

SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

April 22, 2018
11:00 am

Sermon:
"God's Love"
Dr. Matthew Tennant

Scripture:
1 John 4:16

Anthems:
Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing
— Young
Directed by Carl Beard

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need
— arr. Willberg
Directed by Len Willingham

Offertory — Beck
Directed by Michael Norris

Jubilate

Deacons: *Jennifer Wagoner, Debby Johnson, Jimmy Li, Larry Johnson, Michelle Proffitt, Raynell Stokes

Nursery Workers: Aimee Marshall, Catherine Cooper, Jacob Morris

Children's Church: Katherine & Joey Hamel

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

Greeters: Pam & Jim Hallissy

Medical On Call: Laurie Pallini

The Word

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On Watch

Significant Things

Last week, in this column, I asked, "What is the most important question in the world today?" The point of the question is to stimulate our thought. We can explore questions like this together. As we explore, we can invite other people to join the voyage of discovery with us.

The church is a place of significant things. We come to church at important times of life. We come for weddings and funerals. We experience baptism and celebrations. And, if we open our hearts, we can find God at church.

So, what is the most important question? How can we transcend those significant events (i.e. baptism or funerals) and experience transformation? This is a quest for meaning and relevance. What means the most to the most people? What question challenges everyone? What question has universal implications?

Ecclesiastes 5:1 says, "To draw near to listen is better than to offer the sacrifice of fools." Richard Foster talks about this "sacrifice of fools" in *Celebrating Discipline*. He writes, "The sacrifice of fools is humanly initiated religious talk" (p. 99). Instead of making a sacri-

fice of fools, we can seek true faith in God. Instead of human-focused religion, we can look for transformation. Asking about important questions and significant things is part of the journey toward transformation.

We are blessed and cursed with activities. In the last four weeks, we have hosted an academic lecture series and held multiple Holy Week worship services. There was a family work day. The pre-OIAM event at Community Bikes went wonderfully (and provided a witness for Christ in an unlikely place). The pre-OIAM flower arranging event ended with many beautiful arrangements to leave as gifts in a number of homes. We joined together for a world trade simulation to experience social (in)justice. Jubilate presented a Homecoming Concert, and we are only days from the 45th Jubilate Reunion Weekend!

Are all of these activities life-giving? Or, do we succumb to the temptation of organized religion? Do we veer dangerously close to a sacrifice of fools? The youth are planning an upcoming worship service and told me that they want something meaningful. I do too! Every week, worship should be meaningful and life-giving. Each activity should celebrate our risen savior and reflect God's light in the world.

Let us continue exploring significant things. Let us create a safe place to pursue these important questions. Other people will join us in our pursuit. Let us make an honest assessment of our activities. If we find one that is not life-giving or transformative, let us seek to recreate it or let it go. These are exciting times to join God's work in Charlottesville! I cannot wait to see where God leads us!

Peace,
~ Matt



Reunion Concert

Sunday, April 22, 2:00 pm

Reception Following

Free parking is available in the two UBC parking lots, at Stacey Hall, and in the 14th Street Parking Garage.

OIAM (Operation InAsMuch) Saturday, May 5

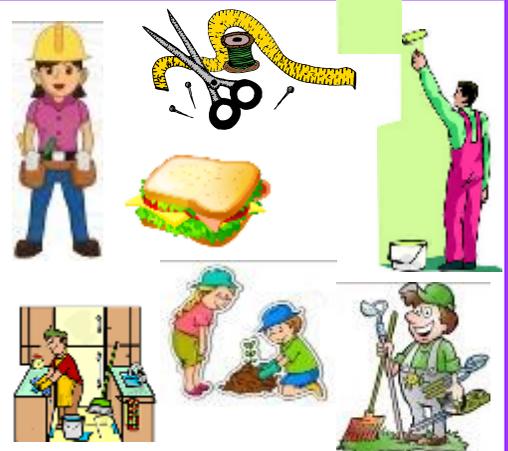
This is University Baptist Church's own local mission outreach effort. It is a focused one-day, church-wide, hands-on ministry for the benefit of those within the Charlottesville area. *There will be projects for all ages, all interests, and all skill levels.*

Sign up Now!

