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## ON WATCH

### Pick One Thing

Last Sunday, we began our September series focusing on ecotheology with several ideas about how we relate to God and what we do with that relationship. We matter to God. In fact, everyone matters to God. Since the world is an intertwined, living breathing organism, we live out our love-of-our-neighbor when we take care of the world.

At the end of the service, during the invitation, I encouraged everyone to (1) plant something, and (2) go outside. It's been inspiring to hear the stories about what people have planted and how you've enjoyed God's beautiful world. Keep them coming! Hearing your stories encourages me. I hope you are also sharing your stories with one another. When we cheer each other on, we can inspire greater collective action. Through this collective action, we can make a difference.

Even if taking care of the environment is not a question for you, revisiting the reasons we focus on ecotheology helps us remember why we do it. Psalm 24:1 reminds us, "The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it." Throughout scripture, we see reminders of this connection between God and the earth, yet humanity continues spoiling the planet. This summer, we have seen vivid reminders of the effects of climate change: wildfires in Hawaii, record high temperatures, and, most recently, the ferocity of Hurricane Idalia. Through our use of fossil fuels, deforestation, manufacturing processes, consumption of goods and services, and food production, we cause environmental disasters. So, "the earth is the Lord's", and we're wrecking it.

## SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

September 10, 2023

11:00 AM

**Sermon:**

"Weathering the Storm"

Dr. Matthew Tennant

**Scripture:**

Mark 4:35-41

**Anthem:**

"How Can I Keep From Singing?"  
arr. Ellingboe

## SUNDAY SERVICE

**Deacon:** Lynne Gardner

**Ushers:** Tom & Sylvie Moore

**Jubilate Dinner:** Diane Mundell

## CALENDAR

### WEDNESDAY, September 6

9:00 Work Team

5:30 Wednesday Night Dinner

6:00 Wednesday Program

7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

### SATURDAY, September 9

9:00 Window Gasketing

Will planting one thing make a difference? Not really. It will not solve the problem, but collective small actions will make a difference. If one cannot buy an electric vehicle, choosing one with higher MPG will help. So will voting for politicians who support green vehicle initiatives. Each little action we take can add up.

Today, do something small for the planet. Try to find one action that is good for the earth. If everyone did that every day, we might be able to solve one of the biggest problems facing humanity.

Peace,  
Matt



**Help feed our college students this year!**

This semester, our Sunday night dinners are growing! Not only will we be feeding Jubilate members at 6:30 each Sunday evening, but we are also inviting ALL college students to come eat dinner! Help us provide home-cooked and delicious meals for our group as UBC cares for our UVA neighbors. Sign up as a family, a Bible study group, or grab a friend to come help you with set up and clean up. Click [here](#) to pick your week. Contact [Val](#) with any questions.



**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, Susan Hellings

### **SUNDAY, September 10**

8:30 Church Council Meeting

9:30 ESOL Class

9:45 Sunday Morning Bible Study

11:00 Morning Worship

12:00 Youth Lunch & Mission Project

5:00 Jubilate Rehearsal

6:30 Jubilate Dinner

### **MONDAY, September 11**

10:30 Bible Reading Group

12:00 Children's Ministry Team Meeting

### **TUESDAY, September 12**

11:30 Annie Armstrong Circle

6:30 Prayer Shawl Group

7:00 Voces Laetae Rehearsal

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

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### **Prayer Requests\***

Jack & Jo-Ann Averill

Alba & Pam Beasley

Linda Boston

Clara Brown

Leon & Nancy Castle

Linda Hendon

Ed & Carolyn Lowry

Barbara Newlon

Melvin & Mildred Spicer

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

UBC Backpack Blessing  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2023  
During morning worship, 11 AM



All students, pre-k to college, and all teachers, faculty, staff, and administrators are welcome to participate!

## Backpack Blessing

University Baptist would like to send everyone off to school with lots of prayer and many blessings! Please join us at church on Sunday, September 10, for a Backpack Blessing during our

11:00 AM worship service.

Bring your backpack or bag and get a tag. The tag will remind you that God is with you throughout the day and school year. Invite your friends and all the teachers you know as well.

University Baptist wishes ALL of the students, teachers, and all staff a wonderful school year!

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## 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:

Sept. 17

Oct. 1, 8, 15, 29

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.



## 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.



Wednesday night dinners are back. Come for dinner at 5:30, program at 6:00, and Sanctuary Choir rehearsal at 7:00.

We're asking you to RSVP, if you plan to attend the dinner. If you pay in cash, please use one of the envelopes on the side of the wooden box, and put your name on it, so we can credit it to the right person.

Tomorrow's menu will be:

*Brioche Buns*

*Pulled Pork*

*Mac N'Cheese*

*Baked Beans*

*Roasted Zucchini & Squash*

*Coleslaw*

*Honey Cornbread*

*Chocolate Pudding Dirt Cups*

Click [here](#) to RSVP by Tuesday at noon.

Our guest tomorrow evening is Dr. Willis Jenkins who will lead a discussion about faith and climate change. Dr. Jenkins is the John Allen Hollingsworth Professor of Ethics, Department Chair, in the Department of Religious Studies, UVA, and he has written widely on this topic. The format will be a guided discussion with time for a Q & A. We hope you can attend and invite your friends.



### Collection for the University of Virginia Hospital Hospitality House

Through the summer, the Kittie Colvin Trail Circle will be collecting items for the UVA Hospital Hospitality House. If you have a few things you no longer need, please bring them to the collection boxes in the 1st floor lobby. Click [here](#) for more information and a list of requested items.



### Rise Against Hunger with UBC

We had a great packing event in August. We have now packed 67,824 meals toward our goal of 100,000!

Next Packing Event  
Saturday, September 23  
10:00 - 12:00  
in the Fellowship Hall

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!

## 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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