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Tonight: Miroslav Volf @UBC

WATCH

Last week, I introduced the sixth person to deliver the Richard E. Myers Lectures at University Baptist Church. Because of the caliber of the previous lecturers, this has become an impressive series. People in the field of religious studies beyond the University of Virginia are taking note of it. When we started, some scholars were less responsive than others. Now, when I reach out to people to invite them to come to Charlottesville, they write right back and sound enthusiastic. Sarah Beckwith from Duke will be with us April 25-27, 2023, and Marla Frederick from Emory will deliver the lectures October 24-26, 2023. In addition, three of the series are available as monographs from the University of Virginia Press, and one more will be out in the spring of 2023. Tonight, the Croatian-born, Yale-chair-holding Episcopalian scholar Miroslav Volf will join us.

And I am excited.

Volf is not only a highly respected academic from a world class institution, but he is also a public theologian. His book *Faith in Action* is about Christian political engagement. It grew out of a series of Facebook posts “designed to help guide Christians in the United States through the maze of issues that were debated during the presidential election of 2012.” His goal in writing the book is as timely as when it came out, because we as a nation are still (or more) polarized now than we were then.

In *A Spacious Heart*, Volf writes, “Forgiveness flounders because I exclude the enemy from the community of humans even as I exclude myself from the community of sinners.” When we encounter Christ, we cannot exclude other people. Our worst enemies or perceived enemies are our neighbors.

SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

Oct. 23, 2022

11:00 AM

Sermon:

“What a Great & Terrible Day!”

Dr. Matthew Tennant

Scripture:

Luke 18:9-14

Joel 2:23-32

Anthem:

“Hold On to the Rock”
(Choplin)

SUNDAY SERVICE

Deacon: Shirley Clark

Ushers: Cindy Bryant, Erik Ozkaptan

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, October 19

9:00 Work Team

10:00 PBJ (zoom)

5:00 Richard Myers Lectures-
Miroslav Volf

6:00 Reception

7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, October 20

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Miroslav Volf

6:00 Reception

And, we are as complicit in sin as everyone who we hit with our stones of judgment. When we judge our neighbor, we surrender our own experience of forgiveness. In God's justice, we discover our own sinfulness.

In a divided nation, overcoming differences will not happen by accident. We have to work for it, and Volf's public theology speaks to this divided state. I look forward to hearing how he will address current issues through the "Striving for Superiority" lectures.

Even if you do not receive this newsletter in time to attend the lectures tonight (October 18), consider coming tomorrow and Thursday, October 19 and 20. Although this is still an academic lecture series, I anticipate that it will speak to our world today and contribute to Anselm's *fides quaerens intellectum*, or "faith seeking understanding."

Peace,
Matt

A WORD FROM VAL



Unconventional Ministry Moments

What does ministry look like? I'm often struck by how broad the term "ministry" really is, and what activities are included in the ministry that I have opportunity to do here at UBC. This weekend included two slightly unconventional but deeply important moments with our

UBC students. On Saturday, I took seven college students to Kings Dominion for a day of pre-Halloween fun. We laughed, we rode roller coasters, we helped one another overcome the fear of those big rides. Students who had never met before became friends over the course of the day.

On Sunday afternoon, most of our youth group time was spent teaching a couple middle school students how to make their own grilled cheese sandwiches, and directing them as they cleaned up after themselves. Are roller coasters and grilled cheese really "ministry" opportunities? Yes! Teaching life skills, creating trust in the community of our church, and laughing together are all part of caring for these young people who are a part of our church.

SATURDAY, October 21
9:00 Environmental Project

SUNDAY, October 23
8:30 Missions Council Meeting (zoom)
9:45 Sunday Morning Bible Study
11:00 Morning Worship
12:00 Homecoming Luncheon
5:00 Jubilate Practice

MONDAY, October 24
10:30 Bible Reading Group (zoom)

TUESDAY, October 25
6:30 Prayer Shawl Group
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 next week!

Oct. 26: Zach Martindale,
Ed Lowry, Raynell Stokes,
Elizabeth Mulcahy

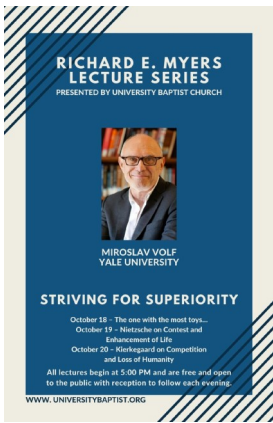
Oct. 28: Jessica Haney, Jeanne Nye

Oct. 29: Caroline Wagoner, Molly Lowry

Oct. 30: John Buchanan, Jim Anderson

Composite Mass Concert

The concert Sunday afternoon was wonderful with a large and very appreciative audience. If you missed the concert, you can still enjoy it by clicking [here.](#)



Richard E. Myers Lecture Series

Our Fall Lecture Series features Miroslav Volf from Yale University. He will be presenting lectures in the UBC Lecture Suite beginning at 5:00 pm on
 October 18: The One with the Most Toys....
 October 19: Nietzsche on Contest and Enhancement of Life

October 20: Kierkegaard on Competition and Loss of Humanity

All lectures are free and open to the public with a reception to follow each evening.

