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**A Moment with
St. Stephen**

WATCH

In Acts 6:8, we meet Stephen, “full of grace and power.” The Holy Spirit led him to perform great wonders among the people. Some people saw what he was doing and began to argue with him, but when Stephen responded with grace and wisdom, his interlocutors wilted and had nothing to say. Instead of moving on, they instigated some people to provide a false witness against Stephen. They brought charges against Stephen, and the high priest asked him, “Are these things true?”

Acts 7 is Stephen's brilliant reply. He begins, “Folks, listen . . .” Then, he tells the story of the ancient Israelites starting with Abraham, going through the patriarchs, the exodus from Egypt, and Moses.” His response reaches a crescendo in Acts 7:51, “You stiff-necked people, heartens in heart and ears, you are forever opposing the Holy Spirit, just like yo’ mama did!”

The people listening responded as we might expect. They became irate. They ground their teeth, and just when their anger couldn’t get any worse, Stephen said, “Hey look! I see the heavens opened and the Child of Humanity is standing at the right hand of God!” (Acts 7:56).

This didn’t help his situation. The crowd covered their ears, rushed together, dragged him out of the city, and stoned him.

I cannot imagine how difficult it would be to stand up in the face of such explicit persecution. We don’t face anything like that. Today, we might encounter indifference,

SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

August 6, 2023

11:00 AM

Sermon:

“Remember When?”

Rev. Laura Davis

Scripture:

Matthew 14:13-21

Anthem:

“Put Peace Into Each Other's Hands”
Schwoebel

SUNDAY SERVICE

Deacon: Shirley Clark

Ushers: Ed Barker, Ian Pallini



**Guest Preacher
This Sunday**

Rev. Laura Davis serves as Associate Coordinator with Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Virginia. Laura grew

up in the beautiful foothills of the Blue Ridge mountains in Sperryville, Virginia. She received her Masters of Divinity from Campbell University Divinity School where she is currently pursuing a Doctor of Ministry degree. Laura desires to equip and inspire people to live out their God-

a polite decline to an invitation to a church event, or something else just as unremarkable. No one gets worked up if we say, "Jesus loves you," nor does anyone seem to care.

Taking a moment with Stephen the martyr, we can learn three things. (1) Know what you believe and why you believe it. (2) Don't be afraid to talk about it. (3) Stand firm in your faith.

There are more lessons we can take from Stephen, but as I flipped through my Bible on this warm August day, Stephen seemed to jump out. At this stage of the summer, we are looking ahead to the fall. When we look ahead, we can all rehearse our parts and remember what we believe and why we believe it. As opportunities come along, we shouldn't be afraid to mention our beliefs, UBC, and why we are part of this family of faith. Finally, stand firm in your faith.

Looking forward to seeing you on Sunday.
Peace,
Matt

given passions in their communities, especially through advocacy, education, and community relationships. She would love to get to know you and your heart for missions!

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, August 2

9:00 Work Team
6:30 Summer Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY, August 6

8:30 Church Council Meeting
9:30 ESOL Class
9:45 Sunday Morning Bible Study
11:00 Morning Worship

MONDAY, August 7

1:00 Schleiermacher Reading Group

TUESDAY, August 8

6:30 Prayer Shawl Group

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

A WORD FROM VAL



**College Bible Study
will resume August 6, 9:40 am
in the college room on the ground floor at UBC
for an hour each Sunday**



Tube the Rivanna to finish off summer break! Sunday, August 13

Grab your floaties! Let's end the summer break with a bang (but hopefully not a sunburn)! Join us on Sunday, August 13 to tube the Rivanna from Darden Towe Park to River-

view Park. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall after church to eat lunch, then organize into cars and head to the park. Please RSVP by August 11 so we have a headcount for food and tubes. Friends, roommates, and significant others always welcome!

Prayer Requests*

Jack & Jo-Ann Averill
Alba & Pam Beasley
Clara Brown
Leon & Nancy Castle
Ed & Carolyn Lowry
Barbara Newlon
Melvin & Mildred Spicer

*In order to respect privacy, limited information is included here.

Our 2023 Graduates!

Keep our 2023 graduates in your prayers as they step out to begin a new and exciting stage in their lives.

Anna Beamer - graduated from UVA where she majored in Government. She has spent her summer ministering to youth as Assistant Director at Passport Camps.

Hanna Guyton - graduated from Albemarle High School and will be attending UNC at Asheville where she will major in Environmental Studies while running track and cross country.

Dr. Daniel Harper - has completed his doctoral studies in Economics at UVA and will begin teaching as an Assistant Professor at JMU.

