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### Who Will Guide Me?

## ON WATCH

Last week, we looked at Stephen, “full of grace and power” (Acts 6:8). The Holy Spirit led him to perform great wonders and the religious leaders brought charges against him. Acts 7 is Stephen’s brilliant reply, which tells the story of the ancient Israelites starting with Abraham, going through the patriarchs, the exodus from Egypt, and Moses. He ends by calling his accusers, “stiff-necked heathens” (Acts 7:51). Their anger turns to fury, and they kill him. Stephen was the first martyr, and people started persecuting the Christ-followers (Acts 8:1).

Sometime later, the Lord led Philip to head south (Acts 8:26). So, Philip went. As he traveled along the road, he saw an Ethiopian court official traveling in his chariot and reading from the scroll of Isaiah. The Holy Spirit told him to join the Ethiopian in his chariot. Philip did, and after sitting down next to the Ethiopian, he asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?”

The Ethiopian’s response echoes conversations people have all the time, “How can I understand it unless someone guides me?”

We might not use the exact same phrases today, but we have similar interactions with people. They might say, “Why did this happen?” Or, “What’s the meaning of all this?” Helping someone find meaning or understand why something is happening does not mean we have all the answers. It means we are fellow sojourners and willing to get into the chariot with them. Philip wasn’t omniscient. He practiced the sacred attunement of hearing the Spirit and acting on what it said.

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### SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

August 13, 2023

11:00 AM

**Sermon:**

"Wind and Rain,  
Fire and Earthquake"

Rev. Val Fisk

**Scripture:**

1 Kings 19:9-18

**Anthem:**

"Speak, O Lord" arr. Ferguson

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### SUNDAY SERVICE

**Deacon:** Lynne Gardner

**Ushers:** Ron Tweel, Charlotte Bailey

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### CALENDAR

#### WEDNESDAY, August 9

9:00 Work Team

6:30 Summer Choir Rehearsal

#### THURSDAY, August 10

6:00 Deacons' Dinner & Meeting

#### SUNDAY, August 13

9:30 ESOL Class

9:45 Sunday Morning Bible Study

11:00 Morning Worship

12:00 College Students' Lunch &  
River Tubing

#### TUESDAY, August 15

1:30 Personnel Committee Meeting

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

When we make ourselves available to God's calling, the Spirit will equip us for whatever task God calls us to do. I can imagine Philip hesitating. It's easy to picture him responding, "You want me to what?" Sometimes we rationalize with God. Philip could have said, "I don't know what to say." Instead, according to Acts 8:26-40, he responded when the Lord spoke.

Philip explained Isaiah's prophecy and told his new friend about Jesus. The Ethiopian saw some water and asked, "What is to prevent you from baptizing me now?"

To me, that's the way the Spirit works. We listen to what God says and then do it. The Lord initiates divine encounters. When we are attuned to the sacred movements, we get to be part of it.

Last week we learned from Stephen: (1) Know what you believe and why you believe it. (2) Don't be afraid to talk about it. (3) Stand firm in your faith. This week, Philip reminds us to be open to the movement of the Spirit and to act when God calls us.

Looking forward to seeing you on Sunday.

Peace,  
Matt

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## A WORD FROM VAL



### Tube the Rivanna to finish off summer break! Sunday, August 13

College students and young adults, grab your floaties! Let's end the summer break with a bang (but hopefully not a sunburn)! Join us on Sunday, August 13, to tube the

Rivanna from Darden Towe Park to Riverview Park. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall after church to eat lunch, then organize into cars and head to the park. Please RSVP by August 11 so we have a headcount for food and tubes. Friends, roommates, and significant others are always welcome!

### Prayer Requests\*

Jack & Jo-Ann Averill

Alba & Pam Beasley

Clara Brown

Leon & Nancy Castle

Ed & Carolyn Lowry

Barbara Newlon

Melvin & Mildred Spicer

\*In order to respect privacy, limited information is included here.

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### Congratulations to Dakota & Mattie Tomlin!

Dakota & Mattie welcomed Riley Louise into this world on Sunday evening, August 6. Proud grandparents are Scott & Laura Morris and proud great-grandparents are Robby & Judy Gough.



