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## Welcome, Lexi Woodson!

We are pleased to introduce our new Administrative Assistant, Lexi Woodson, who begins her work in the UBC office today. Lexi brings an enthusiastic personality and committed work ethic to this full-time position, which includes both the financial secretary role and general administrative support in the office. You will find her in our church office 9am-5pm Monday-Thursday, and Friday mornings. Please join us in giving a warm welcome to Lexi!

A little bit about Lexi:

Lexi Woodson is an administrative professional that was raised in the Shenandoah Valley. She has previously worked in high-volume office environments focused on delivering exceptional clerical and operational support. When not working Lexi loves spending time with family and friends traveling, trying new restaurants, or at the dog park.



During this transition, we thank Richard Vaughan for his ongoing contributions in our church office. He continues to help oversee the church finances as he trains Lexi in the way our church's financial system operates. Thank you, Richard!

## SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

February 23, 2020  
11:00 AM

### Sermon:

"Eyewitnesses of Majesty"  
Rev. William Brown

### Scripture:

Matthew 14:1-7

### Anthem:

"Jesus on the Mountain Peak"  
*arr. Burkhardt*

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**Deacons:** Esther Tian, Raynell Stokes, Peter Ohlms, Donna Marshall, Laura Martindale, Diane Mundell, Ed Smith

**Nursery:** Aimee Marshall, Suzanne Smith, Carter Groff

**Children's Church:** Shirley Clark, Hunter Cooper

**Ushers for February:** Cindy Bryant, Shelley Miller, Lily Pallini, Ronda Wiley, Barry Willard

**Greeters:** Alan Hendricks, Barbara Fuller

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Getting Ready for  
What's Next

# WATCH

Lent is just around the corner. Wednesday, February 26, begins our Lenten journey to Easter. During Lent, we will have another lecture series. Rémi Brague from the University of Paris Sorbonne will deliver the lectures March 24-26. His title is "Humility, a

Medieval Virtue for Our Postmodern Age.” Also, during Lent, the Deacons will be trying something new with the way we collect and dedicate our offering during worship.

What does this mean for you? We have an opportunity to prepare our spirit for what is next. Lent imitates Jesus’ sacrifice and withdrawal from society as depicted in Matthew 4:1-11, Luke 4:1-13, and briefly in Mark 1:12-13. During the 40 days leading up to Easter, we can use our own sacrifice and intentionality to center ourselves on Christ.

Looking ahead to Lent, we can plan how we will approach this solemn religious season. Do you want to use a special devotional? Do you want to try a new spiritual app? Do you want to do something special? For example, joining a special project at church, getting involved in a local food program, or volunteering at The Haven could all be ways to live out preparing for Easter.

Often, people observe Lent by giving something up (caffeine, chocolate, etc.). However, choosing to do something to reflect what Easter means might offer more depth. Even the process of picking a Lenten journey is, by definition, spiritual.

Rémi Brague, our next speaker in the Myers Lectures, has a book called *Curing Mad Truths* (University of Notre Dame Press, 2019). It is fairly accessible and confronts the age of modernity. He suggests that people should return to the idea from the Middle Ages that creation, including humanity, is a product of an intelligent and benevolent God. Reading this book and then attending the lectures could be a stretch for some people. But that’s the point of Lent. We stretch. We grow. We do something on purpose, and in so doing, we can prepare ourselves for Easter.

What about the Deacons’ special offering project? We have collected the offering the same way for a long time. What if, instead of passing plates, we took a more holistic view of what we offer to God? What if we acknowledge and give thanks for the gifts that arrive in the mail or through digital transfers? The Deacons are connecting with the intentionality of Lent. More details on that will follow. For now, we can prepare ourselves for what’s next.

Peace,  
Matt

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### Youth Lock-In

Our youth will be having a lock-in at the church this Friday, Feb. 21, until Saturday morning, Feb. 22. Let Will Brown know if you'd like to come!

## CALENDAR

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

9:00 Tuesday Work Team

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

(NO Wed. Dinner or Program)

10:00 PBJ Bible Study

6:30 Sanctuary Choir Practice

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21

5:30 Youth Lock-In

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

9:15 Sanctuary Choir

9:30 Seekers Class

9:45 Sunday Bible Study

9:45 ESOL Class

11:00 Morning Worship

5:00 Acoustic Vespers Service

NO Youth Real Life

6:00 Jubilate Practice

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

10:00 Rosewood Bible Study

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

9:00 Tuesday Work Team

6:30 Prayer Shawl Ministry

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

10:00 PBJ Bible Study

5:15 Dinner

6:00 Ash Wednesday Service

6:30 Sanctuary Choir Practice

*For our most up-to-date calendar, [click here](#).*

### Prayer Concerns

Please pray for Jubilate's upcoming tour, March 7-12, as they travel to eastern Virginia to sing and work with Habitat for Humanity.

