

notes from

the edge @ UC

a campus ministry gathering place

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“What do y’all do down there at the Edge House?”
Excellent question. I’m glad you asked!

During a typical week, this is what we do:

- ◆ Two group meetings for discipleship--students commit to regular attendance and we spend time reading theology, blog posts, Enneagram insights, or news articles, working to discern how God is active in them and us.
- ◆ NOSH on Sunday evenings--since Eucharist is based on the Last Supper, what if we did it as an actual supper? We worship God in the context of a communal dinner supplied by partner parishes.
- ◆ Volunteering at Gabriel’s Place once a month--Gabe’s is a nonprofit focused on relieving food insecurity in one of Cincinnati’s poorest neighborhoods.
- ◆ Movie discussions--led by one of our new students, they watch both popular and obscure films and talk late into the night
- ◆ Ministry of presence--from my time spent with the technical theatre department at CCM to folks hanging out at the Edge House socializing, practicing making high-quality lattes, and studying, we are simply present. This is where the best, deepest conversations happen.
- ◆ All the worship, conversations, dinner, and education that our partners Jamie and Chris have with their students. Jamie works for the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, Chris for the Nazarene Church. Both have offices at the Edge House.

This year the students and I noticed that the culture we have been working to establish has taken off. Before, there were wonderful “pockets” of depth and transformation, but this year we reached critical mass and it seems every moment reveals God’s incarnation. I can’t put into words how exciting and beautiful it is to serve students this way. Come by and see us!

Peace, **ALICE+**



left: flora and fauna
outside the Edge
House

right: Chapel of the
Abandoned Bus Stop
at UC. The space
“popped up” midday
for a week. Passers-
by really dug it.



a note from a student

The Edge House's physical building provides a place for me to go in between my classes. It's a place to make coffee, to study, to play board games with my friends. The Edge House building, however lovely, is far surpassed by the people and the environment they create. I can drop by anytime and I often have an honest and interesting conversation with whomever I run into. I know that weekly Discipleship and Nosh will foster these types of conversations on a regular basis. The relationships I have built are some of the most fulfilling and healthiest friendships of my life. I have always felt comfortable being honest about my ideas at the Edge House, including my lack of faith in the god that is worshiped there. My Edge House community helped me come out of the closet: first to myself, and then to my family and friends. The Edge House is my home, my support system, my family and my community.

Hannah Kutcher - Cincinnati, Ohio



We would love to partner with you or your congregation to help further the Kingdom of God.

If you're interested in committing financially to the Edge House, please make your check out to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church with "campus ministry" in the memo line (they do our books).



If you're interested in donating something in-kind, check out our "wish list" on the website under the "How to Donate" tab.

If you'd like to have Pastor Alice and a student or two share our mission with your church, please email pastor@edge-uc.org.

pictured: Theresa processing honey; Liz and Kelly building a chapel, both on Spring Break 2013.

What does your partnership do?

Partnering with the Edge House campus ministry isn't just about our asking you for money. When you partner with us, you agree to keep the Edge House and our students in prayer as well as offer financial support. But what are you supporting?

- ◆ Pastor Alice takes each student, new and old, to lunch, dinner or coffee to deepen relationship.
- ◆ We maintain a supply of NRSV bibles and Anglican rosaries as well as other free items to give to students who want them.
- ◆ The Edge House itself requires upkeep to continue its vibrant, welcoming atmosphere.
- ◆ Pastor Alice's salary is paid predominantly by Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, and your assistance relieves some of their burden.
- ◆ We take 1-2 mission trips per year to do work with our neighbors.