



October 26, 2021 Vol. 72, No. 86

SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

October 31, 2021
11:00 AM

Sermon

"Here's the Story of a Lovely Lady..."
Rev. Val Fisk

Scripture:

Ruth 1:1-18

Deacons: Debby Johnson,
Raynell Stokes

Ushers: Ian Pallini, Sue Sears

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, October 27

9:00 UBC Work Team

10:00 PBJ Bible Study (Zoom)

7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY, October 31

9:30 Student Ministry Bible Study

9:45 Sunday Bible Study

([Zoom](#) and Fellowship Hall)

11:00 Morning Worship

5:00 Jubilate Rehearsal

5:00 Youth & College Movie Night

MONDAY, November 1

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

Actions v. Obstacles

During this month's series of "out of the box" worship services, we invited

congregants to participate in various ways. On October 10, we focused on putting faith in action. We asked you to write ways to put faith in action on post-it notes and stick them on a board with silhouettes. Here's what some of you said:

- Praying for others
- Affirming people in their efforts to love
- Giving money to the homeless man I walk by on the corner
- Thanking the bagger at the grocery store who is a mute person
- Help with homeless shelter & PACEM
- More patient at work
- Letters of encouragement
- Volunteering time to help the poor
- Cards: anniversary, birthday, sympathy, concern

WATCH

Someone took me in an unexpected direction when writing, "Take the speck from my eye." This comment was interesting because it addressed the motivation for putting faith in action. If we have a speck in our eye, our actions, even if they are good, are empty. Another person wrote, "Really listen." It reminds me of being fully present.

A few weeks later, on Sunday, November 24, we brought the post-it notes out again and asked people to list obstacles to church. Here's what some of you wrote:

- Mean people
- Boring
- Hearing disability
- Prejudice against the church from a past (or no) experience
- Feeling oppressed by the church

- Feeling of unwelcomeness

To me, one of the most significant answers was “Empty spirituality, rejection from the church, feelings of unworthiness.” Another obstacle that spoke to me was “Rules, lack of relevance, no immediate need for church.” I have heard people say on more than one occasion, “Are we allowed to ___?” Rules and empty spirituality debilitate any chance of being God’s hands and feet.

At the end of the service, I asked how we could overcome these obstacles. You said:

- More smiles and kindness
- Think outside the box
- Headphones are so helpful
- Soft opening folks can be invited to [When I read this, I thought about giving away ice cream.]
- Show the love of God

One person suggested “casting out the rules.” Another wrote, “Show the fruits of genuine faith.” These are great suggestions and part of a bigger conversation. We have asked for your feedback, and many of you have responded. Thank you so much for your responses. We appreciate each one—even when we disagree.

As we move closer to the end of this “out of the box” series and prepare to exit Discomfort Land, our actions can overcome the obstacles to faith. We must be intentional and think through what we do and why we do it. Which rules do we need to “cast out”? How can we “show the fruits of genuine faith”? These are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Galatians 5.22-23).

God is moving and hinting at some answers. God is speaking through you. Keep talking. There’s a world of people who need the transformative love of Christ.

Peace,
Matt

Thank you, Clara!

Thank you to Clara Brown for volunteering and helping to put away all of our candles from our contemplative service two weeks ago.

[Facebook Page](#))

10:30 Bible Reading Group

([Zoom](#))

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

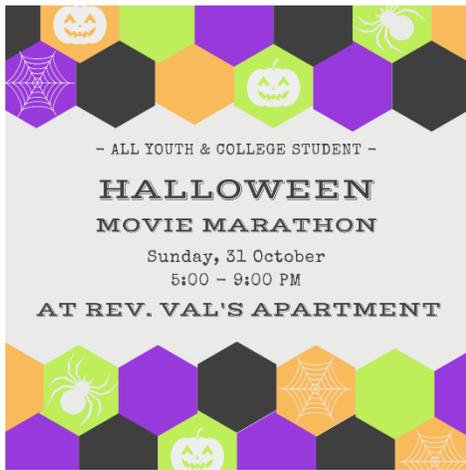


HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

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

November 2: Janeth Bibb





Youth & College Movie Night

College students and youth are invited to spend Halloween evening hanging out at Rev. Val's place! We will have chili and all the fixins' for Frito Pie, as well as cider and some sweet treats. Drop in anytime between 5pm and 9pm to hang out and enjoy time together. Movie viewing will include Hocus Pocus, Halloweentown, and The Nightmare Before Christmas! Anyone needing the address can contact the church office or email Val (vfisk@universitybaptist.org).

Carve out a
 new tradition.

Give Blood!



UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH

Community Blood Drive
 Tuesday, November 2nd
 8:30am to 2:30pm
 1223 West Main Street, Charlottesville, VA

In compliance with CDC Guidelines
 APPOINTMENTS ONLY
 Please either visit redcrossblood.org
 Or call (800-733-2767)

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Christmas Hygiene Kit and Greeting Card Ministry for FCCW

After missing last year due to COVID 19, we're happy to report that the Christmas Hygiene Kit and Greeting Card Ministry to the Fluvanna Correction Center for Woman is back on track for Christmas 2021.

Please note that the correctional center does not permit ANY substitute or additional items. You can give a complete bag or single items. Hygiene Items (place in a gallon zip lock bag)



TRAFFIC ADVISORY: Road Closure on Emmet St near Ivy Rd, Nov. 1 to Nov. 12

There will be an extended full closure of Emmet St between Ivy Rd and Rothery Rd (24 hours a day) from Nov. 1 to Nov. 12. Vehicular traffic will be detoured to Massie Rd and Copeley Rd.

1. One individually wrapped toothbrush (must be in original container)
2. One tube of toothpaste, 6 oz. (must be in original container, and as close to 2.6 oz. as possible but no larger)
3. One deodorant stick, 2.6 oz. (no spray or roll-on, as close to 2.6 oz. as possible but no larger)
4. One bottle of shampoo, 15 oz. (as close to 15 oz. as possible but no larger)
5. One bottle of lotion, 15 oz. (as close to 15 oz. as possible but no larger)

No additions or substitutions.



Greeting Cards and Stationery Items

1. Christmas and Hanukkah cards and greeting cards for all occasions. All cards are sorted by an Effort Baptist Church team of volunteers after they're received.

Please try to avoid purchasing cards that contain foil on the card or envelope flap.

2. Stationery items – writing paper of any size and envelopes either 3 5/8 x 6 1/2” or 4 1/8 x 9 1/2”

3. Forever postage stamps -- used to send donation acknowledgment letters. Please place them in a separate zip lock bag).

4. Wooden pencils (unsharpened)

UBC's Collection Due Date is Sunday, November 7, but monetary gifts are welcome any time during the year. Make checks and online donations payable to UBC and earmark “hygiene kits.” Item collection boxes will be located on the stage in the fellowship hall and in the first floor lobby.

Sunday Mornings

Sunday Bible Study

On Sunday mornings, 9:45-10:30, our ministers are leading a discussion series on the book of Acts, considering lessons that our church can draw from the early church's story. You can join us in person in the Fellowship Hall, or via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85381408096?pwd=MzdkVG9JZ2x0M2JFK01KNINjSWtqUT09>

Meeting ID: 853 8140 8096

Passcode: 954000

The Open Minds Class is also meeting on Zoom at this time.

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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