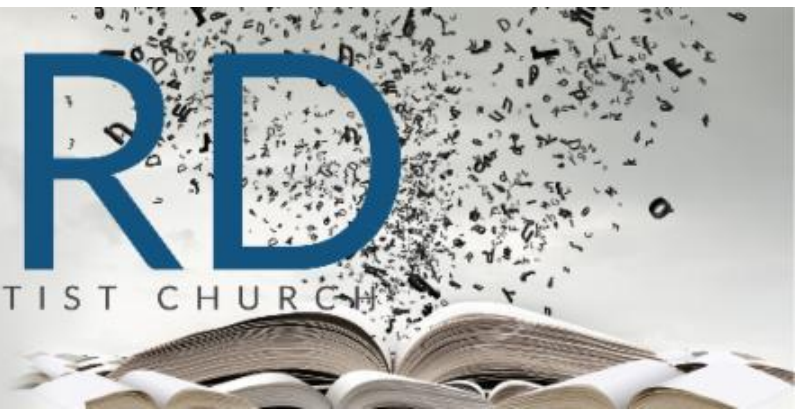


# THE WORD

UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH



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## SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

June 6, 2021  
11:00 AM

**Sermon:**  
"Figuring Out How to Trust"  
Dr. Matthew Tennant

**Scripture:**  
1 Samuel 8:4-20

## CALENDAR

### WEDNESDAY, June 2

7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

### THURSDAY, June 3

10:00 Bible Reading Group ([Zoom link](#))  
7:00 Seekers Class (Zoom)

### FRIDAY, June 4

6:00 UBC Softball at Darden Towe

### SUNDAY, June 6

8:30 Church Council (Zoom)  
11:00 Morning Worship

### MONDAY, June 7



Last Sunday's worship service at UBC was a meaningful experience, as we worshiped together on Rev. Alba Beasley's final Sunday as our Associate Minister for Music and Worship. While we are all saddened by this milestone and will miss them dearly, we give our deepest thanks to God for Alba and Pam and for their ministry among us through music and

through their caring spirits. There will be a fuller celebration of Alba's retirement at a later date. Above are a few pictures from Sunday's service.

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## Meet Our Interim Director of Music and Worship: Will Cooke



Will Cooke has been a fixture in Charlottesville since 2007. He is the Choral Director at Charlottesville High School (CHS) where he leads four choirs. Over the years, the choral program at CHS has grown under Will's leadership from 35 participants when he started 14 years ago to over 140 participants today. He has organized student choir trips to Boston, New York, Nashville, Chicago, and San Francisco.

Will is proud of the CHS choral involvement in our community. Under his leadership, CHS choirs sing at numerous community and charitable events. These include the Special Olympics, an annual community Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration, SHE Shelter benefit, NAACP Awards, and the annual lighting of the Charlottesville City Christmas tree. He also leads an annual fundraising effort to help choir students in need cover the costs of audition, participation, and travel.

Born in Keysville, VA, Will grew up attending Ash Camp Baptist Church. He loved singing the old hymns with his family. When he went to college at VCU, after a brief stint in a United Church of Christ, he found a home in the Episcopal Church. Currently, he is a member of Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Greenwood, VA.

After finishing his BA in Music from VCU (1997), Will spent a decade teaching in Richmond City Schools. Along the way, he has directed the handbell choir at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Richmond, and the youth and children's choirs at First Presbyterian Church, Charlottesville.

Will and his husband David will celebrate their twenty-sixth anniversary in late June. Together, they have been providing foster and respite care for six years. Currently, they are taking care of a young man named James. Their favorite vacation spot is Ocracoke Island.

We look forward to getting to know Will and his family and making them feel welcome at UBC.

Peace,  
Matt

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

1:00 Schleiermacher Reading Group ([Zoom Link](#))



