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Next week's WORD will be sent on Wednesday, May 29.

Listen to  
God's Voice

WATCH

At this time each year, we elect a slate of new Deacons to serve the congregation. This is an opportunity to listen for God's voice and express what you hear. You can pray and reflect on who God might be calling to serve as a spiritual leader at UBC for the next three years.

According to our church bylaws:

*Deacons are elected and ordained to be the lay ministerial leaders of the congregation. The Active Deacons will be the group with primary responsibility for areas of lay ministry, including ministries to the congregation, evangelism, outreach, discipleship, denominational relations and matters of faith. Together with the Staff Ministers and the Church Council, the Active Deacons will establish the general direction and focus of the church's life and work. The Active Deacons will be primarily concerned that the congregation be spiritually healthy and that the church fulfill its mission according to its understanding of the will of God.*

Being a Deacon is exciting because you are set apart to be a spiritual leader of the church. It means listening for God's direction, working with me and the other minister(s) and leaders, asking questions, and offering ideas and suggestions. According to 1 Timothy 3:8-10, "Deacons must be reverent, not double-tongued, addicted to wine, nor greedy for money. They must hold the mystery of faith in a pure conscience. Let them first be tested and serve if they are blameless." In 1 Timothy 3:11-12, we find the verses

## SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

Sunday, May 26, 2024

11:00 AM

**Sermon:**

Voice of the Lord

Rev. Laura Davis

**Scripture:**

John 3:1-17

**Anthem:**

*Of the Father's Love Begotten*

Wolgemuth

## SUNDAY SERVICE

**Deacon:** Jimmy Li

**Ushers:** Shirley Clark, Jimmy Li

**College Dinner:** Will resume in August

## Volunteers Needed



Sign up to help us give out ice cream each Wednesday!

Click [this link](#) to add your name and join us any time 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. This is a very popular outreach ministry of the church.

some choose to read literally (why these? I don't know), and they use them to support notions of male leadership. However, the verses are really about having your act together and being part of a healthy home life. The summary of qualifications ends with an endorsement in 1 Timothy 3:13, "If you do this with great boldness in the faith that is in Christ Jesus, people will respect it."

Who should serve? According to our bylaws, "All active church members who are at least 18 years of age and living in the central Virginia area are eligible for election except those who have served as Deacon within the current organizational year and those who have been designated Deacon Emeritus."

Yet, God's calling is about more than ticking boxes on a checklist. The mission of the deaconate is UBC's spiritual health, so Deacons ought to be people who show up. They don't necessarily have to be at the church every time the doors are open, nor should they be strangers. Worship is central to who we are. It's one of the main reasons we exist and what differentiates us from social clubs. People who don't attend worship or regular Bible study can recuse themselves. Likewise, if one is unsure if they feel called to serve or has any doubts about whether or not God is calling them, they can recuse themselves by notifying [Linda](#).

Likewise, when you receive your ballot, pray about it. Consider who you see at church and who is already a spiritual leader. Then, mark those names. They don't have to be old or experienced (e.g. 1 Timothy 4:12, "Let no one despise your youth."). Vote as God leads you. Let the Spirit lead the Deacon election.

Peace,  
Matt



**Choir Concert**

### Voces Laetae Concert

Voces Laetae will have their final concert of the spring season **tonight** Tuesday, May 21, 7:00 pm in the Music Suite. All are invited to come enjoy the music and support our youth.

## CALENDAR

### WEDNESDAY, May 22

9:00 Work Team  
10:00 PBJ Bible Study  
2:00 Personnel Committee Meeting  
5:15 Handbell Rehearsal  
5:30 Wednesday Night Dinner  
6:00 Growing Young Study & Barber-shop Quartet  
7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

### SUNDAY, May 26

9:30 ESOL/Seekers Class  
9:45 Sunday Morning Bible Study  
11:00 Morning Worship

### MONDAY, May 27

Church Office is closed

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

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### Prayer Requests\*

Jack & Jo-Ann Averill

Ed & Betty Barker

Tony & Patti Barretta

Alba & Pam Beasley

Clara Brown

Leon & Nancy Castle

David & Linda Hendon

Larry & Lynn Martin

Barbara Newlon

Kaylee Risell

Melvin & Mildred Spicer

Bob & Joyce Tennant

Barbara Weber

Jack & Anne Wilkerson

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



### Wednesday Night Cookout

Next Wednesday, May 29, 5:30 - 7:00, we will have a cookout in the church parking lot with hamburgers (and veggie burgers), hot dogs (and chicken franks),

sides, and dessert. All are encouraged to join us for some good food and good fellowship.



