

SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

November 13, 2016
11:00 am

Sermon:

“The Madness of Paul”
Rev. Gary Dalton

Scripture:

Ephesians 3:14-21

Anthem:

Folk Hymn Suite — arr. MacDonald

Deacons: *Lynne Gardner, Brett Lissenden, Debby Johnson, Erin Brown, Jimmy Li, Ray Gaines
Nursery Workers: Karen Minor, Lindsay Marshall, Wyatt Minor
Children’s Church: Scott & Audrey Miller
Ushers for November: Cindy Bryant, Shelley Miller, Lily Pallini, Ronda Wiley, Joe Zhu
Greeters: Martha Ballenger, Brad Groff
Medical On-call: Lu Overbeck

CHURCH CONFERENCE

**Wednesday, November 16
6:15 pm, Fellowship Hall**

Committee Reports, Miscellaneous Business

“Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen.”

Ephesians 3:20-21

This is what happens when the impossible meets the promises of God...

*A Future
Richer than Our Dreams,
More fruitful than
Our Hopes,
And more beautiful than
Our Imaginations.*

*Stewardship
Celebration Sunday
November 20, 2016*

The Word

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A Bridge Across

We’ll take our time as we need and want, we’ll linger only to see what we can see, then we’ll move along to the other end of the Bridge, to meet whomever the next Senior Minister should be.



Stumbled across this shocking sight, a bear which fell victim to the cruel Bear Trap Tree, the only known predator of the black bear in the wilds of the Blue Ridge Mountains. The Bear Trap Tree is stealthy and lethal, enticing its prey with a sweet-scented sap containing a neuromuscular paralytic, disabling the bear as the tree first encases and then slowly digests its victim. Protruding remnants of earlier victims are seen along the length of the tree’s trunk.

On my mountain hikes, I often see some things that really are there *but not really*. This photo of the lethal Bear Trap Tree depicts one of my “there but not really” sightings.

I took this photo in August while hiking in Shenandoah National Park. The tree, popular, I think—was growing on the embankment up from the trail. I noticed it across the way as I sat resting. The tree most definitely really was there.

Maybe it was the morning sunlight highlighting the burls grouped together near the base or the way the moss on the largest burl looked like a fuzzy tummy that suddenly

brought to life what actually was not there: a bear trapped inside the tree! Once that image took root in my mind, it was all I could see.

Thus, the elaborate description I attached to the photo when I posted it on Facebook. Friends knew it could not really be real, and yet . . .

Between the image now implanted in their minds, too, and the straightforward description I added, a few folks were not so sure whether I was pulling their leg or if there really is such a thing as the lethal Bear Trap Tree. Fun!

Not all imagined things “there but not really” are delightful and amusing. We go through events that really are there. We know they’re real because we’re in the thick of them ourselves. Our minds, though, conjure frightening images out of those events, and fear doggedly takes hold of us. The frightening image now is all we can see, and fear now is all we can feel, regardless of what rational thought might otherwise assure us.

We are in a season of change at University Baptist Church, a season cast in God’s light which guides us, but which also means there will be shadows. Where light and shadow interplay, imaginings can turn anxious. Discerning what is “really there” and what is not there becomes difficult. The light is God’s grace illuminating the way before us. Seeing by the light of God dispels what shadows may try to fold themselves into fearful patterns that rob us of confidence.

Our Stewardship Theme this month, based on Ephesians 3:20-21, is “A Future Richer than Our Dreams, More Fruitful than Our Hopes, And More Beautiful than Our Imaginations”. Our confidence through this season of change rests in God who really is here among us at UBC and who really is working out a good future for us. Be confident. Be encouraged. Be faithful in discerning and “imagining into” God’s future for the UBC family.

Your Senior Minister in the Interim,
~ Gary

Christmas Missions Fair

Wednesday, November 9, 6:15 pm in Fellowship Hall

The Missions Committee invites you to attend the Christmas Missions Fair to get more information about the UBC missions opportunities for November and December. Find out what each mission project is about, what you need to do to help, and the deadline for completing your contribution.

- ✱ *Toiletry Kits for FCCW*
- ✱ *Cards, Stationery, Stamps for FCCW*
- ✱ *Christmas Missions Post Office*
- ✱ *Children’s Christmas Shop*
- ✱ *Christmas Dinner in a Bag*



Family-Friendly Evening Worship Service

Sunday, November 13

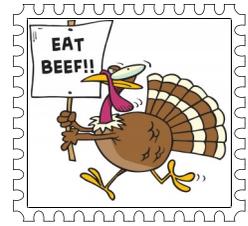
5:00 pm in the Sanctuary

Participatory, Fun, Open to all ages

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED



Welcome, New Members!

