

SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

June 17, 2018
11:00 am

Sermon:

"He Knows Your Name"
Rev. Jack Averill

Scripture:

Luke 13:10-17

Deacons: *Ed Smith, Anne Keith, Jennifer Wagoner, Larry Johnson, Lynda Tweel, Lynne Gardner

Nursery Workers: Judy Gough, Colleen Baber, Emily Morris

Children's Church: Scott Miller, Carter Groff

Ushers for June: Cindy Bryant, Shelley Miller, Lily Pallini, Ronda Wiley, Joe Zhu

Greeters: Barbara Fuller, Wellford Tiller

Medical On-Call: Sally Chewing

Dr. Matthew Tennant and Barbara Taylor Moore are away this week spending time with their families.

JARC Discussions

(Joint Administrative Review Committee)

About Revisions to the UBC Constitution and By-Laws

Sunday, June 17

12:15 pm, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, June 27

6:00 pm, Fellowship Hall

JARC would like to thank everyone who has provided feedback by email, in person, and at the discussion session on Sunday. We had an excellent discussion on a variety of subjects, including the process for selecting team leaders, the workload of Church Council, the elimination of the Associate Member category, the church's Mission Statement, and our use of Robert's Rules for parliamentary procedure.

Based on the input we have heard, we have made a few minor changes already and are considering several others. After this Sunday's discussion session, we will send out an updated draft of the revisions under consideration. As always, please let us know of any concerns, questions, or suggestions.

*Will Brown,
Shirley Clark, Jim Hallissy,
Alan Hendricks, Amanda Ohlms*

*Peace,
~ Matt*

WE NEED



for Vacation Bible School.

If you have some to spare, please drop them off at church on or by Sunday, June 17.

Thank you!

The Word

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UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA

On Watch

Being Visitor-Friendly (& Acronyms)

Last week, I asked everyone to think about their first experience in church. The exercise is aimed at helping us become a more welcoming congregation. It is not a criticism of how welcoming we are. It is the recognition that we can improve. We can be friendlier. We can draw people in, get them involved, and expand our family of faith. When we do, everyone benefits.

We have many visitors come through our sanctuary on Sundays. Some are in Charlottesville for a short time. Others have moved here and are shopping for a new church home. Some might be checking church out for the first time, or others might be recovering from a bad church experience. What can we do to be more visitor-friendly? How can we make them feel welcome?

A visitor-friendly church is free of insider jargon and acronyms. At this point, any good feeling that we are already welcoming should fade. We have insider jargon. We have acronyms. If we need to hand someone a codebook to understand our worship or church life, we are doing it wrong. There will always be church-words, like grace, faith, mercy, and Holy Trinity. (The last one remains a mystery for many life-long church-going Christians!)

A person should feel drawn into the UBC family without needing a 400-level course on the church. 1 Corinthis

ans 14:33 says, "God is a God not of disorder but of peace." We all want to share God's love and grace. To us, the church makes sense. The challenge is to see it with fresh eyes and assess what obstacles there are to sharing God's grace.

How long would it take a first-time visitor to figure out what the following sentence means? *After JARC, we will have VBS, and a new group will lead PACEM but OIAM will still have the same coordinator.* To a new member, it appears nonsensical. For some members, it is unintelligible.

We can look at each part of our church life and analyze its visitor-friendliness. Put on fresh eyes and imagine how someone who is new might see something. Take a Sunday worship bulletin. Go through it. If you did not have a sense of worship flow, would you be able to follow it?

When you see a new person, say, "I'm so glad you are here. As a church, we are trying to be more visitor-friendly. Has anything been confusing this morning or did not make sense?"

Most people will say, "Thank you," and "Everything makes sense."

But, you can get lucky! Someone could answer and tell you something that does not make sense. If so, tell a minister. Try to figure out a way to make whatever was confusing clearer. Ask the person, "How can we do better?"

We all want to be a visitor-friendly church. We all want to be welcoming. Wanting it is not the same as making honest assessments and finding ways to improve.

God loves every person very, very much. Let us find a way to communicate that love to every person in our community.

Vacation Bible School

June 18-22

9:00 am to Noon

For kids who have completed K-5th grade

*Bring your Friends, Neighbors,
Acquaintances, Cousins, Grandchildren,
Nieces, and Nephews!!!*

Babylon
Daniel's Courage in Captivity

Info and registration at:
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Thank You

Thank you for sending one of your OIAM teams to the Haven. There are so many behind-the-scenes tasks involved in keeping The Haven a beacon of hope, hospitality, and housing in the community; and we are so grateful for any and all help. Thank you for your support.

— *Stephen Hitchcock*, Director
 — *Steve Mc Nerney*, Board Chair
 The Haven



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Summer Schedules

Wednesday Night Potluck Suppers and Programs

June 27 — JARC Discussion
 July 18 — Youth Mission Trip Report
 August 1 — Church Conference
 (vote on JARC recommendations)

Weekly Supper and Programming resume August 29

Rosewood Bible Study

Monday, July 2
 Monday, August 6

Led by Dr. Matthew Tennant
 Weekly Study will resume Sept. 10

Sunday Morning Bible Study

- ESOL Classes continue
- Joint Adult Class
 Room 117
 Video Series, “The Old Testament” with Amy-Jill Levine
- Other Adult Classes will not meet
- Preschool, Children, and Youth will not meet

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. (sarahbucha@gmail.com) or 434-409-9064) Available Sundays: June 17 and July 15, 22, 29 and many dates 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.



Look for the Recycling Bins!

Youth

June 24

Tubing Trip on the James

July 8-13

Mission Trip to Tangier Island

Sunday Bible Study and Real Life will not meet during the summer.



WEDNESDAY, June 13

6:30 NO Rehearsal
 7:00 NO Rehearsal

THURSDAY, June 14

9:30 Parent’s Morning Out

SUNDAY, June 17

8:30 Finance Committee Meeting
 9:45 Combined Adult Bible Study
 9:45 ESOL Classes
 11:00 Worship Service
 12:15 JARC Discussion
 6:00 Youth — Real Life

MONDAY, June 18

9:00 Vacation Bible School
 6:30 Deacons’ Meeting

TUESDAY, June 19

9:00 Vacation Bible School
 9:00 UBC Work Team

WEDNESDAY, June 20

9:00 Vacation Bible School
 6:30 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
 7:00 Summer Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, June 21

9:00 Vacation Bible School

FRIDAY, June 22

9:00 Vacation Bible School