

COMMON GROUND

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From The Director: WHAT IS UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRY?

The standard answer to this question is: "United Campus Ministry is an ecumenical ministry sponsored by four denominations (Methodist, Presbyterian, Lutheran and Episcopal churches)." But the students which are the heart of UCM come from many different faith backgrounds. Our purpose is to help students to grow in their faith in God and to teach the compassion Christ gave to us on the cross. UCM is about our spring break trip to Willow, where we helped a family clean up after a recent fire. UCM is about 6:00 A.M. prayer on Tuesday mornings; time spent praying not only for this ministry, but for all the Christian ministries on campus. UCM is about making friends and standing by those friends when things are rough. UCM is about worship every Tuesday night, where we gather in the Lola Tilly Lounge for a time to sing, give testimony, hear a brief message, and pray--a midweek spiritual refresher that will hopefully help you take on the rest of the week. United Campus Ministry is many different things to many different people. My name is David Moore, and I would like to invite all of you to come and be a part of the UCM family.

Grace,

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Keep us, O God, from pettiness; let us be large in thought, in word, in deed.

Let us be done with fault-finding and leave off self-seeking.

May we put away all pretense and meet each other face to face -- without self-pity and without prejudice.

May we be never hasty in judgment and always generous.

Let us take time for all good things; make us to grow calm, serene, gentle.

Teach us to put into action our better impulses, straightforward and unafraid.

-- Mary Stewart --



WEEKLY EVENTS

*MONDAY: Music, UCM Office (306 Constitution), 4:00 P.M. *TUESDAY P.M.: Vespers, Lola Tilly Commons Lounge, 7:30 P.M.

*SUNDAY: Leadership, 307 Gruening, 7:30 P.M.

Our first Vespers this semester will be September 9 at 7:30 P.M. Please be there for a great get-acquainted time and spiritual lift.

Other regular events will be added as the school year progresses.

SPECIAL UPCOMING EVENTS

UCM KICKOFF!! On Friday,
September 5, we will meet at the UCM
Office (306 Constitution) at 5:30 P.M.
We will caravan to the home of Jim
and Judy Harris for a cookout, lots of
fun and fellowship. This is always
one of the neatest events of the school
year, so we hope to see YOU there!



FALL RETREAT -- On October 3 and 4, we will travel to Circle Hot Springs for a time to relax and just be away from school and campus. Mark this one on your calendar now, and more details will be made available later.

LEADERSHIP -- Leadership is vital to any strong organization, and we are looking for good leaders to help this ministry grow. The purpose of our leadership training is to know Jesus and to make Him known. We will work of our spiritual development, discuss how to reach out to others, and plan activities for UCM. Our first meeting will be Sunday, September 9 at 7:30 P.M. in 307 Gruening.

