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Benefit Concert at The Haven

The Benefit Concert this Sunday was a smashing success! Under the direction of Will Cooke, the program included six different choral groups, including our own Sanctuary Choir, Voces Laetae, three choral groups from Charlottesville High school, and the Voices of Virginia. All of these groups joined together to sing "Bridge Over Troubled Water" as a finale. The photos included here were posted in Monday's e-version of the Daily Progress!



VOICES RAISED TO HAVEN

MIKE KROPP, FOR THE DAILY PROGRESS



HAVENLY VOICES RAISED IN SONG

Charlottesville High School music teacher Will Cooke leads the Sanctuary Choir of University Baptist Church during a fundraising concert for The Haven on Sunday. Below, the members of the choir sing as they watch Cooke's direction.

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If you were unable to join us in person, you can rewatch the [livestream version of the concert here](#). As of today, we have collected \$3698 in donations for The Haven! Anyone who would still like to donate can bring your designated check to the church office, or can donate through the UBC giving page on our website. Please select "The Haven" from the dropdown menu.

SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

May 22, 2022
11:00 AM

Sermon

Rev. Will Brown
"Open or Closed?"

Scripture:
Acts 16:9-15

Anthem:
"Here I Am, Lord," arr. Courtney

SUNDAY SERVICE

Deacons: Shirley Clark

Ushers: Tom and Sylvie Moore

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, May 18

9:00 Work Team
10:00 PBJ Bible Study
5:30 Wednesday Night Dinner
6:00 Bible Study - Romans
7:00 Sanctuary Choir Practice

THURSDAY, May 19

7:00 Seekers Class Zoom

SUNDAY, May 22

8:30 Missions Committee Meeting
9:30 ESOL Classes
10:00 Sunday Bible Study
11:00 Morning Worship
12:15 Youth Group

Prayer Concerns

Georgia Anne Wood will be having her next heart surgery on Friday, May 20 at UVA.

Barbara Murray - Healing after a bicycle accident - Smyth County Community Hospital



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

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

May 25: Mike Dean, Leah Miller, Edith Parker

May 28: Debby Johnson, Scott Morris

MONDAY, May 23

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

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

7:30 Enneagram Book Group (Hybrid)

TUESDAY, May 24

9:30 Staff Meeting

7:00 Environmental Book Group (Zoom)

New Sanctuary Piano

As promised, all this month you will get a chance to hear about how our new sanctuary piano was found! Our Piano Search Task Force was made up of Jack Averill, Karen Dalton, Barbara Moore, Beth and Kevin Wright, and Alba Beasley (succeeded by Will Cooke upon Alba's retirement), with Matt Tennant serving as chairperson of this Task Force. They commenced their search in early 2021, talking with sales representatives and visiting showrooms all across the eastern United States, including...???

Beth and Kevin said about making the final choice: "After Matt noticed an ad online for a couple of Steinways at the Steinway gallery in St. Louis, he asked if we intended to be in St. Louis any time soon. In fact, we had travel plans to be in St. Louis a few days after he asked. We spent a couple of hours at the Steinway gallery there and had the opportunity to look closely at a couple of pianos. We consulted with Steinway representatives, including Steinway's Institutional Sales representative for Virginia, who was in the St. Louis gallery that day, regarding UBC's needs, including the size of the sanctuary and likely location of the instrument. We made videos and sent them to Matt, Will Cooke and the piano committee. The one we liked the most was a Steinway Model B – a 6'11" piano that is very similar in size to the piano currently in the sanctuary. The "B" is the second-largest piano that Steinway makes (only the concert-stage sized Model D is larger) and we believe it strikes the right balance between an instrument that will be ideal for choral accompaniment and instrumental worship use but will also make our sanctuary an even better concert venue for continuing community outreach. The piano was manufactured in New York in 2016 and has been used and maintained by Steinway since its manufacture. Although it is \$40,000 less expensive than a new Steinway B, it is being sold to us with the same 5-year warranty as a new piano. The challenge to selecting any instrument is that every piano sounds different to different people – some like a brighter tone, some like a darker more mellow tone – the variations are endless. However, what we like about this piano is that no character is dominant: it has very strong bass, beautiful treble and is overall a very expressive instrument. We believe it is the ideal piano for University Baptist Church for the remainder of the 21st century and beyond."

