMIN-OFFICE	OFFICE	ADMIN-UTIL/LEGAL	UTIL/LEGAL
Copier Contract & Maint.	\$ 5,000	Electricity	\$ 19,500
Computer Equipment/Software	\$ 615	Gas	\$ 3,800
Office Equipment	\$ 500	Water	\$ 3,300
Office Supplies	\$ 4,000	Telephone	\$ 3,900
Postage	\$ 1,700	Insurance	\$ 21,000
Printing Expenses		Legal Fees	\$ -
Total Admin Office	\$ 11,815	Mortgage Loan	\$ 21,000
		Total Utilities/Legal	\$72,500
ADMIN-PERSONNEL	PERSONNEL	EDUCATION	EDUCATION
Minister Salary	\$ 39,400	Library	\$ -
Minister housing	\$ 21,600	LOGOS	\$ 100
Minister Pension	\$ 8,800	VBS Materials	\$ 500
Minister Healthcare	\$ 15,200	Literature	\$ 1,000
Youth Minister Salary	\$ 15,000	Youth	\$ 3,000
Administrative Asst	\$ 16,725	Total Education	\$4,600
Music Minister	\$ 16,500		
Custodian	\$ 20,500	NURTURE	NURTURE
Nursery	\$ 5,000	Choir	\$ 300
Payroll Taxes	\$ 8,500	Fellowship	\$ 700
Total Personnel Expenses	\$ 167,225	Name Tags	\$ 50
		Pastoral Care	\$ 50
ADMIN-PROPERTY	PROPERTY	Stewardship	\$ 275
HVAC	\$ 15,000	Worship	\$ 2,000
Electrical	\$ 400	Wedding	\$ -
Janitorial	\$ 1,100	Total Nurture	\$ 3,375
Paging Services	\$ 185		
Pest Control	\$ 1,000	OUTREACH	OUTREACH
Plumbing	\$ 2,000	Evangelism	\$ 500
Roofing	\$ 3,000	Outreach	\$ 6,000
Yard Care & Tree Trimming	\$ 4,300	Total Outreach	\$ 6,500
Misc Building Exp	\$ 2,500		
Major Bldg Repairs	\$ 3,000	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$300,000
Van Expenses	\$ 1,500		
Total Admin -Property	\$ 33,985		

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Our friends and family with immediate concerns

- Becky Mabra (friend of Kathy Stevens)
- Dennis Rice (motorcycle accident)
- Trang Pham (friend of Kathy Stevens)
- Andrew Tanguay (son of Cathy & Mike Tanguay)
- Nicole Lentergne (fiancée of Colin McRaney)
- Amy Smith & children
- Ruby Blankenship (death of husband Bill)
- Bell & Bill Mayhew (sister of Dell Gilley)
- Dan Davis (uncle of Angela Baker)
- Marken Baker (daughter of Margaret Baker)
- Mary Hamm (friend of Ellen Lamb)
- Elaine Newton (sister-in-law of Wilma Burnett)
- Janice Killen (family of Kathy Stevens)
- Mike and Karen Ward
- Ron Stevens (brother-in-law of Kathy Stevens)
- The family of Tootsie Rainey (aunt of Margaret Baker)
- Sarah Adelaide (friend of Ken & Gayle Waller)

OUR MILITARY FAMILY **SHUT IN MEMBERS**

- Tim Hollis
- Shawn Brooks
- Patrick Burg
- Christopher Chamberlain
- Rachel Elliott
- Shaina Hamilton
- Christopher Johnson
- Seth Levine
- Justin Pierce
- Evan Plyler
- Joe Richey
- Matthew Ross
- Blake Schaid
- Will Scott
- Patience Spence

- Beth Barrett
- Billie Bates
- Doralee Cleland
- Frances Finley
- Charlotte Kite
- DeAlva Marshall



THE LITTLE RED WAGON
MINISTRY

**Serving Network (Richardson)
& Good Samaritan Ministries
(Garland)**

Year to date total 2862 lbs.



