



May 9, 2023 Vol. 75, No. 19

Ice cream is Back!

ON WATCH

A few weeks ago, we had our first ice cream giveaway of 2023. In case you don't know about this ministry, most Wednesdays during the summer, we give away soft serve ice cream in front of the church. The process is simple. We have a supply of soft serve mixes. We have cones, napkins, and other supplies. And, we have a soft serve ice cream machine. On Wednesday mornings, at about 10:30 or so, we prepare the ice cream mix, push the machine out to the sidewalk in front of the church, pour the mix in the hopper, turn on the machine, and, when it's ready, start giving away ice cream.

Why? To make people smile. We do this to help shape people's impression of UBC. When we are outside giving away ice cream, we have conversations with LOTS of people. Sometimes, the conversations are short, like, "Wow! Thanks for doing this!" Or, "You've really made my day." Other times, we end up having a longer, richer conversation. There are times when people come from the hospital and ask us to pray with them.

In the business world, the technical definition of our ice cream ministry is "brand level marketing." It's the same reason companies like Coke and Pepsi sponsor things that have nothing to do with soda. This kind of outreach improves our visibility and the impression people have of our church. Since Baptists sometimes make the news for bad reasons, having something that gives people a good feeling about UniBap is a win-win for us.

SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

May 14, 2023

11:00 AM

Sermon:

"Praise God Everywhere!"

Dr. Matthew Tennant

Scripture:

Luke 5:18-26

Anthem:

"Psalm 150" (Trotta)

SUNDAY SERVICE

Deacon: Ray Gaines

Ushers: Charlotte Bailey, Ian Pallini

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, May 10

9:00 Work Team

10:00 PBJ Bible Study

5:15 Handbell Rehearsal

5:30 Wednesday night dinner

6:00 Brief Church Conference

6:00 Wednesday night program

7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, May 12

6:00 Softball vs All Saints

7:00 Softball vs All Saints

SATURDAY, May 13

9:00 Touch-A-Truck

To date, no one has given their life to Christ because of an ice cream cone. As I write this, I cannot think of anyone who has joined our church because of the ice cream ministry. However, this outreach is a long play. I am thinking ahead 5-10 years when the thousands of people who walk by our church every day cannot help but feel good when they see UBC columns.

We started this ministry a few years ago. When we resumed a few weeks ago, I lost count of the number of people who said, "I'm so glad you're back!" One woman, who works nearby, asked if she could make a donation. I told her no, because we're not selling ice cream, we're giving it away. Then, we had a brief conversation. All of her employees love ice-cream-Wednesdays, and, apparently, they talk about it. She didn't want to buy a cone. She wanted to make a donation to the ministry to ensure it continues, and she handed me a wad of cash.

To continue our ice cream giveaway, we need some help. Our biggest need is in the hour before we give away our first cone. We need help making the mix, setting up the machine, and pushing it outside. We need artistic types to help decorate the chalkboard advertising the flavors du jour. Here is a [link](#) to a sign up, so you can sign up to help. Even if you can only come from 10:30-11:30, that would be helpful, and you could be part of this vibrant and delicious ministry.

Peace,
Matt

Deacon Election

It is that time of year once again to elect Deacons to serve as leaders in our church, ensuring spiritual health and well-being. Expect a draft ballot by email or U.S. mail this month. This ballot is a list of all church members living in the central Virginia area who are physically able to serve. The purpose of this ballot is for your review. If your name is listed, and you are unable to serve as a Deacon, please contact the church office to have your name removed. Likewise, if your name is missing, and you are willing to serve as a Deacon, we apologize for the omission and ask that you also let the church office know to add your name.

SUNDAY, May 14

9:30 ESOL Class

9:45 Sunday Morning Bible Study

11:00 Morning Worship

12:00 Youth Group

MONDAY, May 15

10:30 Bible Reading Group (Zoom)

1:00 Schleiermacher Reading Group

TUESDAY, May 16

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

Melvin & Mildred Spicer

Thomas Hill on the death of his brother, Hoover

Eddy Tennant, who had his wisdom teeth removed

Laura Faye Groff recovering from knee surgery

The Family of Shelley Miller who passed away on April 28. Her funeral will be Saturday, May 20, 11:00 at Mt. Horeb Baptist Church with reception to follow.



