

# University Christian Church's Vision2017

University Christian Church is a mission church at the intersection of a diverse community and a loving God. What next step is God calling us to in the coming year? What do we celebrate from our previous year of ministry together? Be in prayer for these opportunities.

## New in 2016-2017:

### PG Plaza Day Center

When our homeless guests leave Warm Nights or Safe Haven, where do they go? What would safe space look like where these neighbors can relax, do their laundry, find nourishment, and discover opportunities to get back on their feet? How can we better love them as God commands? This ministry is envisioned as an ecumenical partnership alongside local churches and other organizations. The day center will launch in the fall of 2016 and potentially be open two days each week (Tuesday & Thursdays, 1 - 6 PM).

**Key Leaders:** Marcia Mityga, Donny Phillips, Don Brown, CUCE

### It's the Year of Loving Your Neighbor

Starting in the fall, sermon, worship, and education themes will center around "loving your neighbor." We will examine the meaning of love and the definition of neighbor. We will invite community guests to help us learn more about our neighbor. Activities will be organized to take small groups into our community to learn how we can better pray and love the diverse neighbors God has blessed us with. Sample groups might include Spanish-English conversation classes, mission projects with local organizations, participation in Hyattsville city events, and lots of listening and prayer.

**Key Leader:** Rev. Nathan Hill

### New Sunday Morning Worship

With our growing worship attendance, the Worship Division is exploring the launch of an additional worship time on Sunday mornings. Music, preaching, and communion will continue to surprise, nourish, and challenge. Potential launch is this fall.

**Key Leader:** Gladstone Marcus

## Continuing from 2015-2016:

### Feed the Kids Project

Feed the Kids provides bags of groceries to teen parents connected to the Teen Parent program at Northwestern High School. In addition, we provide opportunity for church and community members to receive groceries at an inexpensive cost. This program regularly delivers around 35 bags of groceries each month to families.

**Key Leaders:** Jennifer Newlin, Rev. Rachel Frey

### The Intersection

A new worshipping community that meets on Thursday nights, the Intersection worship through song, prayer, and shared study of scripture followed by afterglow at a local restaurant. Join us, as we look to grow in the coming year.

**Key Leaders:** Alan Libbee, Ashley Libbee, Ginger McCall, Joseph Michael

### Bridge of Hope

Bridge of Hope is a powerful program where a team of mentors in our congregation helps one homeless mother and her family get back on their feet. Our team successfully completed their mentorship of one family, and we will discern whether to continue this ministry in the coming year.

**Key Leader:** Marshall Dunn

### Living a Giving Life

Our new stewardship team launched a year round celebration of the generosity of our God and our church. New projects to come include workshops on end of life gifts, financial education, and debt freedom. Look for year round reminders for opportunities to respond to a God who gives.

**Key Leaders:** Ramona Crawford & Chris Bock

*We celebrate all of our leaders who help make our worship, fellowship, outreach, and education ministries a success!*