The Word
March 6, 2018
UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH
CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA

On Watch
What is a ‘Lecture Series’?
In the fall of 2017, a generous donor gave money for University Baptist to create an academic lecture series. We decided to name the series after the beloved former pastor, Dick Myers. Now, the inaugural Richard E. Myers Lecture Series is only a few weeks away. And recently, I learned that some people do not know what an academic ‘lecture series’ is.

An academic ‘lecture series’ is an event at which a scholar presents some new research. In this case, Prof. Paul Fiddes and his wife Marion will travel from Oxford, United Kingdom, to Charlottesville and spend March 18-23 here. He will deliver three lectures about his research on Shakespeare and religion. The title of his series is “The Play’s the Thing: Shakespeare & Religion.”

The lectures will begin at 5:00 PM on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, March 20-22. The lectures have the following titles:
- March 20: A Midsummer Night’s Dream & Seeing with the Eyes of Love
- March 21: King Lear & Taking Death Seriously
- March 22: The Tempest & the Risks of Forgiveness

After a brief introduction, Prof. Fiddes will speak for approximately 50-60 minutes. Then, he will field questions for about 30 minutes. We will enjoy conversation during a reception with hors d’oeuvres after the lecture. This will be an opportunity to talk more informally about what we just heard.

After Prof. Fiddes returns to Oxford, he will likely incorporate our questions into his project. Then, University of Virginia Press will publish the series of lectures as a book. This is a unique opportunity to hear a world-class theologian present his latest research.

So, who is our first lecturer? Prof. Fiddes holds the title of Professor of Systematic Theology in the Faculty of Theology and Religion in the University of Oxford. He is Director of Research at Regent’s Park College, Oxford, where he was Principal from 1989 to 2007. He researches modern systematic theology; theology and literature; the impact of late-modern continental philosophy on literary theory and theology; and theology of culture. He is the author or editor of more than 25 books, and the author of more than 115 articles and book chapters. His most recent book is Seeing the World and Knowing God. Hebrew Wisdom and Christian Doctrine in a Late-Modern Context (Oxford University Press, 2013).

In 2017, Prof. Fiddes wrote his first work of fiction, A Unicorn Dies: A Novel of Mystery and Ideas. University Baptist is honored to host a launch of this book on Wednesday, March 21, at 11:00 am. Prof. Fiddes and I will each deliver short addresses. We are blessed to have the chance to gather with such a great thinker and hear where his research is going. Invite your friends, neighbors, colleagues, and anyone else who might be interested in Shakespeare and religion. If you would like a poster, please contact the church office. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to ask me.

Peace,
Matt

CBF National Missions Offering
During March, we are collecting contributions for National Missions. UBC is again designating our Easter offering to the work of Paula Settle, CBF Associate in Nada, Kentucky. This area is one of our nation’s 20 “pockets of poverty” identified by the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship over a decade ago. For more information about Paula Settle’s work through the CBF, go to http://www.thefellowship.info/Missions/Field-personnel/Settle.

Book Sale
March 7-14
All Books $1 Shop Any Time!

Use envelopes and deposit payments in the Church Office door.
Proceeds will go to help fund the Youth Summer Mission Trip and Youth Summer Fun.

Keep Donating Books!
Sympathy

Christian sympathy is extended to Betty Jenkins and Colleen Baber at the death of their son and brother, Ed Jenkins, on March 2.

Audio Operators Needed

Would you be interested in learning about operating our audio system and being a part of our team rotation for Sunday worship services?

Contact Robby Gough at 434-242-2413 or RHGough@embarqmail.com

The Audio Committee Needs You

Richard Myers Lecture Series
March 20-22
Presented by University Baptist Church
5:00 pm Reception to Follow

Prof. Paul Fiddes
University of Oxford

“The Play’s The Thing: Shakespeare & Religion”
3/20 A Midsummer Night’s Dream
3/21 King Lear
3/22 The Tempest

North American Book Launch

A Unicorn Dies by Paul S. Fiddes
A Novel of Mystery and Ideas

Wednesday, March 21
11:00 am in Fellowship Hall

Books are on sale in the Office for $8 and will be available at the Launch.

Vacation

Bible School
(No Afternoon Camp)
June 18-22 9:00 am to Noon

Seamore Zhu has a photography exhibit at Over The Moon Bookstore in Crozet. You are invited to a reception at the Zhu household on March 10, 3-5 pm. There will be a public reception at Over The Moon Bookstore, 5-7 pm.

Easter Lilies

We are now taking orders for Easter lilies to be placed in the sanctuary in memory or in honor of someone. Please place your order by contacting the Church Office and submitting a check payable to UBC for $8.00 per plant. The deadline for ordering is Monday, March 25.

Wednesday, March 14
5:00 Supper: Tilapia & Flounder fillets, Fries
6:15 Program: Lenten Study: “Words Matter” — Dr. Tennant

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.

OIAM 2018
( Operation In As Much )
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

Looking Ahead . . .

Palm Sunday Service
March 25, 11:00 am

Family Easter Egg Hunt
March 25, 11:00 am

Holy Week Services
Spy Wednesday, March 28, Noon
Maundy Thursday — March 29
Supper (5:00 pm) — Service (6:00 pm)
Good Friday, March 30, Noon

Easter Sunday Service
April 1, 11:00 am

Spring Break Outreach
Thursday, April 5, 10:00-11:30 am
& Intergenerational Lunch
Thursday, April 5, 11:30 am