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## WATCH

### Mustard Isn't the End

When Jesus compared faith to a mustard seed, he didn't say, "That's it. That's the end. You don't need anything else." He *did* say, "When the mustard seed is grown, it is the greatest of shrubs" (Matthew 13:31-32).

The seed is the start. It's where we begin our journey of growth. With a tiny amount of faith, we can take a step in God's direction. With only the smallest faith, we can begin following the way of Christ. With this small faith, our journey begins, and those first steps are when things get interesting.

"The greatest of shrubs" is our destination. When Corrie ten Boom began helping Jewish people during World War II, her courageous actions weren't the first step of faith. They reflected her faith having grown into "the greatest of all shrubs." The Nazis invaded the Netherlands in May 1940. Corrie and her family opened their home and hid Jewish people and members of the resistance. History celebrates her for heroic acts of faith. However, long before they risked their lives to help people, they had been growing in faith. The mustard seed was planted, germinated, and, by 1940, was fully grown.

Too often, we try to start with the destination. We hear what a Christ-follower should be doing, and it seems like we should be doing that, too. Maybe we should. Or maybe that's not where we are on our journey. We must begin from where we are. Sometimes, we start with a tiny movement of faith (a mustard seed). Then, we let it grow and

## SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

February 11, 2024

11:00 AM

**Sermon:**

"Where Are Moses & Elijah?"

Dr. Matthew Tennant

**Scripture:**

Mark 9:2-9

**Anthem:**

Beautiful Savior

arr. Fettke

## SUNDAY SERVICE

**Deacon:** Michelle Proffitt

**Ushers:** Tom & Sylvie Moore

**College Dinner:** There will be no dinner this Sunday.

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

see what God does with it. “For God all things are possible” (Matthew 19:26).

Corrie ten Boom once said, “Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God.” We don’t know the future, so we enter each day and live in faith. Our calling is to muster the smallest amount of faith—faith like a mustard seed—and let it grow. God goes with us and will shine through us. Even if we have to plant a hundred mustard seeds, God will keep blessing them and nurturing them.

Peace,  
Matt

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### Prayer Requests\*

Jack & Jo-Ann Averill

Alba & Pam Beasley

Clara Brown

Leon & Nancy Castle

Shelby Clements

David & Linda Hendon

Larry & Lynn Martin

Barbara Newlon

Melvin & Mildred Spicer

Bob & Joyce Tennant

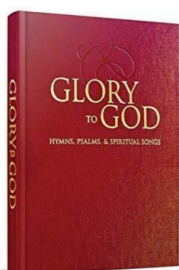
Wellford Tiller

Barbara Weber

Jack & Anne Wilkerson

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

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### 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.

## CALENDAR

### WEDNESDAY, February 7

9:00 Work Team

5:30 Wednesday Night Dinner

6:00 Wednesday Night Program

6:00 Handbell Rehearsal

7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

### THURSDAY, February 8

7:00 Deacons' Meeting

### SUNDAY, February 11

9:30 ESOL Class

9:45 Sunday Morning Bible Study

11:00 Morning Worship

12:00 Jubilate Rehearsal

### MONDAY, February 12

10:30 Bible Reading Group

### TUESDAY, February 13

11:30 Annie Armstrong Circle

6:30 Prayer Shawl Group

7:00 Voces Laetae Rehearsal

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

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### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

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

**Feb. 14:** Jane Whitworth

**Feb. 18:** Amanda Devairakkam

**Feb. 20:** Megan Buczkowski

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## Thank you!

UBC's two weeks hosting PACEM guests finished last Saturday as the cots, mats, sheets, pillows, and towels were moved to the next host church. Thank you to each of you who donated time, energy, clothing, snacks, or breakfast items. Thank you to each of you who did laundry, carried cots, made beds, took out the trash, cooked, made coffee, served dinner, washed dishes, or cleaned. Thank you to each of you who wrote notes, chatted, or ate dinner with our PACEM guests.

We served 37-43 guests each night. In addition to providing dinner, showers, and a place to sleep, we gave away socks, t-shirts, McDonald's gift cards, many toiletry items, and met a few specific needs for reading glasses, sweatpants, coats, and belts. Crossroads Community Church, Beautiful Gate Ministries, and Alpha Phi Omega partnered with us during the two weeks. As with every other year, these two weeks only work because of all of you who generously donate your time and talents. Thank you!

Laura, Jennifer, and Katherine



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

Tomorrow's menu will be:

*BBQ Chicken*

*German Potato Salad*

*Roasted Corn*

*Red Cabbage and Apple Slaw*

*Dessert TBD*

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

For our program this week, we will have a Church Conference to discuss the proposed 2024 Budget. I hope you can join us.

## 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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