

SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

October 11, 2015
11:00 am

Sermon:

“The Word that Reads Us
Like a Book”
Dr. Michael Cheuk

Scripture:

Hebrews 4:12-16

Anthem:

Shine on Us — arr. Hayes

Deacons: *Peter Ohlms, Don Long, Diane Mundell, Alice Batten, Donna Marshall, Jimmy Li

Nursery Workers: Karen Minor, Amanda Ohlms, Mary Jo Hendricks, Ewing Minor, Lisa Thorne, Emily Morris

Children’s Church: Debby Johnson, Carter Groff

Ushers for October: Martha Wood, Shirley Clark, Sally Chewing, Jack Wilkerson

Greeters: Brett & Kate Lissenden

Medical On-call: Lu Overbeck

“Coping with Grief”

Dinner at the Cheuks’

Friday, October 9, 6:00 pm

Michael and Beth Cheuk would like to invite members who have suffered a loss recently to come for an informal meal at their home. Chaplain Suzanne Smith will be there to have a conversation about coping with grief as we enter the holiday season. The Cheuks’ address is 1638 Brightfield Place, Charlottesville.

Please RSVP by calling the church office by Thursday, October 8.

Welcome, Dr. Dan Bagby



Our guest speaker on Wednesday, October 7, at 6:15 pm in Fellowship Hall will be Professor Daniel Bagby with the first in a three-part series entitled “Healthy Relationships.” Part 1 is “Why Share Healthy Relationships — When With a Little Effort You Can Be Obnoxious?”

Professor Bagby is currently the Theodore F. Adams Professor Emeritus of Pastoral Care at Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond. He has pastored for almost thirty years and has served in two pastoral counseling centers and as chaplain to a juvenile detention center and a women’s prison.

Dan has been a guest speaker at UBC on numerous occasions and served as interim pastor at UBC in 2000-2001.

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Report on Leadership Retreat

The Deacons, Church Council, Ministerial Relations Service Team, and ministerial staff gathered this past Saturday at UBC for an all-day Leadership Retreat to discuss priorities for next year, review the results of the survey, consider how we might build upon our strengths and how we might focus attention on the concerns which you expressed through the survey. Unless otherwise specified, your responses and comments were shared with the lay leadership and the staff, who were invited to attend the retreat. We were pleased that approximately 103 members took the time to share their thoughts and recommendations. This is perhaps the largest congregational response we have received from any similar survey during recent years. We are grateful for the input you provided, the constructive criticism you have shared, and the common theme of working together as a church family.

As a result of your input, we agreed upon and will recommend to you that our church focus on four specific areas, many of which deal with the internal strengthening/rebuilding of systems and

clarifying roles and responsibilities with respect to

1. Leadership and Management,
2. Clarity of Purpose,
3. Strengthening our Community of Faith,
4. Outreach, Church Attendance/Engagement.

A one-page summary of the survey results is being finalized and will be sent to you soon. In addition, specific action plans with target dates and reporting accountabilities are also being prepared. This will be made available to you on or before the October 28 Church Conference. At that conference we will share several statistical trends, present the survey results, review our plans/proposals for action, be open to your additional ideas, and seek your approval and your support as we implement these action plans.

We look forward to our conversations and will appreciate any additional input you may wish to provide prior to the Church Conference.

Michael Cheuk, Ed Smith, Brad Groff



UBC Leadership Retreat
Saturday, October 3

Associate Pastor Search Committee Report

The Associate Pastor Search committee has met recently to begin the search process. The committee members are Jack Averill, Shirley Clark Judy Gough, Laura Faye Groff (Vice Chair), Alan Hendricks, Michelle Proffitt, Nelda Vaughan, and Brent Wilson (Chair).

We plan to communicate openly and regularly with the congregation and staff. While we are eager to move quickly, we are also committed to being diligent and prayerful so that as a congregation we can thoroughly explore where we are today and where we sense God is leading us.

Over the next few weeks, we will be working to identify what staffing needs are required to support UBC’s mission, core values, and God’s calling for us. To accomplish this, we will hold conversations with the congregation and staff during Sunday Bible Study and on Wednesday evenings. The report from the Leadership Retreat and the budget-planning process for 2016 will also provide an important framework for the Search Committee. After we develop a profile of the leadership style and characteristics we desire in an Associate Pastor, we will begin to determine how to fill the identified needs.

