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ON WATCH

Jazz & Respite

This past Sunday evening, we had our first Jazz Vespers of 2024. The blistering cold kept many people inside. However, we had a row of students, and the people who did attend were enthusiastic. Calvin Brown is the glue who holds everything together. He plans the music, calls out which tune they will play, and plays incredible solos. Jimmy Trussell on bass and Pat Hayes on drums were great. John D'earth alternated between the trumpet and flugelhorn and, as one would expect, was amazing. Finally, once again, the show stopper was Bobby Gregg on tenor saxophone.

Setting aside the chance to hear world-class jazz right in our sanctuary, one might ask an obvious question: why start a Jazz Vespers at UBC? The two-part answer is outreach and respite, though not necessarily in that order.

First, being labeled an “evangelical” garners negative attention in some religious circles because some people have conflated it with politics. However, the Greek word *euangelion*, and, later, the Latin *evangelium*, means “the preaching of the gospel.” It is what we do and who we are. Setting aside political connotations or any emotional manipulation associated with “evangelism,” we want to share the good news of who we are in Christ.

Instead of a “turn or burn” high pressure sales technique of evangelism, I follow Jesus’ “come and see” model in John 1:35-43. We invite people to check out who we are. We accept them as they are and where they are on their journey. We are honest and humble when we tell them that we are sojourners, too. And, we invite them to join us

SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

January 28, 2023

11:00 AM

Sermon:

"A Man with an Unclean Spirit Walked into a Church"

Dr. Matthew Tennant

Scripture:

Mark 1:21-28

Anthem:

"But By Love" Dan Forrest

SUNDAY SERVICE

Deacon: Jackie Lockwood

Ushers: Gail & Johnny Ellen

College Dinner: Sally Phipps Walton

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, January 24

8:00 Work Team Breakfast @The Villa

9:00 Work Team

10:00 PBJ Bible Study

7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY, January 28

9:30 ESOL Class

9:45 Sunday Morning Bible Study

11:00 Morning Worship

5:00 Jubilate Rehearsal

6:30 College Dinner

on our journey. Jazz Vespers is an outreach opportunity. To those who do not like the idea of church, but enjoy good jazz, we can say, "Check out our church on the third Sunday of each month at 7pm." This is outreach and one of the main reasons we started our Jazz Vespers.

Second, Jazz Vespers is an opportunity for respite in a busy, noisy world. Jazz is real, and it is new every time. The basic structure and chord progression of a song remains, and the musicians return to the melody to remind us of where we are. The majority of the tune is creation and communication. They listen to one another, communicate through subtle signals, and make something fresh. We who gather in the sanctuary get to experience it in real time. In a world with so much phoniness and processed products, being part of something new in the sanctuary is a break.

Not everyone likes jazz. That's okay. For those who do, we can invite people to the party. What is something that you would be so excited about that you couldn't resist inviting others to join you? That's evangelism. What gives you respite? That's food for your soul.

Peace,
Matt

Our Pastor on WINA

Dr. Tennant was Jay James' guest on WINA's Morning News yesterday, January 22. He will begin appearing on WINA once per month to provide some commentary on the news from a faith perspective. In case you missed it, you can [hear the interview here](#).



Celebrate with Val Fisk
February 4, 2024
12:15pm

Valarie Fisk, our dear Associate Minister for Students, has been a valued member of our UBC family through the pandemic and beyond. She has established many strong relationships, not only in the youth and college age group, but across all ages of the congregation.

MONDAY, January 29
10:30 Bible Reading Group

TUESDAY, January 30
7:00 Voces Laetae Rehearsal

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

Prayer Requests*

Jack & Jo-Ann Averill

Alba & Pam Beasley

Clara Brown

Leon & Nancy Castle

David & Linda Hendon

Larry & Lynn Martin

Barbara Newlon

Melvin & Mildred Spicer

Bob & Joyce Tennant

Wellford Tiller

Barbara Weber

Jack & Anne Wilkerson

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



Sign up to provide college dinners
this semester!

UVA students are back and so are our Sunday college dinners! Dinner is served at 6:30pm on Sunday evenings, and our group size runs between 20-30 students each week. You can [sign up at this link](#) for a week. This is a great opportunity for

Recently she tendered her resignation effective February 4.

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend a reception in the UBC Fellowship Hall on Sunday, February 4, 12:15pm for Val. As a part of the reception in her honor and to send her off in UBC style, the Personnel Committee is collecting a love offering for her. This represents a token of appreciation for her dedicated years of faithful service to God and His people at UBC.

If you would like to contribute, please make a check payable to UBC and on the memo line indicate "Val's Love Offering". You can

- place your offering in one of the secure donation boxes in the sanctuary,
- deliver/mail it to the church office, or
- bring it to the February 4 celebration in the Fellowship Hall.

When donating online, use the FUND dropdown box "Love Offering-Val Fisk".

Also, individual notes of appreciation and love to Val can be placed in the designated basket in the Fellowship Hall on February 4. Let us share our heartfelt appreciation with our Associate Minister as we bid her adieu from UBC, but not from Charlottesville.

