



SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER 2021

# Ministry Guide

WORSHIP | GROW | SERVE



Dear UALC Family,

I probably don't need to remind you of how much information you consume every day. It's a lot. I saw somewhere recently that we are potentially exposed to more than 5,000 advertisements each day. And then on top of that, there's this lofty pressure for us to be our own sort of walking advertisement. Put together, polished, highlighting our great life to the watching world.

**It can certainly feel exhausting!**

Here is an excerpt from "Every Moment Holy," a resource with prayers for daily moments that we encounter. It is my prayer now for myself, and for you.

**"Give us discernment to know when to pray, to know when to speak out, when to act, and when to simply shut off our screens and our devices, and to sit quietly in your presence..."**

*Every Moment Holy - Vol. 1 - "A Liturgy for Those Flooded by Too Much Information"*

I do believe God answers this prayer! And so as we engage together in this next season of ministry at UALC, let's practice our listening and discernment. Let's also practice our strength and courage! If you feel God nudging your heart toward something, perhaps something in this guide, be bold to engage the next step. If you feel God nudging you to step back to create more space for simply sitting quietly in His presence, be bold to follow through with that!

I believe in the importance of the church. This community of God's people gathered together. It is a priority in my life and if you're reading this letter then I'm guessing it's a priority in your life too.

**Wherever the Lord might guide us, let's continue to commit to prayer, discernment, and bold next steps to engage.**

Grace and Peace,  
Jack McClintock

# Worship

We gather to worship God and encourage one another in the faith. We hear from God's Word and participate in the sacraments of communion and baptism. Find updates and access to worship online at [ualc.org/worship](http://ualc.org/worship).

## WORSHIP SERVICES SCHEDULE:

Find the most up-to-date worship schedule and worship online at [ualc.org/worship](http://ualc.org/worship).

**Key: \* = Online service available**

### Mill Run

#### **Modern**

9:00 am\*

11:00 am

### Lytham Road

#### **Traditional**

9:00 am\*

#### **Modern**

11:00 am

## Kids' Church

[ualc.org/kidschurch](http://ualc.org/kidschurch)

Kids in pre-K through fifth grade connect with God in meaningful ways and learn from his Word. It's a highly-engaging environment where kids can grow as disciples of Jesus, build relationships with peers and mentors, and experience worshiping God. New children are welcome any week.

Contact: Andrea Taphorn, [ataphorn@ualc.org](mailto:ataphorn@ualc.org)

## KIDS' CHURCH SCHEDULE:

### Mill Run

#### **9:00 and 11:00 am**

PreK (ages 3-5):

(Nursery also available)

Kindergarten-Fifth Grade:

Begins in the service and  
returns at the end

### Lytham Road

#### **9:00 am**

PreK (ages 3-5):

(Nursery also available)

#### **11:00 am**

PreK (ages 3-5):

(Nursery also available)

Kindergarten-Fifth Grade:

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# SERMON SERIES

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## **TESTIFY!** SEPTEMBER

Based in the book of Psalms, this series is designed to help us see how the God we read about in the Bible didn't stop working



2,000 years ago. He's still writing the stories of our lives now. We'll share our stories with one another, connect our stories to scripture, and grow in faith and encouragement.

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## **OPEN BOOK** SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER

This fall we will be jumping back into our on-going practice of preaching through the Bible from the Old Testament to the New Testament. Why does UALC approach preaching this way? I think this way of preaching is helpful for several reasons:

- It anchors our preaching in the Word of God, rather than our felt needs. It forces us to start from what Scripture says, rather than what we want to hear.
- It gets us into the whole Word of God—we hear the encouraging parts and the challenging parts, the stories and the teachings, the Old Testament and the New.
- Preaching through the Bible chronologically connects our congregation to the big story of God. It shows us the character of God throughout history, and how the story of God is continuing today.
- So I encourage you to grab your Bible and join in consistently this fall as we journey through the Old Testament books of Genesis, Exodus, 1 Samuel and Isaiah. We will see that God is the hero of the story, and that each book points forward to the coming of Jesus that we will celebrate in Advent.

– Pastor Steve

# DAILY WORSHIP

## Resources

[ualc.org/dailyworship](http://ualc.org/dailyworship) or the [UALC App](#)

Our daily pursuit to grow in relationship with God typically looks like daily Bible readings and prayer. However, it can also include disciplines like fasting, confessing, journaling, simplicity, solitude, and stewarding talents and resources.



## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

For the most up-to-date reading list, go to [ualc.org/dailyworship](http://ualc.org/dailyworship).

### SEPT. 5-11

- 5 Psalm 23
- 6 John 10:7-18
- 7 Revelation 7:9-17
- 8 Jeremiah 14:20-22
- 9 Isaiah 12:1-6
- 10 Psalm 66:5-20
- 11 2 Thessalonians 1:3-10

### SEPT. 12-18

- 12 Psalm 16
- 13 Ezra 9:8-9
- 14 1 Kings 8:37-51
- 15 1 Peter 4:1-11
- 16 1 John 5:18-20
- 17 Acts 2:17-21
- 18 1 Corinthians 15:50-58

### SEPT. 19-25

- 19 Genesis 1:1-2, 4a
- 20 Genesis 6:11-22
- 21 Genesis 7:11-24
- 22 Genesis 8:1; 14-22
- 23 Genesis 11:1-9
- 24 Genesis 12:1-9
- 25 Genesis 17:1-14

### SEPT. 26-OCT. 2

- 26 Genesis 21:1-3, 22:1-14
- 27 Genesis 23:1-20
- 28 Genesis 24:1-4, 57-66
- 29 Genesis 25:1-11
- 30 Genesis 25:12-18
- 1 Genesis 25:19-34
- 2 Genesis 26:26-30

### OCT. 3-9

- 3 Genesis 27:1-4, 15-23; 28:10-17
- 4 Genesis 32:22-32
- 5 Genesis 37:1-11
- 6 Genesis 37:12-36
- 7 Genesis 45:1-11
- 8 Genesis 49:1-17
- 9 Genesis 49:29-33; 50:1-6



# MILL RUN SANCTUARY UPDATE

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## Why are we renovating the Mill Run Sanctuary?

1. Help facilitate our vision for eclectic, modern worship at Mill Run. Since 2019, we've been working with many in the congregation to create and implement a design that would draw together the warmth and intimacy of the old "Xalt" worship service space with the holiness and reverence of the Mill Run Sanctuary. Read more about this and see the designs at [ualc.org/worshipvision](http://ualc.org/worshipvision).
2. Refreshing the space creates warmth and welcome for all of us, but especially for those joining our community for the first time. It communicates that we are both connected to our past and investing in our future as a church.
3. It allows us to make video production and live-streaming a permanent part of our worship and outreach ministry.

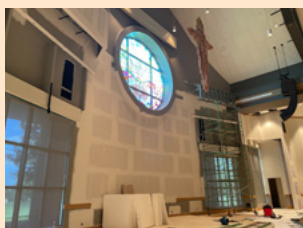


## What are some of the changes?

**Level chancel (platform):** Creating a single level to the chancel increases visibility, flexibility, and accessibility while keeping Word and Sacrament at the center.

**Sound booth and camera platforms:** These changes (as well as technical upgrades) will allow us to maintain and grow our online ministry.

**Paint, carpet, re-upholstery:** These changes are cosmetic, meant to refresh the space and to be both timely and, as much as possible, timeless in design.



**Stone accent wall:** Already the windows in the sanctuary draw in nature in a way that we love. Adding more organic/natural elements to this is the goal of the stone wall.

**Chair spacing:** The chairs are being spaced out to make it easier to get in and out, especially for those with children, walkers, etc. Several accessible seating areas will also be retained.

**Ceiling paint:** Soffits and arches are going to get darker in order to make the space feel a bit smaller and more intimate.

# Grow

## SMALL GROUPS

### Small Groups - Community | Care | Growth


[ualc.org/smallgroups](http://ualc.org/smallgroups)

A small group is a band of brothers and sisters in Christ where you can know and be known, love and be loved, care and be cared for, and grow in Christ together. Small groups meet 3-4 times per month all across town and new groups are always forming. If you have interest in joining a group or facilitating a new one, sign up online or contact the director.

Tammy Schuster, [tschuster@ualc.org](mailto:tschuster@ualc.org)

## WORKSHOPS FOR SMALL GROUPS

### Workshops and Studies

[ualc.org/growth](http://ualc.org/growth) 


Many workshops are available for small groups, either to be led by a trained facilitator or to follow the materials on your own. Now available: Alpha (basics of Christianity), Finding God in Your Workplace, Following Jesus in the Second Half (of Life), Following Jesus after Isolation, and Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts.

