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**Our Ukrainian Partners**

# WATCH

After Russia invaded Ukraine in February 2022, our hearts went out to the victims of this senseless war. Now, two and a half years later, Ukraine still stands against a foreign invader. Yet, some might ask why we should care about suffering people on the other side of the world. Or, why focus on Ukraine and not Haiti or Prospect Ave. here in Charlottesville?

We care because they are our neighbors. In Mark, Jesus said, "Love your neighbor as yourself" (12:31). We cannot fix everything, but we can pick one issue and give it our attention. For three years, we partnered with Pastor Bertram Rubens and his church in Limbe, Haiti. After our three-year commitment, we began looking for a new partner. When Russia invaded Ukraine, we looked for opportunities to partner with a Ukrainian ministry. Although there are profound needs all over the world, including in our own backyard, we can create a meaningful change by focusing our energy on a few projects. Therefore, in addition to the numerous local ministries we support, we try to pick one international partner. My goal with these partnerships is to do more than just send money. I want us to build relationships with Christ-followers around the world.

Since 2022, we have been sending support to Evangelical Baptist Church, Rodnykova Huta, Ukraine. We first sent money through my Romanian friends Cris and Oana Romocea. Last year, they introduced me to the church's pastor Viktor

## SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

Sunday, July 14, 2024

11:00 AM

**Sermon:**

Hard Words to Hear  
Dr. Matthew Tennant

**Scripture:**

Amos 7:7-15

**Anthem:**

*Kum ba Yah*  
arr. Raney

## SUNDAY SERVICE

**Deacon:** Raynell Stokes

**Ushers:** Herman & Gayle Eaker

**College Dinner:** Will resume in August

## Volunteers Needed

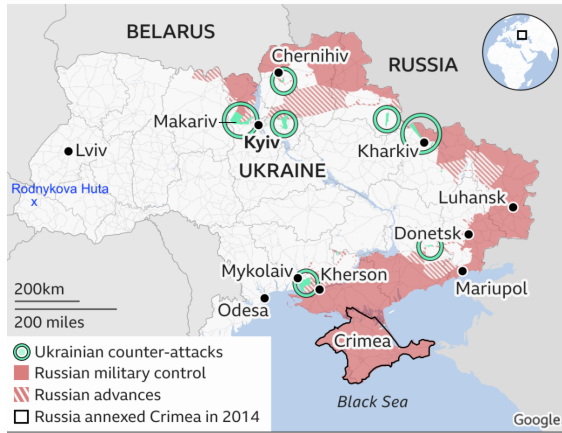


Sign up to help us give out ice cream each Wednesday! Click [this link](#) to add your name and join us any time between 10:30 and 11:30 to help set up and/or between 11:30 and 1:30 on the front

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

Matushak, and we began corresponding. He invited me to come and see the work they are doing. The church is in the far western part of Ukraine. The map below shows the fighting in the east and south and Rodnykova Huta (in blue) in the west.

Ukrainians attempting to push back Russians



Evangelical Baptist Church in Rodnykova Huta supports refugees from the war-torn areas of the country. They try to put their faith into practice in tangible ways, and they need our help. The war makes everything more difficult. Buying supplies, finding spare parts, and traveling are all hard tasks.

When I told Viktor that I wanted to come to show our support for him, his ministry, and the Ukrainian people, he was delighted. However, I don't feel called to risk my life unnecessarily. Because I have known the Romoecas for over 15 years, I trust them and deferred to them for timing the trip and making sure it is safe.

In the last few days, Cris, Viktor, and I spoke and found the best window for me to travel to Ukraine will be August 19-27. I will preach at Evangelical Baptist Church on August 25, encourage them, and foster our partnership. Assuming the trip goes well, we will partner with Viktor and Evangelical Baptist Church for the next three years. When peace comes to that region, I hope we can take a group from UBC to meet our new Ukrainian friends. For now, please pray for Ukraine, Viktor, the church, and safe travels.

If you have any questions about this mission trip, please do not hesitate to ask me.

Peace,  
Matt

## CALENDAR

### WEDNESDAY, July 10

9:00 Work Team  
5:30 Wednesday Night Dinner  
6:00 Family Skill Swap  
7:00 Family Choir Rehearsal

### SUNDAY, July 14

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

### MONDAY, July 15

1:00 Theology Reading Group

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



### UBC Softball Team Playing for the Championship!

The championship game will be this Friday, July 12, 6:30 pm at McIntire. Come out and support our team as they play their final game of the season.

### Deacon Election

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



## UBC Summer Pool Party for Kids!

When: Saturday, July 20, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Where: Washington Park Pool

The Children's Ministry Team is organizing a summer pool party for our UBC families with children. Please join us for a morning of pool fun, splash pads, pizza, and cake! RSVP to Elizabeth Mulcahy at [qx3kbenzene@gmail.com](mailto:qx3kbenzene@gmail.com) or at 510-368-8410 (text preferred), so we can get a headcount for food orders.

Looking forward to seeing you there!



## 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.



## WMU Woodbrook School Supplies Project

Since 2008 the Woman's Missionary Union (WMU) at UBC has collected money and purchased school supplies for the economically disadvantaged children at Woodbrook Elementary School. This project is coordinated by Love INC in cooperation with city and county schools' Family Support Workers.

We will be collecting for this fund during the month of July. The money we collect will help UBC purchase school supplies all year long for these children. This money also helps occasionally with shoes, emergency clothing, hygiene needs, and healthy snacks for these same children during the school year. This year Woodbrook has approximately 550 students on roll.

During good years between 50 and 60% of Woodbrook students have relied on the free or reduced-price lunch program, but that number has increased to around 85%. School supplies lists that families are asked to provide at the beginning of the school year are usually more than \$50 for each child (and that doesn't include a backpack or tennis shoes). Just imagine if you are an out of work parent with three or more children. Your gifts enable the Woodbrook Family Support workers to provide the needed school supplies for these less fortunate children.

Please help us make these children's school experience meaningful and productive by making checks or online gifts payable to UBC and earmark "school supplies."

## Exiting News!

Watch for the announcement of our new Interim Associate Minister! Check your email and Sunday's bulletin!



## 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 18:** Brian Mulcahy

**July 20:** Tina Stephens, Barbara Newlon (95 years young)

**July 21:** Ismael Moubossy, Luke Brown



Join us tomorrow for dinner at 5:30, our program at 6:00, and Family Choir Rehearsal at 7:00. All are invited!

Our program will be Family Skill Swap! Come and share your favorite skills with other families.

Click [here](#) to RSVP.

Our menu will be:

*Chicken*

*Pork*

*Beef*

*Rice*

*Potatoes*

*Roasted Vegetables*

*Salad*

*Brownies*

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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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

**EAT!**

## 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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