

# THE WORD

UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH

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## Good Luck, Lexi!

Today we say "see you later" to our beloved Financial Secretary and all-around Office Extraordinaire, Lexi Woodson. Lexi and Nugget will be moving to pursue opportunities in the Richmond area, working as the Regional Manager for a dental practice. (Don't worry; she has already found a great new daycare for her sweet pup!)

Lexi has been an important member of our team especially throughout the pandemic, keeping us organized, in good communication with our congregation, and making sure things run smoothly day to day in the office. We will miss her cheerful greetings to every phone call, her ability to make the copier work when no one else can, and her easy laughter that invites everyone to join in the joy!



Please join us in praying for a smooth transition for Lexi as she finds a new apartment, starts her new job, and settles into her new city. Lexi Woodson, you are a UBCer for life, and we love you deeply!

## SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

November 28, 2021  
11:00 AM

### Sermon:

"Spring is Surely Coming"  
Dr. Matthew Tennant

### Scripture:

Jeremiah 33:14-16

### Deacons:

Ushers: Shirley Clark, Daniel Harper

## CALENDAR

### TUESDAY, November 23

7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

### WEDNESDAY, November 24

Church Office Closed

### THURSDAY, November 25

Church Office Closed  
Thanksgiving

### FRIDAY, November 26

Church Office Closed

### SUNDAY, November 28

9:45 Sunday Bible Study  
([Zoom](#) and Fellowship Hall)  
11:00 Morning Worship  
5:00 Jubilate Rehearsal



**MONDAY, November 29**  
8:30 Morning Prayer ([UBC Facebook Page](#))  
10:30 Bible Reading Group ([Zoom](#))



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

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

**November 30:** James Sivley

**December 3:** Esther Tian, Micah Ohlms, Gwynivere Wells, Caleb Brown

**December 4:** Paul Blincoe

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## Children's Christmas Shop

We are excited to bring back the Children's Christmas Shop this year, in a slightly modified format. As in years past, children will have the opportunity to "shop" for gifts for their family members, with all proceeds going toward missions. This year, the Christmas Shop will be held on Sunday morning, September 12, at 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall.

**Donations needed:** if you have small "treasures" that you would like to contribute, please drop them off in the church office or nursery. We want to make sure the kids have plenty of fun options to choose from. :)

## 2022 Pledge Cards

The pledge cards for 2022 will be mailed out in the upcoming weeks. We're looking into 2022 at University Baptist Church, and your contributions are critical to supporting God's mission here and abroad. We are deeply grateful for the ways you participate in the life of the church!

## Church-wide Christmas Card!

Instead of the traditional "Christmas Post Office" at UBC, this year we are again sending out a church-wide Christmas Card to every family in the church. Like last year, this card can contain a personalized greeting from you! For instance, "Wishing you a Christmas season filled with joy and laughter! -Love, Will, Erin, Luke, Seth, and Caleb. :)"

Because our usual Post Office is a great fundraiser for missions, we don't want that to slip away. We ask everyone submitting a greeting to also make a donation to missions, as large or small as you are able--consider donating the postage you save. To list your greeting in this giant card, please do two things. 1) Fill out [this form](#) or contact the church office to give us the wording for your greeting by **December 10**. 2) Donate to our Offering for Global Missions, either by mailing a check to the church office or by [giving online](#).

Of course, you are still welcome to mail cards to your church family if you'd like, using the USPS. But if you'd rather save some postage, this Church-wide Christmas Card gives you an easy way to reach everyone. Merry Christmas!

## Christmas Missions at UBC

### Christmas Dinner in a Bag – The Covid Version

Twelve or so years ago our WMU (Woman's Missionary Union) realized that all of our missions efforts, other than the Global Missions Offering, were over and done by Thanksgiving, leaving a bit of a void. We called Love INC to see what their needs were, and were told that while lots of organizations did Thanksgiving dinners, no one gave Christmas dinners. We agreed on a grocery list and this fun, personal, hands-on ministry was born. In 2019 we delivered 46 bags of non-perishables and a \$15 gift card (from the WMU budget) with each bag intended to be used for the main dish.



