

THE WORD

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Keep Vigilant

After a major event, stepping back and taking a breath seems like an appropriate response. This election season dragged on longer than others and felt more intense. Now that it is over, whether one is happy with the outcome or not, pausing for a rest makes sense. Unfortunately, the pandemic rages on and a significant governmental transition looms ahead. We can't relax. We must keep vigilant.

Wearing masks, maintaining social distancing, and washing our hands will remain essential. Staying informed, fact-checking social media posts, and watching out for misinformation continue to be part of our lives. Patience and empathy will persist as expressions of our faith.

In 1 Peter 5:8-10, it talks about resisting temptation and maintaining spiritual self-discipline. The same advice could apply to our current situation. We need to discipline ourselves. Even though we might want a break from the news or hearing about the latest number of positive coronavirus cases, we must stay alert. The passage says, "Like a roaring lion, your adversary prowls around."

Germs, misinformation, dissent, discord, negativity, and apathy circle us. They look for someone to devour. Instead, we can take steps to mitigate the risk of illness. We can make sure we only share verified news on social media. Or, better yet, we can take a break from social media. When we respond to posts from our friends, we can respond seeking to reflect the love of Christ.

1 Peter tells us that even though we suffer, "the God of all grace will restore, support, strengthen, and establish you." So,

WATCH

SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

November 15, 2020
11:00 AM

Sermon:
"Reflecting What We Love"
Dr. Matthew Tennant

Scripture:
Luke 10:25-37

Anthem:
"Here I Am, Lord"
(Beck)

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, November 11
10:00 PBJ Bible Study (*Zoom*)

THURSDAY, November 12
1:00 Lectio Divina (*Zoom*)

SUNDAY, November 15
8:30 Finance Committee Meeting (*Zoom*)
9:40 Online Bible Study
11:00 Morning Worship (*radio and livestream*)

MONDAY, November 16
8:30 Morning Prayer (*Facebook Live*)

keep vigilant. Stay awake. Be positive. And, share God's love with those in your world.

Peace,
Matt

FREE Drive-thru COVID-19 Testing in November

During the month of November, the Blue Ridge Health District (BRHD, formerly TJHD) will continue to host **free** drive-thru COVID-19 testing across the district. To learn more about our name change or to sign up for our biweekly BRHD newsletter, click [here](#).

Attached is a flyer in English and Spanish with all of BRHD's November testing sites across the district. Walk-ins are welcome. Call 434-972-6261 on the dates listed in the flyer to guarantee a spot and make an appointment.

You can also visit [BRHD's COVID-19 Testing Sites](#) webpage for the full schedule of upcoming free community testing events, including testing hosted by UVA Health.

State Missions Offering

Each fall we collect a special offering to support missions in the state of Virginia. This September, our missions emphasis was to support the chaplain ministry at the Fluvanna Correctional Center for Women. Our goal was \$3,000. This year we raised a total of \$2,825.

Virtual Choir Anthem

As you saw in Sunday's worship service, our Sanctuary Choir and Jubilate recorded a virtual choir arrangement of the anthem, "We Are Not Alone." Special thanks to our soloists, Alexis Haskiell and Donna Truocolo. The video can be found on our YouTube page [here](#).

Lila Marshall Birthday Parade

Lila Marshall turns 100 on Thursday, November 19th . Her daughter Jane would like to have a birthday parade on Sunday, November 22 nd , at 1:30 in the afternoon. We will meet at Kohl's parking lot off 29 North, organize our cars, and then proceed to Rosewood Village Hollymead for the parade. If you are planning to come, please email Larry Johnson at lajohnson1950@gmail.com so we have an idea of how many to expect.

12:00 Missions Council Meeting (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.

Prayer Concerns

Sympathy to the family of [Mary Main](#), who died on November 3.

[Donna Marshall](#) - UVA Encompass

[Mac Smith](#) - prayers appreciated, but Suzanne and Mac request no calls at this time.

[Bob Harris](#) - The Colonnades

[Nat Howell](#) - UVA Transitional Care Hospital



If you would like to send her a card, her address is:

Lila Marshall
c/o Rosewood Village Hollymead
2029 Lockwood Dr. Ste 312
Charlottesville, VA 22911

Who is on the Church Council and what is their role?

The Church Council includes the ministers, committee chairs, and at-large members. The council serves as the coordinating body between the committees and between ministers and lay leaders. The council is the primary administrative body of the church and is responsible for various policies and procedures. Members of Church Council for 2020/2021 are:

Brad Groff (chair)
Peter Ohlms
Brian Mulcahy
Larry Martin
Laurie Pallini
Lily Gregg

Matt Tennant
Alba Beasley
Val Fisk
Will Brown
Erin Brown

Melanie Tennant
Kevin Wright
Diane Mundell
Martha Ballenger
Elizabeth Mulcahy

A Quite Place To Study

There are just 2 weeks left before UVA students head home for Thanksgiving, doing their final exams from home in December, and many will not return to Charlottesville until late in January. We have had a variety of students from different organizations utilizing our AQPTS All Semester hours, including music students who are using our many pianos to rehearse! And as the weather gets cooler, we are seeing more students moving their study time indoors and needing our space. With that in mind, Val restocked our snacks and drinks this week, and we are adding study hours on Fridays! Volunteers will be here from 9a to 5p the next three Fridays to let students into the building.