Prayer Requests

- Barbara Newlon recovering from hip surgery
- Sarah Buchanan recovering from back surgery
- Sam Mackey has entered Hospice at Our Lady of Peace
- Georgia Anne Wood
- Tom & Susan Deal on the death of his father
- Ed Lowry
- Scott Miller whose father has entered Hospice



Development and Growth Team Update Your Help is Needed

The UBC Development and Growth Team is seeking your help and input as they review the communications structure of the church. To this end, they will be sending out a survey in the next few days. The survey will be open for the month of October, closing Oct 31st. They look forward to hearing your responses! Click [here](#) to access the survey or find a copy in the church office.



Meals for our Youth Group and for Jubilate

Our youth gather for lunch in the Fellowship Hall every Sunday after worship and Jubilate shares dinner after their rehearsal every Sunday evening. If you would like to help our youth and young adults by providing a meal, either a lunch or a dinner on Sundays, [click here](#) to view the sign up sheet.



Environmental Team

The Environmental Team has been working to improve the energy efficiency of our building to reduce our energy footprint and utility costs. They are installing additional gaskets on our windows to reduce air leakage. If you would like to join them, please contact [Erin Eaker](#). The next workday is this Saturday, October 22, 9:00 am.

Quarterly Budget Update

In the interest of communicating with the congregation about our financial status, the Development and Growth Team has the following update: As of the end of September, our total contributions were \$373,311. The church's approved budget through that same time period was \$556,979.



Deacon-Sponsored Homecoming Lunch
Sunday, October 23, 12:15 pm
UBC Fellowship Hall

The Deacons are asking for members of the church to help spread the word about this event so as many people as possible know about it! We will be emailing and mailing invitations to members, UBC friends, former members, and Staff, but a personal touch is always welcome.

The menu will be Michie Tavern fried chicken and a potluck for side dishes and desserts. Drinks will also be provided by the church. We hope everyone will pitch in with their favorite sides, rolls, and desserts. This is an opportunity for UBC cooks to shine!

Please plan to attend and to invite others who have a history with UBC.

Youth Retreat at Eagle Eyrie, November 11-13

CBF Virginia is hosting the Fall Youth Retreat for grades 6-12 at Eagle Eyrie this November! During this retreat students engage in three different breakout sessions (of their choosing) that cover a variety of subjects including art, recreation, discussion groups, discipleship learning, leadership skills, and fun and games.

Each night there is also a worship service that challenges students to grow in their understanding of God. And this year, yours truly has been asked to preach in the worship services! I will be teaching each day around the theme of laying down burdens, pulling from Matthew 11:28 as the worship theme for the retreat.

Cost per student is \$95, and scholarships are available for UBC families to send their youth to this event. Students must sign up by October 30. Our church will be sharing chaperones with FBC Waynesboro, taking UBC and FBCW students together. Stay tuned for details about an upcoming event to introduce our groups to one another prior to the retreat!



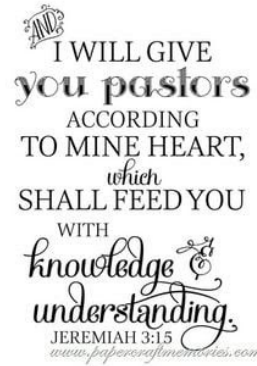
Wednesday Night Series –
"Why should we care about ___?"

This Wednesday, October 19, we encourage you to

attend the Richard E. Myers Lecture with Miroslav Volf at 5:00 with reception following at 6:00.

We will continue our Wednesday Night Series, "Why should we care about ___?" next Wednesday, October 26.

If you have a topic you would like to suggest for a future Wednesday, email Matt (matt@universitybaptist.org) and let him know.



Clergy Appreciation Month

October is Clergy Appreciation Month. The Apostle Paul is thought to have first suggested clergy appreciation in 1 Timothy 5-17, when he stated, "The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching." That teaching helped inspire the start of Clergy Appreciation Month in 1992 to recognize pastors.

Let us show our pastors how extremely fortunate we are to serve alongside such quality ministers at UBC! Pray for them, write them a note, send them an email, post thanks on your favorite social media, or thank Matt and Val in person for the many gifts (leadership, compassion, stewardship, and faith) they generously share with us all year round!

