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OUR STEPHEN MINISTRY BEGINS

It was about this time last year when the Elders of University Christian Church heard **Mary Jane Kolar** describe the benefits of a program known as the Stephen Ministry. The UCC Elders were so impressed with the vision that Mary Jane shared that they immediately approved our congregation's participation in the program and authorized Mary Jane, **Carl Noble**, and myself to go to Dallas in July of 2009 to receive training as Stephen Leaders who would train and lead the program here.

In the following months we Stephen Leaders met and planned how to initiate the Stephen Ministry program here. During the fall we invited members of the congregation to apply for the training. In mid-January 2010 the training program began. It would entail meetings for 2½ hours each Monday night from January until late May. There were two Saturday retreats scheduled. It seemed a daunting adventure for all involved, but now we stand on the threshold of the initiation of this ministry to benefit the congregation and bring glory to Christ!

By the time you read this article our seven Stephen Minister graduates will be beginning to be paired with members of the congregation who will benefit by the intentional and consistent Christian care that the Stephen Ministers will provide. Care receivers, as they are known, will be visited by their Stephen Minister about one hour each week for as long as the relationship is deemed in the best interest of the care receiver. This is a confidential one-on-one relationship and the Stephen Ministers are not permitted to share with anyone -- even members of their own family -- who their care receiver is. That confidentiality is key to the success of the Stephen Ministry in the many hundreds of thousands of pairings that have taken place over the last 35 years that Stephen Ministry has been practiced in thousands of congregations around our country.

The seven dedicated new Stephen Ministers who will be commissioned in our worship service on June 6th are: **Anne Beckner, Susan Cassano, Courtney Hoffman, Glenn Haluska, Marti McLain, Jo Dawn Noble, and Rebecca Smith**. As they move forward into this active phase of their Stephen Ministry they will be consistently meeting twice each month in a supervision group where they will maintain confidentiality about the identity of their care receiver, but seek the support and advice of fellow Stephen Ministers as to how best provide care for the sister or brother in their care.

Our Stephen Leaders would be glad to speak with you further about the nature of this ministry and to consult with you as to whether Stephen Ministry is a place where you might have an opportunity to live out your calling as a loving Christian. Perhaps you or someone you know is in need of a caring presence in their lives. Again, contact one of our Stephen Leaders to share that concern.

This is a wonderful new ministry within the life of our congregation which has been well tested in so many churches. We ask God's blessing upon this new work and especially upon those Stephen Ministers who will now be actively demonstrating the love of Christ in their care for others.

Yours in Christ, Pastor Chuck

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NEW WORSHIP SERVICE AT QUERENCIA

Did you know that University Christian Church now has nine members of our congregation who are living in the retirement center in west Austin known as Querencia? Our Elders have been noting for quite some time that our numbers were growing there and now that **Bob and Aleen Woodard** and their daughter, **Laura Copeland**, are no longer able to make it in to our worship services regularly, it seemed time to explore a fellowship and worship opportunity at Querencia.

In discussions with our members who are residents there, a plan has unfolded that will lead to monthly Sunday afternoon worship gatherings every second Sunday of the month at 2:30 p.m. The services will be open to everyone who lives at Querencia, not just those who are members of the University Christian Church. The service will be ecumenical and will follow closely the order of worship that we use here including the sharing of communion at each service. The first service is scheduled for June 13th.

Already many have stepped up to take on responsibility for this service. Aleen Woodard

has been instrumental in developing the worship format, finding an accompanist, and providing a strong relationship basis with the Querencia staff. **Vaughn Alexander** is our liaison between the Querencia worship service and the University Christian Church Elders. **Bill Howland** has agreed to be song leader. Many others have contributed their talents to the cause. We have also identified other residents of Querencia who will be active in planning and leading the worship including a retired Presbyterian minister, **Rev. Bob Ball**, and a member from Hyde Park Christian Church, **Mauryene Kite**.

At the encouragement of our Elders, as we take each step forward, we are consistently inviting Querencia residents to lead where possible. We hope that after six months or so of our organizing support, the community there will be able to carry the service forward without our ongoing leadership. In the meantime, we will be doing all we can to help make this new outreach ministry bring glory to Christ!

UNIVERSITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH Treasurer's Report

	Month of: Apr-10			Year to date: 4/30/2010		
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual	Budget	Variance
Contributions	\$42,593	\$40,783	\$ 1,810	\$399,441	\$407,833	\$ (8,393)
Expenses	\$35,265	\$40,783	\$(5,519)	\$391,988	\$407,833	\$(15,846)
Balance	\$ 7,328	\$ 0		\$ 7,453	\$ 0	

Revenues were \$7,300 higher than expenses in April and overall we have a fiscal year-to-date (YTD) surplus of approximately \$7400. Pledged giving was up this month, but is about \$3000 less than budgeted for the year. Wedding and parking lot income have also come in under revenue budget.

Total expenses are approximately \$16,000 less than budgeted for the year, including building maintenance, which is \$4000 under budget.

Thank you for your continued financial support of University Christian Church. - *Alanna Bettis, Treasurer*

Patrick Scott is now finishing his Masters Degree in Organ Performance with an emphasis in Sacred Music at UT's Butler School of Music. He will continue there this fall, working toward a Doctorate of Music Arts in Organ Performance. This summer, Patrick will study English Sacred Music through a Maymester Study Abroad program.

REV. ABE PARKER

You may have noticed in our staff listing that **Abe Parker's** name is now preceded by the title, "Rev." He has just been issued a license by the Christian Church in the Southwest to serve our church as staff in campus ministry. Rev. Cobb and Rev. Allen issued the license during the commissioning of licensed ministers at the recent Bluebonnet Area Assembly. Congratulations to Abe!

LANGE INTERNSHIP BEGINS

Melanie Lange begins her internship this summer at University Christian Church on June 7. This is an important and expected aspect of the training of students for the profession of ministry. But Melanie's internship is not typical.

One half of her time will be spent here practicing and observing ministry within the life of this local congregation. She will have a wide range of responsibilities including: preaching, organizing, administering, pastoral visitation, writing, group leadership, mission trip leadership, and much, much more. She will get firsthand experience in ministry that simply cannot be taught in a seminary curriculum.

The other half of Melanie's internship will not be done here at church at all. She will be under the supervision of **Rev. Janice Spence** who is Austin's chaplain provided through the Disciples Benevolent Services, the agency that grew out of the former National Benevolent Association. Our own **Suzanne Quenette** was instrumental in obtaining Rev. Spence's services here. In this capacity, Melanie will be learning how a chaplain in a chemical dependency rehabilitation program

provides ministry to her charges. Between these two arenas of service, it is clear that Melanie will have an important learning opportunity this summer that may be instrumental in helping her discern the direction of her call to ministry.

Under-girding her work by being a committee that is her sounding board, the Lay Support Committee (LSC) here at University Christian Church will be meeting regularly with Melanie to help her reflect upon her ministry here. Members of that committee are: **Virginia Brashear, Kim Campbell** (chair), **Charles Clinger, Alice Hansen, John McDaniel, Erin Parker, Jackie Thompson, and Jan Wharry**. If you notice aspects of Melanie's ministry here at University Christian Church that you think should be flagged for special praise or that could be done better, please do not hesitate to contact Melanie directly, or **Pastor Kutz-Marks** (who is her supervisor), or any of the members of this lay support committee. Everyone's desire is to make this the best learning experience for Melanie that is possible and to launch her forward in her career of ministry in Christ's name.

ANNUAL STONE/CAMPBELL UNITY SERVICE

Final plans are being made for the annual Stone-Campbell Unity Worship Service to be Sunday evening, June 27 at 7:00 p.m. at Westover Hills Church of Christ (8332 Mesa Drive, 345-6386). The featured speaker of the evening is minister of the largest Church of Christ congregation in the U.S., **Rick Atchley**, Minister of the Word, Richland Hills Church of Christ, Ft. Worth, Texas.

Come join with sisters and brothers from all three streams of the Stone/Campbell tradition as we look at our common roots, our sometimes cantankerous past, and how we shall build our future together in obedience to the guidance of Christ. Austin has perhaps the most active conversation between these branches of Christ's church.

