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Opportunities to Serve God at UBC

ON WATCH

During these strange days, considering serving at church can feel weird. Most people watch the service online each week. Traditional ways to participate are a challenge. Since we do not have as many people in worship, we do not need as many ushers. Since Bible study has been online, we have not needed teachers. With no children's church or nursery, we didn't need those volunteers.

The future might be different than the past, but God will be present in the future. We can join in God's work and ministry as we move through these unusual days. The ways we join will definitely be different, yet the calling remains.

The other day, Alba and I lamented not being able to have a choir. Then, he had the idea of a bell choir because the participants could sit more than six-feet apart in the balcony and add a musical dimension to worship each week. This is the tip of the iceberg. Bells will be coming soon along with creative new ways to serve!

Opportunities abound. Committees have continued to meet throughout the pandemic. Each week different groups gather on Zoom and carry on God's work at University Baptist Church. You can be a part of it!

Each one of us is gifted. God has poured talent upon this congregation. The best way for us to maximize God's blessings is to give people the chance to say, "I can do ___" and then let them do it. What is the blank? You tell me, the other ministers, and the Nominating Committee.

Please take 5 minutes to fill out the following survey. If you would rather fill out a paper copy, contact the church office and we will provide one to you.

SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

September 27, 2020
11:00 AM

Sermon:

"Crisis During
Reconstruction"

Dr. Matthew Tennant

Scripture:

Ezra 9:1-5

Anthem:

"Be Not Afraid"
(Courtney)

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, September 23

10:00 PBJ Bible Study
7:00 Sanctuary Choir
Practice (*Zoom*)

SUNDAY, September 27

8:30 Missions Council
Meeting (*Zoom*)
9:40 Online Bible Study
11:00 Morning Worship
(*radio and livestream*)
2:00 Jubilate Rehearsal
(*Zoom*)
7:15 Youth Real Life (*Zoom*)

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Q3V5BPK>

Peace,
Matt



PBJ Bible Study

On Wednesday, September 16, the PBJ Bible study group, after a couple of weeks of struggling with glitchy Zoom meetings, met in person in Lynn Martin's backyard. We wore our masks when up and moving around and sat socially distanced. It was a glorious morning, a great study, and a wonderful time of fellowship!
(Note: Prayer, Bible study, Joyful fellowship)

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.

Prayer Concerns

Bob Harris - Martha Jefferson Hospital

Nell Tiller - UVA Transitional Care Hospital

Nat Howell - UVA Transitional Care 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.

Called Church Conference

On October 11, after the Sunday morning worship service, we will have a Called Church Conference with two items on the agenda:

1. The Ordination Council unanimously recommends that University Baptist Church ordain Val Fisk to the gospel ministry.
2. Based on the information presented at the August 30, 2020 Church Conference, the Deacons recommend that UBC buy and then sell the Mackey house (2719 Brookmere Rd). Debra Bryant, Bill Cromwell, and Ed Lowry will manage this process on behalf of the church.

There are several ways to participate:

1. In person
2. On Zoom (the primary way we anticipate for most of the congregation)
 - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84248169721?pwd=SlhFcWRxdmMvOEUyQnhWUkJCS0VIZz09>
 - Meeting ID: 842 4816 9721
 - Passcode: 698487
3. Watching on YouTube, by special request

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.

Let's Go Deeper

During this pandemic season when we are unable to follow our usual routines, God remains present with us. In fact, this is a unique opportunity to reexamine the habits of our spiritual lives and to be intentional about the practices that ground our faith. Here are a few opportunities to join with us in deepening our spiritual lives:



Monday Morning Prayer

- 8:30am each Monday on Facebook Live
- A quick prayer to start our week on the right foot
- To join us, visit our [UBC Facebook Page](#)

Thursday Lectio Divina

- 1:00pm each Thursday on Zoom
- A practice of reading Scripture contemplatively, with times of silence and listening for God's spirit
- To join us, click this [Zoom link](#)

Sunday Bible Study

- 9:40am - Fellowship and sharing prayer concerns
- 10:00am - Bible Study
- To join us, click this [Zoom link](#). Or, watch the Bible Study portion on [YouTube](#) beginning at 10am.

Daily Devotions

- You can pick up a copy of the *Reflections* daily devotional booklets from our church office.

Hygiene Kits and Card Ministry Canceled due to COVID 19 Add Your Usual Contribution to Your State Missions Offering

This past week we received a note from Ron and Nancy Switzer, the coordinators of the Christmas Gift Ministry to the Fluvanna Correctional Center for Women (FCCW). They said that because of the COVID 19 pandemic they will NOT be sending hygiene kits or greeting cards to FCCW. "Sadly, this is the first year we've missed since 1998, the year the correctional center opened."

So rather than each of us purchasing items, please add the few dollars that you would have spent to your State Missions Offering.

Each fall we collect a special offering to support missions in the state of Virginia. This September, our missions emphasis will support the chaplain ministry at the Fluvanna Correctional Center for Women. Our goal is \$3,000. You can give by mailing a check to the church (make the check out to University Baptist Church and write State Missions in the "for" line).

Here is some information from Chaplain Jerusha Moses, whose ministry our offering will support:

Due to "separation of church and state," GracelInside is a nonprofit Christian ministry that places chaplains inside Virginia's prisons so that lives may be transformed through the grace of Jesus Christ. As a GracelInside chaplain, I am dedicated to meeting the spiritual needs of all residents of

Virginia's state prisons. I currently serve in Fluvanna Correctional Center for Women, providing one-on-one pastoral care, conducting worship services, and working with the Department of Corrections staff in offering rehabilitative programs. I am also responsible for scheduling all religious programs conducted by volunteers representing many faith traditions like Islam, Messianic Judaism, Wicca, Buddhism, Seventh Day Adventism, and Protestantism.

As the temperature gets cooler and the leaves change color, I am reminded that God's mercies are new every morning; God continues to work patiently in our lives, transforming us, and sanctifying us to the likeness of the image of God's son, Jesus. What an honor it is to partner with the Savior bringing faith, hope, and love to incarcerated men and women, as Christ says in Matthew 25, "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."

-The Missions Council

UBC's Favorite Hymns

For a couple of weeks now, we have been asking you to send a list of your favorite hymns to Alba. This list can be as long or as short as you want it to be – these are YOUR favorite hymns. To make this process a little easier, we have placed some of our Sanctuary hymnals on a table just outside the Sanctuary and down the hall from the Church Office. Please feel free to come by and borrow one of these hymnals to use in worship and devotions at home, and to remind you what your favorite hymns are.

Alba will be accepting your lists of favorite hymns through the month of September. Please feel free to email them to abeasley@universitybaptist.org.

We will share the top 10 favorite hymns, but at some point we will share ALL the hymns that are your favorites. It is our plan to use them in worship services from this fall into 2021!

Thank you for helping us identify University Baptist Church's favorite hymns!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

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

September 25: Barbara Phipps, Margie Morse

September 26: Nichole Singleton

September 28: Al Holliday

September 29: Patti Barretta, Thomas Martin

September 30: Sandy Manning

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!



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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