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THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

Souper Bowl of Caring Collection

Each year on Super Bowl Sunday we also observe the Souper Bowl of Caring. At the conclusion of the worship service, youth from our church will be collecting money to go toward hunger relief in our community.

Funds raised this Sunday will be sent both to the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank and to our own congregation's efforts to relieve hunger through the Venable Backpack Program.

Thank you for your support!



PACEM at UBC
There is Still Time to Help!
January 26- February 9

Check the sign-up board for ways you can help.

We could still use donations of the following:

- Small containers of shaving cream
- Small containers of lotion
- Chapstick
- Notebooks & composition books

Get more information or volunteer by contacting Laura Morris, Jennifer Wagoner, Katherine Hamel, or the church office.

Pray for our PACEM guests, staff, and volunteers.

*** PLEASE NOTE ***
WEDNESDAY
NIGHT DINNER
WILL BE SERVED AT
5 pm THIS WEEK &
NEXT

SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP February 3, 2019

Sermon:
"Living Water"
Dr. Matthew Tennant

Scripture:
John 4. 1-42

Anthem:
"There Shall Be Rivers of Living
Water"
~ Arr. Karen Marroli

Deacons:
Ed Smith, Brad Groff, Jimmy Li, Laura
Faye Groff, Lynda Tweel, Nelda
Vaughan, Rachel Miller, Ray Gaines

Nursery Workers: Laura Faye Groff,
Mary Jo Hendricks

Children's Church: Erin Brown, Vito
Pallini

Ushers for February: Ian Pallini,
Ed Barker, Melvin Spicer, Mildred
Spicer, Ron Tweel

Greeters: Ray Kauffman/Sue Sears,
Scott Morris

Medical On-Call: Sally Chewing

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, January 30

5:00 Supper (Ham, macaroni &
cheese, greens)
6:30 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, January 31

8 pm Undergraduate Bible Study

SUNDAY, February 3

8:30-9:30 Church Council Meeting
9:30 Seekers Bible Study
9:45 Bible Study, ESOL Classes
11:00 Worship Service
6:00 Youth "Real Life" (not meeting)

Save the Date UPCOMING EVENTS

Myers Lecture Series - Feb 26-28
Music Suite - 5:00pm - 6:30pm
"Can a Fractured Nation Make
Peace? Facing History & our Deepest
Conflicts" by Marie Griffith

The Richard E. Myers Lecture series
is sponsored by University Baptist
Church & the University of Virginia
Dept of Religion.
A time for questions & answers & a
reception will follow the lecture.



Concerns

Martha Williams - Who is at
Albemarle Health & Rehab

Jack Averill - Who is at UVA
Emcompass (no visitors please)

Thank you!

I would like to sincerely thank everyone who has helped make these last few weeks easier for my entire family. The cards and prayer grams have held much appreciated messages. The food that was delivered on Friday along with what we were able to bring home from the reception was more than enough to feed the 28 family members who came to my house Saturday afternoon. The service was beautiful, and my mother would have loved everything. Thank you all so very much. ~ Colleen Baber

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

ON WATCH

Being Stewards of a Sacred Space

Sometimes sarcasm is funny. Someone came into the church office on Monday evening, sighed, and said, "I sure wish this building would get some use."

It was funny because the church was FULL of people. The place was buzzing. On Monday night, God's house at 1223 West Main Street had the following:

- Temporary housing for 49 homeless guests (PACEM)
- A free income tax preparation service with 10 volunteers and multiple clients (United Way)
- The Jeffersonland Chorus – a barbershop singing group
- Nia – a yoga/dance class for people connected with the UVA Cancer Center.

Monday night felt as though the church was what we want it to be. By this, I mean that God has blessed us with a fantastic facility. Letting it sit empty, like so many church buildings do, would be to squander one of our talents.

In the Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25:14-30), Jesus is describing the kingdom of heaven. The essence of the story is the following: A master trusts his servants with his property while he is away on a journey. Two take what they have, invest it, possibly take some risks, and increase it. One buries it, takes no risks, and hopes the master is happy with this cautious approach.

Our building is a talent. We can bury it, try to keep it safe, and hope that God (our master) is happy with a cautious approach. Or, we can invite people to use the facility. We can invest in it and take risks like inviting homeless people to sleep in the fellowship hall. When we make investments and take calculated risks for God's glory, we can have faith that God will bless what we have and increase it.

We are already inviting people into the building. On Monday evening, there were over one hundred people scattered throughout. We can invite them to go deeper. We can invite them to experience God's grace and encounter Christ. We can invite them to worship and Bible study. Being good stewards of our sacred space means hosting others and revealing Christ to them.

What a blessing it is to have people in God's house! ~ Peace, Matt

UPCOMING FAMILY EVENTS

Sunday, February 10: Tubing at Wintergreen

Youth and families will head to Wintergreen after church to go tubing! Tubing is for kids at least 42 inches tall; younger children and a parent can enjoy an alternative Wintergreen adventure. To sign up, contact Erin or Will Brown.

Sunday, February 24: Interactive Family Worship Service

At 9:45, all youth, kids and parents will meet in the children's suite for a worship service with stories, songs and plenty of hands-on activities.

June 17-21: Vacation Bible School!!

For 4-year-olds through 5th graders - all are welcome! Mark your calendars and invite your neighbors :) Registration will be available beginning in April.

Any Changes?
Have you recently changed:
Your address?
Your phone number?
Your email?

Please let Pheobe in the Church Office know of any changes so that we can keep our records up to date. (pbrown@universitybaptist.org)



UBC Cancellation Policy

In the event of bad winter weather, announcements of any cancellations or changes in worship or church activities will be made on our local TV stations; Radio AM WINA 1070 and FM 98.9, ESPN AM 1450, FM WVTF 89.7, Z95.1, 3WV 97.5, and The Corner 106.1; and on the home page of our website. We will make an announcement usually no later than 8 am Sunday or 1 pm for Wednesday evening activities.