Contact: Jeff Morlock, [adults@ualc.org](mailto:adults@ualc.org)

## GROWTH WORKSHOPS

Growth Workshops cover a range of topics, meet us where we need to mature, and prepare us for what's next in life. For a full list of workshops and to register, visit [ualc.org/growth](http://ualc.org/growth). 

### Baptism Workshop

[ualc.org/growth](http://ualc.org/growth) 

For those interested in being baptized or baptizing their children. Adults, teens, and children of any age are welcome.

Second Sunday/month      1-2pm      Online (or by appointment)

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

# GROWTH WORKSHOPS (CONT.)

## New Member Workshop

[ualc.org/newmember](http://ualc.org/newmember) <sup>R</sup>

UALC is a dynamic family always welcoming new people. This two-session workshop is built for those who want to meet people and join our community in following Jesus together. Led by campus pastors and staff, it's the best way to get connected and understand how we live out our mission and vision. Nursery is available.



10/17	Su	4-5:45pm	LR	
10/24	Su	4-5:45pm	MR	
10/31	Su	New Member Sunday during services		MR and LR

Contact: Jeff Morlock, [adults@ualc.org](mailto:adults@ualc.org)

## Discover Your Spiritual Gifts Workshop

[ualc.org/growth](http://ualc.org/growth) <sup>R</sup>

Believers are given spiritual gifts to glorify God and serve others. Learn your spiritual gifts and how to use them. Gifts can change at different times in people's lives. Taking this course several times is recommended.

9/20-10/18	M	6:30-8pm	MR	\$10
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Contact: Terry Starr, [terrystarr70@gmail.com](mailto:terrystarr70@gmail.com)

## Following Jesus in Your Marriage Workshop

[ualc.org/growth](http://ualc.org/growth) <sup>R</sup>

Designed to strengthen your marriage relationship, the biblical and foundational tools to improve the health and happiness of life together. Led by Greg Schad, director of Crossroads counseling, Stacy Schad, and Pastor Jeff.

10/19-11/2	Tu	7-8:30pm	LR	Nursery available
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Contact: Jeff Morlock, [adults@ualc.org](mailto:adults@ualc.org)



# YOUTH MINISTRIES

## Kids' Ministry: Preschool and Elementary

[ualc.org/prek](http://ualc.org/prek) or [ualc.org/elementary](http://ualc.org/elementary)

### Kids' Church

[ualc.org/kidschurch](http://ualc.org/kidschurch)

For kids age 3-fifth grade. Find details on page 2.

### AWANA Clubs

[ualc.org/awana](http://ualc.org/awana)

Children age 3 through sixth grade build lasting faith foundations through Bible memorization and fun activities.

Weekly	Wed	6:30-7:45pm	MR	\$45
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Contact: Kristen Henry, [awana@ualc.org](mailto:awana@ualc.org)

### Carol Choir

[ualc.org/elementary](http://ualc.org/elementary)

For children in grades 3-6. We sing, enjoy high-energy games, look in the Bible, enjoy a winter late-night retreat and a Spring Musical. We sing in Sunday and holiday church services.

Weekly	Wed	4-5:30pm	LR	\$20/family
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Contact: Andrea Taphorn, [ataphorn@ualc.org](mailto:ataphorn@ualc.org)



## UALC Preschool and Kindergarten | 2021-22 School Year

[ualc.org/preschool](http://ualc.org/preschool)

Registration remains open for Lytham Road preschool classes.

Contact: Jodi Coleman, [preschool@ualc.org](mailto:preschool@ualc.org)

### MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)

[ualc.org/prek](http://ualc.org/prek)

Provides social, physical, spiritual and creative opportunities for moms with young children—birth through kindergarten, and expecting moms. (Zoom option also available.)

1st/3rd Tu	Begins 9/21	9:30-11am	LR	\$125
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Contact: Meredith Scott, [mops@ualc.org](mailto:mops@ualc.org)



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## Middle School Ministry (MSM)

[ualc.org/middleschool](http://ualc.org/middleschool)



### MSM Group

Join a fun, welcoming community where middle schoolers can grow, connect, play lots of games with friends, and have many faith building opportunities. New kids are welcome any week.



Weekly Su 4:30-6:30pm LR

### MSM Fall Late Nighter <sup>®</sup>

A big, huge night of fun, games, and pizza! Friends are welcome.

10/1 Fr 6-11pm LR

Contact: Kelsey Bacon, [kbacon@ualc.org](mailto:kbacon@ualc.org)

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## High School Ministry (HSM)

[ualc.org/highschool](http://ualc.org/highschool)



### HSM Group

Join other teens in a discipling community, where we check in on each other, study the Bible, pray, and serve others together. This fall, join our new bi-weekly rhythm of HSM at Lytham weeks (community weeks) and HSM Small Groups (at-home small groups). Get the schedule on the website or contact Dan.