During the service, communion will be served by elders from all three streams: Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Independent Christian Churches & Churches of Christ. Fellowship time and refreshments follow the service.

VBS – JOIN US FOR FOUR DAYS OF LEARNING AND FUN

The theme for our VBS is *Egypt: Joseph's Journey from Prison to Palace* and focuses on the story of Joseph in the Old Testament. This VBS is **for the whole family** (parents and children together). Families will experience a bit of life as it was in ancient Egypt, meet Joseph (our own **Stan Farber**) and hear about the story of God's people, visit shops to make jewelry, linen, and toys, meet an Egyptian barber, embalmer, and artist. Of course, there will also be music, games, and food!

Thursday and Friday evenings, **June 10 and 11, will begin with supper from 5:45-6:15 p.m.** at our church. We will walk to University Avenue Church of Christ (our VBS partners) for the remainder of the evening.

Saturday morning, (8:45-11:00 a.m.) and Sunday morning (9:15-10:30 a.m.) will begin with a light breakfast at the Church of Christ.

The children who attend VBS will sing in both the Church of Christ and UCC Worship Services on June 13.

You may attend all or part of VBS. Please register at the web link below. It will help us order the appropriate amount of food and supplies.

Questions? Call **Mary Lu** in the church office.

Please register for VBS at <https://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/hl/UCCandUA>.

SUMMER CHILDREN'S PROGRAM AT UCC:

Green Church - Caretakers of God's Creation (Genesis 1-2, Psalm 148)

This program will take place from 9:30-10:30 a.m. on the second floor. We will have one multi-age class of children who will be...

- * singing fun songs like "If You're Green and You Know It"
- * playing games like Reuse Relay and Earth Ball
- * creating art from aluminum cans and old magazines
- * acting out dramas about creation
- * making green instruments
- * doing science projects (watching things grow in a terrarium)

Juice, Donut Holes, Fruit, etc., will be provided every Sunday throughout the summer!

BEING CHRISTIAN IN THE 21ST CENTURY - A Summer Study for Adults

led by Gregg Freeby and Ted White and hosted by the Disciples and Young Adult Classes

ALL ADULTS ARE INVITED - Join us for one, several, or all sessions!

Sunday mornings: 9:30-10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All studies are biblically based.

June 6: What is Separation of Church and State?
 June 13: From Biblical Persia...
 June 20: to Contemporary Iran
 June 27: Human Trafficking (Guest Leader, Virginia White)

July 4: Congregational 4th of July Breakfast
 July 11: Introduction to the Koran
 July 18: Is Torture Ever Justified?

July 25: Israel/Palestine: Is A Two-State Solution Possible? (Guest Leader: Chuck Kutz-Marks)

Aug 1: Gun Control

Aug 8: Is Affirmative Action Still Needed?

Aug 15: Caring for People with Alzheimer's

Aug 22: Water: Resource for Life

Aug 29: Creationism, Evolution, Intelligent Design

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

- Welcome to **Sharon and Karl Thames**, who joined the church on May 23. They are long-time members of the Disciples of Christ.
- In May, we were saddened to lose the worldly presence of UCC member **Jack Stearman**. The following message accompanied a donation to the church in memory of Jack.

A Message to the Members of University Christian Church

From the earliest days of University Christian Church, Jack and Helen Stearman have been an integral part of the remarkable fellowship, beginning with only eleven members, to establish the University Christian Church. Paul and Ruth Wassenich and several of the returning veterans of World War II and their wives, together with five or six members of Central Christian Church began to meet in the upstairs classroom of the Texas Bible Chair in 1947.

