

# THE WORD

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## THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

### UPCOMING EVENT

Richard E. Myers Lecture Series – Feb 26-28  
Music Suite - 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm  
Prof. Marie Griffith

Can a Fractured Nation Make Peace?  
Facing History and Restoring Our Deepest Values

Countless political and social conflicts in America during recent decades have hinged on divergent ways of telling the nation's history and describing the values we share in common. Particular disparities appear between different ways of talking about the legacies of slavery and racism, the dehumanizing treatment of native Americans and immigrants, and the bitter struggles over sexuality, women's rights, and religious liberty. In this era of extreme polarization and deep fracturing within American Christianity as well as U.S. politics, can we cultivate a sense of shared history and a shared future that is truthful about the nation's past and united in honoring the values that will guide its future? These lectures take on these difficult subjects with an eye toward restoring such values as truthfulness, empathy, conscience, and compromise, so as to foster a bearable peace.

Lecture 1: Legacies of Slavery: The Value of Truthfulness

Lecture 2: Welcoming the Stranger: The Value of Empathy

Lecture 3: Sex and Religious Liberty: The Values of Conscience and Compromise



Welcome new member Sarah Ames!  
Sarah is a student at UVA.

### UVA Professor Helps Cancer Patients, Survivors Relieve Stress through Writing

Posted: Jan 30, 2019 5:30 PM EST  
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UBC is helping in this wonderful effort by hosting the Whistle Words Writing Workshop program in our building beginning March 1st.

For more information go to:  
[www.whistlewords.org](http://www.whistlewords.org)



Thank You

Thank you for your kind and tender words of comfort following my father's death. Your prayers and notes were so welcome and very much appreciated during a sad time for our family.

~ Tom and Sylvie Moore

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

### SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP February 10, 2019

Sermon:  
"Trusting Jesus"  
Dr. Matthew Tennant

Scripture:  
Psalm 138

Anthem:  
"God's Promises"  
~ Arr. Schmidt

Deacons:  
Donna Marshall, Bill Jesser, Carolyn Lowry, Ed Lowry, John Buchanan and Sarah Buchanan

Nursery Workers: Laura Faye Groff, Mary Jo Hendricks

Children's Church: Shirley Clark and Vito Pallini

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

Greeters: Pam Hallissy, Jim Hallissy

Medical On-Call: Sally Chewing

### CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, February 6  
5:00 Supper (Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, peas)  
6:30 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, February 7  
8 pm Undergraduate Bible Study

SATURDAY, February 9  
8 am PACEM Cot Removal

SUNDAY, February 10  
9:30 Seekers Bible Study  
9:45 Bible Study, ESOL Classes  
11:00 Worship Service  
6:00 Youth "Real Life"

TUESDAY, February 12  
12 pm - 1 pm Annie Armstrong Circle

### SOMETHING NEW JUST FOR YOU

#### SECOND SUNDAYS

Every second Sunday beginning this week, February 10th, 3rd through 6th graders are welcome to join Erin Brown after the Children's Sermon for an alternate worship experience designed specifically for them!

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

# BY THE NUMBERS UBC COMMUNITY AID

By Laura Faye Groff

Over the next 11 weeks, students from UVA's Madison House will be using our building three nights a week preparing tax returns through the Cville Tax Aid program. Cville Tax Aid is a partnership led by the United Way - Thomas Jefferson area that provides free tax preparation services to households with incomes of \$55,000 per year or less. Last year the Coalition prepared more than 2600 returns with an economic impact of over 3.9 million dollars received in credits, refunds and saved preparation fees. Since 2007, over 19,000 returns have been prepared.

One of our main partners is the UVA Community Credit Union which prepare returns at six locations throughout Charlottesville and the surrounding counties. In addition, in Charlottesville we have 4 sites that operate completely with volunteers from the Madison House student led program. In September, Madison House holds interviews for preparers and starts an intensive training program from October through January, and operate sites from January 28th until April 15th. This year, there are over 240 IRS trained and certified preparers from this program.

I have been blown away by the level of commitment and dedication I've observed. They commit many many hours of time, training in the months preceding tax seasons, and a minimum of 4 hours per week as a preparer. Our site coordinators and two co-program directors commit to a lot more than that, starting to plan as soon as one tax season ends! It's more than I could ever imagine doing as a UVA student. I've also been blessed to see the connections they build with their clients during a stressful and confusing time. They are truly building community in this process.

As for the clients, the average income last year for our returns was \$25,000. These represent mostly working families that are our neighbors. The program ensures that the return they file is accurate, timely, and that all credits available by law are included in their return. Families use credits received on their returns to pay bills, buy groceries and otherwise catch up on expenses that a low income wage does not cover in a very high income place to live.

Last fall we learned that a site the program had used for years adjacent to the Medical Center was no longer going to be available. This site was near the hospital and convenient for hospital employees. This was a huge loss to this population that relies on this service. I ran the idea by the staff of the church and immediately got a response of "Yes, we can do this!".

Last week, Madison House Volunteers prepared 14 returns on 3 nights of operation. On Monday we had 14 additional appointments!

I am thrilled that when asked UBC stepped up to the plate to host this mission without hesitation. Without safe warm locations that welcome us, Cville Tax Aid would not be able to operate. With the help of UBC and a warm welcome, we anticipate being able to help even more members of our community in this critical mission.

## 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](mailto:pbrown@universitybaptist.org))



LIKE TO SING?  
THE CHOIR WOULD LOVE  
YOUR COMPANY!

ALL ARE WELCOME

Join us for practice every  
Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm  
in the Music Suite.