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Several  
Search Updates

## WATCH

Greetings from another city. I'm not trying to be mysterious. My original vacation plans fell through, and I am writing this on June 27 when I don't know yet where I will be when you receive this copy of The Word.

### Music Ministry

Over this past year, the Music Minister Search Committee has been working hard to find the person God is leading to UBC. The committee consists of Lily Gregg, chairperson, Robby Gough, Larry Johnson, Joyce Martin, Rachel Miller, Brian Mulcahy, Diane Mundell, and Sheri Owen. While Rev. Susan Deal has done an amazing job, and many of us wish she felt a calling to stay here permanently, we respect her desire to retire.

At times, the committee hasn't received qualified applicants. At other times, we haven't had any. Then, in early May, we placed an ad with the American Choral Directors Association. Within a week, we had 4 quality applicants. After another week, we had several more. The committee sent questionnaires to a total of 6 applicants, held an initial zoom interview with 4, and invited one for an in-person interview.

During the interview, the committee realized that they needed to focus more attention on the ministerial aspect of this calling. The person, while a talented musician and lovely human being, did not feel called to music ministry.

## SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

Sunday, July 7, 2024

11:00 AM

**Sermon:**

Rev. William Washington

**Scripture:**

Mark 6:1-13

**Anthem:**

*How Can I Keep From Singing?*

## SUNDAY SERVICE

**Deacons:** Ray Gaines, Shirley Clark, Jackie Lockwood

**Ushers:** Herman & Gayle Eaker

**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.

For this person, coming to UBC would be more like a job. The committee and I put together some questions to focus on the ministry-aspect of music ministry. They invited 3 candidates for a follow-up zoom interview. The questions helped the committee focus on who they felt God calling to serve at UBC. The meetings were productive and helped us get to know each person better. The Music Minister Search Committee is making progress. More news to come...

Interim Associate Minister

In May, the Church Council approved the creation of an [Interim Associate Minister](#) position. The goal of this position is to fill some of the gaps left by recent staff changes and help build our children and youth ministries. The Personnel Committee was intentional in leaving some of the tasks open-ended so we could adapt the position to the person God leading to us, but finding someone who could hit the ground running is a priority.

A few weeks ago, we received two promising resumes. After interviewing both candidates, we are excited to be moving forward with one of them. She will focus her attention on children and youth ministries. Although her initial covenant with the church will be through August 2025, she is eligible to be considered for the open-ended position of Associate Minister. You will hear more about her in the coming weeks.

For now, please pray for the Search Committee and lay leadership. We are all trying to discern God's will and direction for UBC, and we covet your prayers.

Peace,  
Matt



Our Pastor on WINA

Dr. Tennant was Jay James' guest on WINA's Morning News on 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, July 3

9:00 Work Team

### THURSDAY, July 4

Church Office Closed

### SUNDAY, July 7

8:30 Church Council

9:30 ESOL/Seekers Class

9:45 Sunday Morning Bible Study

11:00 Morning Worship

### TUESDAY, July 9

6:30 Prayer Shawl Group

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



### Our Guest Preacher this Sunday

We will welcome Rev. William Washington, an ordained minister and counselor, to our pulpit Sunday morning. Rev. Washington founded and now serves as the Executive Director of The Bridge Ministry whose mission is to save lives of men dealing with serious addiction issues.

He is the author of *His Grace is Sufficient, An Autobiography* and *People, Places, & Things: A Guide to Overcoming Addictive Behavior*.

He has received the 2022 Rotary Citizen of the Year award, the "Distinguished Dozen" award in 2001 by the Daily Progress, and The Bridge Builders award in 2006 given by the City of Charlottesville which included having his name placed on the Drewary J. Brown Memorial Bridge "in honor of those people who succeeded in building bridges in our community."

We look forward to Rev. Washington being with us on Sunday.

## 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.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

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

**July 12:** Jen May, Doc Litchfield, Andrew Mundell

**July 13:** Amy Cumbia

**July 14:** Pam Beasley, Donna Ballard



There will be no dinner or program this week.

Our program next week, July 10, will be Family Skill Swap!

Click [here](#) to RSVP.

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

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

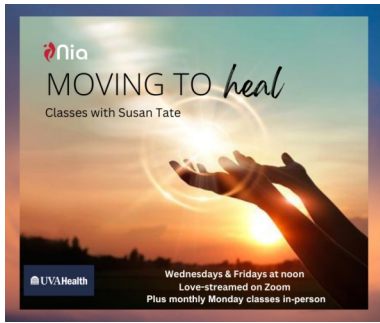
7:00 Family Choir Rehearsal

7:30 Dismiss

**FAITH**

## Deacon Election

Our Deacon election is completed. We will announce shortly who was chosen to serve as the 5 new Deacons for 2024-2027.



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

### Moving to Heal Classes in the UBC Fellowship Hall

Free Nia Moving to Heal classes are being offered through the UVA Cancer Center once a month in the UBC Fellowship Hall. This is one of many ways that UBC reaches out to our community, offering space for groups to meet, many of which are associated with the UVA Hospital. NIA classes are free for people with cancer, cancer survivors, caregivers, and UVA Cancer Center staff. Nia is a holistic movement practice that combines dance arts, martial arts, healing arts, and mindfulness.

All classes are taught by Susan Tate, Black Belt Nia teacher. Feel free to [contact Susan](#) for more information.

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.

### 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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