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This Sunday Bible Study Kick-Off

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If you read this newsletter, then you know that this Sunday, August 28, we will begin with bagels, fresh fruit, juice, and coffee at 9:45am in the Fellowship Hall. It's the Sunday morning Bible Study Kick-off! Everyone is invited. Even if you have never been to a Bible study at UBC, you are welcome. There will be a place for everyone. Here's a list of the classes and their teachers.

- Children uses age-appropriate material to teach Bible stories to children K-5th grade (Katherine Hamel, Laura Morris, and Laura Faye Groff)
- ESOL teaches English for speakers of other languages (Sally Chewning).
- Kairos emphasizes Bible study in light of current events (Scott Miller).
- New Life is a traditional Bible study and prayer group (Larry Johnson and Barbara Moore).
- Nursery provides nurturing care for babies and toddlers (birth through pre-K).
- Open Minds focuses on book studies and difficult questions (Debra Bryant and Ed Lowry).
- Seekers is an inter-generational Bible study and our largest class (Jack Averill; substitute for September: Matt Tennant).
- Young Adults is a Bible study for graduate students and young professionals (20s and 30s-ish) (Ben Chenault and Daniel Harper).
- Youth is a Bible study class for students 6th through 12th grades. This class splits into Middle and High School groups when there are enough students (teaching rotation TBD).

The descriptions in the previous list come from my impression. If you want to know how accurate they are, come on Sunday morning because each of the teachers/facilitators will tell a

SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

August 28, 2022
11:00 AM

Sermon:

"Move Up Here
to a Better Seat"
Rev. Val Fisk

Scripture:

Psalm 81:1, 10-16
Luke 14:1, 7-14

Anthem:

"Praise His Holy
Name"(Hampton)

SUNDAY SERVICE

Deacon: Daniel Harper

Ushers: Tom & Sylvie Moore

CALENDAR

TUESDAY, August 23

9:30 Staff Meeting
6:30 Prayer Shawl Group

WEDNESDAY, August 24

9:00 Work Team
5:30 Church Conference &
Dinner
7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

little bit more about their groups. You can ask them questions and meet others who attend. The setting will be informal and give you the chance to test the waters before jumping in.

If you don't see a group that fits your needs, start one. We are a permission-giving church and want to provide the tools for everyone to grow in Christ. If you need help starting one or aren't sure where you might fit, let me know, and I will help you find your place.

Regardless of whether you attended a Sunday morning Bible study before the pandemic or not, you are invited to come to UBC on August 28 and bring a friend. There's a place for you on Sunday mornings at UBC!

Peace,
Matt



Students Are Back!

I have often joked with friends in college ministry that we have three "Super Bowl" weeks each year, when we do the majority of our ministry work with students. Two of these are during finals week in the winter and spring, but the busiest by far is during the move-in season. It's so exciting to see students flooding back into Charlottesville, to greet the returning students as they trickle back in for Jubilate rehearsals or to wash laundry, and to meet the new students who join us on Sunday mornings.

This week, the UBC students met together with students from UKirk and The Wesley Foundation for a welcome back block party. Our returning Jubilate members gathered for a short first rehearsal in preparation for this Sunday. Over the three days of move-in, we handed out more than 400 ice cream cones to our neighbors, new students and their parents, and all those who passed by UBC, including UVA President Jim Ryan! And next Sunday, we will feed students with a Welcome Back Brunch after church. This is an exciting time at UBC and in our growing college ministry. Students are asking for more - more opportunities to gather for fellowship, more opportunities for

SUNDAY, August 28

- 8:30 Missions Council Meeting (Zoom)
- 9:40 Ezra Bible Study
- 11:00 Morning Worship
- 12:00 New Student Welcome Brunch
- 5:00 Jubilate Practice

For our most up-to-date calendar, [click here](#).



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

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

August 26: Morgan Wagoner

August 28: Val Fisk

August 30: Jim Martindale

August 31: Maggie Kauffman,
Amanda Ohlms

Prayer Requests

Jack Averill at Encompass for a few days before heading home.

Ron & Lynda Tweel recovering from Covid at home.

Suzanne Smith dealing with the death of a spouse.

Richard & Nelda Vaughan on the death of Nelda's brother.

Venable Backpack Food Program

We are in need of plastic grocery bags to use for packing food. You may leave them in the church library.

Bible study, and more investment from our congregation in their lives.



