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ONWATCH

Caring for Creation Means Acting

In September, we will revisit a familiar theme from the last few years, ecotheology. At its most basic level, ecotheology is a constructive theology focusing on the relationship between nature and our faith. Constructive theology is a conversation that is always in process and open to interaction with other forms of knowledge, including knowledge produced in the social and natural sciences.

In recent weeks, I wrote about Stephen (Acts 7) and Philip (Acts 8). Stephen shows us to: (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. Philip demonstrates responding to God's Spirit and going where we are called. Both are examples of transformation in Christ being manifested in how we live. Following their examples deepens our relationship with God, but it requires some work on our part. We have to take the lessons and apply them to life in the twenty-first century.

Here is one we can apply these lessons to today: (1) I believe God created and cares for the earth, and scripture and the Christian tradition is filled with support for this belief. (2) I am not afraid to talk about it. We focus on ecotheology each September and, when a Bible passage nudges me in that direction, other times too. Also, we have started exploring the idea of adding solar panels to the roof of the church. (3) While I stand firm in this belief, I am open to grow and learn from each conversation we

SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

September 3, 2023

11:00 AM

Sermon:

"Diving Into the Sacred Sea"

Dr. Matthew Tennant

Scripture:

Romans 11:33-36

Anthem:

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"

John Rutter

SUNDAY SERVICE

Deacons: Larry & Debby Johnson

Ushers: Shirley Clark, Erin Eaker

Jubilate Dinner: Alden Pinkham

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, August 30

8:00 Work Team Breakfast @The Villa

9:00 Work Team

5:30 Wednesday Night Dinner

6:00 Church Conference

7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY, September 3

9:30 ESOL Class

9:45 Sunday Morning Bible Study

11:00 Morning Worship

5:00 Jubilate Rehearsal

6:30 Jubilate Dinner

have. For example, when we met with a solar contractor, I realized the original solar array in my mind might not be what we need. We learn and we grow, and we go where God leads us.

As we look at God's care for the earth and all that is within it this September, we will include actionable responses each week. At the end of each sermon, there will be 1-2 things we can do to respond to God's call to care for creation. I hope these will help us exercise our creation care muscles, and our lives will reflect the transformation in our hearts.

Peace,
Matt

A WORD FROM VAL



Help feed our college students this year!

This semester, our Sunday night dinners are growing! Not only will we be feeding Jubilate members at 6:30 each Sunday evening, we are inviting ALL college students to come eat dinner! Help us provide home cooked and delicious meals for our group as UBC cares for our UVA neighbors. Sign up as a family, a Bible study group, or grab a friend to come help you with set up and clean up. Click [here](#) to pick your week. Contact [Val](#) with any questions.

Happy Anniversary

Val,
On your three-year anniversary at UBC, we thank God for sending you to support our students through the pandemic and beyond. We sincerely appreciate your enthusiasm, counseling skills, prayers, teaching, and preaching. Our church family has been enriched by the faithful and continuous exercise of your gifts.

Gratefully,
Personnel Committee

MONDAY, September 4

Church Office Closed for Labor Day
10:30 Bible Reading Group
1:00 Schleiermacher Reading Group

TUESDAY, September 5

7:00 Kittie Colvin Trail

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

Prayer Requests*

Jack & Jo-Ann Averill

Alba & Pam Beasley

Linda Boston

Clara Brown

Leon & Nancy Castle

Linda Hendon

Ed & Carolyn Lowry

Barbara Newlon

Melvin & Mildred Spicer

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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

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

Sept. 7: George Payne

Sept. 8: Scott Miller

Sept. 9: Sarah Schulte

Sept. 10: Georgina Main, Karly Haskiell

Sept. 11: Jordan Johnson, Leon Castle, Desteny Bonilla, Alba Beasley

Sept. 12: Randy Whitlow, Jude Diederich

UBC Backpack Blessing
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2023
During morning worship, 11 AM



All students, pre-k to college, and all teachers, faculty, staff, and administrators are welcome to participate!

Backpack Blessing

University Baptist would like to send everyone off to school with lots of prayer and many blessings! Please join us at church on Sunday, September 10, for a Backpack Blessing during our

11:00 worship service.

Bring your backpack or bag and get a tag. The tag will remind you that God is with you throughout the day and school year. Invite your friends and all the teachers you know as well.

University Baptist wishes ALL of the students, teachers, and all staff a wonderful school year!

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:

Sept. 10, 17

Oct. 1, 8, 15, 29

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.



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.



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

We'll be trying something different this fall. We'll be asking you to RSVP, if you plan to attend the dinner.

Tomorrow's menu will be:

Grilled Chicken Breast with Basil Pesto and Bruschetta

Roasted Herb Red Potatoes

Sauteed Broccoli

Toasted Baguette

Mixed Green Salad with Assorted Dressings

Pound Cake with Whipped Cream and Strawberries

Next Wednesday's menu will be:

Brioche Buns

Pulled Pork

Mac N'Cheese

Baked Beans

Roasted Zucchini & Squash

Coleslaw

Honey Cornbread

Chocolate Pudding Dirt Cups

Click [here](#) to RSVP by Tuesday at noon.

Our first program on Wednesday, August 30, will be a Church Conference where we will hear from the Nominating Committee and elect some new people to take over some of our leadership roles. Click [here](#) to view their report.



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.



Rise Against Hunger with UBC

We had a great packing event in August. We have now packed 67,824 meals toward our goal of 100,000!

Next Packing Event
Saturday, September 23
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 meals!

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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