We have listed some non-perishable food suggestions for you to donate. You can bring them and place them in the red wagon on Sunday during worship. Monetary gifts are also welcomed and are used for the purchase of perishable goods: Tortillas, snack bars, crackers, rice, peanut butter, jelly, fruit snacks, jello and pudding cups, juice boxes, dried fruit, pasta, canned meats/fish, boxed meals, cereal, dried beans, canned goods, and paper goods.

DECEMBER
BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Marlys Hawthorne
- 2 Ken Waller
- 2 Wade Dutton
- 3 Don Alley
- 4 Doris Trousdale
- 10 Ken Bateman
- 10 Esther Patterson
- 11 Sylvia Griffin
- 13 Bill Blankenship
- 14 Magalli Cerda
- 15 Debbie Dutton
- 15 Karen Spence
- 16 Jim Hilkert
- 16 Scottie Robbins
- 16 Reba Robison
- 20 Ginny Cullen
- 20 Sharon Sharp
- 22 Regan Munoz
- 22 Dick Wills
- 22 Randall Rice
- 25 Mickey Robison
- 30 Margaret Baker



Rev. Harker Out of Town

Rev. Harker and family will be traveling out of town from Tuesday, Nov. 22 to Sat, Nov 26. If you have any spiritual needs during this time, you may contact David Self/Elder Chair (972-276-0231) or Bill Schaid/Chairman (972-783-8448).

OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

Weekly Goal for Spiritual growth and Ministry
\$ 6,300.00

Weekly Gifts

- Nov. 6 \$ 5,928.50
- Nov. 13 \$ 4,666.00
- Nov. 20 \$ 5,280.00

Monthly Gifts

- Apr. \$ 22,064
- May \$ 28,040
- June \$ 23,150
- July \$ 27,001
- Aug. \$ 21,145
- Sept. \$ 21,659
- Oct. \$ 29,958

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TUESDAY, NOV. 22 Noon thru- FRIDAY, NOV. 25

Offices closed for Thanksgiving Holiday
No Lunch Bunch

SUNDAY, NOV. 27

9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship
2:00 pm Jubilee Church (parlor)
4:00 pm PYF/JYF/CHI-RHO/CYF
6:00 pm Hanging of the Greens Service

TUESDAY, NOV. 29

Noon Lunch Bunch Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 30

6:30 pm **NO** Adult Bible Study
6:30 pm Chi-Rho/CYF Youth Mtg.
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

SATURDAY, DEC. 3

10:30 am Area Disciple Women's
Meeting (parlor)
6:00 pm Friendship Class Christmas
Party

SUNDAY, DEC. 4

9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship
Following Worship Heifer Market
1:00 pm Kids Against Hunger (CLC)
2:00 pm Jubilee Church (parlor)
4:00 pm CHI-RHO/CYF
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm Advent Open House
at The Harkers

MONDAY, DEC. 5

Noon Newsletter Deadline

TUESDAY, DEC. 6

11:30 am Primetimers Meeting
7:00 pm Elder's Meeting

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 7

6:30 pm **NO** Adult Bible Study
6:30 pm Chi-Rho/CYF Youth Mtg.
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

SATURDAY, DEC. 10

10:30 am DiscipleWomen Christmas
Party (CLC)

SUNDAY, DEC. 11

9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship
Following Worship Congregational Mtg.
Following Worship Heifer Market
2:00 pm Jubilee Church (parlor)
4:00 pm PYF/JYF/CHI-RHO/CYF

TUESDAY, DEC. 13

Noon Lunch Bunch Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 14

6:30 pm **NO** Adult Bible Study
6:30 pm Chi-Rho/CYF Youth Mtg.
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

SATURDAY, DEC. 17

5:00 pm Youth Progressive Dinner

SUNDAY, DEC. 18

9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship
Following Worship Faithbuilders
Christmas Party - Luby's
2:00 pm Jubilee Church (parlor)
4:00 pm CHI-RHO/CYF
6:30 pm Christmas Cantata and
Dessert Fellowship