



Be More Welcoming (at the Aug 18 Church Conference??)

ON WATCH

In our community conversations earlier this spring, when I spoke with many of you via Zoom, we heard people say how they wanted us to be a more welcoming church. (Click [here](#) for a summary of those conversations.) People said they want to incorporate visitors in the life of the church, even if it means prioritizing being welcoming over something else. In our 2021 Vision and Goals, we talked about making space to invite our neighbors into our building and church life. We can take positive steps for the future and be more welcoming right now.

On Wednesday, August 18, we will have a church conference. I want us to try something radical on August 18. First, let's begin by singing a hymn. If you have thoughts about what hymn we should sing, please let Will Cooke know. Otherwise, he will pick one for us to sing as we start our time together. Second, after we sing a hymn, let's celebrate the Lord's supper. Taking communion will center our focus on the reason we are doing business.

We will still confirm deacons' emeriti and the 2021-22 nominations for church leadership. We will also hear a report from the ministry transition team and hear an update from Larry Martin about the church's financial status. Here's a preview: it's remarkably similar to our status in 2019 when

SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

August 8, 2021
11:00 AM

Sermon:
"Finding New Life in Christ"
Dr. Matthew Tennant

Scripture:
Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Deacons: Jackie Lockwood,
Wellford Tiller

Ushers: Sylvie Moore, Tom
Moore

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, August 4
12:00 Soft Serve on the Steps
7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, August 5
1:00 Youth Retreat

SUNDAY, August 8
11:00 Morning Worship

MONDAY, August 9
8:30 Morning Prayer ([UBC Facebook Page](#))

TUESDAY, August 10
9:00 UBC Work Team

we felt God leading us to become a four-minister church. Then, we will vote on an associate minister search committee.

By singing a hymn and celebrating Holy Communion before we begin our business, we welcome the Holy Spirit and emphasize our new life in Christ. Colossians 3.1-17 describes this new life in Christ. It says to “clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience” (3.12) and “with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God” (3.16).

As we prepare to conduct the business of the church, we can focus on the risen Christ and imagine his desire for the church. We tend to frame our questions in secular instead of spiritual terms. For example, when we propose electing someone as a deacon emeritus, we do not do so to show partiality. The Bible is clear that we should not show partiality (e.g., Acts 10.34; Romans 2.11; James 2.9; etc.). We nominate deacons’ emeriti as a celebration of committed work in the name of Christ. This celebration is an invitation to everyone to join a life in Christ. It’s supposed to be life-giving and joy-filled.

Welcoming the Holy Spirit and finding focus on Christ is a preliminary step to becoming more welcoming of those around us. When we master carrying out our business as a people “clothed in compassion,” drawing in others becomes natural.

Peace,
Matt



Help serve ice cream on UVA move-in days!

In just a couple weeks, UVA students will be returning to grounds, with many first year and transfer students moving into their dorms between August 18-20. UBC is going to welcome new and returning students in the best way we know how - with free ice cream! We need volunteers to help serve the ice cream each day from 10 am to 5 pm. Students will be moving into dorms from 8-5 each day, and we want to be sure to welcome them with lots of smiles as they pass by with their

parents! [Click on this link](#) to sign up for an hour or two, or maybe a couple of

6:30 Prayer Shawl Group



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

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

August 8: Donna Marshall

August 9: Shirley Wagoner

August 10: Rachel Miller, Michelle Proffitt, Georgia Wood

August 12: Gayle Eaker

August 13: Diane Woerner, Betty Barker

August 14: Kevin Wright



Flavors of the Week

Chocolate

Mint

Chocolate/Mint swirl

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

Prayer Concerns

Sympathy to Pete and Sue Whitt in the passing of Pete's sister, Judy W. Scruggs, on July 23, 2021.

Leon Castle- UVA Hospital

hours each day! The more help we have, the more often we can rotate inside for a break from the sun.

Pray for Val Fisk and the youth group while they are on retreat this weekend, returning Sunday afternoon.

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.

