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NWATCH

Connecting God & The News

A perennial challenge for Christ-followers is living in the world but not becoming of the world (John 17:14-16). We seek God first (Matthew 7:7) and love our neighbors (Mark 12:30-31). Therefore, if we who follow Christ seek to love our neighbors, we need to know what is happening in our neighborhood. This means following the news. For people who care about the “least of these” (Matthew 25:31-46), many current events are disheartening.

At times like this, scripture can give a voice to our feelings. If we need encouragement, we can turn to words of hope. Job says, “For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth; and after my skin has been destroyed, then in my flesh, I shall see God, whom I shall see on my side” (Job 19:25-27). The prophet Isaiah reminds us that “those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength” (Isaiah 40:31). In the New Testament, Romans 15:13 says, “May the God of hope fill you with joy and peace.”

Throughout scripture, we find messages of hope and assurances of peace. In fact, the gospel message can be summed up in a few words, it might say: no matter what, in the end, it’s going to be okay.

Even when the news is discouraging, we do not

SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

Sunday, October 26, 2025

11:00 AM

Sermon:

Hope & Locusts

Dr. Matthew Tennant

Scripture:

Joel 2:23-32

Anthems:

Celtic Prayer by Mark Cabaniss

As Torrents in Summer

by Edward Elgar

SUNDAY SERVICE

Deacon: Jimmy Li

Ushers: Tom & Sylvie Moore

College Dinner: No dinner this week

Click [here](#) to provide a dinner for our college students.



Youth Event

Sunday, October 26

12:00 - 2:00

This Sunday, October 26 all middle school and high school youth are invited to meet in Room 120 for pizza and games following the worship service.

need to be discouraged. If injustice appears to be spreading, we need not lose heart. As Micah 6:8 reminds us, we seek justice. We can encourage one another and stand for what is right. The psalmist sings, "Do not put your trust in princes or mortals, in whom there is no help" (Psalm 146:3). Instead, as Christ-followers, we put our trust in God.

The real work begins with specific news stories. Each one contains partial information, so our first step is to avoid jumping to conclusions. The second step needs to be praying for everyone involved—including victims, bystanders, perpetrators of violence, decision makers, and anyone else involved in a story. Then, pause. Pray. Listen. Seek multiple vantage points. Pray again. And ask the Spirit to guide your action.

"What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" (Micah 6:8).

Peace,
Matt



Third Quarter Financial Update January-September 2025

Contributions: \$405,567.55
Expenses: \$529,018.82



Third quarter giving statements are coming out this week. If you do not receive yours (either through email or print) or you have questions, please let Amanda know.



October is Clergy Appreciation Month. UBC is blessed to call two very hard-working ministers our own, Matt and Megan. The work of a minister doesn't just happen on Sunday mornings but every day of the week. Their love for God and care for people is ever present, even though it may go unnoticed at times. This month, we pause to encourage and commend our faithful leaders who point us to God, pray for our souls, perform important ceremonies, and promote spiritual well-being for our families. We encourage you to let our ministers know how much you appreciate their diligence in whatever way you desire.



Wednesday, October 21
Dinner starts at 5:15pm
UBC Bells Rehearsal at 5:45
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal at 6:30

Make your dinner reservations [here](#).

Our menu will be:
Beef Pot Roast or
Vegetarian Pot Roast
Salad
Biscuits
Cookies



125th Anniversary Celebration (video, slides, and pictures)

Recognizing the interest of so many members to revisit the PowerPoint program from our 125th anniversary banquet and to provide a "first opportunity" to those who were unable to attend, we have provided a link [here](#) to our 125th Anniversary website page. Here you will find access to the video program as it was presented at the banquet, access to the folder of pictures that were taken at the banquet, and access to the PDF file where you may casually view each slide, reflect on former friends, and your many fond memories associated with them. Please feel free to send the link to out-of-town friends who may have lost contact or were unable to attend. We also urge you to view a variety of banquet pictures on UBC's Facebook page.

From my perspective, the aggregate of these pictures reflects our rich legacy, how UBC has effectively and responsibly adapted as society remains in a constant state of flux. There is no doubt in my mind that UBC will have a similar celebratory 150th anniversary event in a few short years. As I have stated before and **firmly believe**, God has great plans for our church and its people. Finally, one more "shout out" to Susan and her committee for this deeply memorable celebration and for so many memories which will last for a lifetime. Well done thy good and faithful servants.

--Ed Smith



A very special thank you to Jeanne Nye, Lynda Tweel, Judy Gough, Jen May, and Carolyn Lowry for their generous contributions of flowers for our 125th Anniversary Banquet.

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, October 22

9:00 Work Team
10:00 PB&J Bible Study
5:15 Wednesday Night Dinner
5:45 Handbell Rehearsal
6:30 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, October 23

10:00-4:00 Blood Drive

SUNDAY, October 26

9:45 Sunday Morning Bible Study
11:00 Morning Worship
12:00 College Bagel Brunch
12:00 Youth Lunch & Game Event

MONDAY, October 27

12:00 Missions Council Meeting

TUESDAY, October 28

6:30 Prayer Shawl Group
7:00 Voces Laetae Rehearsal

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



**American
Red Cross** | Blood
Services

The UVA Tennis Club is sponsoring a Red Cross blood drive in our Fellowship Hall on Thursday, October 23 from 10:00 - 4:00. Click [here](#) to register for a time slot.



Congratulations Alaysia!

Our Social Media Coordinator, Alaysia Toney, is leaving us. Alaysia has been with us for 2 ½ years taking pictures, creating posters, and making sure our presence on various social media platforms remains up to date. This has been a part-time position, and she has now accepted a full-time position elsewhere. We will be sorry to see her leave but congratulate her on this upward move!

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

Edith Parker

Judy Shah

Barbara Weber

Jack & Anne Wilkerson

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



Our Pastor on WINA

Dr. Tennant was Jay James' guest on WINA's Morning News last week. He appears on WINA once per month to provide some commentary on the news from a faith perspective. He talked about our 125th Anniversary Celebration, being a church family, and the ongoing issue of homelessness. In case you missed it, you can [hear the interview here](#).



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

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

Oct. 29: Caroline Wagoner, Molly Shifflett

Oct. 30: John Buchanan, Jim Anderson

Nov. 1: Jim Guyton

Nov. 2: Janeth Bibb

Save the Date!





COMMEMORATION
of the

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DEPARTED

Reading of Names on All-Saints Sunday

As part of our All Saints worship service on November 2, we will read the names of members of the church who have died since last All Saints Sunday (Nov. 1, 2024). You are also invited to add names to the list of those read aloud in worship.

Please send names (and pronunciation guide) of loved ones who have died since last All Saints Sunday to Linda Weirich by Tuesday, October 28 at 5:00 pm. The reading of names and lighting of candles will help us to continue to recognize the great cloud of witnesses surrounding us (Hebrews 12:1).

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Sunday Morning 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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