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ON WATCH

Getting Ready for Ken

I cannot remember being this excited about Lent and Holy Week before. During Lent, on Wednesday nights, we are going to study [Growing Young](#) from the Fuller Youth Institute. It lists six strategies for helping young people discover and love our church. This book might help us reinvigorate our ministries to young people. On Sundays, we are going to use the "[Wandering Heart](#)" resources from Sanctified Art. This will take us on a Lenten journey through Peter's eyes. I really like the tagline: "Figuring out faith with Peter."

"Growing Young" and "Wandering Heart" are both going to be wonderful tools as we walk through Lent. But the REALLY exciting part of this season will be when we host the blind pianist and singer [Ken Medema](#) as our special guest musician during Holy Week and Easter.

Ken was born with a visual impairment and spent a lot of time alone as a child. Music changed his life. He writes, "I started banging on the piano when I was five years old, making up crazy little pieces on my mom's piano." He went on to study music therapy at Michigan State, earning both bachelor's and master's degrees. After college, he began writing music.

In 1971, he recorded an album called [Fork in the Road](#). The title track is the perfect song for Spy Wednesday. It's about the choice Judas had to make, and it captures the spirit behind our Holy Week stop on Spy Wednesday. During Holy Week 2023, Rev. Deal and I were talking about music for this tricky worship service. I suggested that we

SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

February 14, 2024
6:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service

Homily:

"The Many Sides of Lent"

Dr. Matthew Tennant

Scripture:

Matthew 6:1-6

February 18, 2024

11:00 AM

Sermon:

"Go Away, Lord"

Dr. Matthew Tennant

Scripture:

Luke 5:1-11

Anthem:

Deep Waters Pepper Choplin

SUNDAY SERVICE

Deacon: Jen May

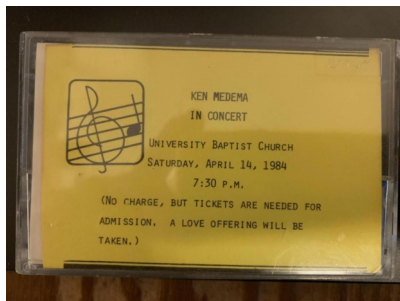
Ushers: Jimmy Li, Shirley Clark

College Dinner: Susan Hellings

perform Ken's song "Fork in the Road" in 2024. The light went on, and we realized that having Ken come and participate in our Holy Week and Easter worship services could be an amazing revival for UBC.

Ken and his wife Jane have been married since 1965 and live in the San Francisco Bay area. Rev. Deal took her youth choir there and spent a week with Ken in 2016. She told me that the experience transformed the group, and they came back inspired.

Ken performed a concert at UBC in 1984. We found the case for the recording of the concert, but the tape is missing.

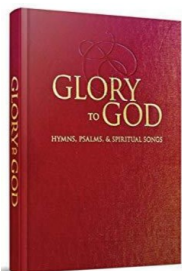


One of our choir's favorite Medema anthems is "Moses." [Here is a choir](#) in Antananarivo, Madagascar singing "Moses." Another one of my favorites is "[Flyin' Like an Eagle](#)" based on Isaiah 40:31. If you want to watch a short documentary called "[He Leadeth Me](#)" about Ken from 1977, click [here](#) (including video of him water skiing and riding a bike).

Soon, we will have cards for you to share with your friends and invite them to come to UBC for our Holy Week services with Ken Medema.

I pray this season will be a time of revival for us.

Peace,
Matt



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.

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.



Jazz Vespers this
Sunday, February
18, 7:00 pm

Join us on Sunday for another Jazz Vespers service in the Sanctuary. Carlehr Swanson will be on the piano this month. Carlehr is an alumna of George Mason University and the University of Miami, with degrees in Jazz Vocal Performance. She is currently a third-year Ph.D. student at the University of Virginia, specializing in Critical and Comparative Studies in Music. Her research focuses on civic engagement, creative practice, and gospel music. She, along with her drummer and bass player, is something you don't want to miss.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

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

next week!

Feb. 21: Adam Moore, Ron Tweel

Feb. 24: Mary Jo Hendricks

Feb. 25: McKenzie Taylor, Laura Martindale, Santiago Pinto

Feb. 26: Jay Hendricks



Sanctuary Flowers

Would you like to reserve sanctuary flowers in honor or in memory of a special person or occasion? Sunday flowers can be reserved for birthdays, anniversaries, or to commemorate other special occasions.

Please submit your request to include your name, the bulletin message, and the desired reservation dates to the [UBC office](#). A member of the Floral Committee will be in touch to confirm your dedication.

Prayer Requests*

Jack & Jo-Ann Averill

Tony Barretta

Alba & Pam Beasley

Clara Brown

Leon & Nancy Castle

Shelby Clements

David & Linda Hendon

Larry & Lynn Martin

Barbara Newlon

Melvin & Mildred Spicer

Bob & Joyce Tennant

Barbara Weber

Jack & Anne Wilkerson

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



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:

*Pork Chops with Sweet and Sour Onions
Mashed Potatoes
Broccoli and Carrots
Mixed Green Salad
Dessert TBD*

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

This week, at 6:00, we will have our Ash Wednesday service in the sanctuary with a Celebration of the Lord's Supper and Imposition of Ashes.

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, February 14

9:00 Work Team
10:00 PBJ Bible Study
5:30 Wednesday Night Dinner
6:00 Ash Wednesday Service
7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY, February 18

8:30 Finance Committee Meeting
9:30 ESOL Class
9:45 Sunday Morning Bible Study
11:00 Morning Worship
12:00 Choir Sorting Party
5:00 Jubilate Rehearsal
6:30 College Dinner
7:00 Jazz Vespers

MONDAY, February 19

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

TUESDAY, February 20

7:00 Voces Laetae Rehearsal

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



The Kittie Colvin Trail Circle will be collecting items for AIM (the Alliance of Interfaith Ministries). AIM is requesting basic items not covered by SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program). SNAP covers only food. On your next shopping trip please pick up an extra item or two from the list below. Also, as you clean out your linen closet; bed linens, pillows, towels, and wash clothes are always needed. Collection boxes will be located in the first-floor lobby.

The Alliance for Interfaith Ministries is a 501c3 tax-exempt charitable nonprofit organization whose primary purpose is to help residents of Albemarle County and Charlottesville attain self-sufficiency and stability. They help local residents navigate the "safety net" of social programs in our area, and directly through AIM programs such as housing stability assistance, eviction prevention, utility assistance and disconnection prevention, and crisis assistance.

The requested items are: Small bottles of all-purpose cleaner such as PineSol and Mr. Clean Laundry detergent pods Paper towels Toilet paper Hand soap Dish soap Hand sanitizer Kitchen size trash bags Bleach wipes Sponges Deodorant Shampoo Conditioner

We will be collecting until the end of February.

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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