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Changes & Feeding the Hungry

WATCH

A few weeks ago, I shared a parable from José Marins' book *Basic Ecclesial Communities* (Quezon City, Philippines: Claretian 1983). The parable is about the church through the ages and how it needs to continue to change. The world evolves. New technologies make life easier and present new challenges. And, we learn lessons from history. Likewise, the church cannot remain static. It keeps changing.

As we come back to earth from last weekend's amazing celebration of Jubilate's 50th Anniversary, we look ahead to what's next... the Myers Lecture Series. Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of this week, we continue our lecture series and feature Dr. Sarah Beckwith of Duke University. Dr. Beckwith will be discussing "Shakespeare's Theological Virtues: The Fortunes of Faith, Hope, and Love." The lectures begin at 5pm each evening and should be very interesting.

However, I was looking ahead beyond the lecture series to our second packing party for Rise Against Hunger. On Saturday, we plan to pack another 12,500 meals to feed the hungriest people on earth. If you haven't already signed up, you can do so by [clicking here](#).

Churches are in a constant state of change. Looking back over fifty years of Jubilate brought these continuing changes to the forefront of my mind. Consider how much has changed in our collegiate choir. They sing different songs, wear different clothes, and perform in different venues. As Bob Dylan pointed out in 1963, "The times, they are a-changin'."

SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

April 30, 2023

11:00 AM

Sermon:

"Lifting One Another Up"

Dr. Matthew Tennant

Scripture:

Matthew 6:25-34

Anthem:

"Psalm 100" (French)

SUNDAY SERVICE

Deacon: Lily Gregg

Ushers: Herman & Gail Eaker

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, April 26

9:00 Work Team

10:00 PBJ Bible Study

5:15 Handbell Rehearsal

5:00 Myers Lecture Series with Sarah Beckwith

7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, April 27

5:00 Myers Lecture Series with Sarah Beckwith

SATURDAY, April 29

9:00 Rise Against Hunger Packing Event

Rise Against Hunger (RAH) is responding to this changing world, and our church is privileged to partner with such a vibrant organization. RAH begins by nourishing people. Their motto is "It starts with a meal." The only requirement to be welcomed at their table is to be hungry. The current places where they are feeding starving people are: Belize, Burundi, Cambodia, Eswatini, Dominican Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ghana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Kenya, Madagascar, Nicaragua, Philippines, Uganda, Somalia, South Africa, Vietnam, and Zimbabwe. So far, RAH has given away 67.6 million meals this year.

Our goal of preparing 100,000 meals in 2023 might not sound like a lot in the grand scheme of world hunger, but it is significant for us. We will have to work hard to achieve this goal, and this project is new territory for us. Those who have been around UBC for a long time might remember previous mission projects, like Operation Inasmuch or participation in IMPACT. Although we are not involved in them this year, this doesn't mean we have moved on or don't support those initiatives any longer. It means that we are trying to follow God's call for us today, and the Holy Spirit has led us to try something new.

This year, Rise Against Hunger packing events represent one of the changes in UBC life. They are fun, build our faith community, and have a tangible impact on some of the poorest people on earth. This Saturday, join us for our second event. In less than 2 hours, we can pack over 12,000 meals. Again, if you haven't signed up, you can do so by [clicking here](#). These events are appropriate for all ages, so bring your children, grandchildren, friends, neighbors, and anyone else you know.

Peace,
Matt

SUNDAY, April 30

8:30 ESOL Class

9:45 Sunday Morning Bible Study

11:00 Morning Worship

MONDAY, May 1

10:30 Bible Reading Group (Zoom)

1:00 Schleiermacher Reading Group

TUESDAY, May 2

7:00 Kitty Colvin Trail Circle (Zoom)

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

Shelley Miller



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

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

May 4: Bobby Gregg

May 5: Kelly Kossi, Nancy Gaines

May 8: Richard Vaughan

May 9: Sue Whitt



First-Quarter Financial Update

January - March 2023

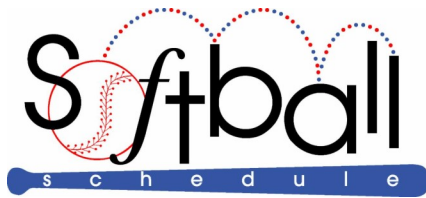
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Expenses: \$159,499.67



Graduation Sunday

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.



Softball Beginning!

Did you know that UBC has a softball team? Below is their schedule for May.