Office Staff Changes This Week

Dani Sharkey, our Financial Secretary, accepted a position at her former employer M & B Auto in Bealeton, VA, and will start on Wednesday, May 18. Her last day at UBC was Monday, May 16. We wish her the best in her future endeavors.

As previously announced, while Dr. Tennant, Rev. Fisk, and Rev. Brown are all away on May 18 & 19, pastoral emergencies will be handled by deacons on call, Debra Bryant and Laura Martindale. The office will be open on these days, with our social media coordinator, Marcus Stanley, present from 8:00-2:30 each day, and Shirley Clark from 2:30-4:30.

Please email correspondence about financial matters to Richard Vaughan at treasurer@universitybaptist.org. Please email general correspondence to office@universitybaptist.org and the appropriate staff person will respond to you.



Singing at the Haven

Sunday's choir concert at the Haven was a moving experience, remarkable on so many levels. Our Sanctuary Choir sounded beautiful, demonstrating to the wider community the musical excellence and passion with which we sing and worship every week. Voces Laetae made its public debut (and sounded fantastic!). Our choir got to sing with a bunch of teenagers, and those teenagers got to sing with people who have been singing in choir together longer than they've been alive. And all of this singing served God's purposes in the world. The event raised several thousand dollars to support the Haven's work in our community. Isn't it amazing how God can use our gifts, talents, and dedication to further God's reign in this world! I wonder: how else will God use this congregation in the months ahead?

Parking for Graduation Sunday

We expect to have plenty of parking available this Sunday while UVA is having their graduation. You may park in the church lots as always. You can also park in the 14th St parking garage. For this Sunday, when you enter the parking garage, please tell the parking attendant that you are going to University Baptist Church and parking will be at no charge. (This is a change from the usual system of showing your bulletin when you exit.)

Deacon Election

It is that time of year once again to elect Deacons to serve as leaders in our church, ensuring spiritual health and well-being. A draft ballot was emailed out on Sunday morning - if you did not receive a copy, please contact Rev. Fisk to get one. This ballot is a list of all church members living in the central Virginia area who are physically able to serve. The purpose of this ballot is for your review. If your name is listed and you are unable to serve as a Deacon, please contact the church office by May 25th to have your name removed. Likewise, if your name is missing and you are willing to serve as a Deacon, we apologize for the mistake and ask that you also let the church office know to add your name.

Donations needed for local refugees

Kittie Colvin Trail and Annie Armstrong Circles are joining forces to support current refugee resettling in Charlottesville. As more local businesses provide discounted furniture items, UBC is focusing on necessary items that new home dwellers require. Instead of repurposing furniture, we are now collecting cleaning and disposable items for starting up households.

Laundry baskets are available in the lobby and fellowship hall to receive the following items: *Microfiber mop, cleaning bucket, disposable gloves, toilet bowl brush, swiffer duster, disinfectant spray (Lysol), All purpose cleaner (Lysol), double sided sponges and microfiber cloths, glass cleaner, paper towels, toilet tissue, bathroom cleaner, clorox wipes, broom & dust pan, tall kitchen trash can, tall kitchen trash bags, laundry detergent, dish soap, vacuum cleaner, front door mat, shampoo & toothpaste-men, women, kids; soap.*

We thank you in advance for your generosity!

Sarah & Jen

Wednesday Night Dinner

Wednesday night dinners continue this week with a catered meal from Roots at 5:30 pm and the conclusion of our study of Romans at 6:00. To prepare for the study, it is helpful to read Romans 13-16 in advance.

Sunday Bible Study in May

During the month of May, Will Brown will lead the Fellowship Hall Bible Study group that has been meeting 10:00-10:30. We will meet on the first four Sundays of May, concluding on May 22.

Vacation Bible School!

Vacation Bible School registration is open! VBS will be Tuesday-Friday, June 14-17, and all are welcome! Register [HERE](#), and pass along to your family and friends!

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, Charlottesville and Albemarle have been assessed a green/low Community Level, which means the CDC is not recommending people wear masks. Masks are now optional at UBC events. Of course, individuals are welcome to continue wearing masks if they feel more comfortable doing so, and University Baptist Church will continue to welcome all folks into our worship services, with or without a mask. As we monitor the COVID case levels in our area, we will release updates notifying the congregation of any changes.

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