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THE
CORNERSTONE
Newsletter



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Biblical Warning & Wisdom for the Wealthy



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!

Hi everyone!

I'm so excited to be working with the music ministry here at UALC. Thank you all for welcoming me so warmly and integrating me into your family. I grew up attending Columbus Chinese Christian Church, and that's where I found numerous opportunities to serve in music ministry, small groups, and Bible studies. It was really after graduating from Christian school in eighth grade and enrolling in a public high school that I realized I didn't have to be part of one group of people or friends to make an impact. I also had to struggle through discovering my Asian American heritage throughout childhood, living in a minority group—even throughout college—and what that meant to me. Ultimately, I realized that neither race nor culture defined my whole identity: Christ was my identity (2 Cor. 5:14-17). But I also realized I needed to embrace who He had created me to be.

I began freshman year at The Ohio State University as a pre-nursing major and piano performance minor. By God's grace, He sustained me through the grueling college years and terrible scheduling conflicts; I decided to audition for the piano performance major sophomore year. I am in awe at how God allowed me to survive and finish these two degrees. The Lord is teaching me that living into who He has created me to be—my gifts, abilities, and experiences—is truly freeing, fulfilling, full of joy and satisfying (2 Cor 3:12-18, Ps. 16:11). When the opportunity to lead worship opened up the Friday before graduation this past spring, I jumped on it immediately, sensing that leading worship in the

church was something God may have wanted me to continue for the rest of my life. I sensed God was leading me into a musical career path at this point in time.

As a worship leader, I absolutely love to blend fresh contemporary styles with traditional styles in the worship setting.

Please pray that I always lean on Christ for direction as we move towards a church vision that unites us all, brings people to join our church family, and makes us one in the same love

(1 Corinthians 13). I am so incredibly thankful to be here with such a gospel-saturated staff and church body. I cannot predict what will happen tomorrow, but our church can trust in Christ Jesus who is sure and never-changing. God is moving in our church and the world!



So I ask you to join with me in singing,

Great is Thy faithfulness!

Great is Thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided –

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

In Christ,
Shine Wu

Worship Leader, Mill Run Sanctuary



Coming Up:

Current Sermon Series Materials

Pick up your study guide and bookmark for the five-week sermon series, *Affluenza*. The guide and bookmark are good tools for your personal devotional time or your small group discussion.

Download at ualc.org/dailyreadings, or pick up a copy at the Connect Center.

Confirmation Worship Service

We want to invite you, the congregation, to join us at the Confirmation Capstone Service. Come support and celebrate 17 students as they take their faith to the next level and step into the world of adult faith. Service and reception.

Sunday, Nov. 19, 1:30-3:00 pm, LR

Thanksgiving Services

Join us for one-hour Thanksgiving services. Monetary donations and non-perishable food will be collected for Lutheran Social Services food pantries.

Every \$1 can purchase \$4 with bulk buying.

Wed. Nov. 22, 7:30 pm, MR, with communion

Thur. Nov. 23, 10:00 am, LR

Food Pantry

Help serve at the Lutheran Social Services (LSS) Food Pantry at 1460 S. Champion Ave.

Nov. 7, 10:00 am-2:30 pm, Nov. 11, 12:00-3:00 pm

Contact: Tom Andrews, tom.andres@att.net,

614-457-9070

Adults

How to Prepare a Simple Budget

This two-session workshop will help you to prepare a budget you can live with.

Mondays., Nov. 27 and Dec. 4, 6:30 pm, MR

Contact: Bill and Dena Schnupp, dzswls@me.com

Women's Boot Camp

This women's weekend, based on the book "Captivating" by Staci and John Eldridge, will provide an opportunity to be refreshed and renewed as the Lord speaks to your heart.

Nov. 30 - Dec. 3 at Eagle Wings Lodge in Logan, OH

Registration and details: ualc.org/adults

Contact: Amy Adams, 614-738-1018,

wbootcamp@ualc.org

Need a Small Group?

Visit ualc.org/smallgroups and scroll down to the section titled Help Us Get You Matched Up. Fill out the form and we will work with you for that perfect fit.

Celebrate Recovery

This Christian 12-Step program focuses on healing our Hurts, Habits, and Hang-ups. Meetings include: praise and worship time, a testimony or teaching and gender specific small groups.

Thursdays, 7:00 pm. LR

Details: ualc.org/celebraterecovery



Adults 65+ :

Thursday Bible Study

“*Why Lutheran?*” Join us for this five-session study with Pastor Jeff on what is distinctive about a Lutheran understanding of the Christian faith.

Thurs, Nov. 9, 16, 30, 10:30-11:30 am, and Dec. 7, 11:00-11:50 am, LR

In-Town Mission Trip

Join us at Mill Run Gardens for Operation Christmas Child, and help residents pack Christmas boxes filled with expressions of love for kids in need.

