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Who Did You  
Invite?

WATCH

When Jesus began his ministry, he gathered his first followers by inviting them to follow him. Those first respondents to the invitation said, “Yes,” and they became his disciples. In turn, they invited others. After Jesus encountered the woman at the well, according to John 4:39, “Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony.”

How far have we come from this invitational culture? How has the confluence of the political term “Evangelical” and conservative culture clouded how we share the gospel? Instead of telling others, “Come and see,” we lean into ideas like, “Live and let live.” Too often, sharing God’s graces seems like an affront to someone else’s belief structure.

Sharing the good news about Jesus isn’t about proselytizing people to our brand of beliefs. Any conviction experienced by anyone is the result of the work of the Holy Spirit. We do not convert people from one belief system to ours. God is the progenitor of faith in Jesus Christ.

In one sense, this lets us off the hook. If we don’t need to convert anyone, we don’t need to worry about the results. In another sense, as God’s hands and feet, we have a responsibility to share what we believe. This is where Jesus’ invitation gets interesting. Are we his followers? Do we accept our role as members of the body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:27)?

## SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

Sunday, June 30, 2024

11:00 AM

**Sermon:**

Power Over Death

Dr. Matthew Tennant

**Scripture:**

Wisdom of Solomon 1:13-15; 2:23-24

**Anthem:**

*Give Light - The Brown Family*

## SUNDAY SERVICE

**Deacon:** Michelle Proffitt

**Ushers:** Ian Pallini, Ed Barker

**College Dinner:** Will resume in August

## Volunteers Needed



Sign up to help us give out ice cream each Wednesday! Click [this link](#) to add your name and join us any time between 10:30 and 11:30 to help set up and/or between 11:30 and 1:30 on the front

steps to serve the ice cream. This is a very popular outreach ministry of the church.

As his followers and members of the body of Christ, what do we do?

This line of questioning leads to considering the most meaningful part of your faith. If church is more of a social club and less of a family of faith, then it might make sense to invite others who enjoy the same social aspects of church. In fact, if church is a gathering place for cultural Christians, then inviting people to *our* club instead of one of the other clubs (churches) can make sense. We can say, "Oh, if you like to sing, then you should join *our* choir. It's better than *that* choir." But it's not a club.

As a family of faith, we are a people who are transformed in the likeness of Christ. The invitation, whether explicit or implicit, is to join us on the journey of transformation. This is a harder invitation than a simple cultural gathering or club. However, this is the invitation Jesus gave to his first followers, and it's the invitation he extends to us today.

Before we invite another, we should ask ourselves if we've accepted Jesus' invitation to us. If the answer is yes, then we can return to the question about the most life-giving part of our faith. As we think about the life-giving part of faith, we can pray for God to open doors for us to share it with others. If we utter that prayer, God will answer it and open the door to invite others to drink from the well of living water.

Peace,  
Matt



Our Pastor on WINA

Dr. Tennant was Jay James' guest on WINA's Morning News this morning, June 25. 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 student ministry and why people come to UBC. In case you missed it, you can hear the interview at <https://cvillerrightnow.com/podcasts/pastor-matthew-tennant-2/>.

## CALENDAR

### WEDNESDAY, June 26

9:00 Work Team  
2:00 Personnel Committee Meeting  
5:30 Wednesday Night Dinner  
6:00 Family Game Night  
7:00 Family Choir Rehearsal

### SUNDAY, June 30

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

### MONDAY, July 1

1:00 Theology Reading Group  
8:00 Youth Council Zoom

### TUESDAY, July 2

7:00 Kittie Colvin Trail

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

Join us as we celebrate summer together as a Church Family.

### SUMMER TOGETHER:

Celebrating Our Family of Faith

2nd & 4th Wednesdays in June and July

Fellowship Hall

5:30 Dinner

6:00 Family Activity

7:00 Family Choir Rehearsal

7:30 Dismiss

**FAITH**

## Prayer Requests\*

Jack & Jo-Ann Averill

Tony & Patti Barretta

Alba & Pam Beasley

Clara Brown

Leon & Nancy Castle

Johnny & Gail Ellen

David & Linda Hendon

Larry & Lynn Martin

Barbara Newlon

Kaylee Risell

Melvin & Mildred Spicer

Bob & Joyce Tennant

Barbara Weber

Jack & Anne Wilkerson

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

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

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

**July 3:** Valerie Long, Barbara Murray

**July 4:** Katherine Wagoner

**July 5:** Adam Price

**July 6:** Barry Wilson

**July 8:** Ray Gaines

**July 9:** Lynda Tweel



Join us Wednesday evening, June 26, for dinner at 5:30 and a program beginning at 6:00.

Click [here](#) to RSVP.

Our menu will be:

*Grilled Chicken*

*Tomato Basil Pasta*

*Asparagus*

*Mixed Green Salad*

*Dessert*

Our program will be Family Game Night. Bring your favorite board game!

This will be followed by Family Choir Rehearsal from 7:00 - 7:30 in the Fellowship Hall. All are invited to participate.

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## Deacon Election

The 2024 Deacon Election is underway June 14 through June 30. An electronic ballot was emailed to all active members. Paper ballots are also available in the narthex and in the church office. You may return your ballot to the church office electronically, by U.S. mail, drop off in the church office, or call the church office. For whichever means you choose, please sign the ballot before returning it. Your signature is used for membership verification only. Vote for up to 5 people that you feel meet the requirements to serve UBC as Deacons.

Thank you in advance for your prayerful consideration as you choose Deacons to serve UBC 2024 - 2027.



## Kitchen Items Needed for Love, INC Clients

The Kittie Colvin Trail Circle of the UBC Woman's Missionary Union will be collecting kitchen items for the clients of Love INC (Love In the Name of Christ). Love INC is a non-profit Christian organization whose mission is to mobilize local churches and individuals to transform lives and communities, bringing local people and resources together to meet the needs of our neighbors.

We ask that you share from your abundance rather than spend money on something new. As you clean and organize your kitchen, or pack up an elder's home, set aside these items to share with the less fortunate of the Charlottesville area.

Items that Love INC is specifically asking for are bowls, plates, utensils, cups and glasses, silverware, and pots and pans. Collection boxes will be located at UBC, in the first floor lobby near the church office, through the month of June. For more information contact Sarah Buchanan at sarahbucha@gmail.com.



## On the Move Together for Hope: Virtual Walk-Run-Ride-Swim-Go! For Poverty Alleviation in 338 Counties of Persistent Poverty

13.1, 26.2, 50, 75, 100, 140.6 miles or more this summer. Set your own goals, choose your place and days. Walk, ride, run, swim (row, paddle, trail hike, trail run, exercise) and dog walking.

New This Year: Exercise Time (log your time: yoga, weightlifting, aerobics, etc.). Get there any way you can!

Log your miles May 15 through August 15, 2024. Support the good work of Together for Hope (TFH) and the Together for Hope partner or friend of your choice. Set a goal and get moving this summer and earn a really cool t-shirt. Log your miles or time each week on the Runsignup website. Register by July 15 to get the cool t-shirt. Register [here](#) for the UBC team.



## UBC Softball

Schedule:

Friday, June 28  
McIntire : *6pm All Saints*  
if we win *7pm Northridge*  
if we win *8pm Fellowship*  
if we win *9pm FUMC*

If you're interested in playing or just finding out more information, contact [George Martin](mailto:cva2011@aol.com) at [cva2011@aol.com](mailto:cva2011@aol.com).



## 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



## 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.

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