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UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH
Do Justice. Love Kindness. Walk Humbly.

Join us for Holy Week in person or virtually - you are welcome and wanted here!

Spy Wednesday April 5 at 6 PM	Good Friday April 7 at 6 PM
Maundy Thursday April 6 at 6 PM	Easter Sunday April 9 at 11 AM

We seek to be an authentic community of Christians who love and care for each other as a family, and openly welcome and include all people regardless of age, race, gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation, disability, or background.

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(Childcare is provided for infants through preschoolers.)

RICHARD E. MYERS LECTURE SERIES
PRESENTED BY UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH

SARAH BECKWITH
DUKE UNIVERSITY

SHAKESPEARE'S THEOLOGICAL VIRTUES: THE FORTUNES OF FAITH, HOPE, AND LOVE

April 25 - Faith: A Shakespearean Dramaturgy
April 26 - Shakespeare's Royalist Revolution
April 27 - Love and Charity: Love's Labour's Lost, King Lear

All lectures begin at 5:00 PM and are free and open to the public with reception to follow each evening.

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Richard E. Myers Lecture Series

Sarah Beckwith, religion professor at Duke University, will be with us April 25-27 speaking on "Shakespeare's Theological Virtues: The Fortunes of Faith, Hope, and Love." All lectures begin at 5:00 PM with a reception to follow.

SERVICES OF HOLY WORSHIP

April 5, 2023 - Spy Wednesday
6:00 PM

Sermon:

"A Meditation on Double Agents and Second Chances"

Dr. Scott Spencer

Scripture:

Mark 14:10-11, 17-21

Anthem:

Stay With Us (Taize)

April 6, 2023 - Maundy Thursday
6:00 PM

Sermon:

"A Meal That Points Forward"

Dr. Matthew Tennant

Scripture:

John 13:1-17, 31b-35



Wednesday Night Dinners

There will be NO dinner this week. Come for the Spy Wednesday worship service at 6:00 PM.

Dinners will begin again next Wednesday, April 12, with a new series on Faith and Gender.

Wednesday Night Series on Faith and Gender

Do you ever feel lost when people talk about gender these days? What does it mean to be cisgender, or non-binary, or genderqueer? And for us as Christians, how do these concepts relate to our Christian faith? Is it possible to remain faithful to our Christian values while embracing the still-emerging understandings of gender identity and expression? Finally, might the Bible help us make sense of this complicated situation? (Yes, it does!)

After Easter, we welcome Rev. Will Brown to lead a four-part Wednesday night series exploring contemporary understandings of gender within the context of the Christian faith and Scripture. This is an outgrowth of the research Will has been doing for the D. Min. program at Duke University. We hope you can join us on April 12, April 19, May 3, and May 10. (Note that we will take a break on April 26 for the Myers Lecture Series.) Bring your questions, bring a friend, and bring an openness to learn from one another. We hope you will come and join the conversation. We have a lot to talk about!

First-Quarter Giving Statements

First-quarter giving statements will be coming out in mid-April. We are now keeping track of contributions using Realm, UBC's online database, so your statement will look different from previous years. If you have an email address on file, your giving statement will arrive via email. If we do not have an email for you, your statement will be printed and mailed to you. If you need to update your email address, please let [Linda](#) know in the office.

If you do not already have a Realm login, but would like one, please let Linda know that as well. A login is not required in order to receive your emailed statement but would allow you to view your giving information online at any time.

Anthem:

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"
(arr. Berry)

April 7, 2023 - Good Friday

6:00 PM

Sermon:

"The Deaths of God's People"

Rev. Val Fisk

Scripture:

John 19:16b-18, 25-42

Anthem:

"Lamb of God"

Soloist: Eugenie Pierre

April 9, 2023 - Easter Sunday

11:00 AM

Sermon:

"Something to See Here"

Dr. Matthew Tennant

Scripture:

Matthew 28:1-10

Anthem:

"O King of Love" (Larson)

SUNDAY SERVICE

Deacon: Jackie Lockwood

Ushers: Herman & Gail Eaker

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, April 5

9:00 Work Team

10:00 PBJ Bible Study

5:15 Handbell Rehearsal

6:00 Spy Wednesday Worship Service

7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, April 6

6:00 Maundy Thursday Worship Service

FRIDAY, April 7

6:00 Good Friday Worship Service

SUNDAY, April 9

8:30 ESOL Class

9:45 Sunday Morning Bible Study

11:00 Morning Worship



Rise Against Hunger with UBC

On April 15 and 29, UBC will host our first of many meal packing events with Rise Against Hunger! Click [here](#) to find out more about Rise Against Hunger (RAH). This is a fun and intergenerational mission event. There's something for all ages.

Go to our [website page](#) to view all the packing dates and to sign up to help us meet our goal of 100,000 meals!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

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

- April 12: Nelda Vaughan
- Apr. 14: Pete Whitt
- Apr. 16: Carter Groff
- Apr. 17: Laura Faye Groff
- Apr. 18: Jim Moore, Larry Groves



Black Voices Gospel Choir

On Sunday, April 2, we hosted the Black Voices Gospel Choir from the University of Virginia as they presented their annual Spring Concert entitled "Champion." The title for this year's concert grew from a school year filled with trials, grief, and uncertainty and the scripture in John 16:33 where Jesus promises that although in the world, we will have tribulation, he has overcome the world, and through him we are Champions.

