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UBC Financial Matters Update

From the Finance Committee

While UBC continues to thrive online through livestreaming worship services and using Zoom for meetings for so many other groups, we are also continuing to thrive as an organization. Many of you may have driven by UBC and seen outside activity, read about activities in The Word, or (unfortunately!) seen UBC featured in news stories concerning the recent fire in the sanctuary. All of this may have made you curious about our financial situation. Here is a brief update:

Outside Painting: The exterior painting of our building has just been completed. This is a large, expensive project, but it is one that only needs to be done about every 10 years. We established a reserve account to fund this task, and we budget money annually to place in the account. The exterior painting job was fully funded in this way, making it possible to pay for this big-ticket item even during the current recession.

Sanctuary Sound System: This upgrade has been in the planning stages for almost two years and is being funded by a UBC Endowment Fund grant approved in 2019. We have seized the opportunity to complete the work while the sanctuary is not being occupied. This improved sound system will be in place when we are able to gather for worship later this summer. We were able to accomplish this with money that had already been appropriated.

UBC Park: All of you have read about and some of you have seen the work being done to improve the attractiveness and usability of our property. This new "pocket park" will be a way to invite people to stop, rest, and be aware of the building that houses our church. It will be a way to reach out and encourage people to join us in serving God. All of the costs to complete this park were either donated or funded by a grant from a generous donor. The project, therefore,

SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

June 21, 2020
11:00 AM

Sermon:
"Living for Christ"
Dr. Matthew Tennant

Scripture:
Romans 6:1b-11

Anthem:
"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"
arr. Curry

Solo:
"In My Father's House"
arr. Courtney
Laura Martindale

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, June 17
10:00 PBJ Bible Study (Zoom)
7:00 Sanctuary Choir (Zoom)

SUNDAY, June 21
8:30 Finance Committee
9:45 Online Bible Study
11:00 Morning Worship
(radio and livestream)

has not impacted our finances during this time of financial uncertainty.

Fire Damage: As most of you are aware, we recently had a small fire in our sanctuary. Our quality fire/smoke detection and alarm system functioned as designed. This investment years ago combined with a timely response from the Charlottesville Fire Department prevented a potential disaster. We did encounter some smoke and water damage along with damage to one pew and the floor underneath it. From a financial standpoint, it appears that our excellent insurance coverage (once we pay a small deductible) will cover the restoration costs.

Impact of the Recession on UBC: Our recent budget contributions have slacked off a little, likely due to our not being physically present at activities and worship services since March. Our ministers and support personnel have continued to function at a high level, and we have continued to be fully engaged as a church. We have been able to secure a Payroll Protection Program loan under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act enacted by the Federal Government to assist small businesses and not-for-profit organizations, including churches. This loan will be forgiven (thus becoming a grant) as we expend those funds to maintain our payroll during the recession. While this PPP loan/grant will offset some of the diminution in our contributions, each of us needs to be faithful in our financial stewardship so that UBC can continue to move forward and come through these challenging times even better and stronger.

If you have specific questions concerning the finances of UBC or inquiries on how you can help during these challenging times, please contact me or Matt Tennant.

Larry Martin, Chair
UBC Finance Committee

Report from the Associate Minister Search Committee

As we reported last week, the Associate Minister Search Committee is continuing its work. They are meeting via Zoom, have interviewed candidates via Zoom, and are continuing to receive and review responses to questionnaires they have sent to select candidates. They continue to ask for your prayers and support.

MONDAY, June 22

12:00 Missions Council (Zoom)

Other events and activities are being canceled or modified to be online-only when possible. Please contact your group leader or the Church Office with any questions

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

Prayer Concerns

Martha Williams - UVA Hospital

Pray for our world, as we all face the reality of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Pray for those infected with the virus, for people who are taking care of them, and for all who are especially at risk.

Pray for our church family, that we may draw closer, even as we keep a physical distance from one another.

Worship Leadership

Would you like to help lead in worship? Each week we are looking for people to read a Scripture lesson or lead in other ways. Typically, this means taking a short video of yourself-- the camera on your phone is perfect for this. Talk to Alba if you're interested!

New Speakers Installed!

Installation is complete for the new speakers in our sanctuary. These audio improvements will provide a better sound quality when we are all able to regather again for worship.



