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A Place  
at the Table

WATCH

After [my sermon last Sunday](#), I invited people to think about what God could be calling us to do. Elisha used a first fruits offering to feed 100 people. Jeremiah called for repentance while Haniah told everyone they didn't need to change. Amos condemned wealthy people who were oppressing poor people, and he called people to repent and live ethical lives. These and many other prophets invite people into radical lives in communion with God.

As Christ-followers, we respond to these prophetic voices and listen to what God calls us to do. Among the noise and clutter of twenty-first-century life, hearing the voice of the divine can be a challenge. But if we listen, we can hear the one who calls us to a new life. God is still speaking. In Psalm 91:15, we read that the Lord says, "When they call to me, I will answer them."

Rise Against Hunger is an example of the kind of profound out-of-the-box thinking God inspires. Yet, it's just one example. If God is still speaking, what is our next mission? On Sunday, I invited you to join me in listening for God's voice. What is the next *big* mission for UBC?

After worship, someone came up to me and told me, "I think I know what we're supposed to do." This person described a community meal, once per week, that would be open to everyone. It wouldn't matter if the person was rich or poor, young or old, or anything else, they would be

## SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

Sunday, August 4, 2024

11:00 AM

**Sermon:**

What is Truth?

Dr. Matthew Tennant

**Scripture:**

2 John 4-6

**Anthem:**

*Taste and See*

James E. Moore Jr.

## SUNDAY SERVICE

**Deacons:** Ray Gaines, Shirley Clark

**Ushers:** Herman & Gayle Eaker

**College Dinner:** Dinners will resume on Sunday, August 25. Click [here](#) to sign up to provide a dinner for our college students.

## Volunteers Needed



Sign up to help us give out ice cream each Wednesday! Click [this link](#) to add your name and join us any time between 10:30 and 11:30 to help set up and/or between 11:30 and 1:30 on

the front steps to serve the ice cream. This is a very popular outreach ministry of the church.

welcome. Students, elderly, homeless people, and professors could all gather around tables in our fellowship hall and enjoy a time of food and fellowship. The meal would happen on the same night each week, and we would serve food on that night no matter what. People would come to know that they could count on us.

This was the vision, and I feel honored this congregant shared it with me. In his voice, I could hear echoes of Elisha, Jeremiah, and Amos. In this seemingly small act of radical hospitality, I could envision a transformational experience for people in our city. However, even if I bless this endeavor and encourage this person, he cannot do it alone.

Does anyone else hear God's voice in this vision? It's a new idea and still taking shape. Yet, we have a fellowship hall. We have a kitchen. And, we have people. If others catch this vision of incredible hospitality, UBC can do it. With God, all things are possible (Matthew 19:26 and Mark 10:27).

If you feel called to get involved in a weekly meal or want to know more, contact me. Let's see where God takes this response to Sunday's worship.

Peace,  
Matt



### Our Pastor on WINA

Dr. Tennant was Jay James' guest on WINA's Morning News last Tuesday. He appears on WINA once per month to provide some commentary on the news from a faith perspective. This month he joined the program to discuss division in our country and relationships with law enforcement. In case you missed it, you can hear the interview at <https://cvillerrightnow.com/podcasts/pastor-matthew-tennant-3/>.

## CALENDAR

### WEDNESDAY, July 31

9:00 Work Team

### FRIDAY, August 2

10:30 Barbara Newlon Memorial Service

11:30 Memorial Reception

### SUNDAY, August 4

9:30 ESOL/Seekers Class

9:45 Sunday Morning Bible Study

11:00 Morning Worship

### MONDAY, August 5

1:00 Theology Reading Group

8:00 Youth Council Zoom

### TUESDAY, August 6

7:00 Kittie Colvin Trail

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

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### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

