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## Jazz Vespers Returns

## WATCH

This Friday, January 24, the UBC Jazz Vespers service will be back at 5:30pm. You do not want to miss it. Much of what people appreciated about the worship services will remain, but we've made a few changes that we hope will improve your experience.

First, we moved the service to Friday. By having it at 5:30 on Friday, people can come to worship, hear great jazz, and already be at UVA's Corner to go out for dinner. We are offering extended childcare, so parents can drop their kids in the nursery, enjoy Jazz Vespers, and go out to dinner—all with complimentary childcare.

Second, each month, we will have a clearly defined theme. This month, the theme is service. Through the music, we will look at the ways God calls us to serve. This idea of serving one another is central to life in Christ. In Romans 12:10, we read, "Be devoted to one another in love." We will explore what it means to serve, to allow others to serve us, and to give ourselves to God. This theme comes the night before we will gather in the Fellowship Hall to set up for PACEM. PACEM is the ministry of hospitality to our unhoused neighbors. During these cold nights, unhoused people have a warm place to stay. PACEM is one example of service.

Third, we will have more jazz-versions of familiar hymns. This month, you will hear several hymns from our hymnal: "Here in the Place" (#401), "Jesus Calls Us" (#720), and "Though I May Speak" (#693). We hope that this allows people to

## SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

Sunday, January 26, 2025

11:00 AM

### Sermon:

Liberated for Joy

Dr. Matthew Tennant

### Scripture:

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

### Anthem:

*Thy Perfect Love* by Rutter

*Many Gifts, One Spirit* by Pote

## SUNDAY SERVICE

**Deacon:** Laura Morris

**Ushers:** Tom & Sylvie Moore

**College Dinner:** Click [here](#) to sign up to provide a dinner for our college students.



## Mark Your Calendars!

Jazz Vespers is returning from January through April!

Join us on the fourth Friday of the month (January 24) at 5:30 in the Sanctuary for a return of Jazz Vespers.

We will be offering extended childcare that will cover the service plus an additional 90 minutes to allow parents to go out and grab a bite to eat.

experience the music in a richer way and find a deeper meaning as a participant.

Finally, our own Bobby Gregg is leading the band, and my son Dean Tennant will be playing piano. If you have been to one of the Vespers last year, you will remember Ben Eisenberg on the drums and Joseph Nichols on the bass. There might be some additional instrumentalists, too.

You will not want to miss Jazz Vespers this Friday, January 24, at 5:30pm in the sanctuary. I hope to see you there.

Peace,  
Matt



Join us tomorrow, Wednesday, January 22 for dinner at 5:30 and then beginning at 6:00, we'll have a Town Hall Budget Presentation while the children attend UBCKids Choir.

Childcare is always available.

Our menu will be:

*Roasted Honey Garlic Shrimp*  
*Seasoned Rice*  
*Stir Fry Veggies*  
*Chili Lime Cabbage Slaw*  
*Dessert*

Click [here](#) to RSVP.

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



*Annual Giving Statements*

Year-end giving statements are coming out this week. These will be printed and mailed. If you do

not receive yours or have questions, please let [Amanda](#) know.

## CALENDAR

### WEDNESDAY, January 22

9:00 Work Team  
10:00 PBJ Bible Study  
5:30 Wednesday Night Dinner  
6:00 Budget Presentation  
6:00 UBCKids Choir  
7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

### FRIDAY, January 24

5:30 Jazz Vespers

### SATURDAY, January 25

9:00 PACEM Set-up

### SUNDAY, January 26

8:30 JARC  
9:30 ESOL/Seekers Class  
9:45 Sunday Morning Bible Study  
11:00 Morning Worship  
12:00 College Bagel Brunch  
4:30 Jubilate Rehearsal  
6:00 College Dinner

### MONDAY, January 27

12:30 Missions Council Meeting

### TUESDAY, January 28

6:30 Prayer Shawl Group  
7:00 Voces Laetae Rehearsal

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



### Flowers Bring Great Joy!

If you would like to dedicate flowers for a special remembrance or celebration, please contact [Linda](#)

[in the Church Office](#) to reserve your specific date to have flowers placed in the Sanctuary during worship.

Available Sundays in 2025 include **January 26; February 2, 9, 16, 23; March 9, 23 and April 6, 27.**

Also, if you delight in working with flowers and enjoy the beauty they provide during UBC worship services, consider joining the Floral Team. We can always use more workers.



## PACEM at UBC Begins Soon!

On Saturday, January 25, at 8:00 am, we will begin our two weeks of offering shelter and food to people in our area without homes. We will host approximately 40 people each night by providing them with a warm meal and a safe place to sleep.