Weekly Su 4-6pm LR or Offsite

### Confirmation Capstone

UALC celebrates this important season where students begin the adult life of following Jesus. Includes sessions for students and an offsite retreat Nov 5-7.

10/24-11/21 Su 4-6pm LR or Offsite

Contact: Dan Kidd, [dkidd@ualc.org](mailto:dkidd@ualc.org)

# GIVING WITH GRATITUDE

## A Story from a Member

I admit that early in my marriage, I was hesitant about giving 10% of our income. I am very frugal and watch prices on everything. However, there are two times in particular when I felt God was teaching me about giving:

The first time was when I was a teenager. My dad was a pastor at a large Lutheran church. While I was growing up, there were times when he did not bring home a paycheck. The offerings didn't cover the payroll, and my dad wanted to make sure the rest of the staff got paid on time. Early in my life, this helped me realize that churches need donations to survive. It's not just about paying pastors; money is needed to support the mission and overall work of the church.

The second time I really felt God working on me was when our boys were young. We moved to Columbus from the Detroit area for a good job opportunity for Lindsay. After we had lived here for about two years, Lindsay arrived home in the middle of a workday. He had suddenly, without warning, been fired. We were both so shocked and couldn't believe this had happened. Even though we were worried about our future, Lindsay told me he was going to keep paying our tithe to the church. I somewhat reluctantly agreed.

God truly blessed that decision, and Lindsay soon found a better job. A little while later, I was hired by a local school district, where I taught for over 20 years. Being a teacher helped me see how complicated life can be for many people, and how desperately human beings need the love of Jesus in their lives.

The words, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow!" express my gratitude. We have been incredibly blessed, and are so thankful for the Church. Everything we have is a gift from our Heavenly Father.

- Mary Notwell

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Giving to the general fund makes ministry possible at UALC. 20% of the general fund goes directly to supporting our mission partners. The other 80% supports preaching the gospel and the ongoing work of this church. For details, visit [ualc.org/give](https://ualc.org/give).

# Serve

For information on missions, local and around the world, along with opportunities to volunteer, visit [ualc.org/serve](http://ualc.org/serve).

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## God's Hygiene Help Center (GHHC)

[ualc.org/ghhc](http://ualc.org/ghhc)


Volunteer at a Help Center, do data entry, order pickup, or donate products (drop off at the MR Exchange Center).

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Contact: Terry Starr, [godshygieneED@gmail.com](mailto:godshygieneED@gmail.com)

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## Heart to Honduras JUNTOS+Together 5K Race

[ualc.org/serve](http://ualc.org/serve) 

Register to run or walk the 5K race, or join to cheer on the runners/walkers to raise funds for Heart to Honduras.

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9/11	Sa	9am	Meadow Park Church	\$40
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Contact: Jen Geistfeld, [jengeistfeld@gmail.com](mailto:jengeistfeld@gmail.com)

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## Volunteer at UALC

[ualc.org/volunteer](http://ualc.org/volunteer)

Volunteers are needed to be greeters, ushers, worship techs and more. There are also many opportunities to get involved with youth ministries, serving kids and families from infant to high school.

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

LR Contact: Joe Valentino, [jvalentino@ualc.org](mailto:jvalentino@ualc.org)

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## Helping Appalachian Rural People (HARP)

[ualc.org/harp](http://ualc.org/harp)

There are many opportunities to get involved through trips to SE Ohio, donating, or becoming a HARP ambassador that supports the ministry.

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Contact: Becky Armstrong, [barmstrong3911@gmail.com](mailto:barmstrong3911@gmail.com)

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## Community Garden at Mill Run

[ualc.org/garden](http://ualc.org/garden)

Come help in the garden, weekly on Saturdays starting at 9 am. Thousands of pounds of fresh vegetables go to feed families in our community.

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Contact: Todd Marti, [todd-kelly@columbus.rr.com](mailto:todd-kelly@columbus.rr.com)

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# ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

## A Story from Our Ministry Partner Festa

"I'm still learning English, but I think my English is a lot better than last year and I can talk, listen, write and read too. When I have homework from my class I can do it by myself, and even though there are times I don't understand, I can ask my teacher in class to help me to understand all of it. And now my family said of me, "Wow, your English is so good now, you can do everything you want; it's easy for you to do it now!" My ESL class help me a lot. Thank you, teachers, friends in my class and everybody at Festa for helping my English get better and be easy to use in my life."



