

SERVICES OF HOLY WORSHIP

February 18, 2018
11:00 am

Sermon:

"Gut Check"
Rev. Rachel Johnson

Scripture:

Mark 1:9-15

Anthem:

The Cross — Courtney

Deacons: *Joe Zhu, Anne Keith, Debra Bryant, Jack Averill, Raynell Stokes, Scott Miller

Nursery Workers: Karen Minor, Diane Woerner, Laura Faye Groff, Jen Bates

Children's Church: Brent Wilson, Hunter Cooper

Ushers for February: Shirley Clark, Sally Chewning, Martha Wood, Joyce Martin, Jack Wilkerson

Greeters: Martha Ballenger, Brad Groff

Medical On Call: Sally Chewning

Matthew Tennant is away this weekend spending time with his family.

Called Church Conference

Wednesday March 7, 6:15 pm
Vote on the 2018 Budget

UBC's Worship Service Is Now Available LIVE Online!

Find the link on our homepage:
universitybaptist.org/

The weekly services are still available live on WINA 1070 AM and 98.9 FM and archived on the UBC website.



Thank You

The PACEM ministry at University Baptist Church is finished for now. During these past several weeks, approximately 1,000 volunteer hours were spent doing the wide variety of tasks required for this ministry. We appreciate your flexibility, generosity, compassion, time, and hard work. Please continue to pray for these men and the work of PACEM as they continue their journeys. A Thousand Thank You's!

— Laura, Jennifer, & Katherine
Your PACEM People

The Word

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On Watch

A Journey to the Cross

February 14 is extra special in 2018. Yes, it is Valentine's Day. But, it is also Ash Wednesday, the day that marks the beginning of Lent. Lent is the 40-day period (not including Sundays) before Easter. For many people, it is a period of fasting, moderation, and self-denial. However, these activities are not the purpose of Lent. The purpose is preparing for Easter.

In Matthew 6:16, Jesus says, "Whenever you fast, do not look dismal like the hypocrites." They fast for the purpose of fasting. They fast to make sure everyone knows they are fasting. Jesus warns against the hypocrisy of doing things for show. In our faith journeys, everything we do should have a reason. Doing something so that other people see us doing it is exactly what Jesus warned people about.

Lent is not about the fasting, moderation, or self-denial. Ash Wednesday is not about getting a little ashy cross on our foreheads. The season, and the day that begins the season, is about the glory of Easter. To get to Easter, we must prepare. We prepare by fasting. Fasting helps us take our eyes off the things of this world and focus on God. Modera-

tion is always a good practice. During Lent, it is especially meaningful because it serves as a reminder of our commitment to God.

The ashes of Ash Wednesday are not about the outward sign. They are not intended to be a banner to show others that we went to church on Ash Wednesday. They remind us of our mortality. "You are dust, and to dust you shall return" (Genesis 3:19). We begin Lent with the reminder that our bodies are mortal. This reminder marks the beginning of the journey to the cross and the empty tomb.

This year, Ash Wednesday falls on Valentine's Day, a cultural and commercial celebration of romance. In some ways, the two days stand in opposition to one another. One is about our mortality. The other is about love between two people. In other ways, they complement one another. Ash Wednesday is dying to oneself (Mark 8:35) and love often includes self-sacrifice. When we consider God's love for us, we see the ultimate act of self-sacrifice (John 3:16).

Peace,
~ Matt



Wednesday, February 14

6:15 pm

In the Sanctuary

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent. This meditative service offers space to reflect on our own brokenness and the brokenness of our world. We receive ashes to remember our mortality, and we share the Lord's Supper to remember that God has entered the brokenness of our world and brought hope.

Interactive Family Worship Service February 11, 2018



Welcome!



Our guest minister on Sunday, February 18, will be Rachel Johnson. She currently serves as Executive Minister of Communications at The Riverside Church in New York. Rev. Johnson holds a bachelor's degree from UVA and an MAR in Theology from Yale Divinity School.

Rachel has worked with churches, nonprofits, denominational groups, and political organizations to develop strategic outreach campaigns on a wide range of issues, including creation care and climate change, nuclear security, human rights, international development and peace building, domestic poverty, healthcare, and the intersection of faith in the public sphere.

