

THE WORD

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Ways to Tackle Food Insecurity in Charlottesville

ONWATCH

In July, our worship and mission themes address food insecurity. 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. Last Sunday, we sang some new hymns, and since they were new to many of us, some people might have missed the way they connect with our theme. [“Blest Are They”](#) by David Haas follows the beatitudes. The other, [“Heaven Shall Not Wait”](#) by John Bell speaks to God’s care for poor people. If you take time to listen to these hymns, when we sing them again, my prayer is for them to add to your worship experience, instead of tripping you with unfamiliarity.

Worship can feel isolated from daily life. We step into the sanctuary as a respite, and our sanctuary is a sacred, peaceful place. It serves its purpose of providing a place for us to encounter the risen Christ. However, worship is not removed from our life or how we live as Christ-followers. When we read the Bible and find God’s compassion for those who suffer and struggle, God calls us to action.

In our July theme addressing food insecurity, we want to sing, pray, and hear scripture that edifies our understanding of God. (Like the old Ginsu knife commercial) *But wait! That’s not all!* We also want to take our encounter with Christ beyond the sanctuary walls and be God’s hands and feet in the world. When addressing food insecurity, the step from ethereal to tangible is easy.

Here are some ways to participate:

SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

July 10, 2022
11:00 AM

Sermon:

"The Affluent Minority"
Dr. Matthew Tennant

Scripture:

Proverbs 19.17
Matthew 25.14-30

Special Music:

Tommy & Susan Deal

SUNDAY SERVICE

Deacons: Jackie Lockwood,
Raynell Stokes

Ushers: Cindy Bryant, Shirley
Clark

CALENDAR

TUESDAY, July 5

9:30 Staff Meeting
6:30 Prayer Shawl Group

WEDNESDAY, July 6

9:00 Work Team
12:00 Wednesday Treats

SUNDAY, July 10

9:40 Bible Study
11:00 Morning Worship

- Bring food for Venable bags, starting this Sunday. Place the food at the front of the Sanctuary. (See below for what to bring)
- Stay after church to learn about and help with the food freeze drying process: July 10 or July 24, directly after worship. See the machine in action and help wash/prepare produce to preserve.
- Come to our Venable Food Bag Extravaganza on July 31, after worship, helping pack the food bags for the upcoming school year.

For the Venable food collection, please bring individually packaged food items, preferably by July 31:

- Breakfast items: individual cereal boxes, oatmeal packets, granola bars
- Lunch/Dinner items: Mac-n-cheese, soup, ramen, etc.
- Snacks: bars, apple sauce, fruit, peanut butter crackers, goldfish, etc.
- Drinks: juice boxes, shelf-stable milk

On July 31, after worship, we will pack Venable food bags. Though some people can see faith as a pie-in-the-sky practice and see God as little more than *fire insurance against hell*. For me, faith is living. It is part of what we do. Like James 2.17 says, "Faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead." Our faith has action alongside it.

Looking forward to seeing you Sunday.

Peace,
Matt

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.

Pray for Nancy Castle. She experienced two deaths in her family recently, her brother and her cousin.

Val Fisk as she recovers from covid.

Melanie, Dean, and Matt Tennant as they recover from covid.

Our church as it regains its momentum.

6:30 Sundays at Dairy Market - Young Adult Dinner

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!

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

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.

The Post-Pandemic Church – Bible Study

July 10 – Session 2. Persistence, Courage, and Resolve (Ezra 4-6)

Join this Sunday morning discussion group in the Fellowship Hall. It starts at 9:40 and follows the CBFVA Resource "The Post-Pandemic Church – Lessons from Ezra." This week, the focus will be on Ezra 4-6. [Download the handout here](#) or pick one up in the church office.

CBFVA BIBLE STUDIES
2021-2022



Imagine the Post-Pandemic Church
Lessons from Ezra



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!

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.

Loving (and Feeding) Our Neighbors

"Would your neighborhood miss you if your church disappeared?" This question has always intrigued me, hinting at the ways we are viewed and valued by those around us. What is it that we provide to our community? During the

month of July, with our worship focus on food insecurity, we have a good occasion to reflect on the tangible impact we have on hunger in our city.

For staff at Venable Elementary School, we may be best known as the church that brings those bags of food each week for their students. When we first started filling this need a few years ago, we had no idea how long-lasting and impactful it would be. Now, I wonder if we are beginning a new ministry with potential to be an important part of our congregational identity. For months, the deacons have been researching and testing a new method for food preservation, while making contacts with local food pantries and farms. Will this pilot program turn into a central feature of UBC life? Will it help to feed our neighbors for years to come? Time will tell. But, so will we. We can help make this success a reality through our participation this month. What a great opportunity to come together and make a difference in our community!



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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