-Adult ESL student

The Festa 3-Generation Family ESL program takes place every Tuesday and Thursday evening from October-April and welcomes



immigrants and refugees of all ages seeking to learn English. Parents can bring their children to Kids Club, which provides programming, academic support, and dinner for children in grades K-8, or to our Early Childhood classrooms which provide infant care and preschool programming for toddlers. High school students are welcome to join our Teen Internship

Program where they assist Festa staff in leading activities, providing dinner, and academic support.

Our 3-Generation Family ESL Program serves families from dozens of different countries and includes children from 3 months of age to their grandparents, and everyone in between! Although the program is based in Hilliard, we welcome families from over 20 different zip codes across Columbus, as well as a virtual classroom for students physically in other states and countries, to join our program and the welcoming community that exists here.



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The ESL program is on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00-8:30 pm at Mill Run beginning Oct. 12. To sign up, visit [ualc.org/festa](http://ualc.org/festa).

# ADDITIONAL MINISTRIES

## Women of the Word (WOW) Bible Study

[ualc.org/wow](http://ualc.org/wow) **R**

Study "Better," a ten week in-depth Bible study of Hebrews by Jen Wilken. Video teaching, small group discussion, and prayer.

Weekly beginning 9/14

Four sessions

MR and LR

\$3+Book

Contact: Christie Masheter, [wow@ualc.org](mailto:wow@ualc.org)

## Adult Sunday School

[ualc.org/sundayschool](http://ualc.org/sundayschool)

Join an in-depth Bible study and discussion. Everyone is welcome.

Weekly Su 10-11am LR

Weekly Su 9:30-10:30am MR

Contact: Mark Locher, [marklocher@columbus.rr.com](mailto:marklocher@columbus.rr.com) (MR); Barb Masten, [barbaramasten@att.net](mailto:barbaramasten@att.net) (LR)

## Tae Kwon Do | Ages 8 and Up

[ualc.org/sports](http://ualc.org/sports) **R**

Opportunity for exercise, using martial arts as a vehicle for advancing the Kingdom of Jesus. From beginner to advanced.

Weekly M,W 6-7pm LR \$25/mo for all classes

Weekly Sa 10-11am LR

Contact: Angie Edmonds, [aedmonds@ualc.org](mailto:aedmonds@ualc.org)

## Women's Bootcamp Weekend

[ualc.org/adultministry](http://ualc.org/adultministry) **R**

Uncover God's desires to romance your heart, unveil your true beauty and reveal your irreplaceable role in his grand adventure during this weekend retreat.

10/28-31 Th-Su Eagles Wing Lodge, Hocking Hills \$285

Contact: Peggy Valentino, [wbootcamp@ualc.org](mailto:wbootcamp@ualc.org)



## Men's Bootcamp Weekend

[ualc.org/adultministry](http://ualc.org/adultministry) 

An opportunity to connect with God in the outdoors in ways that aren't typically available.

11/18-21 Th-Su Eagles Wing Lodge, Hocking Hills \$295

Contact: Jeff Schuster, [bootcamp@ualc.org](mailto:bootcamp@ualc.org)

## CARE AND SUPPORT

### Prayer Ministry

[ualc.org/prayer](http://ualc.org/prayer)

Reach out and share your requests on the website and our prayer ministers will begin praying on your behalf.

Contact: Becki Bork, [bbork@ualc.org](mailto:bbork@ualc.org)

### Celebrate Recovery

[ualc.org/careministry](http://ualc.org/careministry)

A confidential, Christian, 12-Step program dealing with all sorts of hurts, habits and hang-ups.

Weekly Th 7-8:30pm LR

Contact: [cr@ualc.org](mailto:cr@ualc.org)

## OTHER RESOURCES

### Congregational Meeting

[ualc.org/council](http://ualc.org/council)

Hear a church update from Pastor Steve along with a member vote on the yearly budget. Budget Discussion Forums will also be held in the morning at both campuses.

9/26 Su 12:30pm LR

Contact: David Bowersox, [dbowersox@ualc.org](mailto:dbowersox@ualc.org)

### UALC Podcast

[ualc.org/podcast](http://ualc.org/podcast)

Listen in to conversations that reflect and provide pragmatic practices around everyday life with Jesus and our community.



## OUR MISSION:

To be and to make  
disciples of Jesus Christ.



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