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Life-Giving Service

WATCH

In church life, we talk about what gives us joy. We focus on God's eternal love surrounding us, and our focus can be quite personal. This is the inward part of faith and our encounter with the risen Christ. It's important, and we shouldn't lose sight of God's presence in our lives.

The other side of the coin is the outward part of faith. What do we do with God's love when we experience it? God doesn't call us to keep our divine experiences as holy secrets. We experience God, and then we share that experience in many different ways.

One of the ways we can share God's love is by serving in the church. On Sunday, we prayed for our Nominating Committee, and we prayed for God to guide us to find the places to serve that give us the most joy. Being active in the church is an outward expression of the faith we have inside. It's a way of responding to God on a regular basis, and right now there are some great opportunities to serve.

Here is a list of some of these opportunities and a brief explanation of how this might bring you joy.

- **Moderator** – This person helps us maintain our focus on Christ during church conferences. It is a ministry of listening and directing. The moderator is part of the church council and integral to God's mission at UBC. Any member who feels called can serve as the moderator, and no experience is required.

Church Council – Once a month, the Church Council meets at 8:30 on a Sunday morning. The council members and ministers discuss the life of the church. We

SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

June 11, 2023

11:00 AM

Sermon:

"All of Me"

Dr. Matthew Tennant

Scripture:

Hosea 5:15-6:6

Anthem:

"Offertory" (John Ness Beck)

SUNDAY SERVICE

Deacon: Martha Ballenger

Ushers: Jackie Lockwood, Tom Moore

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, June 7

9:00 Work Team

5:30 Search Committee Meeting

6:30 Summer Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, June 8

7:00 Deacons' Meeting

SUNDAY, June 11

9:30 ESOL Class

9:45 Sunday Morning Bible Study

11:00 Morning Worship

MONDAY, June 12

10:30 Bible Reading Group (Zoom)

look at our vision and ask how our church events help support this mission. When we consider a new idea, the Church Council discusses and helps shape it. The Church Council is responsible for live streaming, UniBap Park, the ice cream ministry, and much, much more.

- Finance Committee – We need to pay for everything we do. On the third Sunday of each month, the Finance Committee meets to discuss the church’s revenue, expenses, endowment income, budget projections, and any endowment requests. The finances enable God’s ministries at UBC to continue.
- Personnel Committee – This committee seeks to serve and support our staff. The Personnel Committee celebrates milestones, provides help when we need to hire someone, and ensures the church is taking care of its employees. They discuss goals with the ministers and encourage us as we seek to do God’s work. This is a committee for people who want to help our staff be the best they can be.
- Children’s Ministry Team – We need 2-3 people to help lead our children’s ministry. Last year, we said that children are our top priority. We need someone to begin thinking about VBS 2024. We need people to help organize special opportunities for children. We need volunteers for all of those events.
- Development Team – Although “development” is just the new/cool word for stewardship, there is something different about how we are approaching giving in the twenty-first century. We want to take a holistic approach to giving and need a small group to help direct our stewardship efforts. This team will work with the ministers to incorporate giving testimonies in worship and explore different ways to keep the conversation about supporting what we love going.
- Youth Ministry Team – This team will work with Val to support her in our youth ministry. The members of the team can be volunteers or planners or both. We want to give our young people a transformational experience in Christ, so they become life-long followers of Jesus. To do this, they need to have fun, learn about their faith, eat, study the Bible, and eat some more. Val is an incredible resource and will guide this team.
- College, Youth, & Children’s ministry volunteers, Wednesday Work Crew, Ushers & Greeters, and More – Picture my folded hands and imagine me saying, “Here’s the church. Here’s the steeple. Open the doors, and there are all the people.” We need people to make the church grow. We need people who are excited about the opportunity to serve and find the experience life-giving.

TUESDAY, June 13

6:30 Prayer Shawl Group

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

Prayer Requests

Jack & Jo-Ann Averill

Alba & Pam Beasley

Clara Brown

Laura Faye Groff

Ed & Carolyn Lowry

Barbara Newlon

Melvin & Mildred Spicer

Jane Thomas



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 11:30 to help set up and/or between 11:30 and 1:30 on the front steps to serve the ice cream.

Do These Belong To You?

Leftover plastic plates and serving dishes are on the table in the Fellowship Hall. If any of these are yours, and you would like to have them, please take them with you. Anything remaining will be donated to the Salvation Army.

• Deacons – Finally, it’s Deacon election time. Our Deacons have two big projects each year: Touch-a-Truck and the Harvest Luncheon/Homecoming. To me, the most important part of being a Deacon is serving the church. It’s biblical and present throughout the history of Christianity. The Deacon ministry also is good for the church and fosters the church’s mission. However, several Deacons asked me to remind people how much fun the two big projects are. Please pray about serving as a Deacon as we approach the Deacon election.