2nd Lt. Anna Linehan - graduated from UVA School of Nursing and was commissioned into the Air Force. She will be stationed as a base nurse in California.

Dinner with Andrew

One of the members of our church family has been raising funds to address food insecurity every year since July 2001. On January 1, 2001, Colleen Baber's son Andrew choked on a gummy candy and did not survive. He had been working at Domino's Pizza at the time, and his coworkers wanted to do something to honor his memory. They chose a food drive which fit well with honoring Andrew because few people liked to eat more than he did. Thus, "Dinner with Andrew" began.

This year is the twenty-third year Colleen has been collecting donations in Andrew's memory. In 2020, she switched from collecting and sorting food to taking donations for food gift cards. She gives these cards to families in extreme need through The Jefferson Area Food Bank, The Salvation Army, The Emergency Food Bank, and ARC. We can help address food insecurity and be the hands and feet of Christ by supporting this ministry. You can contribute directly [through this link](#), or you can send a check to the church or give online with "Dinner with Andrew" in the memo line.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

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

Aug. 10: Rachel Miller, Michelle Proffitt, Georgia Anne Wood

Aug. 11: Olivia Burgess

Aug. 12: Gayle Eaker

Aug. 13: Diane Woerner, Betty Barker

Aug. 14: Kevin Wright

Aug. 15: Freddie Willard, Colleen Baber



Wednesday night dinners will resume on Wednesday, August 30. Come for dinner at 5:30, program at 6:00, and Sanctuary Choir rehearsal at 7:00.

Mark your calendars and watch for the dinner menu and the topic of our first fall program!



Volunteers Needed

Sign up to help us give out ice cream each Wednesday! Click [this link](#) to

add your name and join us anytime between 10:30 and 11:30 to help set up and/or between 11:30 and 1:30 on the front steps to serve the ice cream.



Why Do You Love UBC?

UBC would like to feature YOU on our social media! Participants are invited to answer two questions: What is your favorite UBC memory, and what makes UBC special to you? Our social media

assistant, Alaysia, can record your responses in video format, or you can click [here](#) to submit written responses. Your input will help new members get to know UBC while also allowing you to share your experiences with the UBC family.

Flowers Bring Great Joy!

If you would like to dedicate flowers for a special remembrance or celebration, contact [Sarah Buchanan](#) (434-409-9064) to reserve your special date to have flowers placed in the Sanctuary during worship.

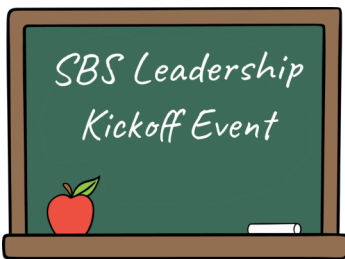
Available Sundays are:

August 13, 20, 27

Sept. 3, 17, 24

and every Sunday in October.

If you love flowers, enjoy arranging them, or want to learn how to arrange them, please contact Sarah Buchanan, and join us on the Floral Team.



Sunday Bible Study Leadership Kickoff Event

Saturday, August 19

8:30 - 11:30 am

ALL teachers, leaders, and interested members

Come for inspiration, information, encouragement, and team building!



Rise Against Hunger with UBC

This past Saturday, we hosted our fourth meal packing event with Rise Against Hunger! We packed 15,120 meals in a little over an hour which brings us more than halfway toward our goal! Mark your calendars for our next packing event on Saturday, August 26.

Click [here](#) to find out more about Rise Against Hunger (RAH). This is a fun and intergenerational mission event. There's something for all ages.

Go to our [website page](#) to view all the packing dates and to sign up to help us meet our goal of 100,000 meals!

WMU Woodbrook School Supplies Project

To begin school this coming school year 2023-2024, according to the Woodbrook Elementary School website, the suggested supply list for first graders will cost \$44.29 - a 16% increase over the price from two years ago. Sixty percent of the Woodbrook families are on public assistance and cannot afford to buy their children what they need. The financial hardships added by the pandemic and sky-rocketing inflation have compounded the needs of these children. In 2008, Love INC paired the UBC WMU with the Family Support workers at Woodbrook Elementary. In the beginning, we asked you to bring in a variety of school supplies that we sorted and delivered to the school. This method was pretty chaotic. For the last 15 years, we have asked you to donate money. We then asked the Family Support workers what things they specifically needed, purchased those supplies and delivered them to the school. The Woodbrook Family Support workers were delighted with this more efficient method. We want to continue to meet the needs of the less fortunate children " . . . to give (them) hope and a future" (Jeremiah 29:11). Please make your checks or online donations payable to UBC and earmark "school supplies."

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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