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

**Aug 7:** Ian Pallini

**Aug 8:** Donna Marshall, Alaysia Toney

**Aug. 9:** Shirley Wagoner

**Aug. 10:** Rachel Miller, Michelle Proffitt, Georgia Anne Wood

**Aug. 11:** Olivia Burgess

**Aug. 12:** Gayle Eaker

**Aug. 13:** Diane Woerner, Betty Barker

## Prayer Requests\*

Jack & Jo-Ann Averill

Tony & Patti Barretta

Alba & Pam Beasley

Clara Brown

Leon & Nancy Castle

Johnny & Gail Ellen

David & Linda Hendon

Larry & Lynn Martin

Sylvie Moore

Family & Friends of Barbara Newlon

Kaylee Risell

Melvin & Mildred Spicer

Raynell Stokes

Bob & Joyce Tennant

Barbara Weber

Jack & Anne Wilkerson

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

## Memorial Service for Barbara Newlon

A memorial service for Barbara Newlon will be held in the sanctuary on Friday, August 2, 10:30 am with a reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall. Please [click here](#), if you can help with the reception.

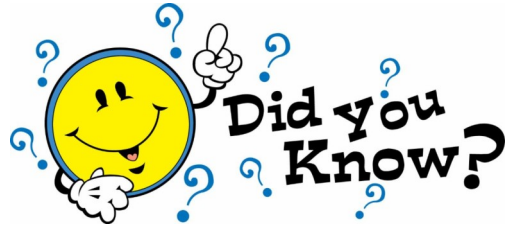


## Second Quarter Financial Update

January-June 2024

Contributions: \$227,610.23

Expenses: \$301,997.12



In worship each week, have you noticed that we have some readings from the lectern on the floor and other readings from the pulpit? The reason we have the Gospel reading from the floor each week is because we want it close to the congregation. By reading it from the floor, we put the Gospel among the people. It is the Word of God for the people of God. The other readings, announcements, prayers, sermon, and everything else come from the pulpit.



## SCHOOL SUPPLIES PROJECT

## WMU Woodbrook School Supplies and So Much More

In addition to purchasing more than a \$1000 worth of school supplies each fall, the WMU (Woman's Missionary Union) has also used your donations to supply gift cards for winter coats, buy dozens of backpacks, provided packages of new underpants, and second-hand pants for the school's emergency clothes closet, bought many pairs of tennis shoes, belts, soap and deodorant, and individually packaged snack items for the Woodbrook Family Support Workers to give to students when needed. We check back with them throughout the school year to see if there are other things they may need. One winter, we provided gallons of hand sanitizer during a severe flu season. Please help us provide for the most underprivileged children in our community. Make your checks or online donations payable to UBC and earmark "school supplies."



We will not meet this week for dinner and a program. Next Wednesday, August 7, we will have dinner at 5:30 and a Town Hall beginning at 6:00. The agenda will include a mid-year financial review, BGAV update, and a Stewardship Committee update.

Click [here](#) to RSVP.

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### Dinner with Andrew

One of the members of our church family has been raising funds to address food insecurity every year since July 2001. On January 1, 2001, Colleen Baber's son Andrew choked on a gummy candy and did not survive. He had been working at Domino's Pizza at the time, and his coworkers wanted to do something to honor his memory. They chose a food drive which fit well with honoring Andrew because few people liked to eat more than he did. Thus, "Dinner with Andrew" began.

This year is the twenty-fourth year Colleen has been collecting donations in Andrew's memory. In 2020, she switched from collecting and sorting food to taking donations for food gift cards. She gives these cards to families in extreme need through The Jefferson Area Food Bank, The Salvation Army, The Emergency Food Bank, and ARC. We can help address food insecurity and be the hands and feet of Christ by supporting this ministry. You can contribute directly [through this link](#), or you can send a check to the church or give online with "Dinner with Andrew" in the memo line.

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### New Members!

On Sunday, July 21, we welcomed Amy Song & Alex Li into our family of faith. They are currently members of our ESOL class every Sunday morning and their daughter, Ivy, sings with our youth choir, Voces Laetae. Make sure to give them a warm welcome when you see them on Sunday mornings.

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### Sanctuary Flowers



Would you like to reserve sanctuary flowers in honor or in memory of a special person or occasion? Sunday flowers can be reserved for birthdays, anniversaries, or to commemorate other special occasions.

Please submit your request to include your name, the bulletin message, and the desired reservation dates to the [UBC office](#). A member of the Floral Committee will be in touch to confirm your dedication.

## 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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