December 2020, after several conversations with Susan Shellito, Love INC's Clearinghouse Coordinator, we learned that due to COVID 19 and Love INC's limited office hours, it would be more prudent to provide grocery store gift cards for \$30. Last Christmas we were able to give Christmas dinner to 90 families.

For this Christmas Mrs. Shellito has again asked that we provide gift cards rather than groceries. We realize that everyone is asking for money at this time of year, so we're asking that you donate only what you would have normally spent on bags of groceries.

**Due date is Sunday, December 12.** Please make checks and online donations payable to UBC and earmark "Dinner in a Bag."

**CANCELED: UBC Missions Post Office** due to COVID concerns. We will again, as we did last year, be organizing a church-wide Christmas card to be mailed to all our members. See the Christmas Card article above.

### CBF Global Missions Offering

During the month of December, we will be collecting donations for the CBF (Cooperative Baptist Fellowship) Global Missions Offering. You will be hearing much more about that in the weeks to come.

## Young Adult Friendsgiving Dinner

Young Adults are invited to a Friendsgiving Dinner at Rev. Fisk's home on Friday, December 10 at 6:30 PM. This night will be an opportunity for people in that post-college, mid-20s to early-30s stage of life to gather together and connect with other UBC folk, hopefully the first of many of these gatherings in the future!

Food is being provided by the Annie Armstrong Circle, so all you have to bring is yourself and your preferred beverage. Email [vfisk@universitybaptist.org](mailto:vfisk@universitybaptist.org) for more details.

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR  
**A QUIET PLACE  
TO STUDY**  
DURING FINALS?  
UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH  
HAS YOU COVERED!



Extended study hours kick off with a Christmas movie marathon, Wednesday, December 6, 12-8 pm

Free snacks & beverages  
Private study rooms

Details, hours, and more info at [universitybaptist.org/study](http://universitybaptist.org/study)

## A Quiet Place to Study - Almost Time for Finals!

It is almost finals time again! UBC has continued to welcome in a regular group of students to study and do laundry in our building all throughout the fall semester, but similar to years past, we will be distributing advertisements with other student groups and preparing to welcome a new group of studious UVA friends into the building throughout finals!

This year we will bring back the homemade cookies and treats that were a highlight of past years. Anyone interested in providing a homemade treat can [sign up at this link](#). Note that you are being asked to spread out donations across the full week of finals rather than drop

everything off on the first day. Anyone interested in spending time at the church to greet students as they arrive can email [vfisk@universitybaptist.org](mailto:vfisk@universitybaptist.org) for more information.

We also need many individually wrapped snacks and a good supply of beverages to keep these students fed and watered through the week! While you are out doing your Thanksgiving or Black Friday shopping, consider picking up one of the items listed here to drop off at the church. You can also take a look at the current stock of items in the collegiate ministry room to see what we keep around all the time!

Cans of Dr Pepper or Coke

Bottled Water

Cans of sparkling water (our students love mango, lime, and blueberry; but will not touch cherry flavors!)

Individual packets of apple sauce

Bags of chips (especially Doritos, Cheetos, and Sour Cream & Onion Lays)

Granola bars

Variety packs of mini candy bars

Microwave macaroni & cheese cups

Fruit snacks

Nature's Bakery Fig bars (blueberry and raspberry; or Costco variety pack)

Mini Muffins chocolate chip muffins

Individual packages of Oreos and Nutter Butters

## UBC Youth at Rake-A-Thon

Youth and families from UBC joined with Habitat for Humanity on Saturday for the 8th annual Fall Rake-A-Thon fundraiser! Our crew joined together with more than 30 other volunteers to make quick work of the raking and clearing of three yards in Charlottesville.

Over 700 volunteers cleared more than 80 yards on Saturday morning, raising funds to benefit the creation of the first homes in Village One in Southwood.

A special note of pride goes out to UBC's own Leah Miller! Leah is a senior at CHS and participates in the Habitat for Humanity Young Leaders program. She was the point person in charge of all the nearly 40 people who gathered with our team, directing us from house to house and coordinating with the homeowners at each location. Leah even did all the work to get

other UBC youth & families signed up to volunteer for the event! We are so proud of you, Leah, and so glad you are a part of us!



## 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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