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## ON WATCH

### #Giving Tuesday

In 1869, Jay Gould and Jim Fisk bought as many gold futures as they could. As they bought more and more, the price went up (higher demand = higher prices). Then, on Friday, September 24, 1869, they dumped their gold futures. The stock market crashed and bankrupted many people, from Wall Street barons to ordinary farmers. This became known as “Black Friday.”

Fast forward a few years, retailers began touting the day after Thanksgiving, “Black Friday,” as a time to cash-in on holiday savings. For retailers who operated at a loss most of the year (“in the red”), this big day of sales pushed them to be profitable (“in the black”). It caught on. People had long forgotten about the “Black Friday” of 1869, and “Black Friday” sales sprung up everywhere.

As the internet age dawned, online retailers tried to piggy-back on “Black Friday,” but for some people, the allure of finding a crazy deal while avoiding being trampled to death at a Wal-Mart was too much to overcome. So, online retailers adopted “Cyber Monday” as a chance to get great savings online. What next?

In 2012, Henry Timms was trying to think of ways to raise money for the 92<sup>nd</sup> Street Y in New York. With “Black Friday” and “Cyber Monday” already widely recognized, he advertised “Giving Tuesday” as a chance to give back after having spent so much on ourselves. The idea took off. If you are anything like me, your inbox is full of charities asking you to remember them on “Giving Tuesday.”

## SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

December 3, 2023

11:00 AM

Sermon:

"Expecting the Child of Humanity"

Dr. Matthew Tennant

Scripture:

Mark 13:24-27

Anthem:

"Jubilate Lessons & Carols"

## SUNDAY SERVICE

Deacons: Shirley Clark, Ray Gaines

Ushers : Tom & Sylvie Moore

College Dinner: Will resume January 21

## CALENDAR

### WEDNESDAY, November 29

9:00 Work Team

5:30 Wednesday Night Dinner

6:00 Wednesday Night Program

6:00 Handbell Rehearsal

7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

### SUNDAY, December 3

8:30 Church Council Meeting

9:30 ESOL Class

9:45 Sunday Morning Bible Study

11:00 Morning Worship

The church is different. We are a family of Christ-followers, not just another nonprofit. When I look around the building, I see opportunities. On our front steps, the base of our columns needs work (especially the eastern-most column). We are considering installing solar panels on the flat section of our roof. Even though there will be a point in the future when they pay for themselves, we will first need to spend money to buy them. There are HVAC units that need repairs. The other day, someone pointed out to me where the sanctuary carpet is wearing thin. There are, indeed, opportunities all around us.

Henri Nouwen writes, “[Jesus] says that we cannot put our security in God and also in money. We have to make a choice . . . We have to make a choice whether we want to belong to the world or to God. Our trust, our basic trust, Jesus teaches, has to be in God. As long as our real trust is in money, we cannot be true members of the kingdom.”

Our trust is in God, and God has entrusted us with the sacred space at 1223 W. Main St. What we do with this trust is up to us. When you consider where you want to put your resources on this “Giving Tuesday,” pray about it. Ask God to guide your giving. And, if there is something specific you want to support at UBC, let me know, and we can make it happen. Whether you give to our family of faith or not, I am glad you are part of it. Thank you for making UBC such a wonderful family of faith.

Peace,  
Matt



Come for dinner at 5:30, program at 6:00, and Sanctuary Choir rehearsal at 7:00!

Tomorrow's menu will be:

*Chicken Paprikash*  
*Buttery Egg Noodles*  
*Seasoned Green Beans*  
*Country Bread*  
*Mixed Green Salad*  
*Dessert*

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

This week's program is "Giving Presence: Five Ways to Survive the Holiday Season Without Killing Anyone". We hope you can attend and invite your friends.

## MONDAY, December 4

10:30 Bible Reading Group  
1:00 Schleiermacher Reading Group  
8:00 Youth Council Meeting (Zoom)

## TUESDAY, December 5

11:30 Annie Armstrong Circle  
1:30 Personnel Committee Meeting  
7:00 Kittie Colvin Trail Circle

*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

Tommy & Susan Deal

David & Linda Hendon

Ed & Carolyn Lowry

Larry & Lynn Martin

Barbara Newlon

Chris Owens

Melvin & Mildred Spicer

Vicki Tackett on the passing of her mother

Bob & Joyce Tennant

Jack & Anne Wilkerson

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

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Photo of CBF personnel Karen Alford  
Togo

### Partner in Renewing God's World -- CBF Offering for Global Missions

The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship is a Christian network of individuals and churches working together to spread the hope of Christ. Their diverse community includes partners all over the globe, and our fellowship supports a wide range of missions and ministries that give people meaningful opportunities to put their faith into action.

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, they cultivate beloved community, bear witness to Jesus Christ, and seek transformational development among people and places otherwise forgotten and forsaken. CBF field personnel serve alongside congregations within three primary contexts: global poverty, global migration, and the global church.

Karen Alford is a Cooperative Baptist Fellowship field personnel serving in Vogan, Togo, in West Africa since February of 2020. Before that, she served in Uganda for three years helping meet the medical needs of incoming refugees, and in Indonesia for nine years, providing earthquake and tsunami relief, as well as treating patients and building a long-term community health program. To learn more about Karen and other CBF personnel click [here](#).

From November 26 to December 31, we are collecting donations for the Offering for Global Missions. 100% of your gifts will support the long-term presence of CBF field personnel serving in the United States and around the world. The CBF offering goal this year is \$4 million, which covers the costs for current field personnel and their families to live full and healthy lives in their place of service, including salary, benefits, housing, and children's educational needs.