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

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

**June 7:** Jim Hallissy, Michael Mundell

**June 8:** Calvin Gregg

**June 11:** Pam Dean, Gary Wood, Will Wagoner

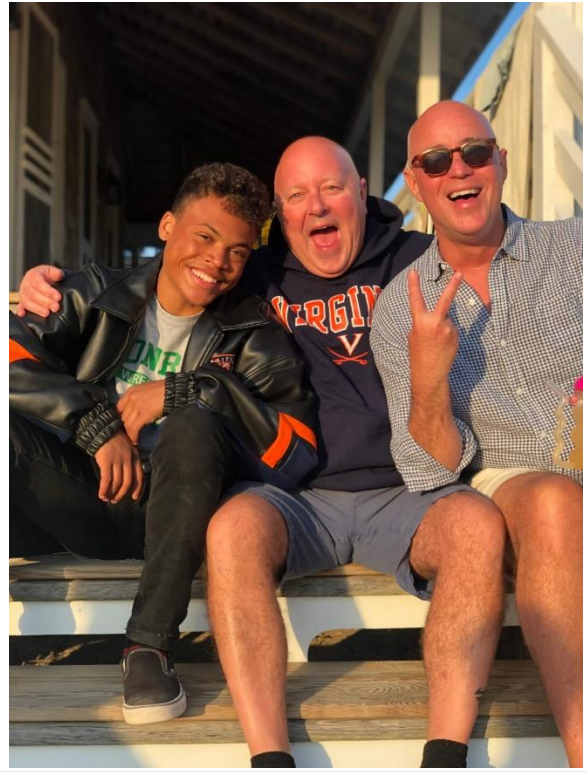


## Flavors of the Week

Vanilla  
Mango  
Vanilla/Mango swirl

**\*Follow us on Instagram @ubc\_cville to vote on our story polls for Flavor of the Week every Monday!**





### Ministry Transition Team

As we begin looking ahead to the future of music and worship at University Baptist Church, Church Council has created a Ministry Transition Team that will seek input from the congregation. This team consists of Linda Boston, Laura Centofante, Ray Gaines, Lily Gregg, Diane Mundell, and Ronda Wiley. Val Fisk and Will Brown serve as staff liaisons to this group. At the Team's first meeting, Ray Gaines was elected as chair. The Ministry Transition Team will be reporting on its work regularly in the Word.

### Deacon Elections

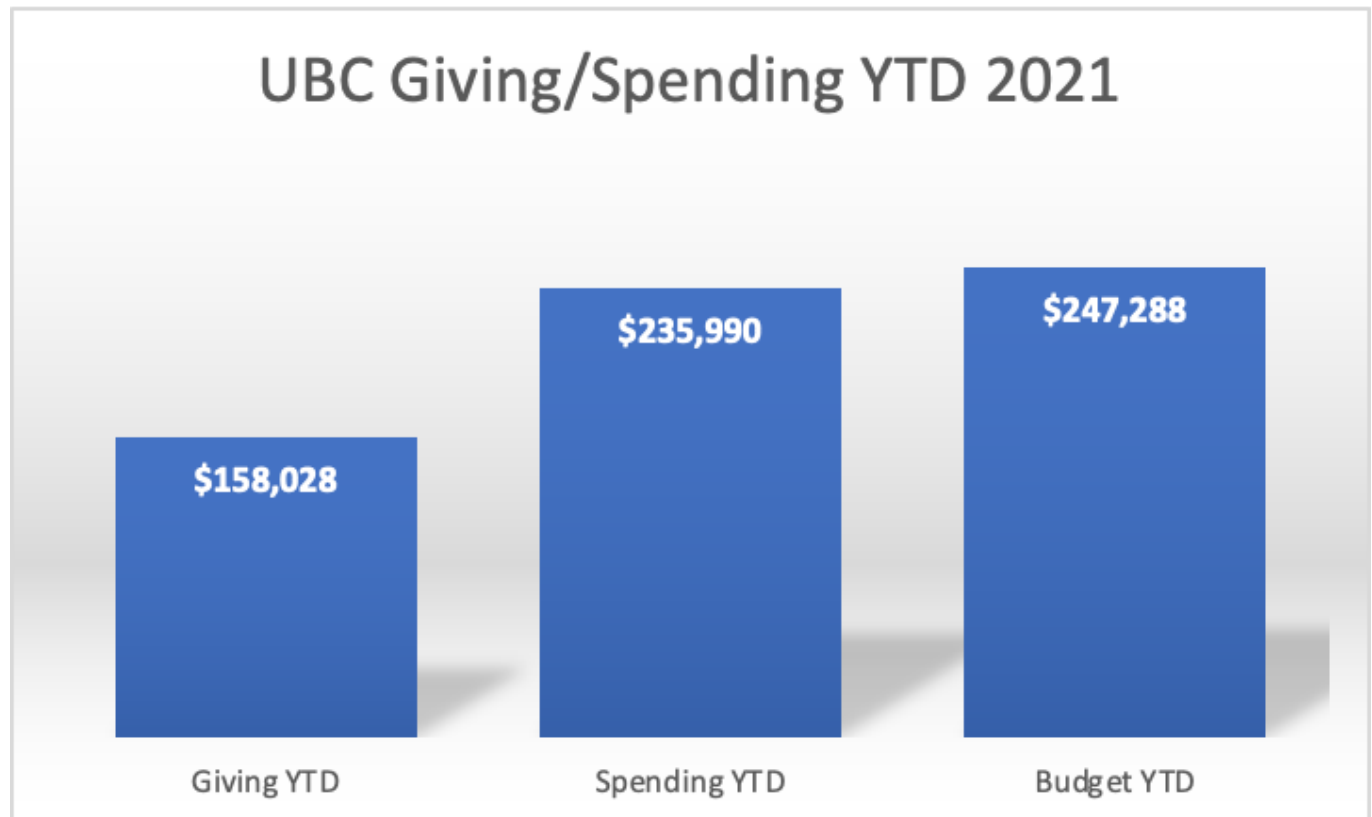
Thanks to all who reviewed the membership list that was sent in May. That list was used to assemble a Deacon Election Ballot by removing those under age 18, Deacons Emeriti, current Active Deacons, and those who requested to be removed from consideration. Deacons are to be the spiritual leaders of the church and typically serve three-year terms. UBC members are now invited to vote for not more than seven candidates to begin service in September. You may vote online at <https://forms.gle/6MYH75z6SiumRbUUA>, by calling the church office at 434-293-5106, or by completing a paper ballot, which will be available the first two Sundays in June. Please submit your ballots by Tuesday, June 22.

