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ON WATCH

Matt and his family are enjoying Spring Break together in St. Croix this week. He'll be back with us on Sunday morning.



Easter Egg Hunt Sunday
March 24, 12:00 pm

We will meet in the Fellowship Hall after service for a pizza lunch and then egg hunt. Families will be given a map of locations throughout the church where they will find members of the congregation ready to distribute eggs.

The hunt will wrap up in the Sanctuary where participants will search for hidden eggs. The hunt is open to ages preschool through Middle School.

In order to be sure we have enough eggs, please RSVP [here](#) by Wednesday, March 13.

The Children's Ministry Team

SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

March 10, 2024

11:00 AM

Sermon:

No Bad News Please
Dr. Matthew Tennant

Scripture:

Matthew 16:21-23

Anthem:

Set Me as a Seal Upon Your Heart
David Childs - Voces Laetae

SUNDAY SERVICE

Deacon: Sheri Owen

Ushers: Ron Tweel, Charlotte Bailey

College Dinner: No dinner. Spring Break.

**Sign up to provide college dinners
this semester!**

Our Sunday evening dinners are a great way to support our UVA students as well as a great way to get to know them! Dinner is served at 6:30 pm, 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 and support our college students! This Sunday is spring break for the students. Dinners will resume on March 17.



Daylight Saving Time begins this Sunday, March 10!



Our Pastor on WINA

Dr. Tennant was Jay James' guest on WINA's Morning News, February 26. He appears on WINA once per month to provide some commentary on the news from a faith perspective. This month he joined the program to discuss issues within the unhoused population and how the faith community can help, plus much more. In case you missed it, you can [hear the interview here](#).



Saturday, March 16
5:00 pm
UBC Sanctuary

Under the direction of Susan Deal, the Virginia Baptist Women's Chorale presents, "I Sing for I Cannot Be Silent," a program celebrating the power of music in our lives. Repertoire for this program includes the music of Joseph Martin, Eric Whitacre, John Rutter, Moses Hogan, Craig Courtney, and Mark Hayes.



An Update from the Music Minister Search Committee

At the beginning of February, Matt attended *Polyphony*, an annual conference for Music Ministers, where he had an opportunity to do some recruiting. Since then Matt and Susan continue to pursue candidates who would be a great fit for UBC, and the Search Committee looks forward to hearing from these candidates. If you have any questions, please reach out to any of the members of the committee: Robby Gough, Lily Gregg, Larry Johnson, Joyce Martin, Rachel Miller, Brian Mulcahy, Diane Mundell, and Sheri Owen

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, March 6

9:00 Work Team
5:30 Wednesday Night Dinner
6:00 BWIM Documentary

SUNDAY, March 10

9:30 ESOL/Seekers Class
9:45 Sunday Morning Bible Study
11:00 Morning Worship

MONDAY, March 11

10:30 Bible Reading Group

TUESDAY, March 12

11:30 Annie Armstrong Circle Meeting
6:30 Prayer Shawl Group
7:00 Voces Laetae Rehearsal

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

Qualified Charitable Distributions

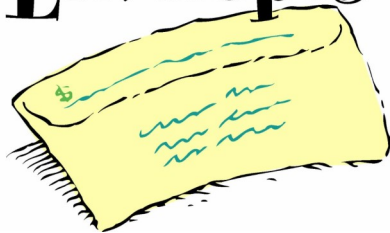
Are you familiar with Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD)? A QCD might reduce the taxes you owe while helping your church. Here's how it works:

If you have an Individual Retirement Account (IRA) and are over 73, you are required to take a distribution from that IRA each year based on the value at the end of the previous year and your age. This is called a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) and generally the distribution is fully taxed as ordinary income. The form of the distribution may be in cash or securities.

A QCD is a direct transfer of funds from your IRA custodian to a qualified charity. This direct transfer can be in cash or securities, and it counts toward satisfying your RMD for the year. A QCD reduces your taxable income by the amount of such distribution since it is not included in your income.

Charitable giving is not about taxes. However, the tax benefit from a QCD encourages charitable giving and could enable you to give more money to what you love. With the recent increase in the Standard Deduction, many taxpayers will find that charitable donations no longer have any tax benefit. A QCD can restore some significant tax benefits for your charitable donations.

Offering Envelopes



If you would like some offering envelopes, please notify the [church office](#), and we will print some off for you.