- May 5, 6:00 & 7:00 United Methodist
- May 12, 6:00 & 7:00 All Saints
- May 19, 6:00 & 7:00 Westminster

All games are played on Friday at Darden Towe Park, Field 1.

If you're interested in playing or just finding out more information, contact George Martin at cva2011@aol.com.

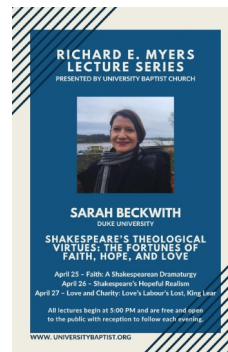


Rise Against Hunger with UBC

On Saturday, April 29, beginning at 10 AM, UBC will host our second meal packing event with Rise Against Hunger! Bring your baseball cap, if you don't want to wear a hairnet, and help us pack another 12,500 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.

Note: We can use some additional volunteers to help unload the truck at 8 AM.

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!



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 everyone is encouraged to attend the Myers Lecture Series with Sarah Beckwith beginning at 5:00 in the Music/Lecture Suite.

Our Wednesday night series on Faith and Gender will return next Wednesday, May 3.

Celebrating Will Cooke's Ministry

On Sunday May 21, we will celebrate Will Cooke's ministry here at UBC with a reception following our 11:00 worship service. Let's gather together in grateful thanksgiving to let Will know just how much he means to UBC.

You are also invited to share a love offering as a giant "Thank You, Will, for the blessing of you!" Please submit your love offering by Wednesday, May 17, indicating on the memo line "Will Cooke Love Offering." You can bring a check to the church, give [online](#), or give by texting "Give2ubc" to 73256. Make sure to put "Will Cooke Love Offering" in the memo.

You may also bring or send a card of appreciation to Will to thank him for his faithful dedication to the UBC music ministry.

Save the Date for our Church Picnic Sunday, June 4

We will have our annual church picnic on Sunday, June 4. This is always a great time to get together, share a meal, and enjoy a time of fellowship. If you would be willing to host the event this year, please contact [Linda](#) in the church office.



Save the Date for Touch-A-Truck Saturday, May 13

Our Touch-A-Truck event was so successful last September that we are hosting another event this spring. The UBC Deacons have already begun working on details for this event, gathering partners from the community to provide the trucks and other vehicles, finding food vendors and face painters, and planning for this to be a great outreach event to families in the community. Anyone who is willing to volunteer to help with the event can find the sign up [here](#).

Church Conference Wednesday, May 10

We will have a (brief) Church Conference on Wednesday, May 10 at 6pm to vote on the search committee for an Associate Minister for Music and Worship. The nominees are:
Lily Gregg (Deacons)
Robby Gough (At Large)
Larry Johnson (At Large)
Jen May (Personnel Committee)
Rachel Miller (Choir)
Brian Mulcahy (At Large)
Diane Mundell (Choir)
Sheri Owen (At Large)

Our Sunday Morning Bible Studies

I took a few weeks off giving information about and encouraging everyone to participate in Sunday morning Bible Study. I want to continue my thanks and praise to all of our Bible Study Leaders. Without accolades, they each prepare for and present a challenging look at selected Scriptures which encourage us to grow in our faith.

We have some exciting things in the works as we continue our emphasis on studying God's Word with fellow believers. Please find a class that meets your needs and join this Sunday!

Our Youth Bible Study is for students from 6th-12th grade. Students examine the big ideas of the Bible, talking about current topics like justice, ecology, race, and inclusion, through the lens of the Bible. The Youth meet Sundays at 9:45 on the third floor in Room 305 and are led by David Waters (A reliable source has revealed he brings goodies, too!)

The College Bible Study class is for young adults who have graduated from high school and are in the general college age range (but not all of our members are students!) Anyone in the 18-23ish range is welcome. Each semester, they pick a topic or book of the Bible and dig deep into the scripture together, examining small sections each week, taking lots of time to answer questions and chase rabbit trails, and think about how the scripture speaks to our own lives now. The leader is Rev. Val Fisk, and they meet in the College Room G 17 (ground floor).

The “Kairos Class” is an adult coed group that is led by Scott Miller and now meets in Room 117 on the first floor. The lessons are discussion oriented and Q & A guided, based on lessons in the *Nurturing Faith* magazine. *These lessons are brilliantly written by Biblical scholar, Dr. Tony Cartledge, and are based on the Revised Common Lectionary.*

If you have an interest in a group or even a topic that you would like to be a part of, please let’s talk.

~~Tommy Deal, Education Coordinator

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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