Thursday, Nov. 9, 6:00-7:30 pm. Light supper provided, Cost: \$10 to pack your own box. 3399 Mill Run Drive, Hilliard

Ladies of the Club

Make friends and enjoy fellowship with other mature single women.

Friday., Nov. 10, 11:30 am at First Watch Restaurant, 3800 Fishinger Blvd. at Mill Run.

Friday., Dec. 8, 11:30 at Bravo Restaurant, 3000 Hayden Rd.

Contact: Charlene Heyl, 614-226-8480

Volunteer at UALC Preschool

The Book Fair is coming and we need help assisting the families.

Book Fair: Nov. 14-16; Family Story Night:

Tues., Nov. 14, 5:30-7:00 pm, LR

Contact: Dana Peacock, dpeacock@ualc.org

Christmas Stockings

Prepare Christmas stocking for youth through Helping Appalachian Rural People (HARP).

Tuesday, Nov. 14, 9:30 am-12:00 pm, LR

Capital University Christmas Music Festival - Tidings of Comfort

Join other music lovers for the sounds of the season featuring Capital’s Chapel Choir, Choral Union, Women’s Chorus, Chordsmen, and Philomel.

Sun., Dec. 3, 2:30-5:45 pm, LR

Cost: \$35 covers admission and transportation Checks only, payable to UALC, attn: Pastor Jeff

For adults 65+ details and to RSVP, contact Pastor Jeff, 65plus@ualc.org, 614-451-3736, ext. 4652

Coming Up - Christmas Events

A Christmas Festival - Joy to the World

This is a wonderful event for friends and family, and is especially good for our younger ones to experience the Christmas story in a simple way.

Come and sing familiar carols together, listen to the Children’s Choirs sing, and watch a staging of the Nativity Story by kids. It is a great Christmas season gathering and best of all, not too long.

Saturday, Dec. 9, 2:00 pm, LR

Contact: Buff Delcamp, bdelcamp@ualc.org

Advent Mid-Week Services

Join us for mid-week Advent services with communion. We will focus on the biblical stories behind the season's most beloved hymns.

A light lunch will follow.

Thursdays: Dec 7, 14 and 21. 12:00 pm, LR

Opportunities to Support Ministries During *A Season for Giving*

Coats and Accessories

Donations of hats, scarves and gloves for children ages infant to 18 years will be collected through December for distribution by many groups.

UALC supports SON Ministries' *Winter Wear Coat Store*. Thanks to generous donations, hundreds of coats are purchased for children in the Hilliard School District and Hilltop Preschool.



Toys

Donated new toys are made available in stores for Hilliard and Caldwell, Ohio, families through SON Ministries and HARP (Helping Appalachian Rural People). Children's items large and small are needed. Toys will be collected through Dec. 3.

Black Friday Shopping

I love to shop. My girls love to shop. I just received my first Christmas toy catalogue in the mail last week and it's tempting to start looking, but I have to put it away. The stores have stocked their Christmas decorations for weeks, but I have to refrain. I find it's extremely difficult to stay focused on Jesus leading up to Christmas.



My family likes to bug me and play Christmas music throughout the year because they know I don't like to think about Christmas until after Thanksgiving. I think the buzz, hype and consumerism make it really difficult to keep a

Christ-like perspective and I can get sucked in, in a heartbeat.

One way my family has turned our attention towards Christ, is to give to others, who don't have as much as we do, and we use our love of shopping on Black Friday. On Thanksgiving morning, we pull all the ads from the "five-pound" newspaper. Then, everyone gets a chance to circle the best deals on the toys, games and winter wear we think kids would love. Sometimes it means we have to get up extra early on Friday to get to the stores, but that is part of the fun. I can't wait to see what we'll find this year.

Kirsten Svendsen

See details in this issue of *The Cornerstone* for information on ministries that UALC supports during the holiday season. Details can also be found at ualc.org/service or visit the Connect Center at MR or LR.

Season for Giving Opportunities

Operation Christmas Child[®]

A project of Samaritan's Purse, Operation Christmas Child is the world's largest Christmas outreach of its kind. Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has delivered gift-filled shoeboxes to over 124 million children affected by war, poverty, natural disasters, and other crises in more than 150 countries and territories. There are many ways to get involved; pack and donate a box, volunteer during collection week, or join the packing party if you don't have time to shop. Packing party Nov. 5, 2:00-5:00 pm at MR, \$25 per box. Register online at ualc.org/service. Drop off packed boxes at MR during collection week Nov. 13-20. More information is available at the ministry tables.

Angel Tree[®]

A program of Prison Fellowship that connects parents in prison with their children through the delivery of Christmas gifts. Pick a family from the tree in the lobby on Sundays, Nov. 19, 26 and Dec. 3.

Lutheran Social Services Food Pantry

Watch for a list of specific items requested during the holiday season. Monetary donations will be collected Sunday, Nov. 19, and Wednesday, Nov. 22.

