

SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

July 23, 2017
11:00 am

Sermon:

“At the Edge of the Wilderness”
Rev. Will Brown

Scripture:

Genesis 28:10-19a

Anthem:

Who At My Door is Standing?

Deacons: *Johnny Ellen, Debra Bryant, Jim Moore, Lynda Tweel, Rachel Miller, Martha Ballenger
Nursery Workers: Aimee Marshall, Jennifer & Will Wagoner
Children’s Church: Shirley Clark, Joey Hamel
Ushers for July: Cindy Bryant, Shelley Miller, Lily Pallini, Ronda Wiley, Joe Zhu
Greeters: Bill & Barbara Murray
Medical On Call: Laurie Pallini

The Word

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Words From Will

The call came first from a nurse, and then from the chaplain’s office at the UVA Hospital. They were looking for a gathering place, a place for staff members to share stories and offer support to one another after the tragic death of a beloved friend and co-worker. They were looking into various meeting spaces in the hospital, but a conference room just wasn’t right. And then they thought of UBC.

The service was held last Thursday evening in our sanctuary, a time and place chosen so that hospital staff could walk over after their shift or during a dinner break. Many of them did. During the service, pain was voiced, hope expressed, and hugs shared. It was a time of healing and tearful encouragement, and while UBC’s role in the service was small—simply providing a space to meet—it was significant.

Occasions of this depth and magnitude are rightly called holy, and when people arrived at UBC last Thursday, they found doors opening into a holy space, hallowed by generations of prayer and worship. We often think of ministry as something that we *do* or *provide*, but some-

times ministry is as simple as opening our doors when circumstances cry out for holy ground.

A few years ago, when we began exploring what “hospital ministry” might look like, we didn’t know exactly what to expect, but we knew that the foundation for meaningful engagement with the hospital must be a relationship. This relationship has deepened with each tray of cookies and cards we’ve delivered to staff lounges, with each Touch-a-Truck event we’ve hosted together, and with each of the projects we’ve undertaken in the past few months: an OIAM project sewing wheelchair bags, a WMU/VBS collection of toys for hospitalized children, and our continuing involvement with the Hospitality House and Ronald McDonald House.

We continue to seek out ways we can extend the love of God to our neighbors at UVA. Please keep the ideas coming! But as we do so, let us also remember that while each of these projects is an act of ministry in itself, collectively they deepen our relationship with the hospital community so that on the hard days when a need does arise, our neighbors know that UBC will be here when they call.

~ Will



Church-wide Reception

Covered-Dish Supper

Wednesday, July 19

5:30 pm in Fellowship Hall

Please plan to join us in saying Farewell to **Gary Dalton** as our Minister in the Interim and to express our deepest thanks to him for his service to UBC in helping us to “cross the interim bridge.”

Newly-Elected Deacons

Debra Bryant	Jimmy Li
Sarah Buchanan	Scott Miller
Alan Hendricks	Lynda Tweel
Debby Johnson	

Congratulations to these Deacons who will begin serving a 3-year term in September.

Thank you to all who allowed their names to be placed on the ballot.

Thank you to the Deacons who will rotate off of active service in September:

Erin Brown, John Buchanan, Elva Ferguson, Larry Johnson, Brett Lissenden, Carolyn Lowry, Peter Ohlms.

Pray for our Deacons as they serve as spiritual leaders to the congregation.

Everyone is Invited to a Welcome Reception For The Tennant Family Sunday, July 30, in Fellowship Hall Following Worship

Our new Senior Minister, Matt Tennant, and his family will be joining us in Charlottesville in about two weeks. Matt’s first day in the office will be Monday, July 24, and his first Sunday in the pulpit will be July 30. Following worship on that day, there will be a reception and light refreshments in Fellowship Hall to welcome the Tennants to UBC.

Please Join Us!

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

Youth Mission Trip

A group of youth and adults from UBC will spend July 30-August 4 in Raleigh, North Carolina, doing urban mission projects at places like food banks, day-care centers, and nursing homes.

The mission trip is sponsored by Youth-Works. Each summer this organization provides life-changing Christ-centered mission trips for over 30,000 students and adult leaders in over 70 communities across North America.

Larry Johnson, Robby Gough, Kathy Wilson, Morgan Wagoner, and Sarah Wilson will accompany 15 youth on the trip (Emily, Jacob, Audrey, Kelly, Leah, Ismael, Joey, Zach, Taraneh, Javaneh, Carter, Lindsay, Chandler, Dean, and Eddy).

Note:
 All paperwork is due by July 30.

Kids' Picnic Brunch on the Lawn
 (across from The Corner)
Sunday, July 23, 9:30 am

Families, bring your own breakfast food and join us for brunch and lawn games before church.



Looking Ahead

Sunday, August 20, 9:45 am
 Family Worship Service

Sunday, August 20, 3:00 pm
 Church-wide Homemade Ice Cream Social

Sunday, August 27, 9:45 am
 Sunday Bible Study regular schedule resumes

Sunday, September 10, 11:00 am
 Installation service for Matt Tennant

THIS WEEK



WEDNESDAY, July 19

5:30 Covered-dish Supper Reception

THURSDAY, July 20

9:30 Pre-K Play Group

SUNDAY, July 23

9:00 Fellowship
 9:30 Kids' Picnic on the UVA Lawn
 9:30 Seekers Bible Study
 9:30 Joyful Servants Bible Study
 9:45 Bible Study
 11:00 Worship Service

MONDAY, July 24

1:00 Staff Meeting

TUESDAY, July 25

9:00 UBC Work Team
 9:00 Painting Group
 6:30 Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting

UBC Parking Lot Usage Changing Soon

Target Date: Tuesday, August 1

We anticipate entering an agreement with Piedmont Virginia Parking Center (PVPC) to ensure that **parking is always available and free for UBC's members and visitors while at the church building**, to provide additional revenue for general budget expenses, and to remove the burden of daily management of UBC's parking lots from the church staff. Additional information has been sent by email and postal mail to church members and associate members regarding the financial benefits this arrangement will afford our congregation.

Benefits for UBC:

- **Ensure more weekday parking is available and free for church members and visitors attending activities at the church building.**
- **Generate regular revenue for the general budget expenses of UBC.**
- Replace the unintentional "free public first come, first parked" weekday parking with hourly paid parking.
- Set aside a limited number of spaces to offer discounted monthly weekday parking rates for active UBC members and associate members and competitive monthly rates for nonmembers.
- Remove the task of parking lot management from clergy and support staff.

How This Will Be Done:

- Piedmont Virginia Parking Center (PVPC) will reline and number all parking spaces.
- PVPC will install two payment boxes, one for each parking lot.
- PVPC will daily monitor the parking lots to collect hourly parking payments, arrange towing as needed, and interact with owners whose vehicles are towed.
- PVPC will administer monthly parking, providing discounted rates for active UBC members and associate members and competitive rates for all others.
- PVPC and UBC will divide the proceeds of all hourly and monthly parking fees.

How UBC's Parking Needs Will Be Guaranteed:

- All vehicles with current or newly issued UBC parking stickers may park **free at any time on any day** while attending services, meetings, special events, etc., at the church building.
- Weekday visitors to the church building will receive free parking passes for their vehicles while parked in the church parking lots.
- During all Sunday worship services, Wednesday evening programs, weddings, funerals, or special events open to the public, all parking will be free and the payment boxes will be covered to avoid any confusion of whether payment is expected.
- PVPC will continue to provide free parking in the 14th Street Garage for UBC on Sundays and Wednesday evenings and for events such as funerals.