

## Annie Armstrong Circle Helping Afghan Refugees

During the past week, the Annie Armstrong Circle has been actively loving some of our newest Charlottesville neighbors. The Circle heard of a need from International Neighbors of Charlottesville (INC) and quickly responded. A couple with four children recently arrived here with a Special Immigrant Visa, and as you can imagine, their lives have been in turmoil. The ladies in the Annie Armstrong Circle have responded by collecting toiletry items, paper towels, diapers, and other items to assist the family during this major transition.



As we hear of additional needs, we will let the congregation know. If you would like to contribute monetarily, you can send funds to the church for the Annie Armstrong Circle to distribute. Please contact Jeannette May if you have any questions.

Thank you, Annie Armstrong Circle, for your generosity, compassion, and initiative!

## Associate Minister Search

The Associate Minister Search Committee has hit the ground running to begin the search process for our next Associate Minister for Music and Worship. The committee has elected Debby Johnson as chair, Lily Gregg as vice-chair, and Ben Chenault as secretary. In its first two meetings, the Search Committee has created a job description and an advertisement, which they are now beginning to publicize.

## SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

September 5, 2021  
11:00 AM

**Sermon:**  
"Does My Faith Require Works?"  
Dr. Matthew Tennant

**Scripture:**  
James 2:14-17

**Deacons:** Shirley Clark  
**Ushers:** Cindy Bryant, Herman Eaker

## CALENDAR

### WEDNESDAY, September 1

9:00 UBC Work Team (*new day*)  
7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal  
7:00 Student Ministry- Midweek Small Group

### THURSDAY, September 2

12:00 Soft Serve on the Steps (*date change*)

### SUNDAY, September 5

9:30 Student Ministry Bible Study  
9:45 Sunday Bible Study ([Zoom](#) and Fellowship Hall)  
11:00 Morning Worship  
5:00 Jubilate Rehearsal  
6:00 Youth Group

## Welcome, New Members!

It was a joy this Sunday to welcome Susan and Tommy Deal as the newest members of University Baptist Church. Both are ministers who are joining us by transfer of membership from First Baptist Church of Dalton, GA.



**MONDAY, September 6**

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

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

Church office closed

For our most up-to-date calendar, [click here](#).

## Ice Cream Moved to Thursday!

It looks like the remains of Hurricane Ida will be reaching us here in Charlottesville tomorrow morning, which will prevent us from serving ice cream on our usual Wednesday afternoon. Instead, we will serve on **Thursday** this week, weather permitting. Updates on weather related cancellations (and flavor options!) can be found on our church Instagram account, @abc\_cville.

### Flavors of the Week

- Salted Caramel
- Vanilla
- Salted Caramel & Vanilla Swirl



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

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



**September 7:** George Payne  
**September 8:** Scott Miller  
**September 9:** Shelley Miller  
**September 10:** Georgina Main  
**September 11:** Alba Beasley, Leon Castle, Desteny Bonilla

## Harvest Picnic: September 12

The UBC Deacons invite you to a special "Harvest Picnic," to be held on Sunday, September 12 at the home of Robby and Judy Gough. With the uncertainty of the pandemic, we don't know whether we will be able to host the traditional indoor Harvest Luncheon in November, so we invite you to join us in this outdoor meal while the weather is warm.

**What:** Fellowship, swimming, and a catered meal provided by the Deacons

**When:** Sunday, September 12. 3:00pm for swimming, 5:00 for dinner

**Who:** You! Everyone is invited.

**Where:** The home of Robby and Judy Gough (address not published online for privacy reasons, but check your church directory, email the staff, or call the office if you need directions)



In case of inclement weather, the event will be rescheduled.

We hope to see you there!

## Sunday Bible Study Resumes

This Sunday, we resume our weekly Virtual Bible Study, which is open to anyone in the congregation. Some individual classes may begin meeting as they are ready to do so, either in person or via Zoom.

Our minister-led Bible Study will begin at 9:45 and end at 10:30. Beginning September 5, Will Brown will be leading a series based on the book of Acts, considering lessons that our church can draw from the early church's story. Especially as we ponder church life in the context of a pandemic that has upended everything, our hope is that our time in Acts will draw us more deeply into our essential mission and identity as the Church.

