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**Touch-A-Truck Saturday &
Eco-Theology Presentation Sunday**

WATCH

“Start with why.” Simon Sinek’s aphorism suggests that people need to know the reason for something before they can get excited about it. When we began planning the Touch-A-Truck event, we didn’t really explain the reasons for planning an event like this. We told you what it is, and many of you remember it from a few years ago. We listed the trucks and attractions. We shared a [Sign-up Genius link](#) so you could get involved. But we never said *why we’re doing this*.

We are hosting Touch-A-Truck, because we care about people. We welcome everyone and see every person as an equal part of God’s kingdom. At UBC, anyone can do anything. It doesn’t matter who you are, what you look like, or where you’ve been. All are welcome, and an event like Touch-A-Truck gives us the opportunity to share who we are and have fun with our community. This Saturday, between 9-12, people can touch several trucks, enjoy the crafts or face painting, jump in the bouncy house, and eat some ice cream.

On Sunday, we will conclude our September eco-theology series. During worship, our scripture lessons will come from [John 14.8-14](#) and [Colossians 1.15-20](#). After worship, Erin Eaker and Ben Chenault will present some impactful actions individuals can take. They will also talk about meaningful changes our church, community, and nation can take to address climate change. We will have a light lunch and the opportunity to talk about their presentation. If you plan to attend and need the church to provide childcare, please call the church office (434-293-5106).

These two events highlight the way fun and spiritual growth coexist. Touch-A-Truck is about having fun and meeting people in the community. The eco-theology presentation after

SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

Sept. 25, 2022
11:00 AM

Sermon:

"Eco-Spiritual Living"
Dr. Matthew Tennant

Scripture:

John 14:8-14
Colossians 1:15-20

Anthem:

Laura Martindale - Solo

SUNDAY SERVICE

Deacon: Raynell Stokes

Ushers: Sue Sears, Hunter Cooper

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, September 21

9:00 Work Team

10:00 PBJ (zoom)

5:30 Wednesday Night Dinner

6:00 Wednesday Night Series

7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

SATURDAY, September 24

9:00 Touch-A-Truck

SUNDAY, September 25

8:30 Missions Council Meeting

9:45 Sunday Morning Bible Study

11:00 Morning Worship

12:15 Youth Lunch

church is about growing and applying our faith to the world. Both are important and both are part of who we are. If you are free on Saturday morning, even just for a little while, please [sign up to help](#) us put on Touch-A-Truck. On Sunday, please plan to come to worship and stick around for Erin and Ben's presentation. This is us.

Peace,
Matt

Eco-Theology and How We Can Make a Difference

Join us for a creation care presentation immediately following our worship this Sunday. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall for a light lunch and talk about some impactful eco-theological actions we can take as individuals as well as meaningful changes our church, community, and nation can take to address climate change.

This promises to be a good discussion and a perfect way to culminate our Eco-Theology Series.



12:15 Eco-Theology Presentation
5:00 Jubilate Practice

MONDAY, September 26

10:30 Bible Reading Group (zoom)

TUESDAY, September 27

9:30 Staff Meeting
6:30 Prayer Shawl Group
7:00 Voces Laetae Rehearsal

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. 28: Al Holliday

Sept. 29: Patti Barretta

Sept. 30: Sandy Manning

Oct. 2: Joseph Johnson

Oct. 4: Javaneh Brown, Margaret Fitch, Tom Mundell

Prayer Requests

Jack Averill

Barbara Newlon recovering from hip surgery

Sarah Buchanan recovering from back surgery

Ed Lowry

Clara Brown

Ann Smith recovering from pneumonia

Emily (Morris) Haislip on the loss of her father-in-law



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Join us to see fire trucks, police cars, construction vehicles, and more! Free shirts for all kids. Other activities include face painting, ice cream, a bouncy house, and more!

Touch-A-Truck Volunteer Opportunities

This promises to be a great outreach event to families in the community. We are looking for volunteers to assist with this event to be held on Saturday morning, September 24 from 9-12 in the

parking lots of University Baptist Church. Please consider how you and your family & friends can help make this event a success for others in our community! You can view the volunteer opportunities and sign up to help [here](#).

Thomas Hill Celebration Luncheon

An amazing number of people showed up to honor Thomas last Sunday and recognize his 40 years of faithful service to UBC. He would like to thank all of you for being there to show your support and appreciation and to thank you for the gift you presented to him. He looks forward to many more years of working with all of you.



New Piano Welcome Concert

The New Piano Welcome Concert was held Sunday, September 18 and was a huge success. Our new Steinway is a beautiful instrument and the five church members who offered their talents were magnificent. A large crowd was on hand to hear the beautiful music, but if you were unable to be with us, you can still enjoy the concert by clicking [here](#).



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

This Wednesday, September 21, we will explore "Why we should care about the CBF." The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Virginia held its annual General Assembly this week, and the CBF and CBFVA are our primary mission partners. So, what do they do, and why should we care? Isn't denomination-ism and institutionalism on the decline? If so, why do we partner with other Fellowship congregations?

Dinner at 5:30 will be ham, apples, corn, biscuits, and brownies for dessert with the discussion beginning at 6:00. After our discussion, at 7:00, everyone who wants to sing can join Will Cooke and the Sanctuary Choir in the Choir/Lecture Suite.

Note: Dinner on October 5 will be a potluck.

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



This month, I'm riding 150 miles in the [Great Cycle Challenge](#) to fight kids' cancer!

Why am I doing this? Because cancer is the largest killer of

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.



The Environmental Team is Hard at Work

The Environmental Team has been working to improve the energy efficiency of our building to reduce our energy footprint and utility costs. They are installing additional gasketing on our windows to reduce air leakage.

They started with the Music/Lecture Suite and will continue working on additional rooms in the coming weeks. If you would like to join them, please contact [Erin Eaker](#). The next workdays are Saturday, October 1 and 22.



Bible Reading Group

The Bible Reading Group is restarting this fall! Join us via zoom on Mondays from 10:30-11am to read through the OT, Psalms, and NT as a group and spend some time with Scripture as you start your week.

children from disease in the United States - 38 kids die of cancer every week.

Kids should be living life, not fighting for it. Simply click [here](#) to make a donation:

All Funds raised from the event will be used to fight kids' cancer and to help children across the United States who are bravely fighting this terrible disease. Thank you for your support.
Hadi Rohollahzade

Hope to see you there! Contact Ben Chenault (wbchen96@gmail.com) with questions. Zoom info: Meeting ID: 916 0543 0566. Passcode: 219720

Development and Growth Team Update

As referenced in Matt's "On Watch" column last month, the Church Council recently established the UBC Development and Growth Team to study and make recommendations to Church Council, and then the congregation at large, for the development of an energetic set of programs that will: (1) create enthusiasm for and participation in all aspects of the life of the church; (2) encourage generous giving to support the church's financial needs and obligations; and (3) present those programs in a manner that will attract new visitors and members to the church.

This newly-formed and enthusiastic Development and Growth Team has hit the ground running! Members Ben Chenault, Ed Lowry, Jim Moore, and Beth Wright have been meeting weekly with UBC staff and are excited to involve more members of the congregation. Please keep an eye out for future announcements requesting participation in a congregational survey; volunteers, and a town hall meeting! For more information, contact [Beth Wright](#).

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. The email will say something like, "This email is being sent to inform you that Alan Hendricks made a change to your privacy. Opted In to Online Directory". 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.

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.

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