Personnel Committee

Christmas Hygiene Kit and Greeting Card Ministry for FCCW

The annual collection of hygiene kits and greeting cards is starting this week. This ministry to the Fluvanna Correctional Center for Women (FCCW) is sponsored through GraceInside, Virginia's Prison Chaplain Service, and administered through Effort Baptist Church. This ministry was started in 1998, the year the prison opened, and has continued every year since, with the exception of 2020 due to the restrictions of the pandemic. This program is supported by your item donations and monetary gifts.

UBC's collection effort will go through Sunday, November 6. Each inmate at the Fluvanna Correctional Center for Women receives the gifts listed below. You can give a complete bag or single items. **Please note that the correctional center does not permit ANY substitute or additional items.**

Hygiene Items (place in a gallon zip lock bag)

1. One individually wrapped toothbrush (must be in original container)
2. One tube of toothpaste, 6 oz. (must be in original container)
3. One deodorant stick, 2.6 oz. (no spray or roll-on, as close to 2.6 oz. as possible but no larger)
4. One bottle of shampoo, 15 oz. (as close to 15 oz. as possible but no larger)
5. One bottle of lotion, 15 oz. (as close to 15 oz. as possible but no larger)

No additions or substitutions.



Greeting Cards and Stationery Items



1. Christmas and Hanukkah cards and greeting cards for all occasions. All cards are sorted at Effort Baptist Church by a team of volunteers after they're received. Please try to avoid purchasing cards that contain foil on the card or envelope flap.

2. Stationery items – writing paper of any size and envelopes either 3 5/8 x 6 1/2" or 4 1/8 x 9 1/2"
3. Forever postage stamps -- used to send donation acknowledgment letters. Please place them in a separate zip lock bag.
4. Wooden pencils (unsharpened)

UBC's Collection Due Date is Sunday, November 6. Make checks and online donations payable to UBC and earmark "Hygiene kits." Item collection boxes will be located on the stage in the fellowship



Young Adult Summit

January 13-16, 2023

Ridgecrest Conference Center, Asheville, NC

Cost per person: \$200-\$275

Scholarships available for full-time students!

[Click her to register](#) (transportation from UBC provided at no additional cost)

Adults ages 19-29 are invited to experience a weekend retreat filled with rest, worship, discipleship, and opportunities for the kind of fun break the YOU want! Featuring [Dr. Heather Thompson Day](#) as the weekend speaker and musical artist [Mark Wagner](#) as worship leader, this weekend will give young adults an opportunity to explore your faith at this stage of life and ask questions about how to be Christian when you're not in youth group anymore. More details and full weekend schedule available at alabamacbf.org/yas2023.



State Missions Offering

Each fall we collect a special offering to support missions in the state of Virginia. This September, our missions emphasis will support the chaplain ministry at the Fluvanna Correctional Center for Women. Our goal is \$3,000. You can give on our website or by mailing a check to the church (Make the check out to University Baptist

Church and write State Missions in the "for" line). Here is some information from Chaplain Jerusha Moses, whose ministry our offering will support:



Dear friends, Due to "separation of church and state," Gracelnside is a nonprofit Christian ministry that places chaplains inside Virginia's prisons so that lives may be transformed through the grace of Jesus Christ. As a Gracelnside chaplain, I am dedicated to meeting the spiritual needs of all residents of Virginia's state prisons. I currently serve in Fluvanna Correctional Center for Women, providing one-on-one pastoral care, conducting worship services, and working with the Department of Corrections staff in offering rehabilitative programs. I am also responsible for scheduling all religious programs conducted by volunteers representing many faith traditions like Islam, Messianic Judaism, Wicca, Buddhism, Seventh Day Adventism, and Protestantism.

As the temperature gets cooler and the leaves change color, I am reminded that God's mercies are new every morning; God continues to work patiently in our lives, transforming us, and sanctifying us to the likeness of the image of God's son, Jesus. What an honor it is to partner with the Savior bringing faith, hope, and love to incarcerated men and women, as Christ says in Matthew 25, "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."

Bio: Chaplain Moses is an ordained Baptist minister. She completed her masters degree in divinity and a doctorate degree in ministry at the Baptist Theological Seminary in Richmond. She majored in biblical studies and obtained a masters degree in theology at the Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, Virginia. She taught World Religions as adjunct faculty at Virginia Commonwealth University. Her doctoral project was in the field of grief and loss. She lives in Richmond with her fifteen-year-old daughter, a stage 4 cancer survivor. Her grandparents were a major influence on her life; they retired from the Department of Corrections in India and told her bedtime stories of their work in Corrections. The stories took deep root in her impressionable heart and are the reason for her passion for prison ministry today.

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.

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