We need your help! Below are links to the forms you can use to sign up to help set up the Fellowship Hall, donate (snacks, breakfast items, or gift cards), wash towels, or help clean up the Fellowship Hall.

[Breakfast/snack donations sign up](#)

[Volunteer opportunities sign up](#) (laundry, cot set up and take down)

Additionally, we will be collecting donations of:

Toothbrushes (individual, no multi-packs)

Toothpaste (travel size)

Tissues (travel packs)

Lip balm

Shaving cream (travel size)

Razors

Hand lotion (travel size)

Combs

Deodorant

Foot powder

Reading glasses

Mints

Cough drops

Journals/notebooks

Heavy, dark socks (adult men)

Hand warmers

Winter hats

Underwear (men's L, XL, or 2XL)

Plain white T-shirts (men's L, XL, or 2XL)

Washcloths

## Prayer Requests\*

Jack & Jo-Ann Averill

Colleen Baber

Tony & Patti Barretta

Alba & Pam Beasley

Clara Brown

Leon & Nancy Castle

Herman & Gayle Eaker on the loss of Gayle's brother

David & Linda Hendon

Doc Litchfield

Carolyn Lowry & Family on the loss of her brother

Mary Ella McCauley & son Rob

Edith Parker

Kaylee Risell

Melvin & Mildred Spicer

Bob & Joyce Tennant

Barbara Weber

Jack & Anne Wilkerson

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



2025 VBS  
July 21 - 25

New or gently used adult sized backpacks or duffel bags

If you'd like to learn more about the work PACEM does in Charlottesville, click the link below.

<https://pacemshelter.org>

Thank you for your generosity as we care for and love our neighbors.

Any questions? Please reach out to [Laura Morris](#), [Katherine Hamel](#), or [Jennifer Waggoner](#)



### Help Support the UVA Community Food Pantry!

This February marks the 35th annual Souper Bowl of Caring. Each year, UBC members participate in this national fundraiser with proceeds benefitting local

food banks. This year, the UVA Community Food Pantry will benefit from Souper Bowl events hosted by Care & Support Services.

How can UBC participate in this support of our community at UVA? By eating Chipotle! On Saturday, February 1 between 5-9 PM, show [this flyer](#) while checking out at the Chipotle at Barracks Road shopping center, or enter the code at the bottom for online orders. 25% of event sales will be donated to the UVA Community Food Pantry (must show flyer for your purchase to count in the fundraiser). Grab another UBCer that you haven't seen in a while and catch up over a burrito!

Questions can be directed to Val Fisk ([gdt6aq@virginia.edu](mailto:gdt6aq@virginia.edu)) or the offices of Care & Support Services at UVA (434-924-7133).



## Save the Date: UBC's 125th Anniversary Celebration

This year, University Baptist Church celebrates 125 years of ministry and service in Charlottesville and beyond!

Join us for a special  
Anniversary Celebration Weekend  
on October 11-12, 2025.

- Saturday, October 11: Banquet celebrating our history and looking to the future.
- Sunday, October 12: Worship celebration giving thanks for God's faithfulness.

We're inviting former ministers and members to join us and may need your help gathering contact information. Please share any details with the church office. Mark your calendars and pray with us as we honor our past and look forward to the future!

FOOD INSECURITY	CREATION CARE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rise Against Hunger</li><li>• Blue Ridge Area Food Bank</li><li>• UVA Community Food Pantry</li><li>• Loaves and Fishes</li><li>• Trailblazer bags</li><li>• Meals on Wheels</li><li>• Cook or buy food for a group</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Plant a tree</li><li>• Pick up trash in an area</li><li>• Clear a trail</li><li>• Volunteer at an animal rescue shelter</li><li>• Grow a community garden</li></ul>
HOMELESSNESS	MENTAL HEALTH
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• PACEM (January 25 - February 7)</li><li>• Habitat for Humanity</li><li>• The Haven</li><li>• Salvation Army</li><li>• Goodwill</li><li>• Make care package for homeless</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Alzheimer's Association Central &amp; Western Virginia</li><li>• Visit a senior residence or nursing home</li><li>• Read to elderly or disabled</li><li>• Bake treats for family in need of cheering</li></ul>



## Year-End Financial Update

January - December 2024

Contributions: \$572,163.91

Expenses: \$678,922.75



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

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

**Jan. 30:** Todd Minor

**Jan. 31:** Nancy Castle

**Feb. 4:** Alice Mahone, Joey Hamel

### Staff Contact Information:

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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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