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## WATCH

### Raising the Stakes

How does ecotheology connect faith and our priorities? Since the early 1970s, caring for the environment has been gaining ground. In the early 2000s, we began learning more about climate change and humanity's role in worsening storms, wildfires, and other ecological disasters. Now, caring for creation is widely accepted as the right thing to do.

I can see the results of connecting what is important to us with our faith. Before people walk in the sanctuary, we care about the environment. When our gospel lesson and Wednesday night studies foster this connection, people get inspired. The results are tangible. The following ideas all came from you.

First, starting in October, we will have glass communion cups and stop throwing 150 plastic cups away once per month. Second, in the very near future, we will begin composting through Black Bear Composting. Our dinnerware, food scraps, and other compostable materials from Wednesday and Sunday nights will no longer go to landfills. Instead, it will become high quality soil. Third, we are continuing to explore putting solar panels on the flat portion of our roof. The improved efficiency of solar panels, decreasing costs, and a change in the tax law have come together to make this project seem viable. Fourth, although less visible than other projects, changing from a fixed-speed pump in our HVAC system to a variable-speed pump could save the church as much as \$5,000 per year. That saving is not only good for the church budget, but it's also good for the environment. A variable-speed pump represents a reduction of thousands of kWh of electricity.

## SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

September 17, 2023

11:00 AM

**Sermon:**

"Starving in a Climate Crisis"

Dr. Matthew Tennant

**Scripture:**

1 Kings 17:7-16

**Anthem:**

"Let the Whole Creation Cry"  
arr. Ferguson

## SUNDAY SERVICE

**Deacon:** Raynell Stokes

**Ushers:** Herman & Gayle Eaker

**Jubilate Dinner:** Jim & Pam Hallissy

## CALENDAR

### WEDNESDAY, September 13

9:00 Work Team

5:30 Wednesday Night Dinner

6:00 Wednesday Program

7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

### THURSDAY, September 14

7:00 Deacons' Meeting

### SUNDAY, September 17

8:30 Finance Committee Meeting

8:30 Personnel Committee Meeting

9:30 ESOL Class

9:45 Sunday Morning Bible Study

Finally, your inspiration did not stop with environmental projects. On September 23, we will pack 20,000 meals with Rise Against Hunger. This means we need more volunteers. We are going to add another packing station and start putting the stickers on the bags even earlier. If you want to help, please sign up [here](#). We need you, your friends, and any random stranger you bring with you.

When I challenged you to join me in packing 100,000 meals in 2023, I had no idea how far you would blast past my expectations. That's the miracle of being part of God's family. You inspire me, and together, we are joining God to make a difference in the world.

If you want to help offset the cost of these additional meals, please designate your contribution "Hunger." Each meal costs us \$0.40, so the additional 5,000 meals we plan to pack on September 23 costs \$2,000. No gift is too small, and we appreciate every contribution.

By following God's Spirit, you've raised the stakes. I can't wait to see what you do next!

Peace,  
Matt



### Sunday Night Dinners for College Students

Sunday night dinners with our college students are off to a great start this year! As I

shared at the Church Conference in August, this semester we have instructed our Jubilate students to invite their friends, roommates, and classmates to join us for dinner at 6:30 each Sunday night. As you can see in the photo, those friends have responded enthusiastically! The past two weeks, we have served between 22 and 25 students. There is a large group of young women who are coming each week from the UVA Women's Rugby team, several of whom have never attended church. The meals we are providing each Sunday are creating an opportunity for our church to share love with every student, helping them see that UBC is truly an inclusive family and a place where they are welcomed exactly as they are. We still have three Sundays this semester that need a meal provided - please [click here](#) to sign up with your Sunday Bible Study or your family to provide a meal!

11:00 Morning Worship  
5:00 Jubilate Rehearsal  
6:30 Jubilate Dinner  
7:00 Jazz Vespers

### MONDAY, September 18

10:30 Bible Reading Group  
1:00 Schleiermacher Reading Group

### TUESDAY, September 19

1:30 Personnel Committee Meeting  
7:00 Voces Laetae Rehearsal

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

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### Prayer Requests\*

Jack & Jo-Ann Averill

Alba & Pam Beasley

Clara Brown

Leon & Nancy Castle

Linda Hendon

Ed & Carolyn Lowry

Barbara Newlon

Melvin & Mildred Spicer

Anne Wilkerson

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



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### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

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

**Sept. 22:** Beth Wright, Will Brown, Erin Eaker

**Sept. 23:** Sue Walton

**Sept. 25:** Susan Deal

**Sept. 26:** Nichole Dawson

## Music Library

Our church has been blessed with a vibrant music and worship ministry, and at the heart of it lies a treasure trove of musical arrangements and scores in our Music Library. Today, we wish to extend our deepest gratitude to the unsung heroes who have diligently worked behind the scenes to curate and maintain this invaluable resource – our Music Library volunteers.

