

## SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

February 16, 2014  
11:00 am

### Sermon:

“Responding to a Wake-Up Call”  
Dr. Michael Cheuk

### Scripture:

Matthew 6:25-34

### Anthem:

*Not One Sparrow is Forgotten*  
— arr. Hawley

**Deacons:** Lynda Tweel, Don Long,  
Wayne Ferguson, Debby Johnson,  
David Wagoner, Joe Zhu

**Nursery Workers:** Karen & Wyatt  
Minor, Amanda Ohlms, Adrienne  
Canterbury, Catherine Cooper,  
Lily Gregg

**Children’s Church:** Laura Morris,  
Emily Morris

**Ushers for February:** Bryan Parsons,  
Shirley Clark, Jean & John Wood,  
Sterling Hudson, Sally Chewning

**On-call Doctor:** Clara Belle Wheeler

**BLUE RIDGE AREA  
FOOD BANK** a member of  
**FEEDING  
AMERICA**

### Collection for the Food Bank

The Woman’s Missionary Union (WMU) is collecting canned goods and cash donations for the Thomas Jefferson Branch of the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank through mid-February. Collection boxes are located in the First Floor Lobby and in Fellowship Hall.

Those who receive food from the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank include the most vulnerable in our communities — children, the elderly, struggling families, the working poor, people with disabilities, and the homeless.

# The Word

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UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA

## A Word from Michael

As many of you know, we scheduled a called church conference for this past Sunday to vote on our 2014 budget.

Last Wednesday, we discussed the proposed budget for 2014 which included an additional reduction of \$20,000 from last year’s budget, which had already been reduced \$55,000 from the year before. The Finance and the Personnel Committees did a great job in coming up with a proposed budget based on the money we anticipate receiving this year.

We had a lively discussion that took almost two hours, and at the end, those who attended the meeting didn’t feel comfortable presenting the proposed budget for a vote this Sunday and recommended that we postpone a vote on the 2014 budget.

Here’s my take on the discussion meeting and the rationale for postponing a vote on the upcoming budget.

**First**, we honestly acknowledged that our pledges have plateaued and our total contributions have decreased 12.3% since 2011. This is not a sustainable trend.

**Secondly**, we affirmed that we are a people of faith, and God has already given us the resources needed to fulfill God’s mission in our community and our world.

**Thirdly**, instead of despair and pessimism, we ended the meeting with a lot of positive energy as the group decided to face this challenge head on.

Therefore, the group decided it best to postpone the vote of the originally proposed budget. Instead, they suggested we provide everyone the opportunity to increase their 2014 pledges with **a goal of raising an additional \$75,000**, which would get us back to

the level of contributions in 2012. Whatever additional pledges are received will be allocated to the 2014 budget proposal at the discretion of the finance committee.

Please be in prayer as you consider your part in achieving our goal of \$75,000 by February 28. Pledge cards are available for you to take and return if you would like to revise your pledge or pledge for the first time. You can also submit this information via our website or by calling the church office (434) 293-5106.

On Sunday the congregation voted to operate for the first three months of 2014 at the level of the 2013 budget. Our Finance Committee will come back at the end of March with a revised budget based both on our financial response to this challenge and on our long-range vision for the church.

Please know that what we’re doing is only a stopgap measure. We have been given a wake-up call. In order to fully reverse this trend in our generosity, we must begin to renew our vision and our mission. Why do we exist as a church? To what mission is God calling us? What does God’s future for UBC look like?

I had already begun addressing these questions in recent weeks with various leadership groups in the church. I will give a more detailed report in my “State of UBC” address this Wednesday night and in my sermon this coming Sunday. God has plans for UBC. Opportunities abound. This is an exciting time to be at UBC, and I invite you to join us in this journey!

~ Blessings, Michael

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## CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

### Concerns

Estelle Jones — UVA Hospital  
Charles Witter — At Home

### Sympathy

Christian sympathy is extended to Bob Snead and his family at the death of his wife, Linda, on February 6.

### Special Greetings

To Gus Norvelle on his 93rd birthday on February 13.

To Al and Lucille Holliday on their 64th wedding anniversary on February 14.



### Sanctuary Flowers

The Floral Committee is currently taking requests for flowers for the worship services. If you would like to have flowers put in the sanctuary in memory or honor of someone, please sign up on the "Flower Calendar" on the bulletin board in the first floor hallway. Sarah Buchanan will contact you prior to your chosen date to get the wording for that Sunday's bulletin.

### Get Your Act Together!

The Fellowship Committee will sponsor a Variety Show with wonderful entertainment and luscious desserts for the whole family on **Saturday, March 22**. If you would like to perform in this year's show, contact



Larry Johnson  
([lajohnson1950@gmail.com](mailto:lajohnson1950@gmail.com)) or  
Laura Morris  
([lmorris@k12albemarle.org](mailto:lmorris@k12albemarle.org)).

### Wednesday, February 12

6:15 — "State of UBC"  
Michael Cheuk  
IN THE CHOIR/LECTURE SUITE



### Wednesday, February 19

5:00 Supper — Wiener schnitzel,  
Potato dumplings with cabbage,  
Apple dumplings

6:15 — "Mission on the Move,  
Slovakia" — Mark Snipes, CBF Virginia affiliate.

### Faith & Justice Committee Update

IMPACT leaders have met with local healthcare providers and mental health organizations and identified two specific areas of need in our community: 1) Parents have difficulty accessing quality, affordable psychiatric care for their children and 2) Many people, especially teens and young adults, have difficulty accessing preventative counseling services.

In the coming months, IMPACT leaders will be meeting with representatives from a variety of organizations to determine steps that can be taken to address these issues.



In case of bad winter weather, check the local TV and radio stations, the UBC website, and our phone message for cancellations.

Pray for law enforcement men and women and their families.

### WEDNESDAY, February 12

5:00 Supper (Spaghetti)  
6:00 PACEM  
6:15 "State of UBC"  
7:10 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

### THURSDAY, February 13

10:30 Women's Prayer Group  
6:00 PACEM  
6:30 Deacons' Meeting

### FRIDAY, February 14

6:00 PACEM

### SUNDAY, February 16

8:30 Finance Committee Mtg.  
Faith & Justice Comm. Mtg.  
9:00 Fellowship  
Blood Pressure Screening  
9:30 Joyful Servants Bible Study  
Seekers Bible Study  
9:45 Bible Study  
11:00 Worship  
6:00 Real Life  
Jubilate Rehearsal



### MONDAY, February 17

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

### TUESDAY, February 18

9:00 Painting Group

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5:00 Supper (Wiener schnitzel)  
6:15 "Mission on the Move"  
7:10 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal



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Who is on the stamp?

Nancy Gaines, Kittle Colvin Trail Circle