

THE WORD

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ON WATCH

Exciting Times Ahead

We have a big weekend ahead of us at UBC. We are calling a new Associate Minister. The excitement builds because this is a new position full of wonderful opportunities. We can look ahead and dream about what it will mean to our church to have someone dedicated to youth and college students. It's doubly thrilling because the candidate is relatively new in ministry!



One factor threatens to undermine the enthusiasm: COVID-19. We can't have a call-weekend the way we usually do. Instead, we have a week filled with Zoom video conferences. The candidate has to endure repeated questions (she's okay with that) and seeing people in squares on a screen instead of in real life (she understands and is okay with that too). We have to get to know her on paper and on the screen instead of in person.

This has not been the usual call process. The search committee has never met in person, which begs the question: can future committees include members who cannot be at the church? Can Bible studies meet online when it is convenient for participants. I think the COVID-era shows us many new ways to approach living for Christ in the future. It will shape how we participate in the church family in the future.

I hope you are looking forward to meeting the candidate and participating in the Church Conference this week. This is an exciting time in the life of the church, and I am glad we are walking together in it—even if this journey includes live

SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

July 26, 2020
11:00 AM

Sermon:
"Faith Seeking Wisdom"
Dr. Matthew Tennant

Scripture:
1 Kings 3:5-12

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, July 22
7:00 Sanctuary Choir (*Zoom*)

SUNDAY, July 26
9:45 *No Bible Study*
11:00 Morning Worship
(*radio and livestream*)
12:00 Called Church
Conference

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

streaming and video chats. The Holy Spirit is moving and God is at work at UBC!

Peace,
Matt

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Jackie Lockwood and family after the death of Jackie's father, Elsom Johnson. Elsom was a beloved member of this congregation and a dedicated follower of Christ. We will miss the warmth of his presence in our church, which always brought a smile to those around him. A service to remember and celebrate Elsom's life will be held at a later date.

Prayer Concerns

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 the unrest in our country and around the world. Pray that we could listen to one another and have Christ-like empathetic eyes.

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

Meeting and Calling our New Associate Minister for Students

Opportunities to meet our candidate via Zoom:

Our candidate is meeting on Zoom with various groups in the church: Youth (7/12), Youth Parents (7/12), Jubilate/College Students (7/17), Church Council (7/20), Seekers Class (7/21), Choir (7/22), Deacons (7/23).

We will host a Zoom meeting on Saturday afternoon (7/25) at 3:00 pm for anyone in the congregation to meet with her. Here is the link for joining that Zoom session:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82695977139?pwd=Wlp6c0pmTjBob09naUxPbjJZK1hqQT09>

Meeting ID: 826 9597 7139

Passcode: 384214

Meet the candidate in person:

Meet & Greet at the new UBC Park in front of the church

Please wear a mask and maintain six feet of distance from others.

9:00-10:00 am Last names A-G

10:00-11:00 am Last names H-N

11:00-noon Last names O-Z

Called Church Conference:

The vote to call this candidate to ministry at UBC will take place at a Called Church Conference directly after the worship service this Sunday, July 26. There are several ways to participate:

- 1) In person
- 2) On Zoom (the primary way we anticipate for most of the congregation)
- 3) Watching on YouTube, by special request

Details about how to join the Zoom call will be emailed to all active church members on Wednesday. If you will be unable to join by Zoom, please contact Will Brown. He will provide a

link where you can watch the Called Church Conference on YouTube and call on the phone to record your vote. Please contact Will if you have any questions.

Soles 4 Souls

Our Soles 4 Souls box is still here! Please bring any clothing and shoes you would like to donate. Donations assist in disrupting poverty worldwide. Help us serve those in need, create opportunities and protect the environment! The box is emptied about once per month. To learn more, click [here](#) or visit <https://www.soles4souls.org/>

Become a YouTube Subscriber

Do you enjoy watching our church services on YouTube? You can find our videos more easily (and help others find us), by clicking the "Subscribe" button under any of our videos. As always, if you need any help with the technology, please call the Church Office or one of our ministers.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

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

July 21: Ismael Moubossy, Sissy Bruton, Luke Brown

July 23: Diane Caton

July 25: Leslee Parsons

July 26: Lian Cui



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



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

We invite you to join us for our Sunday morning worship services either by joining us in person or by worshipping with us from home. The service begins each Sunday at 11:00 am. 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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