Prayer Requests*

Jack & Jo-Ann Averill

Tony Barretta

Alba & Pam Beasley

Clara Brown

Leon & Nancy Castle

David & Linda Hendon

Jess Lamberty

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.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

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

Mar. 17: Kathy Wilson

Mar. 18: Thomas Hendricks, Ingrid Flaherty

Mar. 19: Anne Wilkerson, Karen Minor



New HVAC for Children's Suite

Last Fall the HVAC system in our Children's Suite on the 2nd Floor reached the end of its life. The original Water Source Heat Pumps

installed in the Children's Suite ceiling in about 2000 when our building was remodeled are uneconomical to replace due to difficulty in accessing their locations. Such is life when adding HVAC to an old building. After a long study of alternatives with our vendor, Riddleberger Brothers, we will soon be installing a ductless mini-split system as the most cost-effective alternative replacement. We appreciate the patience of everyone while we have studied this issue. The cost of this installation is \$26,000.

As many of you are aware, most of our HVAC equipment is now 25 years old. We have a long path to replace units (there are about 50 HVAC units in the church) over the next few years that will require continued effort and funding. Your contributions to our budget are greatly appreciated as we care for our building and fund our ministry efforts.

If you have questions about our HVAC, please contact [Alan Hendricks](#). For questions about our finances, contact [Larry Martin](#) or other members of the Finance Committee.



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.



Scarlette Jasper teaches financial literacy to the residents of southern Kentucky and Tennessee

CBF Offering for National Missions- Poignant Contrast Between Scenic Vistas and Human Need

Through the month of March, we will be collecting donations for the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship offering for National Missions. Our UBC Missions Council has chosen to send our offering directly to CBF field personnel the Reverend Scarlette Jasper who serves the people of Appalachia. Scarlette says, "There is a lot of natural beauty here, and a lot of natural resources. However, the state and federal governments own vast swaths of those gorgeous mountains, making them off-limits for economic development." As a result, the communities Jasper serves share a litany of woes: lack of infrastructure, healthcare, transportation, and job opportunities.

A large part of Scarlette's ministry is teaching financial literacy. Her main goal is to help families learn how to budget and improve their credit, because credit affects everything in their lives. The people she helps can't get housing, car insurance, or even cell phones until they get their credit in order.

Our goal here at UBC is to contribute \$3,000 toward the larger CBF goal. You can do so by check, noting that it is for National Missions, or online [here](#).

Then Jesus said to his disciples, *"Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."*
Matthew 16:24



Volunteer Opportunities

We are in the process of forming a Stewardship Committee and need a few more people. If you are passionate about the ministries of our church, you are the right person for this service opportunity. The committee will focus on promoting ways people can give their time and talent to help further God's Kingdom through UBC.

We also have an opening for a Librarian. We are blessed with a wonderful collection of books. They need to be organized, and we need to let people know what we have. If you love books and want people to have the opportunity to enjoy the books we have or if you are just great at organizing, this may be just the spot for you.

If interested in either of these opportunities, please email Matt or call the church office.

Sunday Mornings

Worship

Our Sunday morning worship service begins 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.



Join us on Wednesday evenings! Come for dinner at 5:30, program at 6:00, and Sanctuary Choir rehearsal at 7:00 (the choir will not rehearse this Wednesday in order to view the documentary in its entirety).

Tomorrow's menu will be:

Pan Seared Salmon

Lemon Herb Couscous

Sauteed Asparagus with Tomatoes and Garlic

Mixed Green Salad

French Bread

Beignets with Powdered Sugar

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

This week, from 6:00-8:00, we will see the BWIM Documentary, *Midwives of a Movement*. The feature documentary film chronicles the stories of the women who boldly birthed a movement to seek greater visibility and opportunities for women in the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC). Despite great opposition, their courage blazed pathways for advancing women in ministry and leadership among Baptists.



This Easter we would like to decorate our Sanctuary with an abundance of Easter lilies. If you would like to dedicate a lily in honor or in memory of a loved one, please see the insert in your bulletin or contact the [church office](#) to let us know the wording that you would like to appear in the bulletin on Easter Sunday. The cost of each lily will be \$12. You can mail a check, drop it in the offering box, or pay online and earmark your gift "Easter Lily." The last day to order is Thursday, March 14. You may pick up your lily after the 11:00 am Easter Service on Sunday, March 31.

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