Students who are interested in reserving a room should go to universitybaptist.org/study and click on the sign up link. And if you have a student who will be returning to Charlottesville at Thanksgiving with a need for study space in December and January, send an email to Val Fisk (vfisk@universitybaptist.org). We can keep our study spaces available for them after Thanksgiving as well!

CHRISTMAS MISSIONS AT UBC

Christmas Dinner in a Bag – Reimagined

Ten or twelve years ago our WMU (Woman's Missionary Union) realized that all of our missions efforts, other than the Global Missions Offering, were over and done by Thanksgiving, leaving a bit of a void. We called Love INC to see what their needs were, and were told that while lots of organizations did Thanksgiving dinners, no one gave Christmas dinners. We agreed on a grocery list and this fun, personal, hands on ministry was born. Last year we delivered 46 bags of non- perishables and a \$15 (from the WMU budget) gift card with each bag intended to be used for the main dish.



After several conversations with Susan Shellito, Love INC's Clearinghouse Coordinator, we learned that due to COVID 19 their office is closed with just one volunteer coming in each day to

answer the phones. The others are working from home. Then last week one of their office volunteers tested positive for COVID. Susan feels that a gift card for the entire meal would be much safer for everyone.

Sarah Buchanan did a price comparison of our shopping list between three stores finding the average cost was \$12. We realize that everyone is asking for money at this time of year. So we're asking that you donate only what you would have normally spent on bags of groceries. Or if you would like to give an entire meal donate \$27.

We want to deliver the gift cards to Love INC on Monday, December 14, so we need your gifts turned in no later than **Sunday, December 13**. Write checks to UBC earmarked Dinner in a Bag. Joy to the World!

CBF Global Missions Offering

During the month of December we will be collecting donations for the CBF (Cooperative Baptist Fellowship) Global Missions Offering. You will be hearing much more about that in the weeks to come. UBC's goal is \$2000.

CANCELED: UBC Missions Post Office due to COVID concerns, you'll need to mail all of your own cards.

CANCELED: Fluvanna Corrections Center for Women's Christmas Kits

We ask that you send whatever amount that you might have spent on toiletries or stationery, to UBC earmarked GraceInside.

PACEM Coming to UBC!

Because of the pandemic, PACEM is changing this year. The usual format is not safe for the guests or volunteers. This winter, PACEM will be staying at fewer churches, but for a longer duration: a month at each location. However, there are fewer demands on each host church, as PACEM has hired additional staff to be present at all times, and a smaller number of men (up to 25) will be present each night.



For the sake of safety, church volunteers are not allowed to be in the Fellowship Hall, to serve meals, or to interact with the guests. While this is disappointing--we cherish these interactions--it is important to take these precautions to prevent an outbreak among a vulnerable population. Meals will be provided in a boxed format, primarily provided by churches unable to host this year.

What does this mean for UBC?

- **We will host PACEM for the month of December.**
- As in the past, we anticipate collecting items to give to the men. Details forthcoming.
- Very few volunteers are needed, but we will share needs as we learn more
- We appreciate your prayers

Our church is grateful to Laura Morris, Jennifer Wagoner, and Katherine Hamel for their organizing efforts during this unprecedented year. Please contact one of them, or Will Brown, with any questions.

Donations Needed

With another school year underway, we are continuing to provide bags of food to nourish students at nearby Venable Elementary School. (This picture is an old one, pre-pandemic, but the ministry continues!) We send food for ten students each week, providing enough to sustain them through the weekend, when schools are not providing meals. While we welcome donations of food items, the most effective way to help, especially during the pandemic, is to provide monetary contributions so that we can buy food in bulk. You can give online or mail a check to the church office, designating it for Venable Food Bags. Thank you for your support!



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.

Voicing Lament and Nurturing Community

2020 has been a year like no other. The devastating losses of the pandemic and the intense polarization of a presidential election have profoundly impacted our lives, a dynamic likely to intensify in the coming weeks and months. How do we navigate these tumultuous waters as people of faith?

On Sunday mornings for the next couple of months, Val and Will are leading a Bible Study that will approach this question from various angles. Alternating between the book of Lamentations and the book of 1 Corinthians, we will engage scripture to find models for faithful engagement:

lament, hope, unity, repentance, reconciliation. We expect to find both challenge and reassurance in each of these texts, and we hope you will join us for the conversation.

Sunday mornings, 9:40am on Zoom, and streaming on YouTube at 10:00 (see details below)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

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

November 16: Ji Song, Seth Brown

November 19: Lila Marshall, Jackie Lockwood



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.

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