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The Magic of Giving Tuesday

Today is Giving Tuesday. This response to Black Friday and Cyber Monday happens every year on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving. On this special day, millions of people around the world come together to raise funds for important causes. In some ways, we are no different. We, like every other nonprofit, depend on people who value what happens at UBC to support the work we do. In other, far more significant ways, we are completely different.

We are a family of faith. At our core, we share the common denominator of Jesus Christ as our Lord. Even though we are a collection of unique individuals with different likes, interests, hairstyles, and sartorial choices, we are one body (1 Corinthians 12:12-13). Despite our differences, we come together and are more than the sum of our parts. This makes a church family special. It's different from a club or organization, because Jesus is at the center. Everything we do is about building up the body of Christ. When we grow in faith, we become more focused Christ-followers. When we do act as Jesus' hands and feet in the world today, we further God's mission. Being a family of faith makes us different from other nonprofits.

Giving Tuesday is a chance for us to support what God is doing in this church family. It's an opportunity to do something extra. Giving Tuesday isn't supposed to be a designated time

SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

Sunday, December 7, 2025

11:00 AM

Sermon:

Be Poor & Meek This Christmas

Dr. Matthew Tennant

Scripture:

Isaiah 11:1-10

Anthems:

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

arr. by John Yarrington

Walk in Light

by Karen Marroli

SUNDAY SERVICE

Deacons: Shirley Clark, Raynell Stokes

Ushers: Mary Jo Hendricks, Brian Guyton

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



College Christmas Feast

All college students are invited to attend UBC's College Christmas Feast on Sunday, December 7, 12:00. Come and enjoy some good food and great fellowship.

to put our tithes in the offering plates. It is a chance to respond to the prevalent consumerism and materialism in the world around us. It's an invitation to say, "No. I will not worship at the idol of *things*. I will invest in something everlasting."

This year, I invite you to celebrate Giving Tuesday at UBC. You can give by texting the phrase **Give2ubc** to 73256. You can write a check and bring it to the church (Matthew 6:2). Or you can go to [our website](#) and click "Give."

Thank you for prayerfully considering what God is leading you to do this year. And, whether you give or not, we are glad you are part of our church family.

Peace,
Matt



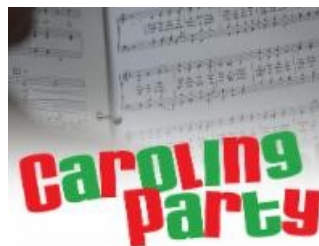
Our Blue Christmas service, being held on Wednesday evening, December 17 at 6:00 in the Sanctuary, is a contemplative service with candle lighting to honor the sadness that may accompany this season.

We gather to remember God is good. God is strong. God is near. We are not alone, and we have every reason to hold on to hope.

UBCKids & UBCYouth

Movie, Games, and Mission Project
Monday, December 29
UBC Fellowship Hall
Time TBD

Children and youth families are invited to gather in the Fellowship Hall to assemble Birthday Kits and to just have fun! More details to follow.



Wednesday, December 10

Come for dinner at 5:15 and stay for the Christmas Carol Sing at 6:00. This is a fun event for the whole family.



Sunday, Dec. 7: Jubilate and Sanctuary Bells offer special music

Sunday, Dec. 14: Christmas Choral Offering w/Strings

Sunday, Dec. 21: No-rehearsal Nativity Pageant with UBCKids Choir

Wednesday, Dec. 24: Christmas Eve worship at 5:00pm



After the second Christmas Lights Tour that begins at 6:45, the youth will stay at church for a Lock-In lasting until 8:00 Saturday morning. All Middle School and High School youth are invited to attend the Lock-In. If you would like to go on the Lights Tour beforehand, please be sure to sign up for the second run.

Prayer Requests*

Jack & Jo-Ann Averill

Tony & Patti Barretta

Alba & Pam Beasley

Clara Brown

Sarah Buchanan

Leon & Nancy Castle

David & Linda Hendon

Larry & Lynn Martin

Edith Parker

Barbara Weber

Jack & Anne Wilkerson

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



Join us tomorrow evening, Wednesday,
December 7, for dinner at 5:15
in the Fellowship Hall.

Our menu for tomorrow:

*Chicken Cacciatore (Braised Chicken in tomato,
onion, and mushroom)*

Garlic Herb Pasta

Roasted Green Beans

Crusty Bread

Mixed Green Salad

Dessert TBD

Make your dinner reservations [here](#).

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, December 3

9:00 Work Team

5:15 Wednesday night dinner

6:30 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY, December 7

8:30 Church Council Meeting

9:45 Sunday Morning Bible Study

11:00 Morning Worship

12:00 College Christmas Feast

TUESDAY, December 8

11:30 Annie Armstrong Circle

6:30 Prayer Shawl Group

7:00 Voces Laetae Rehearsal

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



Christmas Gifts

**Children's Christmas
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Mark Your Calendars!
Wednesday, December 17**

We will have our usual
Wednesday night dinner in
the Fellowship Hall.

