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Introducing Our 2023 Goals

WATCH

Last year, when we set our goals for the year, we focused on rebuilding. Our emphasis on spiritual depth includes developing some new small groups and encouraging spiritual growth. To that end, three groups (Environmental Group, Enneagram Group, and the Advent study the Nutcracker) formed and each met for a number of weeks. We also kicked off restarting Sunday morning Bible studies and recruited Tommy Deal to be our Education Coordinator.

Almost every month in 2022, we did something to regather after so much time apart. Touch-a-Truck returned, we had ice cream socials and hymn sings, and people came together for a church clean-up day and to pick up trash in local parks. We invited congregants to participate in our weekly ice cream give away, and we had more people involved with Jubilate and the youth group.

Throughout the year, part of regathering meant being a good neighbor. We hosted a variety of groups and tried to find a way to accommodate every request for space. We started a pilot program to freeze dry produce to support local food pantries. We resumed supporting food insecurity through the Venable backpack program. Our goal was to make a difference in the lives of our neighbors.

You can find our 2023 goals [here](#). As we said at the beginning of last year, if our goal for 2022 was rebuilding and regathering, our priority in 2023 is outreach. To achieve this goal, we want to have (a) Spiritual Growth for All, (b) Engage Within & Without, and (c) Include New People in Making a Difference in the Lives of Our Neighbors.

SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

January 15, 2023

11:00 AM

Sermon:

"Hello, My Name is Inigo Montoya"
Dr. Matthew Tennant

Scripture:

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Anthem:

"Grace" (Johnston)

SUNDAY SERVICE

Deacon: Martha Ballenger

Ushers: Johnny & Gail Ellen

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, January 11

9:00 Work Team

7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, January 12

7:00 Deacons Meeting

FRIDAY, January 13-16

Young Adult Winter Summit

SATURDAY, January 14

9:00 PACEM Setup

1:00 Dan Ohlms Funeral

6:00 PACEM

Take some time to look at our 2023 goals. Our Church Council approved this ambitious and aspirational document on Sunday, January 8, 2023. Can we do everything we set out to do? I don't know. If God has inspired us and led us to adopt these goals, then there's no stopping us. If we don't do everything that we set out to achieve in 2023, that's okay. We can still try. We can move forward in faith that God leads us to attempt something great.

I'm excited to see what God will do at UBC in 2023 and beyond!

Peace,
Matt

A WORD FROM VAL



Feeding Students in 2023

Our youth and college students (Jubilate) will be returning to their regular meeting schedules after PACEM ends, and we need volunteers to feed these students! Youth lunches are served at 12:15 pm, right after church each Sunday. I also need one adult volunteer each Sunday to participate in youth group with me, in order to meet our church child protection policies.

Jubilate dinners are served at 6:30 pm on Sundays in the Fellowship Hall. Feeding youth or Jubilate is pretty simple - just [click here to sign up](#) for a slot, and plan to both serve and to clean up after the meal. You can sign up as a Bible study class, a family, or with a friend, and it's a great way to get to know the students in our church family!

SUNDAY, January 15

8:30 Finance Committee Meeting
9:45 Sunday Morning Bible Study
11:00 Morning Worship
6:00 PACEM

MONDAY, January 16

Church Office Closed for Martin Luther King Day
10:30 Bible Reading Group (Zoom)
1:00 Schleiermacher Reading Group
6:00 PACEM

TUESDAY, January 17

11:00 Development Team
6:00 PACEM

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

Prayer Requests

Barbara Newlon

Jack & Jo-Ann Averill

Alba & Pam Beasley

Aimee Smith Marshall

Jim Sivley

Shelley Miller

Bob & Patti Badgett

Elaine Wiley

Ohlms Family - Funeral for Dan Ohlms will be Saturday, January 14, 1:00 pm with reception to follow in the Choir/Lecture Suite



Wednesday Night Dinners

Wednesday night dinners will resume in February, after we have finished hosting PACEM.

PACEM at UBC begins this Saturday

On Saturday, January 14, 8:00 am, we will begin our two weeks of offering shelter and food to people in our area without homes. We will host approximately 30 people each night by providing them with a warm meal and a safe place to sleep.

We need your help! This [link](#) will take you to the form you can use to sign up to help set up in the Fellowship Hall, donate (snacks, breakfast items, water, or gift cards), wash towels, or help clean up the Fellowship Hall.

Additionally, we will be collecting donations of:

- Toothbrushes (individual, no multi-packs)
- Toothpaste (travel size)
- Tissues (travel packs)
- Chapstick
- Shaving cream (travel size)
- Razors
- Hand lotion (travel size)
- Combs
- Deodorant
- Foot powder
- Mints
- Cough drops
- Journals/notebooks
- Heavy, dark socks (adult men/women)
- Hand warmers
- Winter hats
- Underwear (men's L, XL, or 2XL or women's M or L)
- Plain white T-shirts (men's L, XL, or 2XL or women's M or L)
- New or gently used adult sized backpacks or duffel bags
- Bath towels
- Washcloths

If you'd like to learn more about the work PACEM does in Charlottesville, click [here](#).

Thank you for your generosity, as we care for and love our neighbors.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

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

Jan. 18: Tom Moore, Marvin Key

Jan. 21: Larry Martin



Birthday Cake Kits for the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank

Can you imagine having a child or other loved one who is having a birthday and not being able to give them a birthday

cake? Birthdays are meant to be celebrated, but in the past few years many people have fallen on hard financial times, and that shouldn't be a reason not to celebrate.

Did you know that you can make a cake with just a cake mix and a lemon lime soda? You can!

Items to include in a birthday cake kit:

- 9x13 disposable aluminum foil pan - the ones that come with lids are nice, but not absolutely necessary
- a box of cake mix (any flavor you like)
- 1 can of Sprite or other lemon-lime soda (store brand will work) in case the recipient doesn't have eggs or oil
- container of icing
- birthday candles
- include a large note that says:

Birthday Cake Kit:

You can make a cake without oil or eggs just by mixing the cake mix with the lemon-lime soda. Then bake according to the directions on the back of the cake mix box. "Happy Birthday!"

Jubilate 50th Reunion!

Jubilate will be celebrating their 50th Reunion the weekend of April 21-23, 2023. In addition to hotels, they would like to offer housing with UBC hosts. The only meal that might need to be provided would be Sunday morning breakfast. If you are interested in hosting or would like more information, please contact Michele Turner at 434-996-2673 or kmct13@gmail.com. Thank you for your consideration.

Pack it all in the aluminum pan and wrap it up with Saran wrap.

Collection boxes will be located in the first-floor lobby and on the stage in the Fellowship Hall (while we are hosting PACEM, there will not be a collection box in the Fellowship Hall). We will collect through Sunday, January 29.

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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