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**Building  
Bridges**

**WATCH**

Another election year drags on in this divided nation. For us, the great quest remains overcoming that which divides us from other people. Jesus said, "Love your neighbor as yourself" (Mark 12:31). Too often, instead of loving one another, we first notice our differences. During this election season, those differences are often political. If we see someone exhibiting enthusiastic support for one candidate, the temptation is to stop seeing the person as a child of God. Instead, people see one another with political labels. How can we overcome these differences?

When Jesus said, "Love your neighbor as yourself," he didn't offer a list of exceptions. He did not say, "Love these neighbors, but not those." Likewise, when Jesus said, "For God so loved the world . . ." (John 3:16), he did not limit the parts of the world God loves. God loves everyone, and those of us who claim to follow Jesus need to love everyone, too.

This theme repeats throughout scripture (Ephesians 4:32, Hebrews 12:14, Colossians 1:20, etc.). In 2 Corinthians 5:18, we find a connection between our reconciliation to God and the way we practice a ministry of reconciliation. Since God reconciles us through Christ, God calls us to practice a ministry of reconciliation. In these divided times, God is calling us to find creative ways to build bridges with others.

## SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

**Sunday, July 28, 2024**

**11:00 AM**

**Sermon:**

Elisha, Pass the Gravy  
Dr. Matthew Tennant

**Scripture:**

2 Kings 4:42-44

**Anthem:**

*Table of Plenty*  
Dan Schutte

## SUNDAY SERVICE

**Deacon:** Michelle Proffitt

**Ushers:** Jackie Lockwood, Cindy Bryant

**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.

What does this mean for today? First, pray for the person with whom you have differences. Ask God to give you guidance in dealing with this person. If this person is a connection/friend on social media, try to remember the entire person, not an inflammatory post. Second, try to see the world from their perspective. Their experiences might have shaped the way they see and feel current events. Empathy can be a powerful early step in reconciliation. Finally, don't give up. God loves the person with whom you disagree as much as God loves you.

Together, we can be agents of reconciliation and ambassadors of the love of Christ.

Peace,  
Matt

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### Our Pastor on WINA

Dr. Tennant was Jay James' guest on WINA's Morning News this morning. He appears on WINA once per month to provide some commentary on the news from a faith perspective. This month he joined the program to discuss division in our country and relationships with law enforcement. In case you missed it, you can hear the interview at <https://cvillerrightnow.com/podcasts/pastor-matthew-tennant-3/>.

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## Our Pastor's Anniversary

### It's Matt's Anniversary!!

Tomorrow, July 24, is Matt's 7th anniversary as Senior Pastor here at UBC. Take a moment, think about all that's been accomplished in those 7 years, and wish him a happy anniversary and thank him for leading us in ministry for the past 7 years.

## CALENDAR

### WEDNESDAY, July 24

9:00 Work Team  
5:30 Wednesday Night Dinner  
6:00 Family Missions Night  
7:00 Family Choir Rehearsal

### SUNDAY, July 28

9:30 ESOL/Seekers Class  
9:45 Sunday Morning Bible Study  
11:00 Morning Worship  
3:00 Sanctuary Choir Sunday Supper & Swimming Soiree

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

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## Deacon Election

The 5 new Deacons that you have chosen to serve for 2024-2027 are Rachel Miller, Christina Mundell, Peter Ohlms, Alden Pinkham, and Raynell Stokes.

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

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

**Aug 3:** Robby Gough

**Aug 6:** Clara Brown

Special congratulations to George Payne's mother, Alice Payne, on her 100th birthday on Aug. 11. The family is bringing in an ice cream truck for her celebration at her Warrenton home!

## Prayer Requests\*

Jack & Jo-Ann Averill  
Tony & Patti Barretta  
Alba & Pam Beasley  
Clara Brown  
Leon & Nancy Castle  
Johnny & Gail Ellen  
David & Linda Hendon  
Larry & Lynn Martin  
Sylvie Moore  
Family & Friends of Barbara Newlon  
Kaylee Risell  
Melvin & Mildred Spicer  
Raynell Stokes  
Bob & Joyce Tennant  
Barbara Weber  
Jack & Anne Wilkerson

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

## Memorial Service for Barbara Newlon

A memorial service for Barbara Newlon will be held in the sanctuary on Friday, August 2, 10:30 am with a reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall. Please [click here](#), if you can help with the reception.



Second quarter giving statements have been sent. If you did not receive yours (either through email or print), or you have questions, please let [Amanda](#) know.



## School Supplies Project

To begin school this coming school year 2024-2025, according to the Woodbrook Elementary School website, the average cost of the suggested supply lists for all grades is over \$58 per student - a 19% increase over the cost from just a year ago. Over eighty 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 16 years, we have asked you to donate money. We asked the Family Support Workers what things they specifically needed, and then we 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."



## UBC Softball Team

Our UBC softball team had a great season with a lot of good fun and fellowship. They finished in second place, so when you see a member of the team, make sure to congratulate them and thank them for representing UBC!



## Wednesday Night Dinner & Program

Join us this Wednesday for dinner and a Family Missions Night. We will be packing toiletry bags for the Fluvanna

Women's Prison. All supplies will be provided.

Click [here](#) to RSVP.

Our menu will be:

*Spaghetti*

*Salad*

*Garlic Bread*

*Dessert*

This will be followed by Family Choir Rehearsal from 7:00 - 7:30 in the Fellowship Hall. All are invited to participate.

Join us as we celebrate summer together as a Church Family.

**SUMMER TOGETHER:**  
Celebrating Our Family of Faith  
2nd & 4th Wednesdays in June and July

- Fellowship Hall
- 5:30 Dinner
- 6:00 Family Activity
- 7:00 Family Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30 Dismiss

**FAMILY**

## 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-fourth 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.

## 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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