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## Embracing Changes

## WATCH

As most of you already know, I thought I would be visiting our new friend Pastor Viktor Matushak in Rodnykova Huta, Ukraine, this week. As I shared on Sunday, my friend Oana Romocea broke her leg. This meant that her husband Cris couldn't travel with me from Romania to Ukraine. As a congregation, please pray for Oana's recovery and their family as they get ready for a new school year. Viktor, Cris, and I will reschedule the trip.

For now, I have the gift of embracing change. This is an opportunity to see how God is at work in unexpected circumstances. Each one of us faces changes in our lives. On any given day, we can encounter twists and turns. The narrative of life is full of plot twists. Through it all, God is there.

In Psalm 139:8-12, we read, "If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there. If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast. If I say, 'Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night', even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you."

No matter what we face, God is with us. When life takes a left—even if we were expecting a right—God is there. Our choice is whether to see God's presence or not. We can choose to wallow

## SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

Sunday, August 18, 2024

11:00 AM

**Sermon:**

Rev. Mandy England Cole

**Scripture:**

John 6:56-69

**Anthem:**

*I Am His Lamb*  
Williams/Larson

## SUNDAY SERVICE

**Deacon:** Laura Morris

**Ushers:** Erin Eaker, Jimmy Li

**College Dinner:** Dinners will resume on Sunday, August 25. Click [here](#) to sign up to provide a dinner for our college students.



## 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.

in the darkness and disappointment of things gone awry. Or, we can choose to look for God, give thanks, and move forward.

Some people have told me how sorry they are for Oana's injury but how happy they are that I am not going to Ukraine. I admit that I am disappointed, but my disappointment isn't the full story. I am thankful for the wisdom of wives who steer husbands toward a prudent path (i.e., Oana and Melanie). I am thankful for the work God is calling us to do here in Charlottesville. I am thankful for exciting times in the life of the church. I could go on... God blesses us in so many ways.

Heraclitus said, "Change is constant." Yup. But so is God. We face each change in life knowing that God is with us, guiding and loving us, as we walk along.

Peace,  
Matt



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

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

**Aug 28:** Val Fisk

**Aug 30:** Jim Martindale

**Aug. 31:** Amanda Ohlms

**Sept. 1:** Wayne Bragg

**Sept. 2:** Jim Spence



### 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.

## CALENDAR

### WEDNESDAY, August 21

9:00 Work Team

5:30 Wednesday Night Dinner

6:00 *All Creation Sings* Kick-Off Party

7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

### THURSDAY, August 22

10:00 Stewardship Committee Meeting

### SUNDAY, August 25

9:30 ESOL/Seekers Class

9:45 Sunday Morning Bible Study

11:00 Morning Worship

3:00 Ice Cream Social

4:30 Jubilate Rehearsal

6:00 College Dinner

### MONDAY, August 26

12:30 Missions Council Meeting

### TUESDAY, August 27

6:30 Prayer Shawl Group

7:00 Voces Laetae Rehearsal

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



Mark your calendars for our annual Ice Cream Social on Sunday, August 25 (please note the date change), 3:00 - 6:00pm at the Marshall's Farm: Argyle Farm, 2356 Scottsville Rd., C'ville 22902. Swimming will begin at 3:00, hotdogs at 5:00, and ice cream at 5:30. Hotdogs and buns will be provided. Donations of chips to go with the hotdogs or cookies/brownies to go with the ice cream are welcome. Everything will be finger food (except the ice cream!). And definitely, if you have an ice cream freezer, bring your homemade ice cream.

## 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

Sylvie Moore

Kaylee Risell

Melvin & Mildred Spicer

Bob & Joyce Tennant

Barbara Weber

Jack & Anne Wilkerson

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



Join us tomorrow, Wednesday, August 21, for dinner at 5:30 and a PARTY beginning at 6:00. You're invited to be part of our *All Creation Sings* Kick-Off party!

Click [here](#) to RSVP.

Our menu will be:

*Pork Tenderloin*

*Roasted Red Potatoes*

*Mixed Vegetables*

*Mixed Green Salad*

*Dessert*

Following the program you are invited to sing with the Sanctuary Choir as they rehearse in the Music Suite.



## Help feed our college students this year!

Our Sunday night dinners not only feed Jubilate members at 6:00 each Sunday evening, but we also

invite ALL college students to come eat dinner! Help us provide home-cooked and delicious meals for our group as UBC cares for our UVA neighbors. Sign up as a family, a Bible study group, or grab a friend to come help you with set up and clean up. Click [here](#) to pick your week.