We unite in heartfelt gratitude to acknowledge the extraordinary contributions of two remarkable individuals, Linda Boston and Nancy Gaines, as well as the countless other volunteers who have harmonized our church through their tireless efforts in the Music Library.

In the background, away from the spotlight, Linda and Nancy have dedicated countless hours to organize, catalog, and preserve our musical heritage. Through their diligent efforts, our Music Library has become a sanctuary of inspiration for our musicians and worship leaders, enriching our worship experiences.

But let us not forget the many other volunteers who have helped in the reorganization of our Music Library. Each one has played a vital role in ensuring our music resources are readily available to all. Their collective efforts have created an atmosphere of unity and collaboration within our church, embodying the very essence of our faith.

To Linda, Nancy, and all our dedicated volunteers, we extend our heartfelt thanks. Your passion for music, your commitment to our church, and your love for our congregation have made a profound impact. Your legacy will continue to resonate in the hymns and melodies that fill our sanctuary.

With heartfelt thanks and warm blessings,

Susan Deal - Intentional Interim Minister of Music

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## Thank You!

I hardly have words to thank everyone for the incredible amount that was donated to Andrew's food drive. Every year after Alan has delivered the food, and now store cards, he tells me about the huge needs of some of the families. I always wish there was more to give them. I feel like this wish was granted last week. I thought we were finished for this go round, but now there is an opportunity to help even more. Thank you more than I can say for helping to keep the memory of my precious son alive in such a meaningful way.

Colleen Baber



Wednesday night dinners are back. Come for dinner at 5:30, program at 6:00, and Sanctuary Choir rehearsal at 7:00.

We're asking you to RSVP, if you plan to attend the dinner. If you pay in cash, please use one of the envelopes on the side of the wooden box, and put your name on it, so we can credit it to the right person.

Tomorrow's menu will be:

*Burrito Bowls:*

*Seasoned Ground Beef*

*Chipotle Chicken*

*Black Beans*

*Cilantro Lime Rice*

*Fajita Veggies*

*Shredded Lettuce*

*Pico de Gallo*

*Guacamole*

*Sour Cream*

*Cheese*

*Tortilla Chips*

*Cinnamon Sugar Churros*

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

Our guest tomorrow evening is Dr. Willis Jenkins who will lead a discussion about faith and climate change. Dr. Jenkins is the John Allen Hollingsworth Professor of Ethics, Department Chair, in the Department of Religious Studies, UVA, and he has written widely on this topic. The format will be a guided discussion with time for a Q & A. We hope you can attend and invite your friends.

## Church Conference Summary

Following our Wednesday night dinner on August 30, we held a Church Conference to approve the 2023-24 UBC Lay Leaders' Report. Also presented was information regarding the purchase of new "Glory to God" hymnals. (Upon further investigation, it was determined that we need to close the loop with the New Hymnal Task Force, which was created prior to the pandemic, before moving forward.) Watch for a way for individuals to purchase a hymnal in honor of or in memory of a loved one.

Val gave an update of the Youth and College Ministry. Brian Mulcahy is taking over as youth Bible Study leader and is seeking a second adult volunteer to be present to adhere to our Child Protection Policy. The youth will be meeting once a month on Sunday afternoons with varied programming as well as continuing to do events partnered with FBC Waynesboro.

All college students are now invited to dinner on Sunday evenings along with Jubilate. Val is also initiating Thursday morning coffee chats as a new option this semester.

Matt reported that Jazz Vespers will be a monthly worship service at 7:00 on the third Sunday evening beginning September 17 and led by Matt, John D'Earth, and other local jazz musicians.

If you would like to see how you can get involved in what's going on at UBC, click [here](#) for a list of teams, music groups, Bible studies, mission opportunities, and other groups in the church.



### 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.



### 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 inter-generational 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!

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### 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:  
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.



## 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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