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What a
Wonderful
World

WATCH

This Sunday, we will begin a five-week series celebrating God's wonderful world. There's so much bad news—so much death and destruction, environmental catastrophes, people hurting one another, and more. Sometimes it feels like too much. In the spirit of Easter, we are going to focus our attention on some of the stories of new life, wonder, and hope for the future.

Amazing stories surround us. So, instead of a series on food insecurity or the environment (those are coming in July and September, respectively), our themes will, I hope, be uplifting. This Sunday, our service will center on the disciple who encountered Jesus while walking to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35). On April 23, we will look at Jesus' discussion with Nicodemus, focusing on John 3:16-21. On April 30, Jesus tells us not to worry and says, "Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them" (Matthew 6:25-34). Braxton Kemp will be our guest preacher on May 7, and he will remind us that God is with us even when we don't notice God's presence (Matthew 13:1-9). Our series will end on May 14 with the reminder that we are a blessing to one another (Psalm 150).

Being thankful and looking at the beauty all around us doesn't mean we are ignoring more difficult topics. They are still there. Jesus told his disciples, "You always have the poor with you," in Matthew 26:11. This wasn't to let us off the hook to help others. He had just told them,

SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

April 16, 2023

11:00 AM

Sermon:

"The Risen Lord is Here"

Dr. Matthew Tennant

Scripture:

Luke 24:13-27

Anthem:

"Teach Me Thy Song, O Lord" (Courtney)

SUNDAY SERVICE

Deacon: Martha Ballenger

Ushers: Cindy Bryant, Ben Chenault

Youth 2nd Adult: Daniel Harper

Jubilate Dinner: Sign up [here](#).

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, April 12

9:00 Work Team

5:15 Handbell Rehearsal

5:30 Dinner

6:00 Series on Faith & Gender

7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, April 13

7:00 Deacons' Meeting

SATURDAY, April 15

10:00 Rise Against Hunger Packing

“When you help the least of these, you help me” (Matthew 25:31-46). His message was about remembering who God is while we live lives of faithfulness. We work for justice, address difficult topics, and feed the hungry, AND we give thanks, praise God, and appreciate the wonder of God’s world.

Our series is going to be an intentional post-Easter pause to celebrate God’s wonderful world.

We can start now.

Today, look around, see the beauty of the earth, watch for random acts of kindness, and look for the good. When you see it, remember, “This is my Father’s world ...” or “For the beauty of the earth...” The psalmist writes, “Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament! Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his surpassing greatness!” (Psalm 150).

Peace,
Matt

P.S. If you would like to share a short (3-5 minute) celebration, story of hope, or testimony, please let me know. It would be great to have one each week during this series.

SUNDAY, April 16

8:30 ESOL Class

9:45 Sunday Morning Bible Study

11:00 Morning Worship

12:00 Celebration Potluck Lunch

5:00 Jubilate Rehearsal

MONDAY, April 17

10:30 Bible Reading Group (Zoom)

1:00 Schleiermacher Reading Group

TUESDAY, April 18

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

Larry Martin

Lee Hill



Rise Against Hunger with UBC

This Saturday, April 15, beginning at 10 AM, UBC will host our first of many meal packing events with Rise Against Hunger! Bring your baseball cap, if you don't want to wear a hairnet, and help us pack our first 14,000 meals! 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 19: Linda Smith

Apr. 20: Hunter Cooper

Apr. 21: Mattie Tomlin, Mary Ella McCauley

Apr. 23: Jane Anderson

Apr. 24: Steve Mahone, Peachie Mays, Gail Ellen

Apr. 25: Lauren Cooper

A WORD FROM VAL

Spring with UBC Students

We are quickly approaching the time of year when we celebrate all that our students have accomplished in their educational journeys this year! Mark your calendars as we honor our graduating students during worship on Sunday, May 7. Will you have a graduate in your family this year? Please send notice of ALL graduations - high school, college, graduate programs, technical certifications - to Val at vfisk@universitybaptist.org. Please include the correct name, school, degree/major information, and an updated photo to be included in our graduation announcements later this spring.

And, there is still time to provide a meal for our student groups this spring as well! [Click here](#) to sign up to provide a meal for Jubilate on April 16 at 6:30 PM, or to provide lunch and volunteer as an adult chaperone for our youth group on May 14 or May 21.

This Sunday, April 16, youth will eat lunch in the fellowship hall with the rest of our church and move upstairs at 1:00 for our youth Bible study. There will be no youth group April 23 or 30 (youth Bible study at 9:45 AM will meet every week as usual).

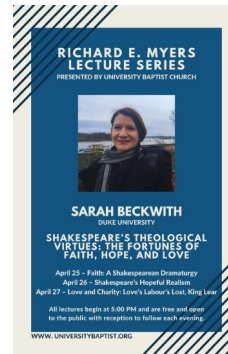


Save the Date & Celebrate

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!



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 in the Music/Lecture Suite, with a reception to follow.



Wednesday Night Series on Faith and Gender

This week, we welcome Rev. Will Brown to lead the first of a four-part 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.

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!

Dinner at 5:30 will be catered by *Roots* followed by our discussion at 6:00. Afterwards, at 7:00, everyone who would like to sing can join Will Cooke and the Sanctuary Choir in the Choir/Lecture Suite.

Jubilate 50th Anniversary

Jubilate 50th anniversary reunion is April 21-23. Contributions are needed for the reception following the April 23 concert, including finger sandwiches, fruit and vegetable trays (please bring ready to serve sizes) with dip, deviled eggs, cheese balls with crackers. **NO desserts are needed**, since there will be an anniversary cake. If possible, please bring donations to the church kitchen on Sunday morning, so trays can be prepared prior to the 2:30 concert.

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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