We welcome Kevin and Beth Wright,



who joined UBC October 31 by transfer of their membership from Columbia Baptist Church in Falls Church.

Concerns

Sandi Jones-Garrison — caring-bridge.org/visit/sandijonesgarrison

Sympathy

Christian sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Virginia Marshall, who died Friday, November 4.

Attention, Seniors of All Ages!

Please join us for lunch at Mrs. Rowe's Family Restaurant in Staunton on Thursday, November 10. You can meet us at the restaurant at 12:00 noon or meet at UBC at 11:15 am to carpool. The cost is \$15 per person. The sign-up sheet is located on the Ground Floor bulletin board across from the Parlor.

Alma Hunt State Missions Offering

We are supporting the Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions. The goal is \$3,000. To date we have collected \$1,991.

UBC Cat's Meow

A limited number of Cat's Meow replicas of UBC will be available in the First Floor Lobby for the next few Sundays and in Fellowship Hall on Wednesday evenings. Or if you want to reserve one, contact Sarah Buchanan (sarahbucha@gmail.com or 434-409-9064). **They sell for \$20 each. All proceeds will be donated to The Alyssa House.**

Looking Ahead

Wednesday, November 23:

No Supper, No Activities

Thursday/Friday, November 24/25:

Church Office Closed

Mission Opportunities

Hygiene Kits for FCCW*

Due Sunday, November 13

- 1 individually wrapped toothbrush
- 1 tube of toothpaste (6 oz. or less)
- 1 solid deodorant stick (2.4 oz. or less. No spray or roll-on)
- 1 bottle of lotion (15 oz. or less)
- 1 bottle of shampoo (15 oz. or less)

Place all items in a one-gallon Zip Loc bag or bring individual items.

Greeting Cards, Stationery, & Stamps for FCCW* **Due November 13**

- Greeting cards for all occasions, including Hanukkah and Christmas (no foil on card or envelope)
- Writing paper, envelopes
- "Forever" postage stamps (Do not affix stamps to envelopes)
- Wooden pencils (unsharpened)

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

are due Sunday, November 20. Go to Samaritan's Purse for a list of items for the shoeboxes.

Christmas Dinner in a Bag

Due Sunday, December 18.

- 1 box stove-top stuffing mix
- 1 box instant mashed potatoes
- 1 jar gravy
- 1 large can sweet potatoes
- 1 large can green beans
- 1 can cranberry sauce
- 1 box pie crust mix
- 1 can pie filling

WMU will provide a \$10 Food Lion gift card for the meat.

Put all items in a paper or reusable fabric grocery bag and place on Fellowship Hall stage.

If you can't do the shopping, we welcome donations for the gift cards. Make checks payable to UBC and earmark them for "Christmas Dinner in a Bag."

*FCCW — Fluvanna Correctional Center for Women



Wednesday, November 16

5:00 pm Supper: Turkey Paprikash
6:15 pm Program: Church Conference

Thanksgiving Meal Match

The Lorna Sundberg International Center at UVA is seeking community members to host one or more international guests for a Thanksgiving dinner. If you are interested in hosting, please register online by November 10.

WEDNESDAY, November 9

- 10:00 PBJ Women's Bible Study
- 5:00 Supper (Breakfast for Supper)
- 6:00 Prayer Time
- 6:00 Children's Activities
- 6:15 Missions Fair
- 7:10 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, November 10

- 9:30 Parent's Morning Out
- 12:00 Senior Luncheon in Staunton
- 10:30 Women's Prayer Group

SUNDAY, November 13

- 8:30 Welcome Service Team Mtg.
- 9:00 Fellowship
- 9:30 Seekers Bible Study
- 9:30 Joyful Servants Bible Study
- 9:45 Bible Study
- 11:00 Worship
- 12:30 Senior Minister Search Comm.
- 5:00 Evening Worship Service
- 6:00 Real Life
- 6:00 Jubilate Rehearsal

MONDAY, November 14

- 10:30 Bible Study at Rosewood
- 1:00 Staff Meeting

TUESDAY, November 15

- 9:00 UBC Work Team
- 9:00 Painting Group
- 12:15 WMU Executive Council Mtg.

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