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 a free buffet 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.

Next Wednesday, May 17, will be our final Wednesday night dinner for the spring. We will have a cook-out in the church parking lot with hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans, chips and brownies. All are encouraged to join us for some good food and good fellowship.

Voces Laetae Concert Tonight!

Join us in the Music Suite tonight, May 9, at 7:00 for our Voces Laetae Spring Concert, followed by a reception. This youth choir exhibits a lot of energy and is fun to see and hear.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

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

May 17: Barbara Weber, Lucille Holliday, Laurie Pallini, Bill Murray
May 19: Mildred Spicer
May 20: Jimmy Li
May 21: Bonnie Fitzgerald, Tina Cromwell
May 23: Sally Chewing

Welcome Our Newest Members

On Sunday, May 7, we welcomed Brian, Theresa, Cassidy, Hanna, and Jim Guyton into membership. They are looking forward to becoming active and involved members of our congregation. When you see them, introduce yourself, and welcome them to UBC.



Softball Beginning!

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

May 12, 6:00 & 7:00 vs All Saints
May 19, 6:00 & 7:00 vs 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](mailto:cva2011@aol.com) at cva2011@aol.com.

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 Annual Church Picnic, Sunday, June 4

We will have our annual church picnic on Sunday, June 4, at the home of Robby & Judy Gough. This is always a great time to get together, share a meal, and enjoy a time of fellowship.



VBS 2023 June 19-23, 9 - 12 noon

This year, UBC will be sharing Daniel's story. We are looking for volunteers in all areas to include registration, crew leaders, story time, games, and decorating. The more the merrier! To sign up, contact Melanie Tennant at meltennant@yahoo.com or 804-577-0319.

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!

Touch-A-Truck Saturday, May 13, 9am-12pm

Our Touch-A-Truck event is this Saturday. This is a wonderful and popular community event for families. It's not too late to volunteer to help. The signup can be found [here](#).



Volunteers Needed

Sign up to help us give out ice cream each Wednesday! Click [this link](#) to add your name and join us any time

between 10:30 and 1:30 PM on the front steps at UBC.

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)

UVA Glee Club Finals Concert Friday, May 19 8:00 pm

UBC will be hosting the UVA Glee Club Finals Concert in our Sanctuary. This concert is free and open to anyone who would enjoy an evening of live music.

You're Always Welcome to Join Us

Over the past couple of months, I have attempted to encourage you to “come back” to Sunday Bible Study, if you haven’t already. Receiving help from leadership, I described the many different classes we offer for everyone, from babies to the oldest among us. We continue to meet every Sunday morning before the 11:00 worship service to fellowship, study the Bible, and be encouraged in our faith walk. The good news for us this year is that most everything will continue as usual throughout the summer! So, this is as good a time as any to “come back!”

The best description and invitation I received from our adult classes is from the New Life class. Read below and see what you might be missing:

Do you want to delve into the Bible and its impact on your life? Do you want to be a part of a small study group that becomes family and a safe, caring place to share your faith journey? Then join in the open discussions with the New Life class at 9:30 Sunday mornings. [NOTE: we meet 9:30 - 10:25 to accommodate choir members]. All opinions or level of Christian understanding are welcome! We work through either a study guide about a book of the Bible or a book about Christian life. We self-teach, so everyone is encouraged to actively participate. Drop by any Sunday to meet us, sit in on a discussion session to get to know us, and see what we're all about. We look forward to welcoming you on the Main floor (Sanctuary level), Rm 115, beside the East stairwell, the room with the comfy chairs!

Of course, you will be welcomed in the New Life class as you will in each of our classes! See you Sunday before 9:45 a.m.

~~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.

University Baptist Church
1223 West Main Street
Charlottesville, VA 22903
434-293-5106

Connect with us

