

APRIL 14, 2019

Welcome to UALC! We're glad you're here.

We invite you to take this home as a prayer guide.
Please stop by the Connect Center in the lobby if you have any questions or want to learn more about our church.

Additional information and announcements can be found in *The Cornerstone*, available from ushers, or online at ualc.org/announcements.

Join Us As We Pray For:

Our Heart

Read Luke 19:28-43: At the end of the Palm Sunday celebration into Jerusalem, Jesus stops and weeps over the city. Sin and human suffering break the heart of God. He is not an all-seeing scold waiting for us to make a mistake. He knows sin destroys the lives of the people He created and loves. God has a great desire for you to know Him.

Our People

In the hospital: Michael Hubbard

Home from the hospital or in short-term care: Ruth Foster, Maeva Rish, Andy Scott

A portion of our members with ongoing health needs: Gary Osborn, Linda Paparodis, Dave Perdue, PJ Petersen, Alea Ramsey, Joe Randazzio, Tom Seipel, Boyer Simcox, Lou Ann Sites, Burt Szalay, Lisa Vroom, Kiersten Watts

Baptism: at Mill Run, Henry Solomon Carman, son of Robert and Lulu Carman

Our World

Athletes in Action: Pray for Rick and Karen Rogers and their work to use the venue of sports to effectively draw players, coaches, and spectators to the truth of the Gospel.

Announcement Updates:

Ministry Tables and Connect Center

Visit the ministry tables and Connect Center in the lobby for opportunities to get involved in the church. This week, find out about Women's Renewal (April 27-28), Vacation Bible School and Young Kids Vacation Bible School (June 10-14), and the Remembrance & Appreciation Luncheon (May 2).

Joining the Family and Mission at UALC

Our New Member Workshop is built for those who want to learn more about UALC, meet people, and join our community in following Jesus together. Join us on Sundays: May 5, 5:00-7:00 pm at Lytham Road; May 19, 5:00-7:00 pm at Mill Run; and for morning worship on June 2 followed by a celebration lunch at the Senior Pastor's house from noon to 2:00 pm. No cost to attend. Dinner is provided and childcare is available upon request. Details and registration: ualc.org/newmember.



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Nominees for Council Vice-Chair and Council Members-at-Large

To be voted on by the UALC Congregation, April 28, 2019

J.D. Wylie Council Vice-Chair Three-Year Term

Spouse: Lindsay
Children: Allison, Luke,
Matthew, Noelle (ages 4-11)
Years Attending UALC: 37
Community: Mill Run Xalt



My prayer for UALC: I pray that we would be eagerly responsive to God's leading in a time of clear change. I pray for collective courage to listen to and accept His call to reach out to children and families in our community with His message of salvation and grace.

I'd like you to know this about me:

UALC has been formative in every step of my faith. This body has spoken into my life since I was in the nursery at Lytham up until the present--encouraging me as I met, accepted, and now grow deeper in love with Jesus. I'm honored and humbled to be asked to lead in this capacity.

Barbara Masten Council Three-Year Term

Spouse: Roger
Children: Two adult children,
five grandchildren
Years Attending UALC: 44
Community: Lytham Road Traditional



My prayer for UALC: I pray that as a church that believes in the grace and mercy of God, we continue to be and make disciples for Jesus. I pray that we stay true to and trust His Word to be our guide in all decisions of ministry.

I'd like you to know this about me: I am a retired educator. I have participated in a variety of ministries at UALC over the years. At the present time, I am involved in the Lector ministry, Communion service, Community Bible Study, and the Adult Sunday School class. I enjoy exercising, reading, and traveling with Roger.

Phil Heveron Council Three-Year Term

Spouse: Connie
Children: Three adult children
Years Attending UALC: 23
Community: Lytham Road Celebration



My prayer for UALC: To live our mission statement, being known throughout our community as a church that expresses love for Christ through action and where passion for Jesus is contagious; where members discover and use their spiritual gifts to grow the Kingdom.

I'd like you to know this about me: I believe mainstream churches will struggle to remain relevant in the future. Schools and society are attempting to diminish need for God, portraying Christians as being intolerant, judgmental, and hypocritical. The challenge for Christians will be to make a relationship with Jesus look attractive -- without watering down the Gospel.

Karen Rogers Council One-Year Term

Spouse: Rick
Children: Seven young adult
children, two sons-in-law,
one grandchild
Years Attending UALC: 19+
Community: Mill Run Xalt



My prayer for UALC: As a congregation we would be like Ezra who "determined to study and obey the Law of the Lord and to teach those decrees and regulations to the people..." (Ezra 7:10 NLT).

I'd like you to know this about me: My husband and I have taught middle and high school Sunday school and have been greeters and ushers; we've been part of an adult Sunday school class for over eight years. We both serve with Athletes in Action, the sports ministry of Cru. I love helping teach ESL and sharing the love of Jesus with internationals.

Robin Lorms Council Three-Year Term

Spouse: Diana
Children: Four adult children,
seven grandchildren
Years Attending UALC: 37
Community: Mill Run



My prayer for UALC: The Body of Christ at UALC will obey the Holy Spirit's call for the least of His, develop intimacy with Jesus and make disciples through action.

I'd like you to know this about me: I am retired and serving returning citizens as part of the Kindway/Embark ministry. My roles at UALC included Chairman of 30&3, Council Chair, Nominating Committee, lector, Sunday school teacher, communion server, Lifewalk minister, several Renewal teams and God's Hygiene Help Center. I love to fly fish.