Over the next few weeks, if you are worshipping with us in the sanctuary, please pay special attention to the students who are seated near you. Take note of their names, maybe making yourself a note in your phone to help you remember their name the next Sunday. Ask them about how they get to church -

first year dorms are almost a 25 minute walk from UBC; can you create a plan to pick up one or two students each Sunday on your way to church? If you see the same student coming several weeks in a row, could you take them out to lunch with you after church?

I feel honored to be the college and youth minister at UBC, but the fact is, my role here is just one of the many ministers called by Christ to care for the students who walk in our doors (that's you!). A college student is far more likely to remain at a church if they have a friend to sit with and a church member older than themselves who greets them with the joy of a family member every Sunday. I attended the same church from my sophomore year of college until well after graduating, and nearly thirteen years later, I am still in regular contact with the women who took me to lunch a few times a year. You just never know what kind of impact your "hello" could have on a student who needs a church home.

Peace, Love and Donuts,
Val

Volunteers Needed

Our ice cream machine is up and running again! Sign up to help us give out ice cream each Wednesday! Click [this link](#) to add your name and join us between 12:00 and 2:00pm on the front steps at UBC.

Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee is excited to share with you the names of the people who have agreed to serve UBC next year. Click [here](#) for the Nominating Report. The ministers, staff, and congregation wish to thank the Nominating Committee (Judy Gough, Jackie Lockwood, Karen Minor, Amanda Ohlms, Judy Shah, and Melanie Tennant) for their work. Jackie and Melanie will rotate off and Linda Boston and Ed Lowry will join the committee. Judy Gough will be the new NomCom chairperson.

Eco-Theology Series Coming in September

This September, our worship will focus on Eco-Theology, examining the ways that we as followers of Christ are called to care for the earth, and how our theology impacts the way we do that work. Special projects will take place immediately after worship on September 4, 11, and 25 as we put our words into action. UBC participants are invited to join in our first project on September 4, as we spread across the city to pick up trash from the Rivanna Trail. After worship, we will gather in the fellowship hall, eat together, and break up into teams that will walk the trail with trash bags for an hour. You may want to bring work or gardening gloves for this event!



Let's Feed Our Youth and Our College Students!

On August 28, we will provide a welcome back brunch for college students after

worship. [Click here to sign up to provide something](#) for that meal! And you can sign up to provide meals for our youth group meetings and for Jubilate rehearsals throughout the semester [here](#). Our youth group meets on Sunday afternoons immediately following worship and Jubilate rehearses from 5:00-6:30, and eats at 6:30 PM on Sundays.

Your Privacy is Important to Us

In a few weeks we will be updating our church database to improve our online directory. We may need to change some of your privacy settings in order to do this, which may trigger an email to you. We want to assure you that we would never compromise your privacy, and our online directory is available only to our church database. If you have any concerns about this, please email the office at linda@universitybaptist.org.

WMU Woodbrook School Supplies Project

Since 2008 the Woman's Missionary Union (WMU) has collected money and purchased school supplies for the low-income children at Woodbrook Elementary School. This project is coordinated by Love INC in cooperation with city and county schools' Family Support Workers. We are now collecting for this fund. The money we collect will help UBC purchase school supplies all year long for these children. This money also helps occasionally with shoes, emergency clothing, hygiene needs, and healthy snacks for these same children during the school year. This year Woodbrook has approximately 570 students on roll.

"Students on free or reduced-price lunch make up about 65% of the Woodbrook School population. This is an upward trend and higher than the average for Albemarle County. This comes as a shock to lots of people, because Woodbrook doesn't look or feel like a high needs school. I attribute this to a top-notch staff, active PTO, and the many resources (such as the school supplies program!) that are generously donated to our school. More than any other school I've worked in, kids here love coming to school every day because they get what they need, not just academically but physically, socially, and emotionally."

~Family Support Worker, Woodbrook Elementary

Please make checks or online gifts payable to UBC and earmark "school supplies."



Save the Date for Touch-A-Truck

Saturday, September 24

We are bringing back Touch-A-Truck in 2022! The UBC Deacons have already begun working on details for this event, gathering partners from the community to provide the trucks and other vehicles, finding food vendors and face painters, and planning for this to be a great outreach event to families in the community. Anyone who is willing to volunteer to help with the event should let Matt Tennant know or reach out to a UBC Deacon for more information.

Save the Date

TBD - Homecoming Dinner

Sunday, October 16 - Composite Mass Concert

October 18-20 - Myers Lecture (Miroslav Volf)

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 yellow/medium Community Level, which means the CDC is recommending masks for people at high risk. Masks are currently 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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