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

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

**Aug. 18:** Theo Gregg

**Aug. 19:** Sam Hellings

**Aug. 20:** Daniel Harper, Alexis Haskiell

**Aug. 22:** Dan Pinkham

## Welcome Back Student Brunch

AUGUST 27, AFTER 11 AM WORSHIP  
ALL STUDENTS WELCOME!



## Welcome Back Brunch Sunday, August 27

Help us welcome our new and returning students to UBC! Our annual Welcome Back Brunch will take place after worship on Sunday, August 27. Volunteers are needed for set up, clean up, and to provide food for the event. Click [here](#) to sign up. Questions? Reach out to [Val!](#)



### From the Alba Beasley Recognition Committee

When Alba Beasley announced his retirement, UBC asked that I chair a committee to provide a banquet to recognize his outstanding ministry at our church. Little did we know that COVID would provide such a long delay for all public events, or that Alba would experience health issues which would further delay such a banquet for recognition. Given the totality of COVID, Alba's health, and his limitations to be around people following his discharge from the hospital and rehab, he and Pam asked that a small group come to their house to present several mementos from the congregation such as a framed picture of the Blue Ridge Mountains, personal notes of appreciation from many of you, the famous poster boards which were filled with warm and meaningful words of gratitude and love, and the proceeds of the love offering which so many of you made possible. Alba and Pam can further elaborate on Alba's recovery, but those of us who met with them were impressed with his recovery thus far, as you can see in these photos! If you would like to further express your love and appreciation in the form of a card or letter, their address is 416 Cranberry Lane, Crozet, VA, 22932. Once again, thank you to all who so generously supported the love offering and expressed your love through notes and cards.

Carolyn Lowry, Chair  
Alba Beasley Recognition Committee



## Ice Cream Social

Bring your homemade ice cream and /or sides and join us on Sunday, August 20 for an ice cream social at the home of Robby and Judy Gough, 3535 Brington Road, Charlottesville, 22901. Come to swim at 3:00 and then enjoy hotdogs and ice cream at 5:00.



### Christmas in August Sanctuary Choir Christmas Party August 25-26, 2023

Join us for a night of fellowship, food, and fun, Friday, 6:00 - 8:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We'll introduce our music for the Christmas Program in December. On Saturday, 8:00 - 10:00 am in the Choir Suite, we'll begin rehearsal on our Christmas music. Then, those who would like to, can join our Rise Against Hunger packaging event, 10:00 - 12:00 in the Fellowship Hall.



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Wednesday night dinners will resume on Wednesday, August 30. Come for dinner at 5:30, program at 6:00, and Sanctuary Choir rehearsal at 7:00.

## Why Do You Love UBC?



UBC would like to feature YOU on our social media! Participants are invited to answer two questions: What is your favorite UBC memory, and what makes UBC special to you? Our social media assistant, Alaysia, can record your responses in video format, or you can click [here](#) to submit written responses. Your input will help new members get to know UBC while also allowing you to share your experiences with the UBC family.

We'll be trying something different this fall. We'll be asking you to RSVP, if you plan to attend the dinner. We want to have enough for everyone, and as we learned in our sermon series last month, we also don't want to waste any food.

Mark your calendars and watch for the dinner menu, the topic of our first fall program, and a link to RSVP!

## Our 2023 Graduates!

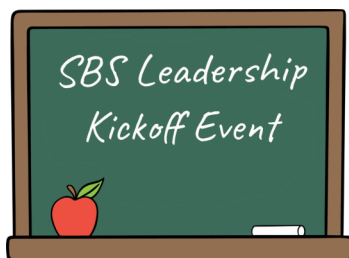
Keep our 2023 graduates in your prayers as they step out to begin a new and exciting stage in their lives.

**Anna Beamer** - graduated from UVA where she majored in Government. She has spent her summer ministering to youth as Assistant Director at Passport Camps.

**Hanna Guyton** - graduated from Albemarle High School and will be attending UNC at Asheville where she will major in Environmental Studies while running track and cross country.

**Dr. Daniel Harper** - has completed his doctoral studies in Economics at UVA and will begin teaching as an Assistant Professor at JMU.

**2nd Lt. Anna Linehan** - graduated from UVA School of Nursing and was commissioned into the Air Force. She will be stationed as a base nurse in California.