Spring Congregational Meeting

On Sunday, April 28, 12:00 pm at Lytham Road, we will hold our regular spring congregational business meeting. This meeting is required by our Constitution to elect these nominees: for the Nominating Committee 2019-21, Rod Borden and Kathy Felty; for Council 2019-22, J.D. Wylie (Vice-Chair), Phil Heveron, Robin Lorms, Barbara Masten and Karen Rogers (one year term). The Senior Pastor's Report and a financial update will also be presented. Nursery care will be available (ages five and under), and a light lunch will be served.

Nominees for Nominating Committee

To be voted on by the UALC Congregation, April 28, 2019

Rod Borden Nominating Committee Two-Year Term

Spouse: Lori

Children: One adult son, three adult daughters, four+ grandchildren.

Years Attending UALC: 40

Community: Mill Run Sanctuary

My prayer for UALC: That our worship would be sincere and pure. That we would continue to grow as a community of believers who fervently seek, clearly hear and courageously obey the leading of the Holy Spirit in everything we do.

I'd like you to know this about me: I have a passion for worship and for seeing the Lord changing lives in miraculous ways. I have served UALC in many roles, presently as a member of the Mill Run Sanctuary worship music team. Having previously served on the Nominating Committee, I'm thrilled and humbled to have that opportunity again.



Kathy Felty Nominating Committee Two-Year Term

Spouse: Rob

Children: Three adult children

Years Attending UALC: 31

Community: Mill Run Sanctuary

My prayer for UALC: Thankfulness for our church leadership and the vision God is providing for the future of our church. I pray that our members will be united in following hard after God, loving each other and reaching lost people for Christ.

I'd like you to know this about me: I love this church that has fostered my faith. It is here that I learned to study God's Word and pray and receive the love of Christian community. I am excited about the plans God has for UALC and I hope that all members will come together through service and fellowship.



Council Report

April, 2018

Brothers and Sisters in Christ, the unbelieving world is watching. What we do matters because, as Matthew 5 says, we are salt. Salt makes folks thirsty. God uses the way we live and treat others to make people thirsty for the Kingdom.

Council is charged with specific business-type duties by the congregation. We establish policies, oversee legal affairs, and submit budgets. This year we've approved funds for a new roof at Lytham Road, walked through the Hilltop transition, implemented campus security, and accomplished many other tasks that you can read about online in the monthly council minutes.

Council is also charged to "be in prayer to discern the Lord's will and vision [and] provide spiritual leadership" for the congregation. As we've prayed, discussed, dreamed and sought out what is next in our life together, we've been drawn to three areas which have been foundational to our church since its beginning 63 years ago: discipleship, missions, and worship. With such a large congregation spread over two campuses and many services, it will be good to fortify our core.

Every one of us on council has been blessed by working with Pastor Steve and familiarizing him with all that goes on around UALC. Pastor Steve's ideas and perspectives are already moving our congregation forward "to will and to act according to His good purpose." (Phil. 2:13)

Come to the congregational meeting at Lytham Road on April 28 where Pastor Steve will share his vision about where we're heading in discipleship, mission, and worship. May God continue to meet the needs and reach out into the world for the Kingdom of Jesus Christ through UALC.

In Christ,
Steve Bruns, *Council Chair*

February 2019 Financial Update

February 28, 2019 marked the end of the sixth month of UALC's 2019 fiscal year. Here's a look at our financial results for the period:

Income Statement			
Fiscal year-to-date February 2019			
\$, thousands			
	Actual	Budget	Better/(Worse) than Budget
Offering Income	\$ 2,348.8	\$ 2,474.7	\$ (125.9)
All Other Income	<u>384.4</u>	<u>396.8</u>	<u>(12.0)</u>
Total Revenue	\$ <u>2,733.6</u>	\$ <u>2,871.5</u>	\$ <u>(137.8)</u>
General Operating Expense	\$ 201.8	\$ 205.0	\$ 3.1
Ministry Expense	59.8	57.9	(1.9)
Worship Expense	36.8	40.0	3.2
Facility Expense	263.4	258.7	(4.7)
Missions Expense	469.8	488.4	18.7
Staff Expense	1,479.2	1,495.1	16.0
All Other Expense (net)	<u>101.5</u>	<u>107.6</u>	<u>6.2</u>
Total Expense	\$ <u>2,612.2</u>	\$ <u>2,652.7</u>	\$ <u>40.5</u>
Net Operating Income	\$ <u><u>121.4</u></u>	\$ <u><u>218.8</u></u>	\$ <u><u>(97.3)</u></u>

For the fiscal year to date period, offering income totaled \$2.349 million and was \$125.9 thousand (5.1%) worse than budget for the period and \$49.1 thousand worse than the same period in fiscal year 2018. The offering income shortfall occurred mostly in December – the month in which we normally receive up to 20% of our annual income.

All other income (VBS, pre-school, activity fees, etc.) totaled \$384.8 thousand and was \$12.0 thousand worse than budget. Revenue from all sources totaled \$2.734 million and was \$137.8 worse than budget.

Expenses, in total, were \$40.5 thousand better than budget for the fiscal year to date period. Results for some of the significant expense categories were as follows:

- General Operating expense totaled \$201.8 thousand and was \$3.1 thousand better than budget.
- The cost of operating our Facilities totaled \$263.4 thousand and was \$4.7 thousand worse than budget due to costs associated with the harsh winter.
- Support for Missions (set at 20% of offering income) totaled \$469.8 thousand.
- Staff expense totaled \$1.479 million and was \$16.0 thousand better than budget due to temporarily unfilled positions.

Net operating income for the six-month period was \$121.4 thousand and was \$97.3 thousand worse than budget. Staff and ministry leaders will continue to carefully spend our resources. **Would you prayerfully consider whether God might lead you to help close this shortfall before our fiscal year ends in August?**

Please direct your questions or feedback to Dave Bowersox by regular mail to the church or by email to finance@ualc.org.