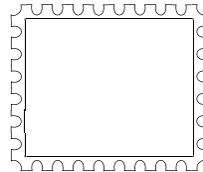
We value the input from the congregation and ask that you give plenty of time and consideration to discerning God’s direction for UBC. We appreciate your encouragement, prayers, and support during this process.

— Brent Wilson

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED



Profession of Faith

We rejoice in the decision made by Christian Proffitt in worship this past Sunday. He came forward requesting baptism. Christian is the son of Greg and Michelle Proffitt and the grandson of Forrest and Donna Marshall.

Concerns

Bob Calhoun — At Home
Joe May — The Laurels

Sympathy

Christian sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Marion Wheeler, who died September 28.

Circle Meeting

The Annie Armstrong Mission Circle will meet Tuesday, October 13 at 12:00 noon in Fellowship Hall. Bring your lunch and join us!

Wednesday, October 14

5:00 Supper: Chicken cubed steak, Mashed potatoes, Lima beans
6:15 Program: “Healthy Relationships, Part 2” — Dr. Dan Bagby, Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond

Chrismons — Make Just One (or more, if you like!)

Our Chrismons are looking worn and tired. With Christmas approaching (faster than you think), we need to make some new ones. We’re asking each crafty person at UBC to make just one Chrismon — then we’ll have dozens of new ones to help us celebrate this year.

Each Chrismon should be only white and gold and 6x6 inches or smaller. You can use whatever materials you love to work with — wood, paint, clay, cross-stitch, felt, fabric, beads (NO STYROFOAM). There are lots of ideas on the internet and a few patterns, guidelines, and white beads in the Floral Room.

Chrismons should be completed by December 1. Contact Sarah Buchanan for more information (434-409-9064 or sarahbucha@gmail.com).

Called Church Conference Wednesday, October 28, 6:15 pm Fellowship Hall

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Shoebox Time!

The WMU is again sponsoring the Operation Christmas Child ministry. Our gift-filled shoeboxes demonstrate God’s love in a tangible way to children in all corners of the world. Plan to fill a shoebox and make a difference in a child’s life.

Lists of items to put in the shoeboxes are available in the Church Office and in Fellowship Hall on Wednesday evenings.

The collection date for our shoeboxes is mid-November.

Offering for Virginia Missions

We collected \$1,015, to be divided evenly between the Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions and the Chaplain Service Prison Ministry of Virginia (specifically, Fluvanna Correctional Center for Women).



On Wednesday, September 30, Lynn Martin “passed the torch” of PACEM leadership to the new steering committee: Katherine Hamel, Laura Morris, and Jennifer Wagoner.

WEDNESDAY, October 7

- 9:30 Parent’s Morning Out
- 12:00 MRST Meeting
- 5:00 Supper (Barbecue, Hot dogs)
- 6:00 Prayer Time
- 6:15 “Healthy Relationships, Pt. 1” — Dr. Dan Bagby
- 6:15 Children’s Programming
- 7:10 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, October 8

- 10:30 Women’s Prayer Group
- FRI., Oct. 9 - SUN., Oct. 11**
BGAV Middle School Retreat at Eagle Eyrie

SUNDAY, October 11

- 8:30 Search Committee Meeting
- 9:00 Fellowship
- 9:30 Seekers Bible Study
- Joyful Servants Bible Study
- 9:45 Bible Study
- 11:00 Worship
- 12:15 Collegiate Ministry Council
- 6:00 Jubilate Rehearsal, **No Real Life**

MONDAY, October 12

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY, October 13

- 9:00 Wednesday Work Team
- Painting Group
- 10:00 Staff Meeting
- 12:00 Noon Tunes
- 12:00 Annie Armstrong Circle Mtg.

WEDNESDAY, October 14

- 9:30 Pre-K Play Group
- 10:00 Women’s Bible Study
- 5:00 Supper (Chicken cubed steak)
- 6:00 Prayer Time
- 6:15 “Healthy Relationships, Pt. 2” — Dr. Dan Bagby
- 6:15 Children’s Programming
- 7:10 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

The Wednesday Morning Women’s Bible Study Group* will not meet on Wednesday, October 7.

*also known as the PBJ Group (Prayer Bible Study & Joyful Fellowship)

Pray for the people of South Carolina who have been affected by recent flooding.