OIAM Early Project

Monday & Wednesday, April 30 and May 1, 9 am to 1 pm Scraping and priming two sides of a home on Meade Ave. Sign up for one or both days. Painting will be done on May 5. Questions? Contact Alan Hendricks at 434-989-9035 or t.alan.hendricks@gmail.com

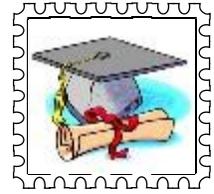
Early Project on April 14 for Charlottesville Community Bikes, a non-profit bicycle shop that recycles second-hand bikes and gives them away to children.



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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED



Sympathy

Christian sympathy is extended to the friends and family of Florence Linke, who died April 12.

Thank You

Thank you soooooo much for the lunch you brought for the workers at the Habitat work site April 4. Everyone was so appreciative. Thank you for making the lunches so nutritious — the clementines were delicious!

—Amy Allamong
Habitat Volunteer Coordinator

No Church Conference

Church Council voted to skip the regular Church Conference scheduled for April 18. There is no urgent business to bring to the church at this time, and everyone is very busy with current church activities.

The next regular Church Conference is scheduled for July 18. If a matter arises in the meantime, we will call a Church Conference.

Thank you for all you are doing to make our church a vibrant place of worship and service.

— Debra Bryant
Church Council Chair

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!

Wednesday, April 25

5:00 Supper: Pancakes, Sausage

6:00 Program: Conversation About Race

Impact's Nehemiah Action

Tuesday, April 24, 6:30 pm
Martin Luther King Performing Arts Center
(at CHS)

WMU Project For The UVA Children's Hospital

The WMU is collecting the following toys to be given to the patients at the hospital:

Play-Doh
Chapter Books
Small Lego Kits (for age 8+)
Bubbles

These are given to the children to keep, so there is always a need to replenish the supplies.

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

Flowers Bring Great Joy!

◆ If you would like to dedicate flowers for a special remembrance or celebration, contact Sarah Buchanan to reserve your special date to have flowers placed in the sanctuary during worship. (434-409-9064 or sarahbuchana@gmail.com)

Available dates: April 29; May 6, 20, 27; June 3, 17; and later in the summer and fall

◆ If you love flowers, enjoy arranging them, or want to learn how to arrange them, please contact Sarah Buchanan, and join us on the Floral Committee.

For Your Calendar

A Quiet Place to Study
May 2-11

Youth Sunday
May 6

Variety Show
Wednesday, May 16, 6:00

Cookout (at the church)
Wednesday, May 23, 5:00

Church Picnic
Sunday, June 3

Vacation Bible School
June 18-22, 9:00 am to Noon
Info and registration at:
universitybaptist.org/vbs

Attention, All 2018 Graduates!

Please let the Church Office know if you are graduating this spring from



high school or college
or graduate school.

We want to include the names in our recognition in The Word.

Parents, let us know about your graduates as soon as possible.

Senior Sunday at UBC is May 6.
During the worship service, we will recognize all graduating seniors.

This Week

WEDNESDAY, April 18

10:00 PBJ Bible Study
5:00 Supper (Chef's Buffet)
6:00 Prayer Time
6:00 Children's Activities
6:15 Conversation About Race
7:10 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, April 19

9:30 Pre-K Play Group

SUNDAY, April 22

9:00 Fellowship
9:30 Seekers Bible Study
9:45 Bible Study, ESOL Classes
11:00 Worship Service
2:00 Jubilate Reunion Concert
Reception Following
6:00 Real Life—Youth

MONDAY, April 23

10:30 Bible Study at Rosewood

TUESDAY, April 24

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

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