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A Church Conference as a Testimony?

WATCH

Tomorrow, at 6pm, we will have our church conference via zoom. In many ways, the meeting will be just like our other meetings over the last two years. If you remember our church conference last August, we tried something a little bit different. Instead of gathering and getting right into our business, we opened with a scripture reading, hymn, communion, and a prayer.

The reason is simple. We are here as the body of Christ. We believe in reading God's word, singing together, praying, and celebrating our Lord's supper. We started our last business meeting with these things to remind ourselves why we do what we do. Being God's people is the business of our church. Yes, we still need a budget and we have to attend to the details of the church existing as an organization. But we will take a few minutes before turning to the 2022 budget to pray, sing, and take communion.

Here is our agenda for tomorrow night:

- Opening Word
- Scripture Reading – Isaiah 6:3-8
- Hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy"
- Celebration of our Lord's Supper (Please have your elements ready before the meeting starts.)
- Prayer
- Calling the Meeting to Order
- Approval of Minutes from 8/18/21 Meeting
- Church Council & Ministers – Vision for 2022
- Update from Associate Minister Search Committee & Personnel Committee:
 1. The search committee is suspending its search for several reasons. First, we have received few applicants and even fewer viable candidates. Second, Will Cooke is doing an excellent job.
 2. Since we will have Will Cooke with us for the foreseeable future, the Personnel Committee and Senior Minister amended his title to 'Music Director' (dropping 'Interim'). Based on

SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

January 30, 2022
11:00 AM

Sermon

"Free to Choose"
Rev. Matthew Tennant

Scripture:

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Anthem:

"I Could Not Do Without Thee,"
arr. Craig Curry, soloist Diane
Mundell

Deacons: Shirley Clark

Ushers: Tom & Sylvie Moore

CALENDAR

Note: PACEM will be with us at UBC until January 29.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 26

9:00 Work Team

10:00 PBJ (Zoom)

12:00 Wednesday Treats

6:00 Church Conference (Zoom)

7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

SATURDAY, Jan. 29

8:15 PACEM Takedown

SUNDAY, Jan. 30

11:00 Morning Worship

5:00 Jubilate Rehearsal

6:00 Youth Group (Zoom)

Article V, Section 4, of the Bylaws, they are authorized to make this decision, but they would like the congregation's affirmation.

- Motion from Senior Minister: "I move that we name the Rev. Alba Beasley our 'Music Minister Emeritus.' Rev. Beasley served UBC faithfully for many years, and he and Pam plan to stay in the area and remain part of our church family. We recognize his service and invite him to remain active in our ministry during his retirement."
- Motion from Finance Committee to approve the 2022 budget.
- Other Business
- Benediction

For choir members or anyone who cannot [join via zoom](#), there will be an option to participate in the meeting in the sanctuary. For those in the sanctuary, we will have the pre-packaged communion elements. For those who are joining on zoom, please have your communion elements ready. If you plan to join via Zoom, please do so between 5:50-5:55pm. This will give you a chance to say, "Hello!" to everyone and still allow us to start right at 6pm.

My prayer is that our business meetings can become one of our outreach tools. I would love for you to be able to say to people, "Check out how our church does its business." What we say and how we say it reflect what we believe. Let us show the world that we are new creations in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17).

Peace,
Matt

MONDAY, Jan. 31

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

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

TUESDAY, Feb. 1

10:00 Staff Meeting

7:00 Kittie Colvin Trail (Zoom)

Prayer Concerns

[Alice Batten](#) - UVA Hospital

We continue to pray for all our healthcare workers and medical professionals working through the pandemic.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

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

February 4: Alice Mahone, Joey Hamel

February 8: Lindsay Marshall

Church Conference on Wednesday, January 26

Our quarterly Church Conference will take place via Zoom on Wednesday, January 26 at 6:00 PM. You can join this Church Conference via the Zoom information listed [here](#). Anyone unable to join via Zoom can get in contact with Rev. Will Brown for a private YouTube link to watch the conference, or for information to join via phone.

Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 853 5637 2364

Passcode: 942390



New WORD Feature

Looking ahead into 2022, one of our church goals for the year is "Gathering and Reengagement"---or, put another way, to draw closer as a community. As your Associate Minister for Community, I am particularly focused on this aspect of our

congregational life. In the months ahead, I will be writing a recurring feature in this newsletter called "Will's Community Corner." In this short column, I will share stories of UBC community in action and highlight opportunities for coming together as a congregation.

For now, please mark your calendars for a congregation-wide Zoom session on Thursday evening, February 3, at 7:00pm, reserved solely for fellowship and prayer (no business!). More details will be shared in the coming weeks. This will be an opportunity simply to see each other's mask-free faces and enjoy catching up.

Blessings,
Will (Brown!)

PACEM Moving Out This Saturday

This week is UBC's fourth and final week of hosting PACEM guests. Thank you so much to everyone who donated food, clothing, and personal items, as well as those who volunteered time and effort providing meals. This outreach doesn't work without you!

Our guests will be moving to another host church on Saturday, January 29. We could use some help loading and delivering mats, cots, and other supplies to the next church. Volunteers will meet at UBC this Saturday morning at 8:15 am. Drivers with pickup trucks would be especially welcome! If you can help out, please email Laura Morris at morrisx5@embarqmail.com. Thank you!



Jubilate is back!

Our neighbors at UVA resumed classes this past week, which meant Jubilate students returned to their Sunday evening rehearsals. Our students from last semester were excited to be back together, and two new students joined us for the first time! Pictured here are eleven of our current members as they rehearsed this Sunday.

For the next couple weeks, UVA is not allowing student organizations to serve food due to concerns with the omicron variant, but we look forward to serving dinner to these students again later this semester! Anyone interested in cooking for or sponsoring a dinner should reach out to Will Cooke or Val Fisk.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Soles 4 Souls box outside of UBC continues to be an avenue for ministry in our community. We recently received a thank you note from Soles 4 Souls, showing that their December collection from our box contained 141 gently worn pairs of shoes and 438 articles of clothing. (They must have been small articles of clothing!) This is one small way we use our centralized Charlottesville location to serve others around the world.

Thank You Note

In late 2021, the Missions Council designated part of its discretionary fund to support the local food bank. We received this thank you note from them:

All of us at Loaves and Fishes--our clients, the staff, volunteers, and the board--appreciate your donation of \$500. It will assist us in our efforts to reduce and someday eradicate food insecurity. Churches have been a mainstay in supporting our efforts in the community. For this we are eternally grateful. Thank you!

New Book Study Group

Many of us feel a moral concern about environmental issues, but how does this concern relate to our Christian faith? How does God call us to live in relation to the earth and our fellow creatures? Perhaps problems like climate change, environmental injustice, and biodiversity loss require spiritual solutions as well as technological and social solutions. If you would be interested in joining a reading/study group on these and related questions, please contact Erin Eaker (ele3a@virginia.edu).



Bible Study will continue hiatus until further notice

As we host our PACEM neighbors throughout the month of January in our Fellowship Hall, and as we cautiously watch the current COVID-19 case data in our area, we have decided that our Sunday morning minister-led Bible Study will continue to pause until further notice. Stay tuned for more details about this Bible Study option in future editions of the newsletter!

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 and Omicron variants, we will make announcements as our policies are adjusted.

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