Kittie Colvin Trail Circle

Sunday afternoon the Kittie Colvin Trail Circle got together for the first time since March 2. We each brought our own chair and drink, and had a safe socially distanced visit sitting in Debby Johnson's front yard. It was glorious. For three hours we shared what each of us has been doing through the COVID quarantine, caught up on church news; who's working, working from home, or not working; how our kids and teachers have coped with schools shutting down early and online school, what might happen with the schools come fall, and

vacation plans and cancellations. We're all well and trying to be smart and cautious and stay that way. It was fabulous to be with real live people! I highly recommend safely distanced front yard visits. ~Sarah Buchanan

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Join us in wishing some of our church family a Happy Birthday this week!

June 17: David Hendon, Matthew Tennant, Alan Hendricks

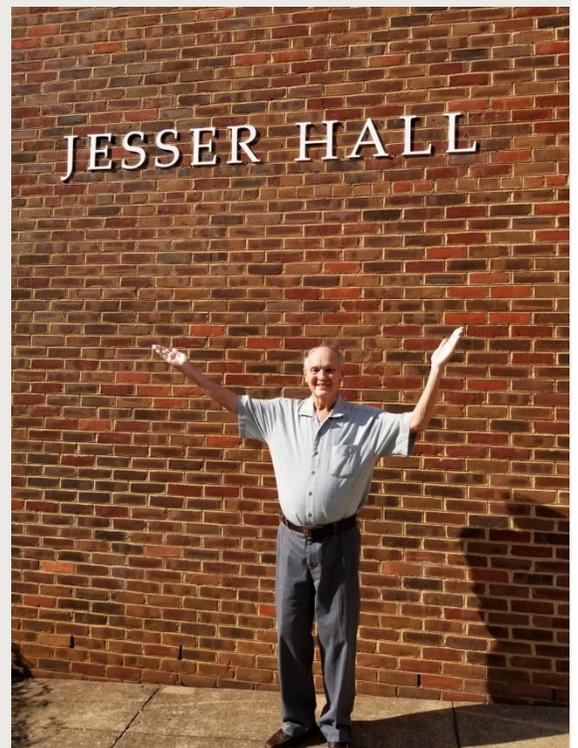
June 18: Jack Averill, Shirley Clark

June 20: Lily Gregg, Sandra Taylor

June 22: Gary Dalton, Ronda Wiley

May God bless you all with abundant joy on your birthday and always.

Having a birthday and do not see your name here? Please help us update our records. Contact Lexi to provide your updated information at (434)-293-5706



Congratulations, Bill Jesser!

Get Ready for Bible Study

This Sunday morning at 9:45, our Bible Study will focus on 1 Peter 4:12-19. As you prepare for our session, we invite you to read through 1 Peter—the entire book if you can take the time, and especially today's passage. Even though these verses invite Christians to "rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings," suffering is not usually something we associate with joy. How do we make sense of the suffering that comes with living a Christian life? We hope you will join us on Sunday and participate in the conversation!



Need a Mask??

Volunteers in our church have been hard at work sewing beautiful fabric masks. Do you need one? This expression of love from our talented church members is one way that we can take care of one another. If you do not have a mask yet or if you need another, please contact the church office or one of the ministers so that we can get a fabric mask to you. There are also baskets of masks in the church lobby if you'd like to stop by and pick one up!

Like to Sew?

We extend our deep gratitude to the volunteers in our church who have already made dozens of fabric masks for others who need them. If you would like to share your skills and join in this effort, call Will Brown or email him at wbrown@universitybaptist.org

Sunday Mornings Online

Even though we are not gathering in person, we are still joining together each Sunday morning for worship and Bible study. We hope you will join us!

Bible Study

At 9:45 am, we begin an interactive Bible Study that is broadcast via [YouTube](#). We invite you to join in the conversation by adding comments during the session. To download the handout ahead of time, visit universitybaptist.org/live

Worship

Our Sunday morning worship service will begin, as usual, at 11:00 am. We encourage everyone in the congregation to join us from home. As always, you can listen by radio on WINA (1070 AM and 98.9 FM), or you can join us online for our live broadcast. To view the live video broadcast, visit our [Facebook page](#) or click [this link](#) to watch on YouTube.

DID YOU KNOW?

Online and Automatic Giving

Online giving simplifies contributing by allowing for a specific dollar amount to be sent to University Baptist Church on a specific date, thus decreasing the number of checks you have to write. You can set this up to happen automatically from your bank account, or make a single contribution on our website or Facebook page. For more information, visit universitybaptist.org/give or call our church office.

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