Val's Reception

Please consider assisting with the reception for Val on February 4 after the church service. Click [here](#) for the link to the sign-up genius. If possible, bring items to the kitchen Saturday or by 10:30 on Sunday morning.

Thank you!

Please contact the following for more information or questions:

Jeannette May-(434) 305-0061
Debby Johnson-(434) 409-2461
Linda Boston-(434) 282-6133

a Bible study group, or a group of friends, to work together to provide a meal.

Dinner for January 28 will be served in the music suite, and you will not have access to the kitchen, as our PACEM guests will be in that space. Reach out to [me](#) if you have any questions!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

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

Jan. 31: Nancy Castle

Feb. 4: Alice Mahone, Joey Hamel

Feb. 6: Cecil Mundell

2023 Missions Discretionary Fund

For the past five years, the Missions Council has included a Missions Discretionary Fund in our missions budget to allow us to address needs that come up during the course of the year, both in our neighborhood, and around the world. We spend time in each of our monthly meetings discussing ideas for how the money could be used. Sometimes the money is sent to needs of an ongoing nature, but at other times an opportunity presents itself to do something right now that can have an immediate impact. When Matt asked us in December how we could help provide heat to a family in Ukraine, we quickly redirected money we had planned to use a different way. Thank you for the opportunity to share with the following organizations on your behalf in 2023.



There will be no Wednesday night activities while we are hosting PACEM. Dinner and program will return on Wednesday, February 7 with our Church Conference.



Year-End Financial Update

January-December 2023

Contributions: \$529,395.02

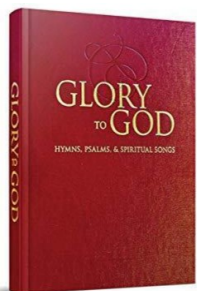
Expenses: \$662,402.33

Year-end giving statements are coming out this week. These will be both emailed and printed/mailed. If you do not receive yours or you have questions, please let [Amanda](#) know.

Closing the Loop on RAH

As we close out the books for 2023, the Finance Committee reconciled the Rise Against Hunger designated fund. We spent \$42,422.40 to prepare 106,056 meals. Individual donors paid the majority of that cost. However, we still had \$17,163.25 left to cover. At the last meeting, the Finance Committee decided to use some of the generous funds from Sam Mackey's estate. When Sam died, he gave a large sum of money to the church. Therefore, Sam's heroic generosity paid for 42,908 meals, fed some starving children, and brought glory to the Lord. Thank you, Sam!

New Hymnals Are Here!



Our new hymnals are now in the pews in 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.



Bananas!

Our PACEM supplies have way too many bananas that will go bad before they are eaten. If you would be willing to turn these ripe bananas into muffins, please contact [Laura Morris](#).

A. \$1,000 to the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (CBF) Disaster Response Fund to assist with the relief efforts after the earthquake in Turkey and Syria.

B. \$1,396 to the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Virginia (CBFVA) Education Fund which was created to assist students in the Baptist House of Studies at Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond.

C. \$610 to our Venable Food Bag program to ensure we have enough funds to cover this ongoing mission project to provide bags of food over the weekend to the children of families at Venable who are economically disadvantaged.

D. \$500 to the Hawai'i Community Foundation Maui Strong Fund to assist with their response to the devastating fires on Maui last summer.

E. \$1,000 to the CBF Disaster Response Fund for their use in helping communities as they look to the long-term, recovery, rehabilitation, and resiliency of those areas after a devastating event.

F. \$694 to assist with the costs of supplies for the Rise Against Hunger events that UBC participated in during 2023.

G. \$1,000 to Viktor Matushak's church in Rodnikova Huta, Ukraine to be combined with individual gifts from the congregation to purchase a boiler, expansion tank, relief valve, and a small generator to provide heat during the winter months.

PACEM is here!

On Saturday, January 20, we began our two weeks of offering shelter and food to people in our area without homes. We are hosting close to 50 people each night by providing them with a warm meal and a safe place to sleep.

We need your help! Sign up [here](#) to donate (snacks, breakfast items, or gift cards).

Sign up [here](#) to volunteer to help with towel laundry, linen drop off at the laundromat (this will require a van or truck), and help with take down on Saturday, February 3.

Additionally, we will be collecting donations of:

- Toothbrushes (individual, no multi-packs)
- Toothpaste (travel size)
- Tissues (travel packs)
- Chapstick
- Shaving cream (travel size)
- Razors
- Hand lotion (travel size)
- Combs
- Deodorant
- Foot powder
- Mints
- Cough drops
- Journals/notebooks
- Heavy, dark socks (adult men)
- Hand warmers
- Winter hats
- Underwear (men's L, XL, or 2XL)
- Plain white T-shirts (men's L, XL, or 2XL)
- New or gently used adult sized backpacks or duffel bags
- Washcloths

If you'd like to learn more about the work PACEM does in Charlottesville, click [here](#).

Thank you for your generosity as we care for and love our neighbors. Questions? Please reach out to [Laura Morris](#), [Katherine Hamel](#), or [Jennifer Wagoner](#).

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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