

THE WORD

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Behind the Scenes

Today we want to say "Thank you" to some very wonderful people in our congregation who have worked behind the scenes on special projects over the past few months. A lot of the day-to-day work of a church happens quietly, in the background, and we need to celebrate together all that God is doing through the work of individuals and groups at UBC!

We want to say a big "Thank you" to everyone who has stepped in to provide lunches and volunteer presence with our youth this spring, as we have moved to a new meeting time. A particular "Thank you" to the Annie Armstrong Circle for committing as a group to fill those needs once a month for the last several months!

We have to give a shout out to Jackie Lockwood for organizing the volunteers for this week's Red Cross Blood Drive. Jackie has also been a frequent volunteer with our ice cream cart on Wednesdays, as have Tom & Sylvie Moore! And all throughout the pandemic, Brian & Vicki Miller have continued to manage our Venable Food Bags program.

And then, where would we be without our Wednesday Work Crew? The entire work crew have all put in a lot of extra work over the past two months, prepping and patching in Alba's old office so that Val can move in there, giving her current office space to Will Cooke in the near future. They also devoted hours of work to assemble the platform wings in the sanctuary to make it possible for the Virginia Consort to hold their annual concert this past Sunday.

Hosting the Virginia Consort's program fits well with our identity as church that values its music program. We have been richly blessed these past few weeks by the music of Jubilate, as well as the new youth choir, Voces Laetae.

SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

May 15, 2022
11:00 AM

Sermon

Rev. Kim Bunns
"Don't Worry"

Scripture:

Matthew 6:25-33

Anthem:

"What A Friend We Have In
Jesus"
Arr. Wood

SUNDAY SERVICE

Deacons: Herman Eaker

Ushers: Tom and Sylvie Moore

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, May 11

9:00 Work Team
10:00 PBJ Bible Study
11:00 Wednesday Treats
5:30 Wednesday Night Dinner
6:00 Bible Study - Romans
7:00 Sanctuary Choir Practice

THURSDAY, May 12

7:00 Deacons Meeting

SUNDAY, May 15

8:30 Finance Committee Meeting

In keeping with this rich tradition of music at UBC, we are thrilled to share with you an update from another group that has been working tirelessly behind the scenes: our Piano Search Task Force. As you may recall, this group was formed in February of 2021, charged with finding a new piano for our sanctuary. After months of searching, they have found a 2016 Steinway Model B in St. Louis, which they feel will meaningfully enrich our worship and music ministry. We will be sharing much more about this search process and next steps in The Word over the next several weeks, but for now we celebrate with the committee and thank them for their work. If all goes to plan, this piano should arrive in Charlottesville in mid-June!

There are always more people to thank than we even realize. For all that each of you does to contribute to our church, we say "Thank you". You are a wonderful congregation, and it is such an honor to be your ministers. We are excited to be doing God's work with you!

Will & Val

Prayer Concerns

Sympathy to Beth and Kevin Wright after the death of Beth's father, Joe Bob Pierce, on May 4.

Fundraising Concert for The Haven

This Sunday afternoon, May 15, at 2:00 PM, our choir will be singing in a benefit concert for the Haven. This concert will feature the UBC Sanctuary Choir, Voces Laetae, the Voices of Virginia, and the Choirs of Charlottesville High School. The concert can be viewed by livestream at [this link](#). Donations can be made on the UBC website.



- 9:30 ESOL Classes
- 10:00 Sunday Bible Study
- 11:00 Morning Worship
- 12:15 Youth Group
- 2:00 The Haven Benefit Concert

MONDAY, May 16

- 8:30 Morning Prayer ([UBC Facebook Page](#))
- 10:30 Bible Reading Group ([Zoom](#))
- 1:00 Schleiermacher Reading Group
- 7:30 Enneagram Book Group

TUESDAY, May 17

- 9:30 Staff Meeting
- 7:00 Voces Laetae Rehearsal

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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

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

May 19: Mildred Spicer

May 20: Jimmy Li

May 21: Bonnie Fitzgerald and Tina Cromwell

May 23: Sally Chewning

Successful Blood Drive

Yesterday's blood drive at UBC was a great success. Many thanks to all the volunteers who were available to assist with this event, and to those who donated blood. A special "Thank you" to Jackie Lockwood and Alexis Haskiell for coordinating our efforts. Another blood drive at UBC is scheduled for July 25.