## State Missions Offering

Each year we collect a special offering to support missions in the state of Virginia. This August, our missions emphasis will support the chaplain ministry at the Fluvanna Correctional Center for Women. Our goal is \$3,000.

You can give on our website or by mailing a check to the church (Make the check out to University Baptist Church and write State Missions in the memo line). Here is some information from Chaplain Jerusha Tiller, whose ministry our offering will support:

## Sharing the Light

COVID hit institutions hard: schools, childcare programs, hospitals, retirement homes, nursing homes, and prisons were affected. At Fluvanna Correctional Center for Women, we had additional challenges like staffing shortage of both officers and volunteers, and as a result our religious programs were affected. Our program numbers dwindled as schedules shifted and older preachers refrained from entering the prison systems. Inmates struggled to find the strength to beat these challenges.

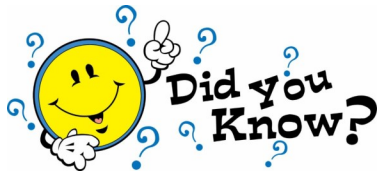
Life does not have to be perfect to be wonderful. In the summer of 2023, after the worst wave of COVID passed, 38 inmates recommitted their lives to Christ. Some accepted Jesus for the very first time. Both Protestants and Messianic Jews



## Dinner with Andrew

One of the members of our church family has been raising funds to address food insecurity every year since July 2001. On January 1, 2001, Colleen Baber's son Andrew choked on a gummy candy and did not survive. He had been working at Domino's Pizza at the time, and his coworkers wanted to do something to honor his memory. They chose a food drive which fit well with honoring Andrew because few people liked to eat more than he did. Thus, "Dinner with Andrew" began.

This year is the twenty-fourth year Colleen has been collecting donations in Andrew's memory. In 2020, she switched from collecting and sorting food to taking donations for food gift cards. She gives these cards to families in extreme need through The Jefferson Area Food Bank, The Salvation Army, The Emergency Food Bank, and ARC. We can help address food insecurity and be the hands and feet of Christ by supporting this ministry. You can contribute directly [here](#), or you can send a check to the church or give online with "Dinner with Andrew" in the memo line.



In an effort to be as energy conscience as possible, we do not heat and cool our entire building all the time. We heat or cool only those areas being used at the time. Peter Ohlms checks the church calendar every day and adjusts thermostats based on those areas or rooms being used. This enables us to conserve as much energy as possible and, as a result, save a good bit of money as well.

This does, however, depend on those using spaces in the church to get their meetings or events on the church calendar. This is the only way Peter knows when to turn on the heat or the air conditioner for that area.

So, if you are planning to use the church for a meeting or an event, help us to continue to be good stewards of our resources, by notifying the [church office](#) and getting on the calendar.

reached out to me to be baptized in the "pool" we have in the chaplain's office. Today, 6 months later, looking at these pictures, I see inmate Byrd who passed away last week after an illness. She testified to the saving grace of Jesus in her life while she was doing well. She gave her witness in our church of 100 inmates every time she was discharged from the hospital. He who began a good work in us is faithful to complete it, in due season. Weeping may last for a night, but joy comes in the morning.

Bio: Chaplain Tiller is an ordained Baptist minister. She completed her master's degree in divinity and a doctorate degree in ministry at the Baptist Theological Seminary in Richmond. She majored in biblical studies and obtained a master's degree in theology at the Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, Virginia. She taught World Religions as adjunct faculty at Virginia Commonwealth University. Her doctoral project was in the field of grief and loss. She lives in Richmond with her seventeen-year-old daughter, a stage 4 cancer survivor, and her husband Martin Tiller and his daughter. Her grandparents were a major influence on her life. They retired from the Department of Corrections in India and told her bedtime stories of their work in Corrections. The stories took deep root in her impressionable heart and are the reason for her passion for prison ministry today.



## Mark your calendars!

Wednesday, Aug 21, 2024, we will launch our new music and missions program for kids, *All Creation Sings!* We are going to kick things off with a party for everyone! Come for dinner, stay for the party, with choir rehearsal and childcare to follow! Don't miss it! -Elizabeth and Susan

## 2024-2025 UBC Lay Leaders Report

Last Wednesday evening at our Church Conference our 2024-2025 UBC Lay Leaders Report was presented by the Nominating Committee for approval. The report was approved unanimously. These new leaders will take office on September 1. Contact the church office for a copy of the report.

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## 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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