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A Mission Project & Growing Together

WATCH



On Sunday, 24 of us went out to pick up trash along the Rivanna. We split into two groups. One group went to Darden Towe and the other group went to Riverview. I was with the Darden Towe group, and Val led the Riverview

group.



At Darden Towe, the better traveled areas were pretty clean, but we still found candy wrappers, cigarette butts, and other trash. Once we ventured deeper into the woods, we found lots more trash, especially in areas by the river where people congregate. There were bottles, cans, bags, and even diapers. No, we didn't change the world by picking up a few bags of trash. Yet, the stuff we picked up isn't littering the landscape any more.

The project connects with our September ecotheology theme. As I wrote in this column last week, ecotheology is a branch of liberation theology, which emphasizes *right action* (orthopraxis) over *right belief* (orthodoxy). In this case, taking care of God's creation is the right action. Ecotheology follows the notion of putting our faith into practice, and it encourages us to think about the impact our actions have on the planet. Picking up trash was an expression of our faith and allowed us to be God's hands and feet (1 Corinthians 12.27).

More than the impact picking up trash had on our environment, the time was good fellowship. Beginning with pizza

SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

Sept. 11, 2022
11:00 AM

Sermon:

"What Are the Dolphins Saying?"
Dr. Matthew Tennant

Scripture:

Matthew 25:31-46
1 Corinthians 12:14-26

Anthem:

"God Be in My Head"
(Hobby)

SUNDAY SERVICE

Deacon: Jackie Lockwood

Ushers: Charlotte Bailey, Ian Pallini

CALENDAR

TUESDAY, September 6

9:30 Staff Meeting

7:00 Kitty Colvin Trail (zoom)

WEDNESDAY, September 7

9:00 Work Team

5:30 Wednesday Night Dinner

6:00 Wednesday Night Series

7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal



in the fellowship hall, car-pooling to the two locations, and dividing into smaller groups to pick up trash, the time together was fun. I heard people laughing, joking, and having real conversations. Spending time together builds relationships. Doing

something together, like this mission activity, adds one more shared experience, and we can grow closer as we draw on these shared experiences as the family of God.

As a church family, we want to grow in Christ. This one mission project wasn't the only way to grow. We have lots of upcoming events—the inaugural piano concert (September 18), a celebration of Thomas's 40th Anniversary at UBC (also September 18), Touch-a-Truck (September 24), Composite Choral Mass (October 16), and Homecoming (October 23). Sunday Morning Bible Studies are off to a great start, and everyone is welcome. If picking up trash isn't your thing, that's okay. We want you to be part of our church family and have a place for you.

Peace,
Matt

A WORD FROM VAL



What does Gen Z need from church?

I have been so thrilled to see so many new college students visit with us the past couple weeks. We've found a new team of students to work with us in the nursery and kitchen on Wednesday nights - make sure to say hello and welcome Lara, Kyndall, Dylan, and Nic the next time you're here for Wednesday dinner! We've had three new students join Jubilate over the past couple weeks. And we had a great youth participation in the trash clean-up project on Sunday, pictured here!



But what is it that these young people who make up Generation Z are looking for? Gen Z is defined as those people born between 1999 and 2015, and their generation is marked largely by diversity, individual expression, and being

THURSDAY, September 8

7:00 Deacon's Meeting

FRIDAY, September 9

Jubilate Fall Retreat begins

SATURDAY, September 10

9:00 Environmental Project

SUNDAY, September 11

8:30 Church Council Meeting

9:45 Sunday Morning Bible Study

11:00 Morning Worship

12:15 Youth Lunch

5:00 Jubilate Practice

MONDAY, September 12

10:30 Bible Reading Group (zoom)

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!

Sept. 14: Nick Martindale

Sept. 15: Anne Smith

Sept. 16: Ed Smith, Lynne Gardner

Sept. 17: Jo-Ann Averill, Barbara Moore

Sept. 18: Caroline Centofante

Prayer Requests

Marcus Stanley and Family

All those recovering from Covid

Sarah Buchanan having back surgery Friday

William Martin recovering

able to connect easily with people all across the world via technology, Gen Z is without question the loneliest and most anxious generation that has yet existed.