Please contact the chairperson of the Nominating Committee, Judy Gough, and tell her the areas of serving that you find life-giving. Then, serve the Lord with a glad heart.

Peace,
Matt

A WORD FROM VAL

Vacation Bible School
June 19-23, 8:30 am - 12:00 pm

Help take our kids to Babylon to learn about Daniel and his friends! We still need help with several areas of our VBS week, and youth who have completed 6th grade and above are welcome to help fill those spots! Contact Melanie Tennant at meltennant@yahoo.com or 804-577-0319 to sign up.

DECADES A·R·C·A·D·E

Decades Arcade
Sunday, July 9

Join us for an afternoon of games at Decades Arcade on the Downtown Mall (418 E. Main St.). Students will be able to play for FREE from 1:30-3:30 pm, followed by ice cream at Chaps. Parents and siblings are welcome to join us for \$12 per person. RSVP to Val by July 2.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

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

June 17: David Hendon, Matthew Tennant, Michael Harding, Alan Hendricks

June 18: Shirley Clark, Jack Averill, Henry Alexander

June 20: Sandra Taylor, Lily Gregg, Linda Harding



Softball Schedule

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

June 9, 6:00 & 7:00 vs All Saints

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.



Summer Choir!

Singing in a choir is cheaper than therapy, healthier than drinking, and more fun than working out!

Come join our SUMMER CHOIR!
Wednesdays at 6:30 in the Choir/Lecture Suite.



Youth Trip to Kings Dominion Friday, July 21

Our youth will take our annual trip to Kings Dominion on July 21 along with the youth from First Baptist Waynesboro! All middle and high school students are welcome. Cost for this trip is \$40 each, which includes park ticket and an all-day drink wristband. Students will need to bring money for food. Please note that Kings Dominion does not accept cash in the park. Students will need a prepaid/debit card, credit card, or digital wallet option on their phone.

[Sign up here](#) to register and pay! FBCW will be collecting names and payment for this trip. Adults, please let Val know if you are able to drive or chaperone! (Chaperones go for free and pay for their own meals.) Sign up by June 30.



VBS 2023
Monday-Friday, June 19-23
9 - 12 noon (drop off begins at 8:30)
For ages 4 (by June 19) - 12

Join us in Babylon, where we'll explore what life was like for Daniel and his friends, captives in a strange land. You'll craft cool projects in the Marketplace, laugh as you play Bible-times games, visit with Daniel, and eat some interesting food. Plus, you'll meet lots of new friends!

To register your child(ren), [click here](#).

Questions? Contact Melanie Tennant at meltennant@yahoo.com or 804-577-0319.



Needed: Faux Summer Fruits & Vegetables

The floral team needs life-sized faux summer fruits and vegetables for a Sanctuary display in July for our "Sharing from our Abundance" sermon series. If you have artificial summer fruits or vegetables you no longer use, or would be willing to loan, we would appreciate them. There will be a box in the first-floor lobby to receive them. They are needed by Sunday, June 25. Questions? Contact [Sarah Buchanan](mailto:sarabucha@gmail.com) at sarabucha@gmail.com.

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 Bible Study for All!

I have been so encouraged by your continued faithfulness every Sunday morning as you lead out in our Sunday Bible Study ministry. We "re-started" after an over-extended Pandemic break, and we "re-started" tracking attendance.

Attendance has been a basic attempt to "count" those in attendance. We have encouraged each other to look at our class rolls and reach out to those we haven't seen and extend invitations to others to join in our Bible study time.

We are saddened by the fact that as Will Cooke leaves us, so does David Waters, our beloved and faithful Youth Sunday Bible Study leader. I really have tried to convince him to stay! I know that God has provided in this body a couple of people who love young people and want to have eternal impact in their lives. If this is you, please talk with me or Rev. Val Fisk.

We have good momentum right now with our Sunday Bible Study for All. We want to continue as best we can. As we are now approaching summer, I want to encourage you not to look back but keep moving forward!!!! We will not suspend Bible study during the summer. We will work to keep going strong and work through, and hopefully overcome, any summer blues.

Every one of us will be gone some during the summer. This is expected and encouraged. We all need this time away with family and others to rejuvenate. So, Class Leaders, make plans for when you are away. As you have during the fall, winter, and spring, encourage another to "sub" for you. This is a great opportunity to prepare someone to be a study leader. If you need any assistance, please let me know.

Lastly, I want all of our SBS Leadership to reserve on their calendars Saturday morning, **August 19, 8:30 - 11:30**. I am planning to lead us in a "Sunday Bible Study Leadership Team Event." We will be encouraged, inspired, and maybe learn something, too! I will build some time in for each leadership team to spend some time in their space to "spruce it up." (You know, go ahead and toss out the old curriculum that we never went back to use, and get rid of old supplies and items not needed.) We have some of the most excellent educational space in any church I have been a part of, and I want us to maximize its potential! Now that we have a good start, let's keep it up! Thank you!!!!

~~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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