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ON WATCH

Dr. Tennant is on vacation this week, enjoying some time with extended family. He'll be back in the office on Monday, May 8.

Our guest preacher on Sunday, May 7, is Rev. Braxton Kemp. Rev. Kemp (he/him) is a native of Richmond, VA, a craft beer lover, and an enneagram fanatic (he's a 3, iykyk). He received his MDiv from Chicago Theological Seminary and has served in multiple pastoral roles before accepting the call to plant *The Table*, a Baptist Faith Community. He is passionate about racial recognition, fighting injustices, and seeing a more diverse church and community.

We look forward to welcoming him to our pulpit.



SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

May 7, 2023

11:00 AM

Sermon:

"Even Then, God Was There"

Rev. Braxton Kemp

Scripture:

Matthew 13:1-9

Anthem:

"Even When He is Silent" (Arnesen)

SUNDAY SERVICE

Deacon: Shirley Clark

Ushers: Sue Sears, Ian Pallini

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, May 3

9:00 Work Team

10:00 PBJ Bible Study

5:15 Handbell Rehearsal

5:30 Wednesday night dinner

6:00 Wednesday night program

7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY, May 7

8:30 Church Council Meeting

9:30 ESOL Class

9:45 Sunday Morning Bible Study

11:00 Morning Worship

2:00 Haven Benefit Concert @The Haven

A WORD FROM VAL



A Quiet Place to Study

Today is the last day of spring semester classes at UVA, which means that it is time to host our student neighbors throughout finals again! Anyone who would like to donate snacks, treats, or beverages to the cause can leave those in the college room between now and May 7. Donations of homemade baked goods are always welcome, as are things like individual bags of chips, mini candy bars, packs of soda and sparkling water, and other individually wrapped snack items. Please mark any plates of baked goods with your name so that we can return the platters to you after finals. Thank you for your love and support of our students!

And don't miss honoring our graduating students during worship this Sunday, May 7!

2022 Missions Discretionary Fund

The Missions Council would like to thank the congregation for allowing us to include a Missions Discretionary Fund in the budget again this year. This allows us to address needs that arise during the year, both in our neighborhood, and around the world. We spend time in each of our monthly meetings discussing ideas for how the money could be used. In 2022 our focus ended up being a mix of local agencies and state and national CBF efforts. Thank you for the opportunity to share with the following organizations on your behalf in 2022.

- \$2,000 to the CBF Disaster Response Hurricane Fund, specifically for aid in Puerto Rico after Hurricane Fiona.
- \$1,500 to our Venable Food Bag program to ensure we have funds to cover this ongoing mission project to supply bags of food over the weekend to the children of families at Venable Elementary School who are economically disadvantaged.
- \$600 to the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Ukraine Relief Fund to assist field personnel who are working to provide relief to Ukrainians impacted by the war.

MONDAY, May 8
10:30 Bible Reading Group (Zoom)

TUESDAY, May 9
11:30 Annie Armstrong Circle
1:00 Personnel Committee Meeting
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

All those recovering from Covid

The Family of Shelley Miller who passed away on April 28.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

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

May 10: Bill Cromwell

May 11: Michael Cheuk

May 13: Eddy Tennant, Michelle Turner, Claire Turney

May 15: Shelby Clements

May 16: Glenna Ohlms, Jacob Morris

- \$592 to the PACEM organization to help with the transition of guests at the Premier Circle shelter who will be displaced by the demolition and construction of new affordable housing at that location.
- \$500 to The Bridge Ministry to assist with financial support for their participants. This ministry works to transform the lives of troubled men and their families by providing mentoring, vocational skills, education, counseling, and the relationships they need to bridge the gap from addiction to productive community and family life.
- \$500 to the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Virginia (CBFVA) Education Fund which was created to assist students in the Baptist House of Studies at Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond.
- \$500 to the Alliance for Interfaith Ministries (AIM) to help with the transitional needs of the guests impacted by the shutdown of the PACEM Premier Circle shelter.



Rise Against Hunger with UBC

On Saturday, April 29, we had another successful meal packing event with Rise Against Hunger! We packed another 12,500 meals, which means we have reached 25% of our goal! Our next event will be Saturday, June 24. Mark your calendars, and bring your baseball cap, if you don't want to wear a hairnet. 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!



Wednesday Night Series on Faith and Gender

This week, we continue with Rev. Will Brown who is leading a 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 ground beef casserole, vegetables, garlic toast, and dessert 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.



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.

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 1:30 PM on the front steps at UBC.

Celebrating Will Cooke's Ministry

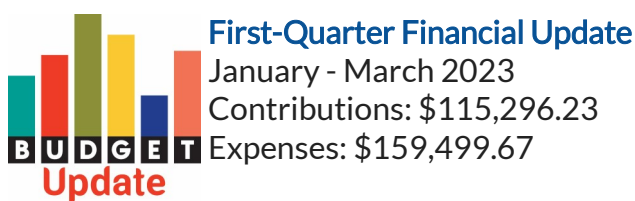
On Sunday, May 21, we will celebrate Will Cooke's ministry here at UBC with a reception following our 11:00 worship service. Let's gather together in grateful thanksgiving to let Will know just how much he means to UBC.

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.



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!

TOUCH-A-TRUCK

A FREE EVENT FOR FAMILIES
SATURDAY, MAY 13th 2023

9am-12pm



UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH
1223 West Main Street

Join us to see fire trucks, police cars, construction vehicles, and more! Free shirts for all kids. Other activities include face painting, ice cream, a bouncy house, and more!

Save the Date
for
Touch-A-Truck
Saturday,
May 13,
9am-12pm

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 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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