Christmas for Internationals

International and American friends join in fellowship. Bring a plate of finger food to share. Sing classic Christmas songs. Many will hear the story of the first Christmas, perhaps for the first time. Friday, Dec. 1, 7:00-8:30 pm, MR. Watch for details or contact Dave Mann, dmann@ualc.org.

All items collected at the MR or LR Connect Centers.

Family, Youth & Children

Middle School Ministry (MSM)

Late Nighter

Join us for crazy fun and games, fellowship, prayer and worship time, and an ice cream party! Bring friends and be ready for an awesome night.

Friday, Dec. 8, 6:30-11:00 pm, MR

Next Step Workshop - Lord's Prayer

Come discover why we pray by studying the prayer that Jesus taught us. This four-week workshop is recommended for seventh graders and parents, but older students are welcome.

Sunday evenings Jan. 7-28, MR. \$15 fee.

MSM details: ualc.org/middleschool

Contact: Kelsey Payne, kpayne@ualc.org

High School Ministry (HSM)

Zoo Lights Outreach Event

Invite your friends to the Columbus Zoo as we enjoy the beautiful Christmas lights, drink hot cocoa and celebrate Christmas together.

Friday, Dec. 15, 6:00-10:00 pm, Meet at MR

Fee: \$10 and includes transportation and zoo admission. Online registration coming soon.

HSM details: ualc.org/highschool

Contact: Catherine Scurria, cscurria@ualc.org or

Aaron Thompson, athompson@ualc.org

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Sunday, Nov. 19, 1:30-3:00 pm, LR

UALC College Christmas Party

Sunday, Dec. 17, 7:00-11:00 pm

Lindsay and J.D. Wylie's house

Contact: David White, dwhite@ualc.org



Something is happening at UALC right now. Can you feel it? Do you see it? God is moving through our young people! Your sons and daughters are starting a fire that our congregation has been craving for years!

I'm the Youth Ministry intern here at church, so I have the great pleasure of working with your middle and high school aged children, and their friends, every week! I grew up at UALC and was always active in the youth group, but now I get the honor of pouring what my leaders taught me as a student back into your kids.

A few weeks ago, we had six events take place over the course of a couple of days. With all of those events combined, we served over 150 middle and high school students! And in those events, many of your students took ownership of their faith in ways they hadn't before, they reached out to friends who don't have a faith of their own yet, and they worshipped freely in the very same rooms you're sitting in right now. Does reading this give you unspeakable joy?



Catherine Scurria, Abby Fullen and Alissa Heveron dressed up for the HSM Oscar® Night

Us too! We can't even contain our excitement as we get front row seats to watch the Lord stir in these students! But we need your help. If you have a heart for our students, then we urge you to please consider joining us. With this many students coming through our doors every week, we need more volunteers to mentor these hearts who are desperately seeking after the Lord! Come and see that the Lord is so, SO good.

Alissa Heveron

We have had an overwhelmingly positive start to the school year for both middle and high school ministry, at our weekly youth group meetings, special events, late nighters and workshops! We want to encourage the congregation that the youth at UALC is alive and active and growing! We would love to have more Christ-followers step along side these students, so please reach out to us and fill out a volunteer application.

**MSM meets Wednesdays 6:15-8:00 pm (moving to Sundays starting Jan. 7, time tbd)
HSM meets Sundays 4:00-6:00 pm
Keep a lookout for our many other events!**

**Contact: David White, dwhite@ualc.org, 614-451-3736
Volunteer for FYC Application form at: ualc.org/forms**

AFFLUENZA

By any global and historical standard, we are wealthy people. Even the least affluent among us has access to a quality of life that previous generations and people in developing nations could only dream of. But is the life of affluence - full of all this stuff, these busy schedules and these distractions - really a blessing? Or is it possible that what we often call blessing might actually be hurting us? Could our affluence be making us sick?

That's what this series is all about - affluenza. We're learning from 1 Timothy 6 about the high cost of high living, and the way our love-affair with lifestyle might be stealing life from us.

SERMON SERIES TOPICS

NOVEMBER 5

The Problem

The love of money is the root of all kinds of evil.

SCRIPTURE: 1 Timothy 6:9-10

NOVEMBER 12

The Answer: Caution

Recognize the spiritual danger in wealth and run toward the spiritual riches in worship.

SCRIPTURE: 1 Timothy 6:11-16

NOVEMBER 19

The Answer: Generosity

Find real treasure by being generous with your time, your talents and your resources.

SCRIPTURE: 1 Timothy 6:17-19

NOVEMBER 26

The Answer: Stewardship

Remember that all good gifts come from God and should be used for His glory.

SCRIPTURE: 1 Timothy 6:17b, 20-21

DECEMBER 3

The Answer: Contentment

Discover the secret to being content with a little and with a lot.

SCRIPTURE: 1 Timothy 6:6-8

Find the preaching schedule at ualc.org/stylesandtimes.