### JARC Update

It's time for the Joint Administrative Review Committee (JARC). Every three years, JARC examines our Constitution, Bylaws, and Leadership Manual to ensure these documents are up to date. This year, we will address how we use electronic meetings (e.g. Zoom) to conduct our business. As we have greater involvement with our online community, we will also look at what it means to be a "member" of UBC. Among some other administrative changes, we are looking at our "Confession of Faith" (Constitution, Article III). Does it need any updates? If you have any thoughts about our guiding documents, please contact one of the members of JARC. We will give updates when we

have them and plan to share our suggestions in July. This will provide time for the congregation to discuss any changes before the August Church Conference.

Martha Ballenger  
Jim Hallisy  
Alan Hendricks  
Elizabeth Mulcahy  
Matthew Tennant



Giving YTD \$158,028  
Spending YTD \$235,990  
Budget YTD \$247,288  
Deficit YTD \$77,962

As you can see from the chart and data above, our giving is below our spending. We want to build the church up, so we will use savings to continue our ministry until our giving increases. If you feel God leading you to give more to the ministry of University Baptist Church, please do. Thank you for your support.

#### **Update: Vacation Bible School**

Because kids are not yet being vaccinated, we will not be able to host our traditional Vacation Bible School this summer. However, we are looking forward to having smaller children's activities during the summer months. Stay tuned in the coming weeks for more details.

## UBC Softball Schedule

Week 2, June 4 - versus Incarnation @ Darden Towe field 1, 6 & 7 PM

Week 3, June 11 - versus Abundant Life @ Darden Towe field 3, 6 & 7 PM

Week 4, June 18 - versus FUMC @ Darden Towe field 3, 6 & 7 PM

Week 5, June 25 - versus FBB @ United Christian Academy, 7 & 8 PM



## Sunday Mornings

At this point in our regathering from the pandemic, UBC is *almost* back to business as usual in our Sunday worship services. After over a year on Zoom and YouTube, we are taking a break from our morning Bible study in order to enjoy some fellowship opportunities in the mornings over the summer. Look for announcements here in the newsletter as those coffee hours and community conversations are added to the calendar!

## Worship

Our Sunday morning worship service will begin, as usual, at 11:00 am. We encourage everyone in the congregation to join us in whatever way you feel safe and comfortable at this time, whether in person or virtually. 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.

## Masks & Social Distancing

University Baptist Church trusted the recommendations of the CDC when they encouraged us to wear our masks and social distance, and we are continuing to follow the CDC recommendations as they are updated. At this time, that means that fully vaccinated people are welcome to attend church with or without a mask, and we request that any non-vaccinated people continue to wear a mask. We are continuing to social distance in our sanctuary, seating all attendees in every other pew.

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