## Sunday Bible Study Leadership Kickoff Event

Saturday, August 19  
8:30 - 11:30 am  
ALL teachers, leaders,  
and interested members

Come for inspiration, information, encouragement, and team building!

## Volunteers Needed



Sign up to help us give out ice cream each Wednesday!

Click [this link](#) to

add your name and join us anytime 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.



## State Missions Offering

*Each year we collect a special offering to support missions in the state of Virginia. This August, our missions emphasis will support the chaplain ministry at the Fluvanna Correctional Center for Women. Our goal is \$3,000. You can give on our website or by mailing a check to the church (Make the check out to University Baptist Church and write State Missions in the "for" line). Here is some information from Chaplain Jerusha Moses, whose ministry our offering will support:*

Dear friends, Due to "separation of church and state," GracelInside is a non-profit Christian ministry that places chaplains inside Virginia's prisons so that lives may be transformed through the grace of Jesus Christ. As a GracelInside chaplain, I am dedicated to meeting the spiritual needs of all residents of Virginia's state prisons. I currently serve in Fluvanna Correctional Center for Women, providing one-on-one pastoral care, conducting worship services, and working with the Department of Corrections staff in offering rehabilitative programs. I am also responsible for scheduling all religious programs conducted by volunteers representing many faith traditions.

As the temperature gets cooler and the leaves change color, I am reminded that God's mercies are new every morning; God continues to work patiently in our lives, transforming us, and sanctifying us to the likeness of the image of God's Son, Jesus. What an honor it is to partner with the Savior bringing faith, hope, and love to incarcerated men and women, as Christ says in Matthew 25, "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."

Bio: Chaplain Moses is an ordained Baptist minister. She completed her master's degree in divinity and a doctorate degree in ministry at the Baptist Theological Seminary in Richmond. She majored in biblical studies and obtained a master's degree in theology at the Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, Virginia. She taught World Religions as adjunct faculty at Virginia Commonwealth University. Her doctoral project was in the field of grief and loss. She lives in Richmond with her sixteen-year-old daughter, a stage 4 cancer survivor. Her grandparents were a major influence on her life. They retired from the Department of Corrections in India and told her bedtime stories of their work in Corrections. The stories took deep root in her impressionable heart and are the reason for her passion for prison ministry today.

## WMU Woodbrook School Supplies Project

To begin school this coming school year 2023-2024, according to the Woodbrook Elementary School website, the suggested supply list for first graders will cost \$44.29 - a 16% increase over the price from two years ago. Sixty percent of the Woodbrook families are on public assistance and cannot afford to buy their children what they need. The financial hardships added by the pandemic and sky-rocketing inflation have compounded the needs of these children. In 2008, Love INC paired the UBC WMU with the Family Support workers at Woodbrook Elementary. In the beginning, we asked you to bring in a variety of school supplies that we sorted and delivered to the school. This method was pretty chaotic. For the last 15 years, we have asked you to donate money. We then asked the Family Support workers what things they specifically needed, purchased those supplies and delivered them to the school. The Woodbrook Family Support workers were delighted with this more efficient method. We want to continue to meet the needs of the less fortunate children " . . . to give (them) hope and a future" (Jeremiah 29:11). Please make your checks or online donations payable to UBC and earmark "school supplies."

## Flowers Bring Great Joy!

If you would like to dedicate flowers for a special remembrance or celebration, contact [Sarah Buchanan](#) (434-409-9064) to reserve your special date to have flowers placed in the Sanctuary during worship.

Available Sundays are:

August 13, 20, 27

Sept. 3, 17, 24

and every Sunday in October.

If you love flowers, enjoy arranging them, or want to learn how to arrange them, please contact Sarah Buchanan, and join us on the Floral Team.



### Rise Against Hunger with UBC

Next Packing Event—Saturday, August 26

10:00 - 12:00 in the Fellowship Hall

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



### Collection for the University of Virginia Hospital Hospitality House

Through the summer, the Kittie Colvin Trail Circle will be collecting items for the UVA Hospital Hospitality House. If you have a few things you no longer need, please bring them to the collection boxes in the 1st floor lobby. Click [here](#) for more information and a list of requested items.

## 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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