At 5:45 the children will have the opportunity to "shop" for gifts for their family members in the Children's Suite. Gifts may be purchased for \$.50 each. All proceeds go to the CBF Global Missions Fund.

Donations needed: If you have small "treasures" that you would like to contribute, please drop them off in the church office or in the preschool department.



Congratulations to Alba and Pam Beasley, brand new grandparents of Beau Callan Beasley born on November 16 to their son Ben and wife Ashley.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

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

Dec. 10: BJ Blincoe

Dec. 11: Jack Wilkerson

Dec. 12: Arlyn Burgess

Dec. 13: Jess Pinto, Reid Teachey



Come join us for a free bus ride around Charlottesville to see the holiday lights with your family on Friday, December 12! We will run the route two times this year. For each run, we will gather in the first floor lobby of UBC. If you don't already have a UBC parking permit, we will have temporary passes available.

First Run - gather between 5:30 and 5:45, depart UBC between 5:45 and 6:00.

Second Run - gather by 6:30, depart UBC around 6:45.

Sign up [here](#)! Please list each family member who needs a seat in a separate line. Younger children are welcome to sit on laps, as it's a bit easier to see out the windows! (You do not need to reserve a seat for a child on a lap.)

Qualified Charitable Distributions

Are you familiar with Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD)? A QCD might reduce the taxes you owe while helping your church. Here's how it works.

If you have an Individual Retirement Account (IRA) and are over 73, you are required to take a distribution from that IRA each year based on the value at the end of the previous year and your age. This is called a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD), and generally the distribution is fully taxed as ordinary income. The form of the distribution may be in cash or securities.

A QCD is a direct transfer of funds from your IRA custodian to a qualified charity. This direct transfer can be in cash or securities, and it counts toward satisfying your RMD for the year. A QCD reduces your taxable income by the amount of such distribution since it is not included in your income.

Charitable giving is not about taxes. However, the tax benefit from a QCD encourages charitable giving and could enable you to give more money to what you love. With the recent increase in the Standard Deduction, many taxpayers will find that charitable donations no longer have any tax benefit. A QCD can restore some significant tax benefits for charitable donations.

Christmas Poinsettias



This Christmas we will be decorating our Sanctuary with an abundance of poinsettias. If you would like to purchase a poinsettia in honor of or in memory of a loved one, please complete an order form. You can find a form in the narthex, the church office, or by clicking [here](#). You may take your poinsettia home after our Christmas Eve service.



Global Missions Christmas Post Office

The Christmas Post Office for Global Missions, sponsored by the Kittie Colvin Trail Circle, is open. This is a way for you to exchange Christmas greetings with other

church members and regular attenders without even knowing their mailing address and to support Global Missions at the same time. The "Post Office" box is located on a table in the first-floor lobby outside the Church Office.

Instructions:

- Write the names of the recipients on your cards and place them in the appropriate alphabet slots. [Please include first names as we have multiple families with the same last name (e.g. Martin, Moore)].
- Deposit \$.78 per card (or round up for any additional contribution) into the container on the table or give it to any Kittie Colvin Trail Circle member.
- Please do not include cards for people who do not attend regularly or have moved away.
- Pick up any cards addressed to you or your family. Please do not remove any cards except your own.
- Do not place cards in the box after Wednesday, December 24.

ALL proceeds go to the CBF Global Missions Fund. We've collected \$425 toward our goal of \$3,000.

Stewardship Committee Pledge Status

To date we have received pledges from 51 "giving units" (72% of total from 2025) for a total of \$374,752 (67% of amount pledged in 2025). If you have not turned in a pledge, no need to fill out an official pledge card. Just email [Amanda](#) or call her at 434-293-5106 with the amount and frequency.



Embracing Neighbors: Nourishing Hope CBF Global Missions 2025-2026

Colossians 3:12-14 says, "Put on then, as God's chosen

ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving one another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these, put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony."

Baptists have been working together for more than two centuries through the Co-operative Baptist Fellowship to make disciples of all nations. CBF supports long-term field personnel serving in 25 countries around the world.

An example of the profound difference that CBF personnel in Japan have made is illustrated by a young woman named Mirea Takahashi who has been attending Laura and Carson Foushee's church and has found a home there.

Mirea has experienced the love of God and has found a church family at Kanazawa International Baptist Church. In fact, she has become a valuable member and a joyful volunteer in the Foushee's work there.

Your generosity in support of the CBF Global Missions Offering and CBF Field Personnel and their mission programs will transform lives. From November 30 to December 31, UBC is collecting donations for CBF Global Missions. 100% of your gifts will support CBF field personnel throughout the world. Our goal here at UBC is to contribute \$3,000 toward the larger CBF goal of \$3 million. Please consider a gift to CBF Global Missions as part of your Christmas giving this year. We've collected \$425 toward our goal of \$3,000.

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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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