

THE WORD

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Transitions are Opportunities

WATCH

When Will Brown read his letter on Sunday, I saw the simultaneous shock and not-shock in many people's faces. Of course, we were all surprised and saddened to hear that Will and Erin's ministry at UBC is winding to a close. But at the same time, everyone seemed to expect that God has been calling him to new challenges. This doesn't mean that he is leaving us. It reflects his journey, growth, and potential to do God's work for a people who need him. Even if we think we still need him a bit longer, we honor and respect his understanding of God's calling.

When churches face these types of transitions, we must allow ourselves space to look back and celebrate the years we have shared. I have trouble imagining coming to the office without Will, but I also cannot imagine him being here forever. Before looking ahead, we look back. We can share stories, remember laughter and celebrations, and think back to difficult situations we have faced together. This is part of processing a healthy transition. On July 17, we will have a reception after the morning worship service to celebrate Will and Erin's ministry at UBC.

Right now, even before the reception, we can begin praying about the future. We can lift up Will, Erin, and their kids in our prayers. We know God has something special for them, so let us bathe it in prayer. We can also pray for the future of the church. What does God have in store for us? We know it will be good. We know God holds this church in a divine embrace, so we can pray for clarity about what's next.

Transitions are opportunities. We must not get ahead of ourselves. Take space to remember, reflect, and celebrate. Everyone can process this change at their own pace. Then, we

SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

June 26, 2022
11:00 AM

Sermon

"The Walk Back"
Rev. Will Brown

Scripture:

2 Kings 2:1-14

Anthem:

Instrumental Meditation

SUNDAY SERVICE

Deacons: Shirley Clark

Ushers: Ian Pallini, Charlotte Bailey

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, June 22

9:00 Work Team

12:00 Wednesday Treats

5:30 Dinner in Fellowship Hall

6:00 Town Hall Meeting

7:00 Sanctuary Choir Practice

THURSDAY, June 23

7:00 Personnel Committee

move forward in faith, trusting that God is in our midst and has something special planned for us.

Peace,
Matt

Prayer Requests

Georgia Anne Wood - at home from UVA

Barbara Murray - home from the hospital and improving.

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.

FRIDAY, June 24

6:00 Softball Game – Darden Towe

SUNDAY, June 26

8:30 Missions Committee Meeting

11:00 Morning Worship

6:30 Sundays at Dairy Market - Young Adult Dinner

MONDAY, June 27

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

TUESDAY, June 28

9:30 Staff Meeting

5:30 Finance Committee Meeting



Some of you might be wondering when we will have a celebration of Alba's nearly two decades of service with the church. Since he retired during the pandemic, we were unable to plan a big celebration for him and Pam, and we have had trouble scheduling it since then. However, the ladies who made a quilt of old Jubilate t-shirts grew tired of waiting for a time to celebrate and went to his house to deliver it. As you can see, he really seems to like it! Stay tuned. We are still working on finding a date that works for Alba and Pam to have a proper celebration of their ministry at UBC.



7:00 Environmental Book Group

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





Vacation Bible School was a hit!

A HUGE thank you to all of those who volunteered with Vacation Bible School last week, and helped make it a wonderful, meaningful, magical week for everyone involved! If you'd like to see highlights from the fun, check out this [VBS slideshow!](#)

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.

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.

Dinner and Town Hall THIS WEDNESDAY

This Wednesday, June 22, we will have a time of fellowship and updates about the ongoing projects of our church. Dinner will be served in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30 PM, with the Town Hall reports beginning at 6:00. Discussions will include an update from JARC (the periodic review of our Constitution and Bylaws), to hear a brief report on the status of the Music Minister Search Committee, and to hear a brief report from Matt about his writing leave this spring.

We encourage anyone who is able to please attend in person! Those who would prefer to listen via Zoom should [email Val Fisk](#) for a Zoom link.



Circle of Caring: Hospital Visitation Team

Continuing our series on the Circle of Caring Ministry, this week our focus shifts to the Hospital Visitation Team. While pandemic restrictions have made in-person visitations difficult the past couple of years, our Team remains in place and ready to provide support to congregation members during hospitalizations. Being in the hospital brings many challenges in addition to one's

medical circumstances. High among those is the isolation one feels in being stuck in a room, unable to go to church or to go see friends and family. During these times, a friendly visitor can make a world of difference.

Do you know of someone who is in the hospital or a rehabilitation facility? 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, Diane Mundell, or speak with our church staff. We'd love to have you join in this ministry!



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!

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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