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**Congregational Café**  
January 29th, 11:30 am-12:30  
Fellowship Hall

This is a small group congregational conversation that will meet monthly with the intent of keeping our congregation informed as we go through the transition to our interim ministers and a new senior minister. All are welcome to listen, and ask questions.

The topic for the January 29th meeting will center around our Christian Education program and its future. The C.E. Board wants your ideas and questions. Please be there for this important conversation.

**UCC Social Scene**  
Men's Group Lunch  
*Meets the 3rd Thursday each month*  
**Thursday, January 19th at 11:30**  
At Louie's Grill & Bar, 9747 East 21st St. North (Webb & 21st). Let us know if you need a ride. Sign up in Fellowship Hall or call the church office.

**Women's Guild Luncheon**  
**Wednesday, February 1st at 12 noon.**  
Fellowship Hall. Lunch served at 12:30 pm  
Program following by Pam Harden, Director of Education at Botanica. Cost \$7.00 per person

**Useful Tidbits**

The church office will be closed Monday, Jan. 2 for the New Year's Holiday.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

*February Newsletter info due Jan. 18. to [cyndi@ucchurch.org](mailto:cyndi@ucchurch.org).*

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# Steeple Notes

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**A Word of Greeting from Carl and Keith**

We are writing jointly to say that we are excited about serving as the interim co-pastoring team at UCC. As native Kansans, each of us has family roots in the Sunflower State that go back to pioneer days. Both of us are ordained ministers in the United Methodist Church. Our professional backgrounds were summarized in the congregational letter that you received in early December, so we will not repeat that information here.

We genuinely look forward to being a part of UCC's journey during this time of transition. The church in general is, in fact, in a time of significant transition, searching for ways to embrace cherished traditions but also to explore new possibilities for expressing the church's message in a new century and to younger generations. It is both a difficult and an exciting time, one which we are privileged to share now as a part of the University CC community.

Sincerely,  
Carl Martin and Keith Williamson

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***Carl and Mary Lou Martin and Keith Williamson***  
***would like to meet you at***  
***A Get Acquainted Dinner***  
***Wednesday, January 18, 5:30 p.m.***  
***Sign up in Fellowship Hall or call the office to make a reservation (so we know how much food to provide.)***  
***A casual dinner and with a short program by Myrne Row who has written "Radiating Like a Stone" featuring UCC members Mary Ellen Conlee and Jo Ann Pottorff and "Under Hope's Roof***  
***Shed some light on the darkness of winter as we start this new year and new era of UCC.***  
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### Moderator's Message

by Mert Buckley

**Welcome Reverend Carl Martin and Dr. Keith Williamson.** Carl and Keith will begin their service with us as interim ministers on January 1st. As previously announced, Keith will be primarily responsible for pulpit duties and Carl will address pastoral concerns and administrative work of the minister. But they will back-up each other in those respective rolls.

I think you will find them both warm and engaging gentlemen. They are enthusiastic about their time with us and want to meet our membership as soon as possible. You will see elsewhere in the bulletin some dates to begin this get-acquainted process. So please take advantage of this time to welcome Carl and Keith and get to know them.

**Senior Minister Search Process.** We have had a number of good candidates and are still taking more applications. No interviews have been conducted yet. We meet every two weeks and are benefited by today's technology, able to observe some applicants' sermons on YouTube or their churches' websites. Others provide CDs of sermons.

You might be interested in this. At one meeting the committee members each expressed what they are looking for in a minister. Many people gave the same characteristics. Below are the most representative of the committee's desires:

- well crafted sermons
- scholarly background
- messages you can use in daily living
- liberal theology; open to other ideas
- draws from a variety of sources; Jesus, Buddha, scholars, etc.
- not preach partisan politics from the pulpit
- good with young people
- approachable, personable, sense of humor
- enthusiastic for the work
- walks on water, throws left handed, and can bat from both left and right side of the plate

Mert Buckley,  
Moderator

#### Among Our Own

##### New Members:

**Bao Mosinyi and Tebogo Rakola-Mosinyi** who joined UCC on December 18th. **Dane and Rebecca Hurt** and their daughter **Emily Hurt** will join UCC on January 1, 2012.

##### In Memoriam:

**Jan Corzatt** died on December 3rd. Our deepest condolences to her family, including UCC members Burt and Sharon Tims. Charter member **Roy Craig** died in St. Louis on December 20. Our condolences go out to his wife Marty and their family. **Dr. Ernie Crow** died on December 26, his service date will be in mid January at UCC. Our condolences go out to his loving family.

### News from the Head-To-Toe HYGIENE PANTRY

December has been a wonderful month at the pantry. On December 3, 272 families stood in the pouring rain to graciously receive their hygiene items. The card you see was handed to one of the volunteers. Both the card and the gentleman were soaked. But his heart was warm and grateful!

On December 17, there were 294 families who came to share in the Christmas fun. We had Santa Claus in the house (AKA Cameron Barger), lots of stuffed toys to give to the children, Christmas music in the background, lots of candy canes, and everyone was able to leave with the items they requested. What a blessing it is to be able to provide these families with these very basic needs.

Thank you, each and every one of you, for your encouragement, your support, your gifts, and the times you have volunteered to help others. You ARE appreciated by the families who come to the Head to Toe Hygiene Pantry!



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Dec 25  
Sunday  
Teresa Miller*

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**Appreciation Dinner**  
**For Dr. Blaine**  
**January 11, 2012 at**  
**Crestview Country Club**  
**6:00-6:30 cocktails (cash bar)**  
**6:30 dinner**  
**Organized by some of our**  
**UCC members. Hot**  
**Wassail will be served.**  
**Jordan Voth at the piano.**  
**Dinner is \$30.00 p.p. for**  
**either Lemon-pepper**  
**Chicken or Salmon plus**  
**white or red wine. To make**  
**your reservation mail a**  
**check to the church office**  
**with Crestview dinner and**  
**your choice for dinner**  
**(Chicken or Salmon) in the**  
**memo line.**

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**Chancel Flowers**  
The flower signup sheet for 2012 is posted in Fellowship Hall. Be sure to sign up soon so you get your preferred date to provide the chancel flower arrangement. The church office will send you a reminder and details when it gets close to your chosen date.

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