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UBC 2030

Some Next Steps – August 18 Church Conference

WATCH

When we held our community conversations earlier in the spring, we learned valuable insights and developed some action items. Click [here](#) for a summary of those conversations. What we learned dovetailed with the [2021 Vision and Goals](#). Last week, I used this space to look at where we are right now before focusing more attention on looking ahead. Now, we can take our community conversations and vision for this year and use them as a launch point to imagine UBC 2030.

On Wednesday, August 18, we will have a church conference. Several agenda items are exciting, like electing a fantastic slate of deacons' emeriti and voting on the 2021-22 nominations for church leadership. Others require prayerful discernment. We will hear a report from the ministry transition team and vote on an associate minister search committee. Once we elect the committee, they will begin looking for our next associate minister. Several people have asked whether or not we should proceed with a minister search right now. My answer stems from what I hear God calling us to do, and my sense of God's calling is: Don't stop. The tide is against us. Fewer people participate in organized religion, and, so far, we are no exception. Around the world, everyone is exhausted from this pandemic. The whole situation keeps reminding me of Jeremiah, who was known as the "weeping

SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

August 1, 2021
11:00 AM

Sermon:
"Transforming Transgressors"
Dr. Matthew Tennant

Scripture:
2 Samuel 11:27b-12:7a

Deacons: Martha Ballenger,
Lynne Gardner

Ushers: Sally Chewning, Bob
Gough

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, July 28

10:00 PBJ Bible Study
12:00 Soft Serve on the Steps
7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY, August 1

8:30 Church Council
11:00 Morning Worship
3:00 Pool Party

MONDAY, August 2

8:30 Morning Prayer ([UBC
Facebook Page](#))
1:00 Schleiermacher Reading
Group ([Zoom Link](#))

TUESDAY, August 3

prophet.” He preached for 40 years and without seeing any real success. Hananiah was a false prophet and opposed Jeremiah by telling people what they wanted to hear.

What do we want to hear right now? What is the siren song that leads us away from God’s calling? Each one of us has to answer that question. That’s part of being Baptist. We trust that God can (& does) speak through all of us. When we look to the future, do we see a vibrant vision of what God is calling UBC to be, or do we let the fatigue of this moment in history cloud our judgment?

When Jeremiah sent word to the people exiled in Babylon, the weeping prophet included a message of hope and faith in who God is. “For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart” (Jeremiah 29.11-13).

Take some small steps into UBC’s future. Come to church on August 18 and join the conversation.

Peace,
Matt

Music Minister Search Committee

The Nominating Committee has selected 8 members for the Music Minister Search Committee.

Ben Chenault
Lily Gregg
Robbie Gough
Laura Martindale
Debby Johnson
Larry Johnson
Peter Ohlms
Caroline Wagoner

9:00 UBC Work Team
7:00 Kittie Colvin Trail (Zoom)



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

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

August 3: Robby Gough
August 6: Clara Brown
August 7: Ian Pallini



Flavors of the Week

Banana
Chocolate
Banana/Chocolate swirl

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



Kids and Families

This Sunday, August 1, kids and families are invited to join us at the Gough’s pool! We’ll have snacks, swim, and enjoy time together! 3-5pm

Deacon Emeritus

The designation of Deacon Emeritus recognizes Deacons whose service and contributions have been exemplary. The Active Deacons have nominated five candidates to be presented for

congregational approval at the next Church Conference (Aug. 18). Each week, we will highlight one or two of these candidates in The Word.

Al Holliday

Al joined UBC in 2003 following 15 years as a charter member of Broadus Memorial Baptist Church, prior to which he was active at First Baptist Church on Park Street. While at Broadus, Al was ordained as a Deacon and served three terms (9 years). He served one 3-year term as a Deacon at UBC, during which he displayed extraordinary commitment to service through the Deacon Family Ministry. In particular, those who served with him remembered his great skill in visiting people, demonstrating how Deacons can make the most of their spiritual gifts and earning Al the informal title "The Sweetest Man that Ever Was."



Difficult Conversations: Religion and Race - with Anthea Butler

Sunday, August 8, 5:00 to 6:30 pm, [Register for Zoom link](https://tinyurl.com/CCC-Aug8).

The Charlottesville Clergy Collective invites you to join us in "Difficult Conversations: Religion and Race," an online panel discussion addressing the history of white religious institutions as contributors to racial oppression and leading us towards conversation about repair.

We are excited to welcome Dr. Anthea Butler, University of Pennsylvania Associate Professor of Religious Studies & Africana Studies, to speak about her new book, White Evangelical Racism: The Politics of Morality in America. Dr. Butler will then join in a panel discussion moderated by Devin Coles, CCC member and pastor of Union Baptist Church, together with Gayle Jessup White, Public Relations & Community Engagement Officer at Monticello / Thomas Jefferson Foundation, and Tricia Johnson, Director of the Fluvanna County Historical Society.

NEVER FEAR, YOU STILL HAVE TIME!

You still have time to make a donation to the Woodbrook Elementary School Supplies Project.

This offering allows the school's Family Support Workers to provide much needed school supplies that many families simply cannot afford. You may be helping a child to have headphones, hand sanitizer, scissors, crayons, or dozens of other materials the teachers request.

So, if you have been meaning to give to this mission and just haven't quite gotten around to it, this coming Sunday our Youth will be standing at the exits at the close of worship to help you remember



to make those donations. Please make your checks or online donations payable to UBC and earmarked "school supplies."

Please Share Your Thoughts

The Ministry Transition Team is tasked with gathering input from our congregation about the future of music and worship at UBC. The team's primary goal is to gather information about what kind of person the Search Committee should be seeking. Please help us out by filling out this quick [survey](#). Thank you!

Newly Elected Deacons

Thanks to all who voted in the annual Deacon election process. The following folks will begin their 3-year terms as Active Deacons in September: Debra Bryant, Sarah Buchanan, Gary Dalton, Lily Gregg, Daniel Harper, Jackie Lockwood, and Jennifer Wagoner.

Haiti Update

The country of Haiti has drawn attention once again for sad reasons. After the assassination of President Moïse, the country, especially Port-au-Prince is in disarray. In the north, things are calm but remain tenuous. We hear encouraging reports for Monel and Joselie, and Bertram Rubens sent some pictures. They were taken after a recent worship service. We have been supporting Pastor Rubens for several years, and he sent the following message:

"I am praying for you and your church and for my responsibilities. Thank you for what you are doing for me for God. God bless you."



Save the Date: September 26

Join us for a day of music, worship, and celebration of Alba Beasley's retirement.

*More information to come in the upcoming weeks.



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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