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*The Coming King*

PREPARING THE WAY TO EASTER

*The Cornerstone* is your guide to ministry opportunities at Upper Arlington Lutheran Church. Look inside for ways to take next steps in your faith journey, grow deeper through service opportunities, and be encouraged through stories of God at work! If you'd like more information about our church, please stop by the Connect Center in the lobby.



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# Welcome to Upper Arlington Lutheran Church!

We're glad you're here!

## Wherever He Leads I'll Go

Each of us has a story of how God changed our “plans” to show us His own. My story begins with the faith of my parents, and how their influence provided an anchor that still guides me through life's challenges.

Growing up a Southern Baptist, I was introduced to the beauty of hymns, the power of the gospel, and the fruits of the Spirit. It was in this atmosphere that I gave my heart to Jesus Christ. Once I gave Him dominion over my life, He opened my heart to the world around me, and I will never be the same.

Music has always been in my life...it always came easy to me, and lifted me up when nothing else would. It is the medium that the Spirit uses to speak to my soul. When I am singing or directing, the melody's elongation of the text forces me to reflect on its meaning. I must pay attention to the depth of each phrase. I have no choice but to connect and become vulnerable to the Spirit. This connection is what I want others to experience when I sing, and when I lead the adult choir ministry at Lytham Road.

My wife, Tiffany, and I are nearing the culmination of our eighth season with the choir ministry. Through this time there have been numerous occasions in which the Lord's presence has been evident. Sunday morning anthems, Christmas celebrations, and Holy Week remembrances continue to enrich the worship experience of each service and liturgical season of the calendar. Our

two children, Truman (11) and Zoe (9), have grown to love the choir. Their reactions serve as one of my gages for the engagement of the anthems on Sunday mornings. This can sometimes be rather funny!

The choir has grown into a family singing with one voice its praises to God. We care for each other, worship together, lift each other up in prayer, and comfort one another through difficult times. We believe in the importance of connecting with the congregation through allowing the Spirit to speak to us, and through us. We sing for the joy of the Lord is our strength. He is our ever-present help in times of trouble. He is our fortress, and our reward.



The future of the choral ministry at UALC is in good hands. With the addition of Shine Wu to the Mill Run campus, and with Katie Borden as our worship director, the collaboration of both Lytham and Mill Run campuses has never been stronger. I look forward to the powerful ways in which our Lord and Savior will use this collaboration of resources for His glory. To God be the glory!

In Christ,  
**Brian Carlton**  
Director of Lytham Road Sanctuary Choir



## *Coming Up:*

### **7 Day Bible Art Challenge**

Experience the results of the 7 Day Bible Art Challenge! Bring your friends to see the Spirit-inspired works and learn the artists' inspiration. Many pieces are available for sale by contacting the artist.

**Open daily during regular business hours through April 17, MR**

**Contact: [visualarts@ualc.org](mailto:visualarts@ualc.org)**

### **Women's Captivating Bootcamp**

Join other women and take an opportunity to be refreshed and renewed as the Lord speaks to your heart. This weekend's focus is based on the book "Captivating" by Stasi Eldredge.

**March 22-25, Logan, OH, cost \$285**

**Details and registration: [ualc.org/adults](http://ualc.org/adults)**

**Contact: Amy Adams, [wbootcamp@ualc.org](mailto:wbootcamp@ualc.org)**

### **A Closer Look**

Are you new to UALC? Join members and staff for appetizers and desserts while you hear more about UALC. Child care available with registration.

**Monday, April 9, 6:30 pm, MR**

**Registration: [ualc.org/adults](http://ualc.org/adults)**

**Contact: Judy Webb, [jwebb@ualc.org](mailto:jwebb@ualc.org)**

### **IFI New Volunteer Training**

The New Volunteer General Training is an overview of the International Friendships Inc (IFI)

Vision and Values and will teach you the skills you'll need to relate well to your international friend.

**April 9 or May 8, 7:00-9:00 pm, MR**

**IFI information and application: [ualc.org/ifi](http://ualc.org/ifi)**

### **Women's Renewal**

This is a time to recommit yourself to be a disciple of Jesus and to disciple others. The initial weekend is followed by six months of forming a team to pass along the experience to others.