We welcome Rev. Rachel Johnson to the pulpit this Sunday.

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

Thank You

Thanks so much for your caring concern regarding the death of my brother, Sam. It is comforting to know that so many people care.

— Tony Barretta

Our sincere thanks for your recent gift to UVA Children's Hospital. Your generosity helps to ensure the best in pediatric healthcare to every child who comes through our doors.

— Karen Rendleman

Exec. Director, UVA Health Foundation

(Gift was proceeds from Yarn Sale: over \$4,000)

Thank you for hosting our men's shelter the past two weeks. You are always gracious and accommodating. The men loved having "breakfast for dinner" to start and end their time with you.

— Adriana Nicholson
 PACEM Program Director

Donate Your Books

The Youth will be having a \$1 book sale soon (date to be determined) and are asking for donations of books, books, and more books. Collection boxes are located in the First Floor Lobby and in Fellowship Hall. Proceeds from the sale will benefit the Youth Summer Mission Trip.



PUT THIS ON YOUR CALENDAR!

OIAM 2018
 (Operation InAsMuch)
Saturday, May 5

This is University Baptist Church's own local mission outreach effort. It is a focused one-day, church-wide, hands-on ministry for the benefit of those within the Charlottesville area.

There will be projects for all ages, all interests, and all skill levels.

Sign-up Luncheon—Sunday, April 15
 Immediately after Worship

Plan to be a part of this ministry!

UBC 2018 Budget Schedule

Monday, February 19

Draft presentation to Church Council and Deacons

Copies of the proposed budget will be sent by mail or email to members of the congregation, and copies will be available on Sunday, February 25.

Wednesday, February 28, 6:15 pm

Presentation & Discussion of Proposed 2018 Budget (Congregation)

Wednesday, March 7, 6:15 pm

MEMBERS VOTE ON THE 2018 BUDGET

Backpack Mission Program

Every week we pack 17 backpacks for the Venable School Backpack Program to help students who receive free lunch at school during the week, but don't have enough to eat at home over the weekends. That comes to:

- ◆ 34 shelf-stable individual milks
- ◆ 34 breakfast food items
- ◆ 68 lunch/dinner items
- ◆ 34 snacks
- ◆ 34 individual juice items

Your ongoing donations of food and money help us meet this need every week. For a complete list of items go to: [The UBC Website](#)

Collection boxes are located in the First Floor Lobby and in Fellowship Hall.

NOTE:

The "Milk Shelf" is full for now.



Want to get a photo in the UBC Pictorial Directory?

Want to get a new photo in the Directory?

Pictorial Directory Photos Will be Taken Sunday, March 11 and 18

No Appointment Needed
 More details to come

TUESDAY, February 13

- 9:00 UBC Work Team
- 9:00 Painting Group
- 10:15 Staff Meeting
- 6:30 Prayer Shawl Ministry Mtg.

WEDNESDAY, February 14

- 10:00 PBJ Women's Bible Study
- 5:00 Supper (Spaghetti)
- 6:00 Prayer Time
- 6:00 Children's Mission Program
- 6:15 Ash Wednesday Service
- 7:10 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, February 15

- 9:30 Pre-K Play Group

SUNDAY, February 18

- 8:30 Finance Committee Meeting
- 9:00 Fellowship
- 9:30 Seekers Bible Study
- 9:45 Bible Study, ESOL Classes
- 11:00 Worship Service
- 6:00 Jubilate
- 6:00 Real Life

MONDAY, February 19

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

- 6:30 Deacons/Church Council Mtg.

TUESDAY, February 20

- 9:00 UBC Work Team
- 9:00 Painting Group
- 10:15 Staff Meeting
- 12:00 WMU Executive Committee

WEDNESDAY, February 21

- 10:00 PBJ Women's Bible Study
- 5:00 Supper (Meatloaf)
- 6:00 Prayer Time
- 6:00 Children's Mission Program
- 6:15 "Words Matter"- Lenten Study
- 7:10 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, February 21

5:00 Supper: Meatloaf, Green beans, Mashed potatoes

6:15 Program: "Words Matter" — Lenten Study

Want to put something on the church calendar?
CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE!

Have something to go in the newsletter?
SUBMIT IT BY NOON ON MONDAY!