

THE WORD

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Office Updates

At the beginning of the year, Will, Alba, and Matt went on a retreat. We worked on creating a culture for the ministers. Up to this point, the three of us had not invested a significant amount of time in our working relationship. Our time away was productive, and it will be helpful as we look at adding another minister to our staff.

We stayed in a house on the Chesapeake Bay and worked with Dr. M.J. Anderson-Leichty. She presented information to us and led us through some deep conversations. Our goal was to create a cultural covenant for the ministers at UBC. A new minister will need to agree to this cultural covenant before joining us.

Here is our cultural covenant:

1. We will respectfully tell each other what we think.
2. We will patiently embrace the wisdom that comes from giving one another 24 hours to process.
3. We will honor the talents God has given us by holding one another accountable to our clear expectations.
4. We will respect one another's sabbath and personal time as a way to rejuvenate.
5. We will openly share ideas, listen to understand, and close communication loops.
6. We will publicly support the decisions we make individually and collectively.
7. We will assume the best of one another and bring individual and congregational concerns directly to the minister involved.

Some of these cultural statements reflect how we already operate. There are a number of things we do well, and we want to celebrate each one. In making this list, we want to codify what we do well and be intentional about what we need to improve.

SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

February 9, 2020
11:00 AM

Sermon:

"Mouse, Pig & Chicken"
Dr. Matthew Tennant

Scripture:

Matthew 5:13-20,
Psalm 112:1-9

Anthem:

"Come, Ye Sinners"
arr. Parker

Deacons: Jeannette May,
Johnny Ellen, Lynne Gardner,
John Buchanan, Sarah
Buchanan, Carolyn Lowry

Nursery Workers: Shirley Clark,
Kaylee Price

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

Greeters: John Buchanan, BJ
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Our next step is to develop a similar set of culture statements for the entire staff. We are excited about the work we accomplished and look forward to taking a retreat together next year.

Grace and peace,
Matt, Alba, & Will

Thank You and Best Wishes to Jane Kim

Our Financial Secretary, Jane Kim, is resigning her position with UBC to take a full-time accounting position at a local company. We are grateful for Jane's time with our church and for the excellent work she has done in this role. While we are saddened that she will no longer be here in the church office, we send her with our blessings as she moves into a new chapter in her life. As you see and talk to Jane in these final weeks with us, please take a moment express your appreciation as well.

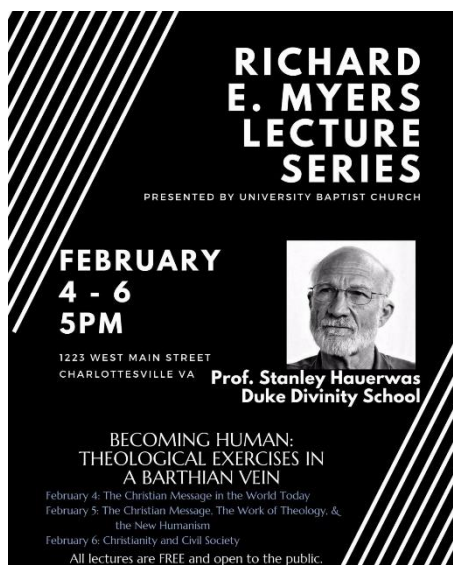
Richard E. Myers Lecture Series

Who : Prof. Stanley Hauerwas
When : February 4-6, 5PM
What: "Becoming Human: Theological Exercises in a Barthian Vein"

Free parking is available both on UBC and 14th street parking lots.

For further information, see our invitation.

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CALENDAR

JANUARY 25 - FEBRUARY 7

PACEM at UBC

FEBRUARY 4 - 6

Stanley Hauerwas - Richard E. Myers
Lecture Series

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

9:00 Tuesday Work Team
5:00 Stanley Hauerwas - Richard E. Myers Lecture Series
7:00 Kittie Colvin Trail Circle

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

5:00 Stanley Hauerwas - Richard E. Myers Lecture Series
6:30 NO Sanctuary Choir

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

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
6:00 Jubilate Practice

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10

10:30 Rosewood Bible Study

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

9:00 Tuesday Work Team
1:00 Annie Armstrong Circle
6:30 Prayer Shawl Group

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

6:30 Sanctuary Choir Practice

Thank you note from Ed and Anne Smith

One of strengths of UBC has been and continues to be the manner and extent to which the congregation and ministers respond during times of need. Reaching out is a very natural experience. We cannot thank you enough for your heartfelt and meaningful expressions of concern and support through your ongoing prayers, meals, desserts, cards, and phone calls. Anne continues to make great progress and we hope to soon rejoin you on Sunday mornings.

- Ed and Anne Smith

UBC Kids in Action



Kids and families have been busy the past few weeks, studying Bible stories, learning about God's love, and sharing God's love with the world.

At our interactive family service last week, instead of hearing one Bible story together, each family took a scripture passage, and presented it to the group. There were drawings, claymation retellings of parables, sign language, and even a version of the Good Samaritan featuring paper airplane pilots! It was amazing to see the kids grapple with their stories, try to understand them as best they could, and then observe the amazing creativity with which they shared their stories with the group!

Last Saturday night, kids and families gathered to put their faith

into action, preparing a taco dinner for our PACEM guests. We had 20 kids and their parents join us, including 3 families who have not been to a UBC event before. Kids helped brown taco meat, rolled napkins with silverware, manned the drink table, decorated 60 cupcakes, and assembled 48 to-go breakfast bags including hand-written

notes that said "You are loved!" or "Have a great day!" or other encouraging words. And though some of them needed a

step stool to see over the serving table, they all lined up to serve tacos, and enjoyed eating, chatting, and working puzzles with the guests afterward. Everyone at UBC has worked so hard the past few weeks to make PACEM happen, and our kids have been thrilled to be a part of this community effort to show love and hospitality to our neighbors.



Missions Opportunity

Last summer, Kathy Wilson traveled to Peru, and many of us were moved when she shared about her experience. Similar mission trips are being planned to Peru this summer, and the groups are looking for more people to participate. If you are interested in learning more, please talk with Kathy or contact Will Brown for more information.

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](#).

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 will meet with clients in our Fellowship Hall (after the conclusion of PACEM) 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.

Save the Date

Ash Wednesday Service - February 26, 2020
Operation Inasmuch (OIAM) - April 25, 2020
Vacation Bible School - June 15-19, 2020

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