Lynn Martin

Lynn and Larry joined UBC in 1972. Lynn launched her Deacon service in 1988 and served 7 terms with Ministers Keith Smith and Tom Leland. Most noteworthy, Lynn served as UBC's first female Deacon chairperson from 1991-1993. She helped lead the congregation through the *Together We Build* and *Rebuilding God's House* capital fundraising campaigns, plus two major renovation projects. Also during her service, Deacons strengthened the Family Ministry Plan as it evolved into the current Circle of Caring model. Lynn's favorite memories as a Deacon include "being at the heart of the spiritual leadership of and ministry to the UBC congregation."

Provide Dinner on Sunday Evenings for Youth and Jubilate

As we approach the fall semester, plans are coming together for a return of weekly meetings of our youth group and Jubilate on Sunday evenings. UBC provides dinner for these students each Sunday at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall. You have lots of options for how to provide a meal - you can of course cook for the group yourself in our UBC kitchen! You can pick up take & bake options at Costco; you can put together a giant charcuterie board or nacho bar; you could elect to reheat leftovers from the previous Wednesday evening dinner (we need at least 2 weeks notice on this plan so that Larry Johnson can order extra food); or you can choose to financially sponsor dinners by having Val order takeout for the group on your behalf (Roots Catering, Chipotle, pizza, Jimmy Johns, Mission BBQ - the options are endless!). And "you" does not mean "you alone!" This is a great chance for you to sign up as a family, as a Sunday school class, or with a couple of friends getting together to sponsor dinner and get creative as a group. [Click here to sign up](#) to provide dinner one week this fall.

Richard E. Myers Lecture

The first book to be published from the Richard E. Myers Lecture Series, *Making world over: Confronting racism, misogyny, and xenophobia in U.S. History*, is now available for purchase. If you are interested and purchasing a copy, follow this

Making the World Over is Marie Griffith's thoughtful response to an imperiled nation that has forgotten how to listen and debate productively, at a time when it needs vigorous discourse more than ever. Griffith performs the urgent work of examining the histories behind the issues at the root of our country's conflicts past and present, from race and immigration to misogyny and reproductive rights. It is more than a study of the issues; it is an attempt to shed real light on how to encourage constructive dialogue and move society forward.

-UVA Press



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Thank-You Note

To UBC family,

Thank you so much for partnering with Grace Faith Chinese Church to reach out to the Chinese International Students. Without you generously letting us use your church, this ministry would be very difficult. Thank you again for sharing your facility with us.

*Yours in Christ,
GFCC family*

Music Minister Search Committee

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

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



United To Worship Dance Ministry presents a Community Praise & Worship event!

There will be singing, dancing, mime, poetry, & food will be served.

**When: Saturday, August 28, 2021
From 3pm – 5 pm
(Doors will open at 2:30pm)**

**Where: University Baptist Church
1223 W. Main St. Charlottesville, VA 22903**

*Please contact Christine Witcher at 434-443-0882 for any questions!
This is a free event and donations are welcome! Proceeds will go towards
The Haven Day Shelter and PACEM.*

We will be following CDC Guidelines for COVID-19 & Mask Covering.

Thank you for your support!

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.



Flowers Bring Great Joy

With more people coming back into the sanctuary to worship, we would again like to provide live flower arrangements each Sunday. The 2021 Floral Calendar has been posted in the first floor hallway. If you would like to dedicate sanctuary flowers for a special remembrance or celebration, sign up on the calendar AND call or email Sarah Buchanan to reserve your special date. I will order the flowers from Plantscapes for \$60 unless you want to provide them yourself. (Gary Bibb has retired from Plantscapes; he had charged us the same price for probably fifteen years. The new owner has raised the price an equitable amount.)



You can drop a check earmarked "sanctuary flowers" in the offering plate, or send it to the church office.

If you love flowers, enjoy arranging them, or want to learn how, please contact Sarah at 434-409-9064 or sarahbucha@gmail.com and join us on the Floral Team. Sometimes it can be as simple as taking an already made arrangement out of the refrigerator and placing it in the sanctuary or watering live plants.

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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