There are two ways to join this study:

### 1. In person

For anyone who would like to participate in person, you can join us in the Fellowship Hall at 9:45. We will gather near the screen, so that we can see those joining us remotely.

### 2. On Zoom

For those joining remotely, you can log in with this Zoom information:

- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85381408096?pwd=MzdkVG9JZ2x0M2JFK01KNINjSWtgUT09>
- Meeting ID: 853 8140 8096
- Passcode: 954000

Please note, we do not plan to broadcast our session over YouTube at this time. We want to be able to have honest, deep conversation with one another, without the hesitation and guardedness that comes from being recorded for anyone online to see. If you are unable to use Zoom, please let Will know so we can make other arrangements. (Of course, we know that 9:45 is early in the morning for some, so there is no pressure to turn on your Zoom camera or microphone, if you'd rather just observe!)



**BibleProject**

## College & Youth Bible Studies are back in swing!

This week our college and youth groups both resumed meeting for weekly Bible study (masked, but in person!). Both groups are following the same study plan this fall, focusing on creating a broad

understanding of the different books of the Bible, and what main themes and different kinds of literature are represented in the Bible. Each week, the groups watch a video from The Bible Project, starting in the **Old Testament Book Overview series**. Then, we are asking ourselves questions about what we hear, such as: *What is familiar or unsurprising? What did we hear that is new or unfamiliar? Why would people choose to write this down and then preserve this book for so many years?* Reach out to Rev. Val Fisk if you are interested in following along with what our students are learning this semester!

## Rev. Fisk Completes CBF Grant Program

In the summer of 2020, shortly before being called to University Baptist Church, I was accepted to participate in the Ministerial Excellence Initiative, a grant program of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship designed to help pastoral and congregational leaders identify and respond to financial stressors causing anxiety.

In a 2015 survey, the CBF surveyed 642 pastoral leaders, finding that 67% of those surveyed carried a debt load that equals up to 2 times their salary, and 41% of the debt carried is student loans. They responded to this great need by beginning the MEI program, in which congregational ministers receive a grant of up to \$10,000, of which \$8000 is applied directly to debt payoff, and \$2000 is invested into a retirement fund with the CBF Church Benefits Board. Additionally, over the course of the one year program, I participated in learning sessions on personal finances, financial literacy for congregations,

and met regularly with both a financial advisor and a ministry coach. This week marks the end of the one-year program.

The MEI grant made immeasurable changes in my life, not just in my own financial outlook, but also in the way I intend to teach youth and college students about money as a result of what I have learned. You can be on the lookout for "Budgeting 101" sessions for college students in the future!

- Val

## Deacon Emeritus

At our Church Conference on Wednesday, August 18, the church unanimously and enthusiastically voted to recognize five individuals as Deacon Emeritus: Al Holliday, Lynn Martin, Ed Smith, Eldon Wood, and Martha Wood.

The designation of Deacon Emeritus recognizes Deacons whose service and contributions have been exemplary. Each week, we have been highlighting their stories in The Word, a series which concludes today with Martha Wood.

### Martha Wood

Martha joined UBC in August 1979 with husband Eldon by her side. She was ordained as a Deacon by Rev. Dick Myers in the early 1980's and has continued to serve for decades. During her tenure as a Deacon, Martha also sang in the choir, was a church trustee, served as the Deacons' secretary, was a founding member of the Bereavement Committee, and helped organize A Quiet Place to Study. Martha has enjoyed traveling with Jubilate, serving on the Finance and Nominating Committees and acting as UBC messenger to the Albemarle Baptist Association.

## Alba's Retirement Celebration Postponed

Sadly, with the surging Delta variant of COVID-19, we will not be able to hold our celebration of Alba's ministry on September 26 as we had hoped. Our desire is for this to be a joyous celebration when we can do a lot of singing together, and it simply does not seem safe to plan such an event at this time. We will continue to watch the COVID situation carefully, and the planning team led by Carolyn Lowry will remain in touch with Alba and Pam to reschedule this event at an appropriate time. We will share details as they become available.

## Sunday Mornings

### Worship

Our Sunday morning worship service will begin 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 continues to follow the recommendations of the CDC as they are updated. At this time, that means that all individuals, both vaccinated and unvaccinated, should wear a mask for all in-person gatherings in the church building. As we monitor this next wave of COVID cases related to the Delta variant, we will make announcements as our policies are adjusted.

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