### Wednesday Night Dinners and Programs

NOTE: There is no Wednesday Night Dinner and Program on February 19. We are taking a break from Wednesday night dinners during this winter season, though there will be a dinner before the Ash Wednesday service on February 26. Afterward, there will be no dinners and programs during the month of March.

Our plan is to resume the dinners later in the spring, during the Easter season. Details will be announced in the Word as that time draws closer.



### Ash Wednesday Service

February 26, 2020

5:15pm - Dinner in Fellowship Hall

6:00pm - Worship Service in Sanctuary, with the Lord's Supper and the imposition of ashes

### Missions Giving in 2019

During the budget preparation process for 2019, the Missions Council realized that designating all of our missions budget at the beginning of the year left us without the means to respond to events that occur during the course of the year, both in our neighborhood, and around the world. That was what led us to create a category in the budget of the Missions Discretionary Fund. We spent some time in each of our monthly meetings throughout the past year discussing ideas for how the money could be distributed. We talked about keeping the money local to Charlottesville, using it in Virginia, and sending it abroad. In the end, we did a little of all of those things. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to share with all of these organizations.

- \$1000 to Monel Jules in Haiti to use as he saw the need
- \$1000 to BGAV Disaster Relief – specifically for Hurricane Dorian in the Bahamas
- \$800 to Alliance for Interfaith Ministries, a Charlottesville organization that provides temporary emergency assistance to families in need.
- \$400 to CEO (Coalition for Economic Opportunity) – a local group in Charlottesville that provides alternatives to “payday” loans.
- \$400 to Paula Settle in Nada, KY. Paula retired at the end of 2019, so this was to provide some final ways for her to help the people in that community.
- \$200 to a local Head Start teacher for four families having difficult time with back to school expenses
- \$30 to Christmas Dinner-in-a-Bag to help pay for the gift cards that were provided with the dinners.
- \$200 to Central Virginia Baptist Association

## DID YOU KNOW?

Our Sanctuary Choir now has Sunday morning rehearsals at 9:15am. Singers who can't attend rehearsal on Wednesday nights are able to learn their parts on Sunday. If a Wednesday conflict has been preventing you from singing in the choir, this is your chance to join anyway! Please talk to Alba to learn more!

### Acoustic Vespers

You are invited to join us each Sunday evening, 5:00-5:30pm, for a relaxed time of worship in our sanctuary. Our hope is that this service will provide a worship opportunity for those unable to attend

worship at 11am, while also being an easier entry point for college students and others who may not be drawn to a morning worship service. Come worship with us!

### Thank You Note

Thank you, our church family, for your love, support, and gifts following the death of our daughter and sister, Cecilia Camacho, on December 21. Her children, Jackson (14), Analise (9), and Fiona (5) are busy with sports, school, and church, and are thriving and secure with their fathers. We are grateful for your care, concern, and food during Sarah's weeks of bronchitis and conjunctivitis.

*"...Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning." ~Psalm 30:5*

Much love,

*Sarah and John Buchanan, Laura Centofante, and Jenny Price*

### Local Service Opportunity

**LilyPads Housing** is looking for more families willing to open their homes to UVA pediatric families in need. Our organization provides no-cost, short-term housing in volunteer host homes for families and friends of pediatric patients undergoing medical care at the University of Virginia. This past year we provided over a hundred nights of lodging to 52 UVA pediatric patients and their families. We are having our next informational meeting about becoming a LilyPad's host on February 24th at 6:30pm in the Madison Room of the downtown library. Pizza and refreshments will be provided. For more information and/or to RSVP, please call (434) 260-0724. You can also learn more on our website at [www.lilypadshousing.org](http://www.lilypadshousing.org)

### Cville Tax Aid is back!

Cville Tax Aid, a United Way program that provides free tax preparation services to residents of our community with modest incomes, has returned to UBC for another year. Trained volunteers meet with clients in our Fellowship Hall on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday evenings, as well as Friday mornings. This program went quite well last year, and we are pleased to welcome back our volunteers for another year of tax preparation.

### Sunday Dinners

We need some people to help prepare and/or serve dinner to Youth and Jubilate on Sunday evenings. To learn more and sign up, please [click here](#) or contact the Church Office.

### Offering Envelopes

If you use offering envelopes and need more, please contact the church office. We print them in the office and will happily print more if you have run out. Please come by anytime to pick them up or contact the office and we will send them to you.

### Save the Date

Ash Wednesday Service - February 26

Jubilate Tour - March 7-12

Lecture Series - Remi Brague - March 24-26

Operation Inasmuch (OIAM) - April 25

Vacation Bible School - June 15-19

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