Sara and I have been a part of that legacy of reverence, fellowship and inspiration. We are especially grateful for those who were part of that early beginning and we celebrate the lives of Jack and Helen Stearman. Their deep devotion and solid commitment were an important part of our lives. We continue to celebrate the well-spring of faith and commitment that has been carried on from that beginning. It seems to grow stronger even in the midst of turmoil and conflict. We share our gratitude with all of you who are a part of the emerging new dimension, and we offer this small offering as a tribute to the Jack Stearman Memorial Fund. – *Bill and Sara Hilgers*

REMEMBERING JACK STEARMAN

Jack W. Stearman passed away at the age of 86 on Friday, May 7, 2010. Jack was born in Wichita, Kansas, on July 14, 1923, to Lois Kathryn Guest and Waverly Millard Stearman. The Stearman family were aviation pioneers, first with the Swallow Aircraft Company and, later, with their own Stearman Aircraft Corporation (eventually part of Boeing Corp.). Jack was a veteran of World War II, specializing in radar repair and navigation. He later obtained his private pilot's license and was a member of the Civil Air Patrol.


Jack attended the University of Texas, graduating with a degree in Geology with interests in petroleum engineering and subsurface hydrology. Jack was a lifetime member of the Texas Exes Association and passionate supporter of UT. In his career, he was a member of several professional geologist organizations and retired from the Texas Water Development Board after 30 years.


Jack was a strong believer in service to the community. He achieved the rank of Eagle and was an avid, lifetime supporter of the Boy Scouts. He helped found the Balcones Little League and served as its first president. Jack was one of the first members of University Christian Church. He was DSF's first secretary and served as one of our first deacons. UCC members remember Jack as a quiet, modest man, but one who loved the fellowship of others and had a keen interest in the world and in people. He enjoyed politics, philosophy and music; he loved singing. Jack became one of our Life Elders and, on UCC's 60th anniversary in 2006, was recognized as a Charter Member for 60 years (along with the Hilgers and others). In more recent years, he was unable to attend church, but was eager to have visitors give him updates on the people and life of the church.

After retirement Jack continued to engage life. He enjoyed square-dancing, golfing, gardening, and traveling in a trailer to explore Texas. He belonged to the Austin Czech Historical Society and the American Legion Post 76. To all who remember him, his legacy will be his kindness, unselfish generosity, and steadfast belief in doing the right thing.

Jack is survived by his loving wife, **Helen G. Stearman**; sons, Jim and Alan Stearman; and brothers, Don Stearman of Dallas and Joe Patton of Fort Worth. A Memorial Service was held May 12, followed by burial at Cook-Walden Memorial Hill Cemetery in Pflugerville. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Jack's name to the University Christian Church or to a favorite charity.

OUTREACH

 During the summer months when university students are out of school, the **Micah 6 Food Pantry** has a significant drop in the number of volunteers. Summer vacations are also a factor in the increased need for volunteers. If you could possibly help out in the pantry this summer, please contact our Micah 6 congregation coordinator, **Jo Dawn Noble** at jodawn@austin.rr.com or 996-8678.

 The **Blankets + program** of Church World Service will be celebrated on Fathers Day in June. Every year 8,000 congregations and groups gather funds, blankets and tools for outreach across the globe. A display will be in the Narthex illustrating the need and how the funds can help.

LECTIONARY FOR JUNE (Hebrew Bible, Psalm, Epistle and Gospel Lections)

Second Sunday after Pentecost June 6	1 Kings 17:8-16, (17-24) or Psalm 146	1 Kings 17:17-24 or Psalm 30	Galatians 1:11-24	Luke 7:11-17
Third Sunday after Pentecost June 13	1 Kings 21:1-10, (11-14), 15-21a or Psalm 5:1-8	2 Samuel 11:26-12:10, 13-15 or Psalm 32	Galatians 2:15-21	Luke 7:36-8:3
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost June 20	1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a or Psalm 42 and 43	Isaiah 65:1-9 or Psalm 22:19-28	Galatians 3:23-29	Luke 8:26-39
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost June 27	2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 or Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20	1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21 or Psalm 16	Galatians 5:1, 13-25	Luke 9:51-62

ELDER AND DEACON SCHEDULES

The elders serving in June are **Nancy Bessent, Gina Crumbliss, Paul Kofron, Beth Long and Caroline Tollefson**. The elder meeting will be held on June 20 at 8:30 a.m.

