

Brazos Association News

For the past several years, the Brazos Association has set aside money in its budget to fund scholarships to the UCC National Youth Event (NYE) that is held every four years. Because of the foresight of those of you who made and approved this effort, 32 youth and adults from the Brazos Association had a magnificent and unforgettable experience with some 2900 others who came from around the USA and nearly 100 (including our Brazos group) from the South Central Conference at the NYE held this year from July 24-27 at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. Each person from the Association received \$300 in scholarship money, which paid for most of the registration/room and board and made the trip possible for much of our group. In addition, the South Central Conference donated \$2000 toward the two buses (leaving from Dallas and the San Antonio area, with about half of our Association group on each bus) carrying conference youth and adults back and forth to Knoxville. Several of our churches who sent folks contributed substantially, as well. All of us dug more deeply into ourselves, our faith, and our identity as Christians in the United Church of Christ as we were part of this event. It will shape the lives of many who attended in years to come.

Here is the list of youth and adults who attended:

From St. John's, Burton: Katrina Barnett, Cody Bozarth, Terry Busby, Kaylee Busby, Kady Felder, Chris Gandy, Caleb Goldberg, Savannah Kinsek, Emily McGarity, Chase Muehlbrad, Jordan Parrish, Dalton Roberts, Denton Shippey, Lyssa Wilke

From Weimar UCC: Kathy Janak, Sam Janak, Kallie Fuchs, Kendall Baumbach

From United Christian, Austin: Ken White, Amelia Mook, Lawrence Jacobs, Megan McAllister, Katy Colvin, Hannah Gray, Becca Owen, Cathy White, John Mata

From St. John's, Richland: Rieta Boone, Frank Horak

From Congregational, Austin: Liz Nash, Annie Nash, Becky Nash

For those of you who want to know more about the outstanding speakers, worship, music, and program, go to <http://www.ucc.org/youth/> . Special thanks to Laurie Doyal-Lampman from the Redeemer UCC in Marion and Beau Heyen from Cathedral of Hope in Dallas for their many hours spent arranging buses, and to all of our adult chaperones. And to the Brazos Association, *THANKS* for helping us go!

We bid an appreciative farewell to Rev. Michael Vaughn, who leaves St. John's, Richland on September 21 to a new ministry at Zion UCC in Clifton, TX. May God bless St. John's, Michael, and Zion as they move forward in discipleship.

Be sure to set aside the date for the Brazos Association Fall Meeting, Saturday morning, October 18th, at St. John's UCC in Burton. Join us! Everyone is invited.