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Minute with God

WATCH

As many of you know, our church sponsors a “Minute with God” on WINA. These air about 20 times each week, and at some point, over the last few years, the morning radio host Jay James and I began referring to them as MWG. As in, he will text me, “Do you have a new MWG?” Or, I will text him, “Check your email for an MWG about kindness.”

Last week, he and I were talking and just before we parted company, I asked, “By the way, do you have any suggestions for a new MWG?”

With no hesitation, he said, “Yes! The new MWG could be on kindness during COVID and respecting each other even if we disagree.”

I already find it a challenge to cull ideas and shave my wordcount down to something I can read in sixty seconds. Saying something meaningful in a minute is hard.

I always begin with the central idea. In this case, my MWG began, “How can we show respect for one another even when we disagree?”

After introducing myself, I said, “These are certainly divided days. People often choose being right (or what they think is right) over relationships. Instead of leaning into the division, we need to be kind to one another. In Romans 12.10, the apostle Paul says, ‘Love one another with mutual affection. Outdo one another in showing honor.’ When we disagree with someone, we can try to imagine the world from their point of view. Even if we disagree with them, we can love them and choose the

SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

February 13, 2022
11:00 AM

Sermon

“In What Do We Trust?”
Rev. Matthew Tennant

Scripture:

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Anthem:

“If Ye Love Me Keep My
Commandments,” arr. Thomas

Deacons: Jackie Lockwood and
Herman Eaker

Ushers: Cindy Bryant and Ben
Chaunault

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 9

9:00 Work Team
10:00 PBJ (Zoom)
12:00 Wednesday Treats
7:00 Sanctuary Choir Practice

THURSDAY, Feb. 10

7:00 PM Deacons Meeting

SUNDAY, Feb. 13

10:00 Sunday Bible Study
11:00 Morning Worship
5:00 Jubilate Rehearsal

relationship over being right. When we work at it, we can overcome our differences.”

Each MWG concludes with a reminder that this is a ministry of University Baptist Church and an invitation to join us in worship. My benediction for each minute with God is “God loves you. We love you. And, we want to walk in faith with you.”

Though I feel good about capturing the essence of something spiritual in each MWG, I wish I could say more. In this one, I wanted to get to the notion of choosing kindness. What we do is always a choice. We can choose to respond to those with whom we disagree in kindness and with the love of Christ.

Whether or not you listen to WINA, I hope you know about this part of our ministry to the community.

Peace,
Matt

6:00 Youth Group (Zoom)

MONDAY, Feb. 14

8:30 Morning Prayer ([UBC Facebook Page](#))

10:30 Bible Reading Group ([Zoom](#))

1:00 Schleiermacher Reading Group ([Zoom](#))

TUESDAY, Feb. 15

10:00 Staff Meeting

For our most up-to-date calendar, [click here](#).

Prayer Needs

[Alice Batten](#) - UVA Encompass



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Join us in wishing some of our church family a Happy Birthday this week!

February 21: Ron Tweel



Finding a Way to Be Together

During the past two years of this pandemic, the various groups within our church have discovered ways to stay connected. For many of us, Zoom has provided a platform where we can gather safely. With the ebb and flow of various waves, meetings have sometimes been in person, sometimes met on Zoom, and sometimes utilized a hybrid approach. Beyond the mechanics of how we meet, however, is a significant fact that we shouldn't overlook or take for granted: we want to be together. We cherish one another's company. That's part of being the Church.

WMU Circles have continued to meet, serving our congregation and the wider community. The Open Minds class continues to meet virtually on Sunday morning to learn and grow together, as does the PBJ Bible Study on Wednesday mornings. While we all know the limitations Zoom, these gatherings are still a source of friendship, support, and joy. As you can see in the **picture below**, the most recent monthly Seekers class meeting was especially joyful, as the class welcomed the two newest additions to our UBC family, Fin and Jake.

We hope that more and more of our church life will resume in-person gatherings as pandemic conditions improve. For now, though, we are grateful to meet safely however we can. If there's a group in the church that you'd like to gather together, please let me know how we can help!



Rev. Fisk attending Oasis Retreat, February 8-11

This week, I have the opportunity to join other children, youth, and college ministers at the Oasis Retreat in Montreat, North Carolina. This retreat, planned by the CBF Youth Ministry Network, presents an opportunity to spend time alongside other ministers working with age group ministries, sharing ideas and practices that have worked (or not worked!) for us through the pandemic, and learning together in times of worship, workshop, and fun. Event organizers have put strict Covid protocols in place in order to protect participants while still joining in fellowship. I ask that you pray protection over this event and all those who are attending, that we all remain healthy and that our time together would be fruitful, allowing us to walk away with renewed vigor and new ideas for our ministries.

Peace, Love, and Donuts,
Val

Bible Study Resuming

This Sunday, and throughout the month of February, we will resume a (slightly) shorter in-person study. Instead of a deep dive Bible study, our focus will be more devotional. We will meet at **10am** in the Fellowship Hall and conclude by 10:30 to reduce the risk of spreading covid by shortening the time we are together.

Our study for February will be the prophet Micah. You can get the handout by clicking [here](#). Dr. Matthew Tennant will lead this study.

- February 6 – Intro & Micah 1
- February 13 – Micah 2-3
- February 20 – Micah 4-5
- February 27 – Micah 6-7

To enhance conversations among the participants, we will not offer an online option. For those who are unable to attend but still want to join a group, the Open Minds class does offer a hybrid option. Contact Debra Bryant or Ed Lowry for details. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Tennant.

Voces Laetae!

A NEW Vocal Ensemble for Youth Ages 14-19

Auditions will be held at UBC this week for a new youth vocal ensemble. Auditions will be Thursday, February 10 from 4:30-8:00 PM and Sunday, February 13 from 1:30-4:30 PM. Anyone interested in auditioning may schedule a time [at this link](#). Please share this information with friends and family to help spread the word!

Voces Laetae! will rehearse on Tuesday evenings from 7:00-9:00 PM beginning February 22, 2022, with culminating concerts to be given in May 2022. There is no participation fee. CDC masking guidelines will be followed. Further questions may be sent to voceslaetae@gmail.com.

2022 Church Goals

Our staff and lay leaders have developed a set of goals for 2022, which the congregation affirmed at its recent Church Conference. We hope these three areas of focus will help to frame our work this year:

Spiritual Depth

- Promote the existing small groups and Bible studies
- Start [3] new small groups in 2022
- Encourage individual spiritual growth through prayer, enneagram work, and other avenues

Gathering & Reengagement

- Provide opportunities for congregants to gather every month
 - E.g. a church clean up day, picnics, hymn sings, caroling, lecture series, etc.
- Encourage deeper involvement, providing ways to serve and connect
 - E.g., draw congregants into the ice cream (or hot chocolate) outreach

Make a Difference in the Lives of Our Neighbors

- Invite groups to use our space
- Begin pilot program to support food stability through freeze drying

Sunday Mornings

Worship

Our Sunday morning worship service will begin at 11:00 am. We encourage everyone in the congregation to join us in whatever way you feel safe and comfortable at this time, whether in person or virtually. As always, you can listen by radio on WINA (1070 AM and 98.9 FM), or you can join us online for our live broadcast. To view the live video broadcast, visit our [Facebook page](#) or click [this link](#) to watch on YouTube.

Masks & Social Distancing

University Baptist Church continues to follow the recommendations of the CDC as they are updated. At this time, that means that all individuals, both vaccinated and unvaccinated, should wear a mask for all in-person gatherings in the church building. As we monitor this next wave of COVID cases related to the Delta and Omicron variants, we will make announcements as our policies are adjusted.

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