2010 Deacon Schedule: June					
Date	Ushers	Prepare	Collect Offering, Serve	Prep for	Sound
Jun-6	Alice	Jackie	Jackie	Jackie	Ted
	Gilbert		Gaye Lynn / Amy		
			Ann / Jan		
Jun-13	Ron	Letty	Ron	Jo	Craig
	Ted		Gregg		
			Kathy		
			Jan		
Jun-20	Kathy	Letty	Gregg	Jo	Gilbert
	Jan		Carl		
			Kathy		
Jun-27			Jan		
	Graham	Graham	Graham	Graham	Craig
	Alanna		Ann / Alanna		
			Calvin		
		Ted			

June 2010 at University Christian Church

Friday, June 4

7:30 pm Senters/Bricker Rehearsal

Saturday, June 5

11:30 am – 3:00 pm TBCF Potluck Lunch and Board Meeting
7:00 pm Senters/Bricker Wedding

Sunday, June 6

9:15am Chapel open
9:30 am Sunday School
10:00 am Choir Rehearsal
10:50 am Worship
Commissioning of Stephen Ministers During Worship
12:30 pm Communications Council & ECM Trustees Joint Meeting

Tuesday, June 8

1:30 pm Staff Meeting
6:00 pm UCC Women’s Covered Dish Dinner – at home of Jeanie Youngblood

Thursday, June 10

5:45 pm – 8:30 pm VBS

Friday, June 11

5:45 pm – 8:30 pm VBS

Saturday, June 12

8:45 am – 11:00 am VBS

Sunday, June 13

9:15 am Chapel open
9:15 am – 10:15 am VBS
9:30 am Sunday School
10:00 am Choir Rehearsal
10:50 am Worship
12:00 pm Outreach Council
2:30 pm Querencia Worship Service

Monday, June 14

6:00 pm Program Cabinet Meeting
7:00 pm AAIM Spirituality Book Club – Book People

Tuesday, June 15

1:30 pm Staff Meeting
6:30 pm Board Meeting

Thursday, June 17

Caller Input Due

Friday, June 18

5:30 pm Wilson/Herries Rehearsal

Saturday, June 19

7:00 pm Wilson/Herries Wedding

Sunday, June 20

Father’s Day
World Refugee Day
BBA CYF Conference - thru June 26
8:30 am Elders Meeting
9:15 am Chapel open
9:30 am Sunday School
10:00 am Choir Rehearsal
10:50 am Worship

Wednesday, June 23

2010 Quadrennial Assembly – Disciples Women – Greensboro, North Carolina thru June 27

Sunday, June 27

BBA/CPA Eighter’s Camp thru July 3
9:15am Chapel open
9:30 am Sunday School
10:00 am Choir Rehearsal
10:50 am Worship
12:15 pm Lange Lay Support Committee Meeting
7:00 pm Stone/Campbell Unity Service, Westover Hills Church of Christ

Monday, June 28

CYLS at Lake Brownwood – thru July 3

Tuesday, June 29

6:30 am Men's Breakfast
1:30 pm Staff Meeting



June Birthdays

<p>Paul Hansen 5 Julian Read 8 Ted White 8 Dan Loving 10 Sue Moss 10 Virginia White 10 Becky Robinson 15 Jessica Smith 15</p>	<p>Cathy Woolwine 16 Bonnie Cole 18 Randy Loving 19 Howard Parker 20 Don Roose, Jr. 21 Mary Haley 25 Dottie Howard 25 Nick Thomas 25 Michele Haley 28</p>
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University Christian Church seeks to be a dynamic, inclusive community living out the love of Jesus the Christ, through thoughtful worship, compassionate service and spiritual growth.

Office Hours

During the week, members can usually find our ministers in the church office (477-6104) at the following times. Ministers may also be at appointments or visitations during office hours. You are encouraged to call Chuck or Mary Lu with information such as when a member is ill or in the hospital, as well as with news of personal, family, or work-related joys and concerns.

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Dates To Remember

- June 6** – Commissioning of Stephen Ministers, during Worship
- June 8** – UCC Women’s Covered Dish Dinner, 6:00 p.m., home of Jeannie Youngblood
- June 10-13** – Vacation Bible School, various times (see article in newsletter)
- June 15** – Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- June 20** – Fathers’ Day
- June 27** – Stone/Campbell Unity Service, 7:00 p.m., Westover Hills Church of Christ

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