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Is All Engagement Good?

NWATCH

My question is specific to churches. Is all engagement with the church good engagement?

To answer this question, we must further define what I mean by 'engagement.' There are different types of engagement. When we come to worship, we are involved in the life of the community. That's engaging with the church. When we attend Bible study, we grow, not only in our knowledge of faith, but as a body of believers. That's also engagement. When we join a committee or team, we become part of the process of being the church. Again, that's engagement.

In this context, my question is about direct communication within the church family, especially with the ministers. Calling the church office, texting me or Val, emailing us, or dropping by the office and asking if we have a minute. Some people are hesitant to reach out to us. I've heard people say, "I assumed you were busy," or "Oh, it's just a little thing, and I didn't want to bother you with it."

Direct communication is some of the richest engagement within the church. When congregants share what they liked or what spoke to them in worship, those of us who plan the worship services better understand what resonated. It's like a virtual "Amen." When someone makes a suggestion, we grow because we don't know everything. Some of the best ideas have started as suggestions from congregants. When we talk with each other and work together, we become more than the sum of our individual parts.

What about complaining? Even complaining is helpful, because it helps us understand what someone doesn't like. When someone complains, we have the opportunity to have a conversation. We can better understand what different people bring with them to worship.

SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

January 29, 2023

11:00 AM

Sermon:

"God's Foolishness"
Dr. Matthew Tennant

Scripture:

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Anthem:

"A Closer Walk" (arr. Johnson)

SUNDAY SERVICE

Deacon: Lily Gregg

Ushers: Jackie Lockwood, Ben Chenault

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, January 25

9:00 Work Team

10:00 PBJ Bible Study (Zoom)

6:00 PACEM

7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

SATURDAY, January 28

9:00 PACEM Takedown

SUNDAY, January 29

8:30 Finance Committee Meeting

9:45 Sunday Morning Bible Study

11:00 Morning Worship

12:15 Youth Group

4:00 Development Meeting

5:00 Jubilate Rehearsal

The least helpful engagement is when there is none. Sometimes a congregant just disappears. One year, they are active in worship and Bible studies, serve on committees, and make a difference in the life of the church. Then, another year, they disappear with no explanation. People will ask, "What happened to so-and-so?" Those of us who hear the question can only speculate.

You are invited to join the conversation. What gets you excited at UBC? What do you love? Which anthem or hymn have you really enjoyed? What's your favorite Bible passage? What would you like to see done differently? I look forward to hearing from you.

Peace,
Matt



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

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

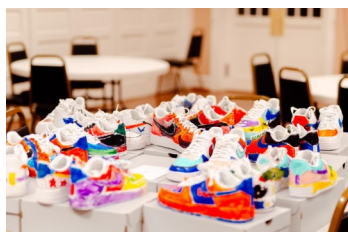
Feb. 4: Alice Mahone, Joey Hamel



Shoes for Hope

In December, University Baptist Church hosted around 130 people, including more than 25 cancer patients, to paint sneakers at an event called Shoes for Hope. Uva athletes and coaches were able to come and help paint some shoes and hang out with the kids.

Coaches will wear these shoes at the January 28 men's basketball game. After that, they'll be auctioned off to help patients through the annual fundraiser "Coaches vs. Cancer."



MONDAY, January 30

10:30 Bible Reading Group (Zoom)

TUESDAY, January 31

11:00 Development Team

7:00 Voces Laetae Rehearsal

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

Prayer Requests

Barbara Newlon

Jack & Jo-Ann Averill

Alba & Pam Beasley

Jim Sivley

Shelley Miller

Hadi Rohollahzade & Fahime Khatoon

Jimmy Li & Ji Song on the loss of her stepfather

We express our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Patti Badgett who passed away on Monday, January 23. Patti was an active member of UBC, and her husband Bob was the Associate Minister of Education until he retired.



Pre-Bible Study Coffee Fellowship

Pre-Bible Study coffee fellowship is

returning, at least on the last Sunday of each month, courtesy of the New Life Class. Come by the main hallway outside of the Sanctuary any time after 9:00 am this Sunday to partake of beverages and goodies and some good conversation and fellowship.