**April 21-22, fee \$10**

**Details and registration: [ualc.org/adults](http://ualc.org/adults)**

**Contact: Judy Webb [jwebb@ualc.org](mailto:jwebb@ualc.org)**

### **All-City Worship Night**

ONE NIGHT is a prayer and worship gathering, for the entire city of Columbus, lifting only the name of Jesus.

**April 20, 7:00 pm, \$5 parking**

**Ohio Expo Celeste Center, 717 E. 17th Ave**

**Contact: Katie Borden, [kborden@ualc.org](mailto:kborden@ualc.org)**

**Registration not required but preferred:**

**[onenightcolumbus.com](http://onenightcolumbus.com)**

### **SE Ohio Summer Mission Trip**

Serve on a mission team to Appalachian SE Ohio, to take part in construction projects, bed-building and delivery, prayer and care, as well as help plan a community Sunday worship service and brunch.

**June 6-10, cost: \$290, includes all meals.**

**Contact: Becky Armstrong, 614-580-7241, [barmstrong3911@gmail.com](mailto:barmstrong3911@gmail.com)**



## *Family, Youth & Children:*

### Children's Ministry

#### My Bible Workshop

One way we can equip young people for a life of following Jesus is by helping them learn to read and interpret the Bible on their own. This highly interactive workshop is designed for third and fourth graders, with parents. Older students welcome.

**Sundays, April 8-May 20, 4:30 pm, MR, fee \$15**

**Details and registration: [ualc.org/elementary](http://ualc.org/elementary)**

**Contact: Andrea Taphorn, [ataphorn@ualc.org](mailto:ataphorn@ualc.org), 614-451-3736**

### Middle School Ministry (MSM)

#### MSM Summer Camp

A great week of fun, fellowship, and adventure at CIY MIX in Cedarville, Ohio! Live life on Cedarville University's campus for a week as we learn about what it means to follow Jesus and be a Kingdom Worker, as well as grow in relationship with each other and have a blast together!

**June 24-28, fee \$445, deadline April 23**

#### Apostles' Creed Next Step Workshop

Designed to clarify what it means to believe in God—Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Eighth graders and parents come to understand the meaning of each part of the Apostles' Creed and why it is important for Christians. Older students are welcome

to attend in order to complete all workshops prior to the Confirmation Capstone.

**Sundays, April 8-29, 6:30-8:00 pm, fee \$15**

**MSM details and registration: [ualc.org/middleschool](http://ualc.org/middleschool)**

**Contact: Kelsey Payne, [kpayne@ualc.org](mailto:kpayne@ualc.org)**

### High School Ministry (HSM)

#### Summer Camp

Are you ready for an incredible grow faith big experience this summer? Our week will be filled with passionate worship, amazing teaching, great conversations, playing fun games and making new friends. Join us at MOVE!

**Summer Camp - June 25-30, Johnson City, TN**

**Details and register: [ualc.org/highschool](http://ualc.org/highschool), due by April 23, fee \$399.**

**HSM details: [ualc.org/highschool](http://ualc.org/highschool)**

**Contact: Catherine Scurria, [cscurria@ualc.org](mailto:cscurria@ualc.org) or**

**Aaron Thompson, [athompson@ualc.org](mailto:athompson@ualc.org)**

### Summer Opportunity - Children's Ministry Intern

Applications are now being accepted for a summer intern position with UALC's Children's Ministry. If you or someone you know has a passion for connecting children to Christ, please consider applying. The position runs from mid-May through early August.

**Details and register: [ualc.org/application](http://ualc.org/application), due by April 22.**

**Contact: David White, [dwhite@ualc.org](mailto:dwhite@ualc.org)**

## Thank you Catherine!

Please join us in thanking Catherine Scurria for three years of faithful service as the Director of High School Ministry. Catherine has made the decision to follow God into a new phase of life and we're excited for her. She was a great leader for the

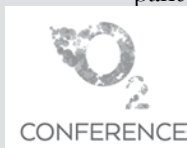
high school ministry and Kids' Church. She faithfully and tirelessly worked to build well-rounded ministries that support both students and their families. Catherine's last day will be April 15. The tremendous HSM ministry team will continue their work, led by Aaron as the search for our next full-time director begins.