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

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

**Dec. 6:** Mary Jo Licerno

**Dec. 7:** Judy Gough

**Dec. 8:** Diane Hogshire, Tommy Deal

**Dec. 10:** BJ Blincoe

**Dec. 11:** Jack Wilkerson

**Dec. 12:** Arlyn Burgess



### Global Missions Christmas Post Office

Starting Sunday,  
November 26,  
the Christmas  
Post Office for

Global Missions will again be open for "business", sponsored by the Kittie Colvin Trail Circle. This is a way for you to exchange Christmas greetings with other church members and regular attenders without even knowing their mailing address and to support Global Missions at the same time. The "Post Office" box is located on a table in the first-floor lobby outside the Church Office.

Instructions:

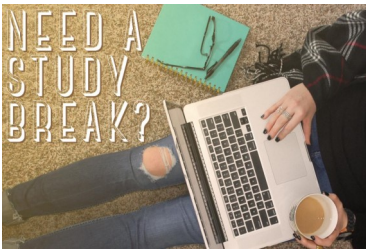
- Write the names of the recipients on your cards and place them in the appropriate alphabet slots. [Please include first names as we have multiple families with the same last name (e.g. Martin, Moore)].
- Deposit \$.66 per card (or round up for any additional contribution) into the container on the table or give it to any Kittie Colvin Trail Circle member.



Our goal here at UBC is to contribute \$3,000 toward the larger CBF goal.

*"May the God of peace . . . equip you with every good thing to do his will, by developing in us what pleases God, through Jesus Christ. To God be the glory forever and always. Amen." -- Hebrews 13:20-21*

## A WORD FROM VAL



### Finals for UVA Students Dec. 6-13

Over the past three years, the way our church serves students during their finals has shifted. We used to

provide A Quiet Place to Study during particular hours of that one week of finals. Since 2020, we have provided study space to students year-round! Because of this change, we are exploring new ways to provide care and support to students during their finals' week. This semester we will try a late-night pancake dinner on the reading day before finals begin! Join us in the Fellowship Hall at 9:00 pm on Wednesday, December 6, as we serve breakfast, fellowship with the students, and play Christmas movies. If you are able to volunteer to set up, help serve, and/or clean up, please [email me](#) by Sunday, December 3.

We also still need fresh baked treats to leave in the college room through finals' week! Please drop off your donations of baked goods, sodas, sparkling water, or individually wrapped snack items in the college room by December 6. Thank you for your support of our students this semester!



### Youth Christmas Party with FBC Waynesboro

Our December youth event will be a joint Christmas party with First Baptist Waynesboro.

Students will enjoy time at

Bottles in Waynesboro from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Bottles is a fun event space with indoor and outdoor games,

- Please do not include cards for people who do not attend regularly or have moved away.
- Pick up any cards addressed to you or your family. Please do not remove any cards except your own.
- Do not place cards in the box after Sunday, December 24.

ALL proceeds go to the CBF Global Missions Fund.



### Children's Christmas Shoppe & Fun Night Wednesday, December 13

We will have our usual Wednesday night dinner in the Fellowship Hall followed by Christmas Activities. Beginning at 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall, we will have a hymn sing.

Children will have the opportunity, in the Children's Suite, to "shop" for gifts for their family members, which can be purchased for \$.50 each. All proceeds go to the CBF Global Missions Fund. There will also be fun Christmas-themed activities for the children and a chance to wrap their gifts.

**Donations needed:** If you have small "treasures" that you would like to contribute, please drop them off in the church office or in the preschool department.

on-demand karaoke machines, and lots of arcade games! We will have the whole space to ourselves. Parents and younger siblings are welcome to join us. Taco bar and beverages will be provided, and other food is available for purchase. Youth are encouraged to bring a \$10 gift card to exchange, white elephant style.

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### Christmas Poinsettias



This Christmas we will be decorating our Sanctuary with an abundance of poinsettias. If you would like to purchase a poinsettia in honor of or in memory of a loved one, please complete an order form. You can find a form in the narthex, the church office, or by clicking [here](#).

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### Jazz Vespers

Our next Jazz Vespers will be Sunday, December 17, 7:00 pm, in the Sanctuary, featuring Calvin Brown on piano and John D'earth on trumpet. If you have somewhere, like your place of

work, to put a poster or a card letting people know about this event, please stop by the church office, and we can provide one for you.

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### Reminder About Parking Options

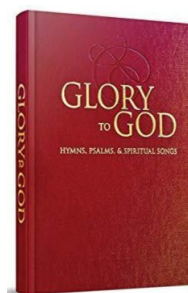
On Sundays the church lots are reserved for visitors, people with walking difficulties, and people with preschoolers.

The 14th St. Parking Garage has free parking on Wednesday evenings from 4:30 - 8:30 with a Yellow UBC Parking Pass and on Sunday mornings from 8:30 - 1:00 with a Yellow UBC Parking Pass or a worship bulletin. The Yellow UBC Parking Passes are available in the church office.

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On Wednesday, December 6, 6:00, we will have our Service of Remembrance in the Fellowship Hall. During the service, you will have a chance to light a candle in memory of a loved one.

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### New Hymnals Are Coming!

At our recent Called Church Conference, it was approved to move forward with purchasing "Glory to God" hymnals for the Sanctuary. If you would like to donate a hymnal in honor or in memory of a loved one, please fill out the order form, which is available [here](#) and in the Narthex and return it to the church office.

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### Centennial Keepsakes

Centennial Plates and UBC Ornaments can be yours while supplies last for a donation to Global Missions. (Suggested minimum donation is \$5.00 each). See the table in the 1st floor lobby.

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### Advent Devotions

Matt will be emailing devotions each day during Advent. We will be using the same email list that was used for the Lenten devotions. If you would like to be added to the list, please contact the church office.

## 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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