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Collegiate Ministry Update from Daniel Harper

During the November 20 Church Conference, the Collegiate Ministry Task Force (CMTF) reported its recommendation that UBC hire a new minister whose primary responsibility is collegiate ministry. We shared research about successful collegiate ministries at other churches in Charlottesville and at other Universities. The task force believes that for a collegiate ministry at UBC to be successful it must be one of our signature ministries, have congregational support, and be the primary responsibility of a new minister. This recommendation was passed to the Finance and Personnel Committees to develop a plan for hiring a new minister starting in July of 2020. This plan will be presented as part of the budget during the January Church Conference.

One of the major questions that has been asked in this process is how are we going to pay for a new minister. To help answer this question, and to provide an overview of the church's overall financial position, the Wednesday night program on January 15 will be an informational session on the church's finances and how a new minister would fit into our finances. I hope that this session will be helpful in answering your questions regarding how we will pay for a new minister. Thank you for all of your comments and questions about collegiate ministry, and please continue to provide feedback. I encourage you to continue to pray for the church as we discern if this is the path God is calling us to take, and I hope to see you at the informational session on January 15.

Daniel Harper

SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

December 22, 2019
11:00 AM

Sermon:

"Joseph, Joe & God's Persistent Peace"

Dr. Matthew Tennant

Scripture:

Matthew 1:18-25

Anthems:

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"
arr. Forrest

"See Amid the Winter's Snow"
arr. Forrest

"Angels, We Have Heard on High"
arr. Courtney

Deacons: Shirley Clark, Gary Wood, Rachel Miller, Erin Brown, Scott Miller, Ed Smith

Children's Church: Donna Marshall, Carter Groff

Ushers for December: Cindy Bryant, Shelly Miller, Lily Pallini, Ronda Wiley, Barry Willard

Greeters: John Buchanan, BJ Blincoe

Service for Trip Kauffman

Please continue to pray for the Kauffman family after the tragic death of Trip last Wednesday. A service will be held at Charlottesville Catholic School, where Trip was a student, at 12:30pm this Friday, December 20.

Sunday Bible Study Schedule

- **Dec. 22:** Most Sunday Bible Study classes will meet as normal. However, the Kairos, ESOL, and Youth Classes are not meeting.
- **Dec. 29:** ESOL classes meet. Other classes not meeting.
- **Jan. 5:** Classes resume

Thank you for everyone who has donated for Dinner in a bag!

46 dinners in a bag have been delivered to Love INC as of today. The dinner bags will be distributed to local families in need. Thank you all for your generosity in providing this blessing to families in our community.



No Wednesday dinner & program until Jan. 15, 2020
See you then!

2020 Offering Envelopes

If you need customized 2020 offering envelopes printed with your name, please contact Jane at jkim@universitybaptist.org

Pledges for 2020

You can still send a pledge card to the church office by mail or put it in the offering plate on Sunday.

Hymnals for Review

Several copies of the hymnal *Glory to God* are available in the church office and the lobby area. This is the hymnal we are considering purchasing for the church. Please take a few minutes to peruse the hymnal and let the staff know any feedback.

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 church website, Facebook, and local media outlets. We will make an announcement usually no later than 8am Sunday or 1pm for Wednesday evening activities.

CALENDAR

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

9:00 Work Team
5:00 Staff Christmas Party

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

6:30 Sanctuary Choir Practice

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

9:30 Seekers Class
9:45 Sunday Bible Study
11:00 Morning Worship

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23

No Rosewood Bible Study

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

5:00 Christmas Eve Service

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

5:30 No Wednesday night event

Church Office is Closed on
Dec. 24, 25, 31 & Jan. 1

The Word will not be published on
Tue., Dec 24 and Tue., Dec 31

CBF's Youth Winter Summit is coming to UBC!

UBC will be hosting several hundred youth with CBF MLK weekend (2020.) We will need volunteers to act as building hosts and support the meal teams during the weekend. **We are looking for 4 volunteers, Friday, January 17th, between the hours of 5-10 PM. And teams of two around meal times Saturday, January 18th and Sunday morning 7:30-9:30 AM.** More information to come! If you are interested in helping this weekend please contact Pheobe at pbrown@universitybaptist.org

Soles4Souls

Our Soles4Souls box is here! Please bring any clothing and shoes you wish to donate. Donations assist in disrupting poverty worldwide. Help us serve those in need, create opportunities and protect the environment! The box will be emptied about once per month.

<https://soles4souls.org/>



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FROM THE GRIEVING HEART:

Christmas is coming. I can feel the dread as it approaches.

Memories are everywhere. I bump into one with almost every step. How am I going to navigate this holiday?

I want to remember you and grieve well during this season. I want to honor you.

I've decided to write you a letter telling you how I'm doing and what I miss about you, about me, and about us. I know it will be emotional, but I believe it will be good.

I feel a little shy...but determined. You're not here, but I still love you. I will express that love, as I can, when I can.

Maybe as time goes on, I will dread these special days less. Perhaps I can use them well and eventually they will bring joy instead of sadness. I choose to believe so.

I guess I could write a letter to you any day, couldn't I? I don't know why I didn't think of that before. I'm thinking of you and smiling. That feels good.

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