Last week, Laura Ellis, project manager for Baptist Women in Ministry, [wrote this article for Baptist News Global](#), examining the ways that Gen Z's desire for deeper connection and true community leaves space for the Church to step in and address those needs. I highly recommend you read the whole article, and perhaps read over the suggestions she offers at the end of the article two or three times. I hope that in the near future, we will be able to hold a churchwide discussion about the ways that our congregation can continue to better meet the needs that Gen Z expresses, allowing them to exist as they are, rather than trying to fit them into the boxes that worked for previous generations of Church goers.

Twin Sheets for Jubilate Retreat

Our Jubilate students will be away on retreat together this Friday-Sunday, September 9-11th! They will spend the weekend learning music and bonding together at Camp Crossroads. Several students are in need of twin sized sheets for the beds at the camp. If you have any sets of twin sheets you are willing to loan or permanently donate for Jubilate to use for these kinds of events, please get in touch with Val (vfisk@universitybaptist.org) this week or drop them off to her during Wednesday evening fellowship.

Wednesday Night Series – "Why should we care about ___?"



This week, we will tackle the question, "Why should we care about **membership**?" Part of our tradition is the autonomy of the local church, and each church is comprised of people. Most churches identify "members" of the congregation, and the common Baptist process for becoming a member is walking to the front of the church during the invitation. At that point, the minister asks some questions, the prospective member answers, and the congregation says, "Amen!" But, why should we care about membership? What do we distinguish between the people who just show up and the ones who we list in our database as "members"?

Alba & Pam Beasley

Jim Sivley

Continued comfort for Suzanne Smith after the death of her husband, Mac.

Eco-Theology Series

During September, our worship is focusing 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. Another special project will take place immediately after worship on Sunday, September 25, as we put our words into action.

Environmental Project - Window Seals

On Saturday, September 10, at 9:00am, we will meet in the Music Suite 205 to begin adding gaskets to the tops and bottoms of the UBC windows to make our church building more energy efficient. This is a big project, but one where every little bit will do some good.

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.

Welcome New Members

On Sunday, September 4, we welcomed two new members into our fellowship, Hadi Rohollah Zade and Fahime Khatoon, who is a

If you have a topic you would like to suggest for a future Wednesday, email Matt (matt@universitybaptist.org) and let him know.

This week, we will have dinner at 5:30, and at 6:00, we will discuss "Why should we care about membership?" After our discussion, at 7:00, everyone who wants to sing can join Will Cooke and the Sanctuary Choir in the Choir/Lecture Suite.

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.

Celebrate 40 years with Thomas Hill September 18 @ 12:15pm UBC Fellowship Hall

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend lunch in the UBC Fellowship Hall on Sunday, September 18 to celebrate Thomas Hill's 40 years as UBC Custodian. As a part of the celebration in his honor, the Personnel Committee is collecting a love offering for Thomas. This represents a token of appreciation for his many years of faithful service to the UBC community.

If you would like to contribute, please make a check payable to UBC and in the memo line indicate "Thomas Hill Love Offering". You can place your offering in one of the secure donation boxes in the sanctuary, deliver it to the church office, or bring to the September 18 celebration at 12:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.

We look forward to seeing you on September 18 as we celebrate 40 years with Thomas Hill, our faithful custodian.

UBC Personnel Committee



New Piano Welcome Concert

In addition, we invite you to stay after our celebration lunch for Thomas Hill, and join us in the sanctuary at 1:30pm, as several members from UBC will put on a concert to show off our new sanctuary piano, a Steinway Model B, which arrived at UBC in July.

WMU Woodbrook School Supplies Project

In addition to purchasing more than a \$1000 worth of school supplies each fall, the WMU (Woman's Missionary Union) has also used your donations to supply gift cards for winter coats, buy dozens of backpacks, provided packages of new underpants, and second-hand pants for the school's emergency clothes closet, bought many pairs of tennis shoes, belts, soap, and deodorant, and individually packaged snack items for the Woodbrook Family Support Workers to give to students when needed. We check back with them in January to see if there are other things they may need. One winter, we provided gallons of hand sanitizer during a severe flu season. Please help us provide for the most underprivileged children in our community. Make your checks or online donations 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

Sunday, September 18 - Luncheon Honoring Thomas Hill for 40 years of service to UBC

Sunday, September 18 - New Piano Welcome Concert

Sunday, October 16 - Composite Mass Concert

October 18-20 - Myers Lecture (Miroslav Volf)

October 23 - Homecoming Dinner

November 1 - Blood Drive

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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