MONDAY, April 10
OFFICE CLOSED
10:30 Bible Reading Group (Zoom)

TUESDAY, April 11
11:30 Annie Armstrong Circle
6:30 Prayer Shawl Group
7:00 Voces Laetae Rehearsal

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

Prayer Requests

- Barbara Newlon
- Jack & Jo-Ann Averill
- Alba & Pam Beasley
- Ed & Carolyn Lowry
- Clara Brown
- Sylvie Moore & Family on the death of her aunt in Boston



Music Ministry Update

As you know, Will Cooke announced that his last day with us will be May 21. Please mark your calendars to be here on Sunday, May 21, for a reception for Will. You will hear more about the details and a love offering for him as that date approaches. For now, we are pleased to announce that the Rev. Susan Deal has accepted the position of Intentional Interim Minister of Music. She will begin working with us on May 22. Her goal is to keep our music ministry vibrant and prepare for the next chapter in UBC's incredibly rich music tradition. Please thank her for agreeing to step in when you see her. Also, we are in the process of forming a Search Committee to find the next person to lead our music program. More details on the search process will be forthcoming. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Tennant in the church office or Jen May of the Personnel Committee.



Save the Date & Celebrate
Volunteers Extraordinaire
(Hint - Richard V., Ed S., & Alan H.)

Potluck Luncheon
Sunday, April 16, 2023
12:00 pm
Fellowship Hall

UBC will provide the entree, dessert, and beverages for our luncheon. You are encouraged to bring your favorite side dish to share (salad, veggies, pasta). Come prepared to celebrate this amazing trio of church volunteers!



Join Us on Sunday Mornings!

Continuing with my attempt to encourage and invite you to participate in Sunday Bible Study, I wish to offer an excerpt from the website of *The Word Made Fresh*. Click [here](#) for full article.

Some years ago, Robert Fulghum had a bestselling book entitled, "All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten." Well, indeed he may have learned all he needed to know in Kindergarten, but I must tell you that, for me, it happened in Sunday School. Of course, Sunday School is not only a place of great learning, it is also a place of great laughter.

One Sunday School teacher, for example, asked her class how Noah spent his time on the Ark. The youngsters seemed baffled, so the teacher pressed the issue. She said, "Do you suppose that with all the water around him he did a lot of fishing?" That got a reaction. "Ha," one little boy replied, "with only two worms."

Or what about the time a father asked his son what he had learned in Sunday School that day? The young boy answered, "She told us about Moses crossing the Red Sea." The father said, "Well what did she tell you about that?" The boy paused for a moment and then he broke into a remarkable narrative. He said, "Well, old Moses got mad that this guy Pharaoh was holding people hostage. So, he warned him to let the people go, or he would be in big trouble. Pharaoh said, 'O.K.' Moses then loaded the people up in big buses and they started off. Then Pharaoh changed his mind. He called out his army and tanks and half-tracks and big guns and began chasing old Moses. He even called in an air strike. When Moses and all these people in buses got to the Red Sea, they knew they were trapped.

Then they got an idea. They took sand from the shore of the sea and made sandbags, and they sand-bagged two sides all the way across that sea. They brought in pumps, and they pumped out the water from between those two lines of sandbags so that they could cross on dry land. Then they put plastic explosives in those sandbags, and when Pharaoh's army followed them, they detonated the explosives with a remote device and blew up Pharaoh's army." The father cried, "Wait a minute, is that the way she told the story?" The little boy shrugged, "Naw," he said, "but if I told you the story the way she did, you'd never believe it."

Ah! The faith of a child! Our Children (Grades Kindergarten – 5th) are led each Sunday by a team of wonderful teachers who share these wonderful stories of the Bible and help guide their inquisitive minds as their hearts are molded into faith of following Jesus. Your children will love Katherine Hamel, Laura Morris, Laura Faye Groff, and Melanie Tennant as they meet you on Sunday mornings in the Children's Suite, Room 212. I encourage you to rekindle the habit of Sunday Bible Study for your entire family!

Another one of our classes for Adults of any age is the Open Minds class. Debra Bryant, Ed Lowry, and Ron Tweel share in leading the exploration of a progressive approach to Christianity described at www.progressivechristianity.org. They address parts of the Bible and topics decided on by the class, is a discussion group, and covers a broad array of topics from Bible study to current events. Open Minds meets in Room 120 on the first floor.

Tommy Deal - Education Coordinator



National Missions Offering

Each Spring UBC has participated in the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship's National Missions Offering. This emphasis helps support our missionaries right here in the US. UBC's offering supports the ministry of Scarlette Jasper, a CBF missionary working in southeastern Kentucky, where UBC has been partnering with missionaries for many years. Scarlette was commissioned by the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship as a field missionary in 2014 and now serves one of the poorest parts of the United States. There, she is the director of [Olive Branch Ministries, Inc.](#), which works to address the needs of the local community. Some of the many needs that Scarlette helps address are working with the homeless, coordinating children's literacy projects, rent and utility aid, assisting with transportation costs for distant medical appointments, providing heaters or propane in the winter, supporting local schools with supplies, and helping veterans get needed services. She maintains a small mission house that serves as an emergency shelter and place for pastoral counseling. You can see her most recent projects on her [Facebook page](#). Even through the challenges of the pandemic, Scarlette has remained active in her community to help with their needs.

Like the majority of our field missionaries, Scarlette must raise her own program and project support. Our goal this year is to raise \$3,000 to support Scarlette and her work in Kentucky.

This year, please consider offering your thoughts, prayers, and financial support to our National Missions Emphasis. When donating online, specify "National Missions" to ensure that your offering is sent to Scarlette.

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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