Pastoral Coverage Next Week

Next week, Will Brown will be traveling to Durham for an intensive week in his Doctor of Ministry program. Val Fisk will also be out of town the latter part of the week. While Val and Will can both be reached by phone in an emergency, two of our deacons have agreed to be "on call" for any emergencies that may arise May 18-20. Debra Bryant and Laura Martindale are available for any pastoral concerns during this period.



Coalition for Economic Opportunity

A few years ago, UBC members who were concerned about predatory lending in our community formed a task force to research the issue and explore alternatives. During this project, the group discovered a local nonprofit called the Coalition for Economic Opportunity (CEO), which provides low-interest loans through a local bank to people who otherwise might resort to payday loans. At that time, I joined the board of this organization and currently serve as its Vice President. You'll hear more about this on Sunday morning during the Mission Moment, including ways that UBC has supported CEO's efforts to help the financially vulnerable in our community.

Softball is Back!

The church softball season resumed last week with a decisive win for UBC on Friday night! If you'd like to join the team or come cheer them on, you can talk with Brad Groff or our new coach, George Martin!

New Book Group

On Monday night, a new book group held the first of five meetings to discuss how the Enneagram can help us to grow healthier in our personal lives and relationships. We're reading a book together and discussing on Monday nights at 7:30. Last night we had 15 adults and 2 infants participating! It's not too late to join. No prior knowledge required! If you'd like to join, please contact Will or Val.



Deacon Election

It is that time of year once again to elect Deacons to serve as leaders in our church, ensuring spiritual health and well-being. Expect a draft ballot by email or U.S. mail in the next few days. This ballot is a list of all church members living in the central Virginia area who are physically able to serve. The purpose of this ballot is for your review. If your name is listed and you are unable to serve as a Deacon, please contact the church office by May 25th to have your name removed. Likewise, if your name is missing and you are willing to serve as a Deacon, we apologize for the mistake and ask that you also let the church office know to add your name.

Donations needed for local refugees

Kittie Colvin Trail and Annie Armstrong Circles are joining forces to support current refugee resettling in Charlottesville. As more local businesses provide discounted furniture items, UBC is focusing on necessary items that new home dwellers require. Instead of repurposing furniture, we are now collecting cleaning and disposable items for starting up households.

Laundry baskets are available in the lobby and fellowship hall to receive the following items: *Microfiber mop, cleaning bucket, disposable gloves, toilet bowl brush, swiffer duster, disinfectant spray (Lysol), All purpose cleaner (Lysol), double sided sponges and microfiber cloths, glass cleaner, paper towels, toilet tissue, bathroom cleaner, clorox wipes, broom & dust pan, tall kitchen trash can, tall kitchen trash bags, laundry detergent, dish soap, vacuum cleaner, front door mat, shampoo & toothpaste-men, women, kids; soap.*

We thank you in advance for your generosity!

Sarah & Jen

Wednesday Night Dinner

Wednesday night dinners continue this week with a catered meal at 5:30pm and the continuation of our study of Romans at 6:00. To prepare for the study, it is helpful to read Romans 9-12 in advance.

Sunday Bible Study in May

During the month of May, Will Brown will lead the Fellowship Hall Bible Study group that has been meeting 10:00-10:30. We will meet on the first four Sundays of May, concluding on May 22.

Vacation Bible School!

Vacation Bible School registration is open! VBS will be Tuesday-Friday, June 14-17, and all are welcome! Register [HERE](#), and pass along to your family and friends!

Writing Leave for Senior Minister

From April 25 through June 5, Matt Tennant will take time away from UBC to complete a book he has been writing for several years (*Freedom and Existence: The Existentialism of Liberation Theology*). Val Fisk and Will Brown will share pulpit duties with Reverend Kim Bunns, who has preached at UBC previously, in addition to being available to handle pastoral care needs as they arise.

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, Charlottesville and Albemarle have been assessed a green/low Community Level, which means the CDC is not recommending people wear masks. Masks are now optional at UBC events. Of course, individuals are welcome to continue wearing masks if they feel more comfortable doing so, and University Baptist Church will continue to welcome all folks into our worship services, with or without a mask. As we monitor the COVID case levels in our area, we will release updates notifying the congregation of any changes.

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