Join us on Wednesday evening, tomorrow, for dinner at 5:30 and a program beginning at 6:00.

Click [here](#) to RSVP by Tuesday at 5:00.

Our menu tomorrow will be:

- Blackened Salmon*
- Roasted Corn with Burst Tomatoes*
- Summer Herb Gremolata*
- Garlic Rice*
- Mixed Green Salad*
- Dessert*

This week, at 6:00, we will continue our study of the book [Growing Young](#) from the Fuller Youth Institute and also welcome a Barbershop Quartet!

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

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

- May 30:** Will Cooke
- May 31:** Matthew Burgess
- June 2:** Jenny Price

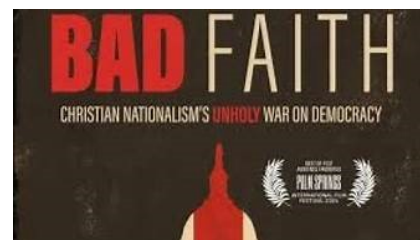


### We Welcome Rev. Laura Davis to the Pulpit on Sunday

Rev. Davis serves as Associate Coordinator with Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Virginia. She grew up in the beautiful foothills of the Blue Ridge mountains in Sperryville, Virginia and received her Master's 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 given passions in their communities, especially through advocacy, education, and community relationships.



If you have lost something that you've been unable to find, please stop by the church office. We have a growing collection of lost & found items.



### Mark Your Calendars!

On Wednesday, June 5, we will have dinner followed by a screening of the documentary *BAD FAITH*, a searing new film that highlights the history behind the rise of Christian Nationalism in the U.S. and the threat it poses to our democracy. View the trailer [here](#).

## Deacon Elections

It's that time of year when we begin the process of electing our Deacons to serve for the next three years.

Deacon responsibilities are the following:

- Being the lay ministerial leaders of the congregation
- Operating the Circle of Caring Team Ministry
- Planning and hosting the Harvest Luncheon
- Assisting with Fire Safety & Evacuation
- Serving Communion during Worship
- Organizing and hosting the Touch-a-Truck event
- Attending monthly Deacon meetings
- Attending worship and participating in the activities & ministries of the church
- Maintaining contact with those people on your congregational care listing

All members of the congregation, 18 years or older who are not currently serving or are Deacon Emeritus status, are eligible to be Deacons. However, if this is not an area in which you feel called to serve, please [email](#) or call the church office at 434-293-5106 by June 1, and we will not put your name on the ballot.



## UBC Softball

Schedule:

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| May 24 | Towe 3   | 6:00 & 7:00 |
| May 31 | McIntire | 8:00 & 9:00 |
| June 7 | Towe 2   | 6:00 & 7:00 |

If you're interested in playing or just finding out more information, contact [George Martin](#) at [cva2011@aol.com](mailto:cva2011@aol.com).



Coming Soon!  
Save the Date  
VBS 2024  
June 17- 21  
9:00 - noon  
We are going to  
Camp!

Click [here](#) to register.



**On the Move Together for Hope:  
Virtual Walk-Run-Ride-Swim-Go!  
For Poverty Alleviation in 338 Counties  
of Persistent Poverty**

13.1, 26.2, 50, 75, 100, 140.6 miles or more this summer. Set your own goals, choose your place and days. Walk, ride, run, swim (row, paddle, trail hike, trail run, exercise) and dog walking.

New This Year: Exercise Time (log your time: yoga, weightlifting, aerobics, etc.). Get there any way you can!

Log your miles May 15 through August 15, 2024. Support the good work of Together for Hope (TFH) and the Together for Hope partner or friend of your choice. Set a goal and get moving this summer and earn a really cool t-shirt. Log your miles or time each week on the Runsignup website. Register by July 15 to get the cool t-shirt. Register [here](#) for the UBC team.

## Sunday Mornings

### Worship

Our Sunday morning worship service begins 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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