A WORD FROM VAL



Youth Group, Sundays @ 12:15 pm

Our afternoon youth group is a time when students eat lunch together, play games, go on monthly adventures outside the church, and focus on discussions about the Bible and its significance in our lives as Christians today.

Upcoming Youth Group Schedule:

January 25: UBC Youth will help serve dinner for our PACEM guests! Students should arrive at UBC around 6 PM and come find Val in the kitchen. We serve dinner at 6:15, and then help clean all dishes and serving utensils. Youth can be picked up about 7:30. Please make sure everyone has a mask on while in the building to assist with PACEM.

January 29: Youth Group, 12:15-2:00 pm

February 5: Youth Group, 12:15-2:00 pm

February 12: Youth Group, 12:15-2:00 pm

February 19: Youth Group, 12:15-2:00 pm

February 26: Youth Group, 12:15-2:00 pm



Sign Up for Laundry Slots

Click on [this link](#) to sign up for laundry access this semester! Our laundry room has both regular detergent pods and a free & clear detergent, as well as dryer sheets

for you to use. Remember, you need to sign up for your slots so that you don't show up at the same time as someone else. You can reserve time in the laundry room up to 20 days in advance.

Year-End Giving Statements

Year-end giving statements will be mailed this week. If you do not receive yours or have any questions, please contact Amanda Ohlms at aohlms@universitybaptist.org. (Ignore the incorrect name that might be at the bottom of your form. We were saving paper and using up old forms.)

Beginning in 2023, we will be using Realm to track contributions. We are working on implementing electronic access to your individual giving statements later this year.

AmazonSmile Being Discontinued

AmazonSmile, a way for customers to support their favorite charities, will be discontinued as of February 20, 2023. To help charities that have been a part of the AmazonSmile program with this transition, Amazon will be providing them with a one-time donation equivalent to three months of what they earned in 2022 through the program. If you have been supporting UBC through this program in the past, we thank you for your participation.



Snow Tubing at Wintergreen Resort Saturday, February 25

UVA students, grab your friends and join us for a day of winter fun! UKirk at UVA and The Wesley Foundation will be partnering with UBC to offer an afternoon of snow tubing in Wintergreen, Virginia. The afternoon will include a 90-minute session of tubing followed by a meal in the home of a generous couple who live near the resort. RSVP to Val by February 19 to sign up.



Wednesday Night Dinners

Wednesday night dinners will resume on February 8, 6:00 pm with a budget presentation.



Jubilate Kick Off Their Semester

Jubilate kicked off the semester with a weekend at Lake Anna. Ten current students and one recent alumna spent much of

Saturday learning music that they will share during the 50th Reunion later this spring. Of course, they also took breaks for fun, like taking a cold plunge in the lake, watching the UVA basketball game, and hours of very competitive Uno!



Calling All Interested Ringers

There will be a short interest meeting after church this Sunday for anyone interested in ringing in a handbell choir. Meet Sheri Owen at the front of the church or email her at Sheriowen3133@gmail.com, if not able to be there.

PACEM at UBC

On Saturday, January 14, 8:00 am, we began our two weeks of offering shelter and food to people in our area without homes. We are hosting 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 donate (snacks, breakfast items, water, or gift cards), wash towels, or help clean up the Fellowship Hall.

Additionally, we are 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



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!"

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.

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.

Save the Date! Registration now open
CBF Virginia Mission Madness
March 17-19, 2023, Newport News

Join with hundreds of youth from across Virginia for this exciting mission experience! UBC Youth will travel to Newport News March 17-19 to serve alongside of other 6th-12th grade students. We will spend the night in a hotel, go out to do service projects throughout the community on Saturday, and participate in worship and fun alongside other church groups.

Cost per person is \$110 (scholarships available). Registration and fees due by February 17. We will leave UBC at 5:00 PM on Friday and return by 12:30 PM on Sunday.

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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