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Tackling Food Insecurity in Cville

Did you know that 1 in 6 people face food insecurity in Charlottesville? That's 17.5% of the population. In Virginia, the average rate of people who face food insecurity is 11.9%, so we outpace our state.^[1] Food insecurity means a lack of consistent access to enough food for every person in a household to live an active, healthy life. This can be a temporary situation for a household or can last a long time. Food insecurity is one way we can measure how many people cannot afford food, and this year, our deacons began a project to help fight food insecurity. This project will connect with worship each week in July.

First, how big is the problem? In Charlottesville public schools, over 55% of the students are eligible to receive Free & Reduced Meals. However, hunger isn't spread evenly throughout the city. In some neighborhoods, that number reaches as high as 85%.^[2] Having few economic resources increases the possibility of encountering food insecurity, but so does being a person of color.^[3] The Venable Backpack Program is one way we've been addressing this problem for years. During July, we want to collect food, and on the last Sunday, we will pack the Venable bags after the service.

The deacon project began when one of the deacons loaned the church a freeze-drying machine. Freeze drying (also known as lyophilization) is a process to remove water from perishable materials. After removing the water from food, it can last a very long time, and it keeps its nutrients. Using the freeze drier, we can accept donated food from farmers and preserve it for food pantries to give away. Using this machine is another way our church can address food insecurity.

During the month of July, we are going to look at passages of scripture that address food insecurity. Since there are only 5 Sundays, we will barely scratch the surface of what the Bible

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SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

July 3, 2022
11:00 AM

Sermon

"Rich Christians in an Age of
Hunger"

Dr. Matthew Tennant

Scripture:

Luke 6:20-22

Solo:

"In His Time" by Diane Ball
Sung by Ingrid Flaherty

SUNDAY SERVICE

Deacons: Jackie Lockwood,
Raynell Stokes

Ushers: Cindy Bryant, Shirley
Clark

CALENDAR

TUESDAY, June 28

9:30 Staff Meeting
5:30 Finance Committee Meeting
6:30 Prayer Shawl Group
7:00 Environmental Book Group

WEDNESDAY, June 29

9:00 Work Team
12:00 Wednesday Treats

has to say about this subject. But we don't want to just think, pray, and sing about it in worship. We want to do something. So most weeks, we will have a mission project in the fellowship hall right after worship. This might mean preparing food for the freeze drier. Or, we could prepare Venable bags to help kids in the school right around the corner.

Serving God should be a joy-filled, life-giving experience. While we prepare the food, we will enjoy snacks, listen to music, and socialize. We can address serious problems while living out our faith and having fun. Worship connects with how we live, and in July, we are going to make that connection adjacent. We will serve right after we worship.

Peace,
Matt

- [1] Charlottesville Loaves and Fishes Pantry, "About Hunger."
- [2] Virginia Department of Education: Office of School Nutrition Programs, "School Year 2018-2019 National School Lunch Program (NSLP) Free and Reduced Lunch Price Eligibility Report, School Level."
- [3] Bingham, Shantell. Charlottesville Food Justice Network. *White Paper on Building a Healthy and Just Local Food System.*

Prayer Requests

Pray for Alba and Pam Beasley as Alba undergoes some medical tests in the week ahead, in response to new medical challenges that Alba is facing.

Volunteers Needed

Sign up to help us give out ice cream each Wednesday! Click [this link](#) to add your name and join us between 12:00 and 2:00 PM on the front steps at UBC. Contact Will Brown if you have any issues with the link.



Thank you for your generosity!

During Vacation Bible School, many of our participants brought in contributions of small toys, books, and art supplies to be given to patients at the UVA Children's Hospital. We extend our thanks to them, and to the many of you in our congregation who also brought in donations. We trust that these items will brighten the day of some of our youngest neighbors across the street, spreading God's love in a small yet tangible way. Thank you!

FRIDAY, June 30

7:00 Softball Game – Stanardsville

SUNDAY, July 3

8:30 Church Council Meeting

11:00 Morning Worship

6:30 Sundays at Dairy Market -
Young Adult Dinner

MONDAY, July 4

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

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

TUESDAY, July 5

9:30 Staff Meeting

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

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

June 29: Carolyn Lowry

July 1: Nettie Chewning

July 3: Barbara Murray

July 4: Katherine Wagoner

July 5: Adam Price

July 6: Barry Wilson

July 8: Ray Gaines

July 9: Lynda Tweel

July 10: Alyson West

July 12: Jeannette May

July 12: Doc Litchfield

July 12: Andrew Mundell

Young Adult Sundays at Dairy Market

Young adults of UBC are invited to join together for dinners at Dairy Market this summer! Each Sunday evening we will gather at 6:30 PM. Grab food from whichever restaurant sounds best to you, and look for Val Fisk at a table out front, near the Starr Hill Brewery end of the building. Anyone in the college and young adult age groups is welcome - please bring friends along with you!

We will plan to eat outside each week, unless it is raining, so that folks who prefer extra caution regarding Covid can feel comfortable joining us. We will not meet the night of July 3.

A Congregational Letter from Will Brown

On Sunday, June 19, Rev. Will Brown announced to the congregation that his last day at UBC will be Tuesday, July 19. You can read his full letter by [clicking here](#), or [watch the video](#) of Will reading this letter to the congregation. To Will, Erin, and their three children, we wish all our love and gratitude. University Baptist Church is a more beautiful community because of your having been part of us.

Flowers Bring Great Joy

If you would like to dedicate sanctuary flowers for a special remembrance or celebration, the 2022 Floral Calendar is posted in the first floor hallway. Sign up on the calendar AND email Sarah Buchanan <sarahbucha@gmail.com> to reserve your special date. Sarah will order the flowers from Agape Florist for \$60 unless you want to provide them yourself.

Please make checks and online donations payable to UBC and earmark "sanctuary flowers."

Available dates are:

- 7/24, 7/31
- 8/14, 8/21
- 9/18, 9/25
- 10/2, 10/9, 10/16, 10/30

If you love flowers, enjoy arranging them, or want to learn how, please contact Sarah at 434-409-9064 or sarahbucha@gmail.com and join us on the Floral Team. Sometimes it can be as simple as taking an already made arrangement out of the refrigerator or silk arrangement and placing it in the sanctuary.



Circle of Caring: Homebound Team

For the past five weeks, we have been highlighting each of the teams in our deacon-led Circle of Caring ministry. Today we conclude this series by focusing on the Homebound Team. As a family of faith, an important priority of ours is to maintain a loving connection with members of our church who are no longer able to participate in person. While all of us can participate in this process through visits, phone calls, and cards, the members of our Homebound Team work systematically to ensure our homebound members are receiving regular contact from the church. We are grateful for our devoted group of volunteers, and if you'd like to join this team, we have a place for you.

Do you know of someone who might benefit from having a visitor? Please contact the church office or one of our ministers. If you'd like to join the team, you can reach out to the Team Leader, Jackie Lockwood, or speak with our church staff. We'd love to have you join in this ministry!



Help save a life.

Schedule your blood
donation appointment today.



Red Cross Blood Drives at UBC

Help us fill the need of our community and care for our neighbors! UBC is hosting Red Cross Blood Drives on **Monday, July 25 and Tuesday, November 1**. You can register for these blood drives now, reserving your spot early to donate! Just go to the [Red Cross website](#) and search for drives near 22903. University Baptist will appear in the search results (click on the "distance" tab to find it more easily).

Interested in volunteering during the blood drive? Reach out to Jackie Lockwood to sign up!

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 yellow/medium Community Level, which means the CDC is recommending masks for people at high risk. Masks are currently 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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