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Jubilate Brings Christmas Cheer to UBC!



This Sunday, December 5 was a special one for Jubilate. Students gathered on Sunday morning for Lessons and Carols during our morning worship service, leading the congregation through a variety of anthems with both their voices and instruments! The congregation was even blessed by an excerpt from Dr. Seuss' *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*, reminding us that Christmas "doesn't come from a store...Christmas, perhaps, means a little bit more..."



After a beautiful morning of worship, Jubilate continued to spread their talents to church members directly at their homes, inviting the youth group to join them for an evening of caroling. A group of eleven carolers visited Al & Lucille Holliday, Mary Ella McCauley, Jeanne Nye, and Martha Wood to bring some music directly to their homes. The photo below was sent to us by Jeanne Nye after

the carolers left her house - thank you for sharing, Jeanne!

SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

December 12, 2021
11:00 AM

Community Carol Sing

Sermon

"I'll Be Home for Christmas"
Rev. Val Fisk

Scripture:

Zeph. 3:14-20

Deacons: Jackie Lockwood

Ushers: Tom & Sylvie Moore

CALENDAR

Note: A Quiet Place to Study will take place throughout the building all day, Dec. 8-16

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 8

- 9:00 UBC Work Team
- 10:00 PBJ Bible Study (Zoom)
- 12:00 Treats on the Front Steps
- 12:00 College Ministry Christmas Movie Marathon, AQPTS Kickoff
- 7:00 Sanctuary Choir Practice

FRIDAY, Dec. 10

6:30 Young Adults Friendsgiving Dinner

SUNDAY, Dec. 12

- 9:30 Children's Christmas Shoppe (Fellowship Hall)
- 11:00 Morning Worship

Thank you, Jubilate, for your leadership in worship, the example you set for our youth, and your kind hearted and joyous presence in our congregation. Please know that UBC holds you in our hearts and in our prayers as you move into your final exams this week!



6:00 Youth Group

MONDAY, December 13

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

10:30 Bible Reading Group ([Zoom](#))

TUESDAY, December 14

12:00 Annie Armstrong Circle
(Hybrid, Fellowship Hall and Zoom)



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

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

December 16: Maisie Wood

December 17: Taraneh Brown

December 18: Karen Dalton

December 20: Larry Johnson, Bill Jesser

A Note from Barbara Taylor Moore

The words "thank you" don't even encompass the gratitude I feel for all the concerns, cards, offers of help, multitudes of prayers and support you, my church family, have offered up on my behalf during my recent illness. You have been the hands and feet and spirit of Christ reaching out. It's been extraordinary and I am so grateful to be a part of this body of believers. I look forward to a full recovery and back to energy!

Children's Christmas Shop & Party This Sunday!

Kids and families... We hope to see you THIS Sunday, December 12, for the Children's Christmas Shop and Party! Come around 9:30, wear a mask, and join us in the fellowship hall to "shop" for and wrap presents, pick up your family's Advent Bag, and enjoy some Christmas activities and snacks!

For those looking for some seasonal excitement the next few weeks, check out the [UBC 24 Days of Advent Fun](#) checklist with daily activities to enjoy with your family!

Looking for some new Christmas stories? Enjoy these two Christmas story-times with Erin! One designed for [younger kiddos](#), and one for the elementary crew [here](#).

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. :)



Diapers Galore!

Folks who walked through the first floor hallway over the weekend could not help but notice the tower of diapers collected at UBC! Thank you, Annie Armstrong Circle, for your work to support the tangible needs of the Afghan refugee families here in Charlottesville. This photo taken on Friday represents over \$325 worth of diapers, and even more diapers arrived on Sunday! We are grateful for your leadership and example in loving our neighbor and sharing the love of Christ.

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 8, 12-8 pm

Free snacks & beverages
Private study rooms

Details, hours, and more info at universitybaptist.org/study

A Quiet Place to Study - Almost Time for Finals!

It is almost finals time again! UBC has continued to welcome in students to study and do laundry in our building all throughout the fall semester. We will be distributing advertisements with other student groups and preparing to welcome even more studious UVA friends into the building throughout finals, December 8-16.

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 sign up for a shift [at this link](#).

Thank you to everyone who has already brought donations of snacks and drinks for the week. Items we still need include flats of bottled water, Nature's Bakery fig bars (variety pack of flavors), individual bags of chips (especially Cheetos and Doritos), squeeze packets of applesauce, cans of sparkling water (Bubly lime, mango, and blueberry flavors), and individually wrapped candies that are nut/chocolate free (Skittles, Starbursts, gummy bears, suckers, etc.). Anything that doesn't get used during finals will help to start out the new semester in January!

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 below.

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.

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!

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 folx, hopefully the first of many of these gatherings!

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 for more details.

Large-Print Bulletins Available

If you prefer a large-print version of the worship bulletin, these are available each Sunday morning. Simply ask one of our ushers for a copy in person, or find the online versions [here](#).

Sunday Mornings

Sunday Bible Study

Note: The staff-led Bible Study session is taking a break for the holidays. We plan to resume on January 9. On Sunday mornings, 9:45-10:30, our ministers are leading a discussion series. You can join us in person in the Fellowship Hall, or via Zoom.

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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