## *O<sub>2</sub> Conference*

Eating is more than just trying to get full. Having access to the right kinds of healthy foods is so crucial and many people in our community can't afford fresh fruits and veggies. If you've ever spent time in the UALC Community Garden then you've witnessed the real impact we're having on a very real need. In the Spring of 2009, members of our congregation got organized around this organic need. Now ten years later, over 100,000 pounds has been shared. Another church (Cornerstone Christian) now partners with us, and we're growing food tailored to the ESL families we serve each week. The garden is about to rev up on March 17 and there is a great need for more workers.

God continues to draw our hearts to the needs of our community. The UALC Garden is a real-life example of an O<sub>2</sub> idea that has breathed life into our community. **The O<sub>2</sub> Conference is an authentic expression of who we already are.** Here's how it works:

1. Prior to the conference, 12-25 year-olds submit their ideas for addressing a real need in Columbus. We are actively seeking participants outside of UALC and the Christian. Encourage people to apply by April 15.
2. Five ideas are selected from each age group to present at the conference (middle school,



high school and young adult)

3. There are 550 tickets available to the conference where attendees will have a vote in the process. Two ideas from each age group will advance to the final round.
4. The finalists will present to the attendees and our panel of seven mentors. The mentors have \$1,000 each to award and will select a participant to mentor.
5. The conference culminates as the awards are announced including an Audience Award winner. Six new efforts to meet needs will be launched!
6. After the conference, the finalists and their mentor work together for a minimum of six months developing their idea.

The hope is that everyone in attendance walks away feeling like they've experienced a breath of fresh air.

**The inspiring O<sub>2</sub> Conference is designed to help us hear and respond to the current needs of our community. UALC is hosting this first ever event to take action on our new vision. How can you get involved? Encourage someone to apply or get involved in the event by purchasing a ticket or volunteering.**

**Event: Saturday, May 12, 4:32-8:00 pm, MR  
Details and application: [o2conference.org](http://o2conference.org).  
Contact: David White, [info@o2conference.org](mailto:info@o2conference.org),  
614.451.3736, ext. 4691**



## *Adults 65+ :*

*While the opportunities listed here are planned with Adults 65+ in mind, if you are interested, please join us! We do not discriminate based on age, and all are welcome.*

*Contact and register: [65plus@ualc.org](mailto:65plus@ualc.org), or call 614-451-3736, ext. 4652.*

## **Progressive Euchre Card Party**

Never played? Come and learn—all ages welcome! Bring a friend and a snack to share.

**Tuesday, March 27, 1:00-4:00 pm, LR**

## **Thursday Bible Study**

“The Kingdom of God is Like...” – Exploring the parables of Jesus to discover the shape of life in God’s Kingdom.

**Thursdays, March 22 and 29, 11:00-11:50 am, LR**

**Thursdays, April 5 and 12, 10:30-11:30 am, LR**

## **Monthly Lunch and Program**

Delicious catered lunch and fellowship as we listen Paul Nordman, UALC member and author of the book, “Christ In Me.” Paul will discuss the book and share how God led him to write in retirement.

**Thursday, April 5, 12:00 pm, LR, donation**

## **Ladies of the Club Lunch**

Make friends and enjoy fellowship with other mature single women

**April 13, 11:30 am-1:00 pm**

Max & Erma’s, 4279 Cemetery Rd., Hilliard

**Contact: Sadie DeWeese, 614-876-2077**

## *Get Involved:*

### **Food Pantry Volunteers Needed**

Help Serve at the Lutheran Social Services Food Pantry at 1460 S. Champion Ave.

**Tuesday April 3; 10:00 am-2:30 pm**

**Contact: Tom Andres, [tom.andres@att.net](mailto:tom.andres@att.net)**

### **Quilt Guild**

Join with quilters to: share tips, techniques, and tools; learn new patterns; inspire others with your projects; and enjoy wonderful fellowship.

**Saturday, April 7, 9:00am-12:00 pm, LR**

**Contact: Deb DeWees, 614-578-2783, [ddewees@columbus.rr.com](mailto:ddewees@columbus.rr.com)**

### **Adoption and Foster Care Conference**

The Empowered to Connect Conference (live via simulcast) features practical teaching to equip families, churches, and professionals to better serve children impacted by adoption and foster care. CEUs available.

