

THE WORD

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Join the Community Conversation

ON WATCH

After five community conversations, I have learned a lot. First, I miss seeing you in person. Second, UBC is blessed with many insightful people. The suggestions, ideas, and priorities invigorate my ministry with you. My pages of notes are filled with your thoughts about the future and clarity about our identity.

To those who have taken an hour and joined the conversation, thank you. Not only have I enjoyed our time together, I have gotten to know you better.

To those who have signed up for a time slot but we have not met yet, it's going to be great. These conversations are turning out better than I anticipated. I think you will have fun during our time together.

To those who have not yet signed up, please do. If you would prefer a one-on-one meeting, let me know. We can set up a time. My highest priority in this process is to hear from as many of you as possible.

Here's the [link to the sign-up](#).

I am excited about the future and all that God has in store for us!

Peace,
Matt

Ash Wednesday Service Feb. 17, 7:00pm

We read in Matthew 6 that Jesus says, "And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to

SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

February 7, 2021
11:00 AM

Sermon:

"Memories of Faith"
Dr. Matthew Tennant

Scripture:

Isaiah 40:21-31

Anthem:

"Blessed Assurance"
(Beck)

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, February 3

10:00 PBJ Bible Study ([Zoom](#))

7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
([Zoom](#))

THURSDAY, February 4

10:00 Bible Reading Group ([Zoom link](#))

SUNDAY, February 7

8:30 Church Council ([Zoom](#))

9:40 Online Bible Study ([Zoom link](#))

11:00 Morning Worship
(radio and livestream only)

2:00 Jubilate Rehearsal ([Zoom Link](#))

MONDAY, February 8

8:30 Morning Prayer ([UBC Facebook Page](#))

your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you."

Our Ash Wednesday service this year will take place in the privacy of our own homes. The ashes imposed on our foreheads will not bring recognition from others we pass on the sidewalk; they will be between each one of us and God. These "ashes in secret" are a powerful reminder of our own mortality and the deeper promise of the life God gives us, even so.

We hope you will join us for this service, which will be available to livestream on our church YouTube page. Because of the pandemic, we will not be able to administer the ashes in person. Instead, we will provide ashes that you can apply to your own hand or forehead during the service. You can also use oil or ashes of your own. If you would like us to bring ashes to you, simply sign up on [this form](#), and we will bring them to your house along with your church directory.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

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

February 4: Alice Mahone, Joey Hamel

February 8: Lindsay Marshall

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

Creating a UniBap College Ministry Space

One of the action points in our congregational goals for 2021 is to make space to invite our neighbors into our building and fellowship. Providing study space to college students through the fall semester shed light on one particular way to welcome those students now and in the years to come: we are creating a dedicated college student space in the church! Our youth already have dedicated space where they feel a sense of ownership and belonging in the building, and we hope to create a space where college students can feel equally welcome and wanted. After talking to several students about where in the building we might create this space, we have selected Room G-17 (formerly the Nia Room).

Work has already begun to update the space, with additional electrical outlets being added throughout the room and a fresh coat of paint going on the walls soon. There are several ways you can participate in our renovation! First and foremost, pray for the students who will inhabit the space, this semester and beyond, and for the relationships that will be built there.

Along with your prayers, please consider helping fund this special project by [purchasing one of the items on this Amazon Wishlist](#). Items range in price from \$10 to \$200, and high priority needs are marked as such. You can have items shipped directly to UBC. Additionally, Val is shopping for a large sectional and area rug for the room. Anyone interested in donating toward those items (or with ideas for where to find a comfy rug large enough for the room) should [reach out to Val](#) directly.

Directory Delivery Service -- Coming Soon!

Can we come see you?! The newly updated Church Directories will be ready for distribution this month. Rather than send them by mail, we are going to hand deliver the directories to everyone who lives in Charlottesville. (Do you sense that we are getting desperate to see everyone?)

Our four ministers will be driving around town on February 17 and 18 to deliver directories. If you aren't home, or don't want visitors in your pajamas, we will simply leave them by your door. If you're home, though, we'd be thrilled to say hello (outside, from a distance, wearing masks, of course). Sadly, we must resort to mail for those who don't live in the area, though any of us would have been thrilled to go visit the Keith's in Virginia Beach. :)

If you have any questions, contact the Church Office or any of our ministers. And if you have any last-

minutes updates for the directory, please let us know this week!

Annual Souper Bowl of Caring Fundraiser

Each year on Super Bowl Sunday, our youth stand at the doors as the congregation exits the church with large soup pots, collecting donations for local food banks as part of the national Souper Bowl of Caring movement (www.tacklehunger.org). If you would like to make a donation to Souper Bowl of Caring this year, you can send cash and checks to the church office, or you can make an online donation at universitybaptist.org/give. Select "other designation" from the drop down menu and email Lexi to let her know where to direct your donation.

Thank-you!

In 2020 the UBC Missions Council decided to support the Albemarle County Public Schools Families in Crisis program with part of our Missions Discretionary Fund. We recently received this note and wanted to share it with you, in thanks for your financial support through the UBC budget.

We want to thank you so much for the generosity of your congregation. The \$1,000 that you donated to the Families in Crisis program will be used to meet the needs of families – directly. The Womenade Fund is used to purchase gift cards for food, clothing, supplies and/or gas for our homeless families. Your contribution to that fund allows us to reach more families in need during this crisis.

*Thank you again,
Megan Horwitz
Laura Brown*

Read the Bible with Us!

Each Thursday morning, on Zoom, a group will be gathering for 30 minutes to read the Bible. Instead of reading a short passage and spending time discussing it (our usual approach in Bible Study), we're going to primarily be reading aloud to one another. Listening to large passages of Scripture at once, we will be attentive to the large, overarching stories and themes we encounter. Mostly, we'll just gather to listen and hear the Bible read aloud.

We'd love to have you join us! There's no commitment, and no "homework" required. Simply come and read the Bible with us. Click here to find the Zoom

link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85381408096?pwd=MzdkVG9JZ2x0M2JFK01KNINjSWtqUT09> (If you have any questions, contact Will Brown 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 10:00 am, we begin an interactive Bible Study. To join us, click this [Zoom link](#). Or, watch the Bible Study portion on [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.

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