**April 13 -14, 10:00 am-6:00 pm daily, fee \$10, LR**

**Details and registration: [intothe.org/etc](http://intothe.org/etc)**

### **Men’s Monday Night Softball**

We are in need of men who want to play on a men’s team on Monday night.

**Contact: Shawn Davis, [shaunosu@yahoo.com](mailto:shaunosu@yahoo.com), 614-537-2469**



## Donations Needed

**Canned vegetables and baby diapers:** Lutheran Social Services bins at MR and LR.

**Feminine hygiene products:** God's Hygiene Center baskets at Exchange Center at MR and LR.

**Shoes:** Watch for details about the Hilltop Pre-school shoe drive.

**Winter hats and gloves:** These items are on sale now, pick some up for next year. Place in baskets at the MR and LR Connect Centers.

## Lytham Spring Clean-up and Plant Exchange

Weed, mulch, window washing and more if we have many hands. Small groups, youth and neighbors especially welcome. Plant exchange too. Spring is a good time to divide your perennials. Bring what you are happy to share, or take what you like.

**Saturday, April 28, 1:30-4:30 pm, LR**

**Rain or Shine**

**Contact: Bill Johnson, 614-459-1229**

## *Building Relationships*

John, a UALC member was traveling North on US 23, stopped to help a man who was having car problems. The man was Somali and explained that he had been trying to flag down people for two hours, but no one had stopped. He assumed that the reason no one stopped was because he was black and asked John why he had stopped. John explained that he serves a King who shows no partiality to people based on skin color. John gave the Somali man a good portion of his day, helping him get to where he needed to go and getting his car fixed.

John then invited the man to join him at church on the following Sunday. John was asking me for guidance on how to relate to Somali Muslims, and especially if there was a Somali-English New Testament available. We chatted a bit, and I encouraged John because of his response to the nudge of the Spirit to stop and help the Somali.

I also explained to John that he should not be surprised if the Somali did not come to church, even though he had accepted the invitation. Often people from a shame-honor culture will

accept an invitation that they really are uncomfortable with, in order to honor the inviter. But later, they might renege on it. I encouraged John not to feel disheartened if that were to happen, and in fact, that would be the most likely scenario.

But I was wrong! The Somali showed up at the Mill Run Sanctuary service and he stayed for the entire service. John introduced me to him after the service and we welcomed him to return.



-Pastor Dave Mann

**Another way that Internationals are being led to UALC is through English as a Second Language (ESL) programs. Volunteers are needed to practice conversation with internationals.**

**Work as a team with other volunteers at the new ESL Conversation Group, Mill Run, Mondays, 9:30-11:00 am.**

**Be a Conversation Partner with 1-2 internationals. You work out the time and location with your new international friend.**

**Contact: Pastor Dave, [dmann@ualc.org](mailto:dmann@ualc.org), 614-451-3736, ext. 4657**

# Holy Week and Easter Services

Join us on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Find the worship services descriptions at [ualc.org/easter](http://ualc.org/easter).



## MAUNDY THURSDAY, MARCH 29

### LYTHAM ROAD CAMPUS:

12:00 pm *Service with Communion*

### MILL RUN CAMPUS:

7:30 pm *Service with Communion*

## GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 30

### LYTHAM ROAD CAMPUS:

Noon - 3:00 pm *Tre Ore Service - Come when you can, leave when you must.*

7:30 pm *Service of Darkness (Tenebrae)*

### MILL RUN CAMPUS:

6:00 pm *Family Service\* - Creative and interactive for all ages.*



## EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 1

### LYTHAM ROAD CAMPUS:

9:00 am *Traditional Service with Communion\**

10:30 am *Celebration Service with Communion\**

10:30 am *Xalt Service with Communion\**

### MILL RUN CAMPUS:

6:30 am *Sunrise Service at Columbarium with Communion*

8:00 am *Sanctuary Service*

9:00 am *Sanctuary Service\**

9:00 am *Xalt Service\**

10:30 am *Sanctuary Service with Communion\**

10:30 am *Xalt Service with Communion\**



### HILLTOP MISSION:

10:30 am *Veritas West Service with Communion*

\*Nursery open