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ON WATCH

Seeking God in Everything

SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

In Mother Teresa's book *In the Heart of the World*, she writes about God's calling on her and her fellow Missionaries of Charity. She says that God calls them to be contemplative by: "Seeking the face of God in everything, everyone, everywhere, all the time, and seeking God's hand in every happening. Seeing and adoring the presence of Jesus, especially in the lowly appearance of bread, and in the distressing disguise of the poor" (page 33).

Sunday, March 29, 2026

11:00 AM

Sermon:

Not That Kind of Triumph
Eddy Tennant & Phoebe Fant

Scripture:

Matthew 21:1-11

Anthems:

Sing Hosanna
Michael Jothan
Love Is Love Is Love
by Abbie Betinis

To Mother Teresa, the desire to seek and find God in everything connects with being a missionary. It's how she lived out her faith, and it is probably why so many people see her as an inspiration. She appeared to embody the humility Jesus references in the Sermon on the Mount, "Blessed are the poor... meek... merciful..." (Matthew 5:3-10).

SUNDAY SERVICE

Deacon: TBD

Ushers: Herman & Gayle Eaker

College Dinner: Erin Brown

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

Mother Teresa motivates people to live more like Christ, yet she is no different than any other person. This is good news. If she were some sort of super-human, then none of us would stand a chance of successfully following her advice. Instead, as a flawed fellow human, we can be hopeful of being able to do what she did. She sought the face of God in everything.

God didn't call us without factoring in our gifts and limitations. If we don't feel like we embody the light of Christ as much as Mother Teresa,



Looking back on the last year, our focus was on engagement and making a difference in the lives of our neighbors. Here you will see how, through your involvement and dedication, that was accomplished. This is the story of God at work among us. In these pages you will find pictures and stories from our congregation in 2025. It is not an exhaustive list, as we are a busy church. Our hope is that as you review these memories, you will see evidence of God's hand at work in the life of this family of faith. Let's celebrate!



The 2025 Year in Review is now available! Click [here](#) to see a copy online or pick one up at church.

that's on us, not God. We can look for God's hand in the world. We can seek God's reflection in everything around us. When we stop looking, that doesn't mean God's face is gone. It means we stopped looking. When we realize that we stopped, we can start looking again.

Each day we have a choice. We can enter the day and let the world distract us from our faith. Or we can look for God. Choosing the latter is richer and more fulfilling.

Peace,
Matt



Palm Sunday - March 29, 11:00am - Sing Hosanna to mark Jesus' entry into Jerusalem in worship led by University Students.

Spy Wednesday - April 1, 6:00pm - Learn about Judas' role in Jesus' Passion.

Maundy Thursday - April 2, 6:00pm - Participate in communion and see the story of the Last Supper brought to life in tableaux.

Good Friday - April 3, 6:00pm - Experience Jesus' arrest, trial, crucifixion, and burial in this quiet reflective service.

Easter Sunday - April 5, 11:00am - Celebrate God's power over death through Jesus' resurrection.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

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

Apr 2: Forrest Marshall

Apr 4: Catherine Cooper

Apr 7: Laura Morris



A link to daily Lenten devotionals is posted on the homepage of our [website](#). Check it out and enrich your Lenten journey.



This Easter we would like to decorate the Sanctuary with an abundance of Easter flowers. If you would like to purchase a flower in honor or in memory of a loved one, please complete an order form. Forms will be available from the church office, in the bulletins on Sunday, and online [here](#). Deadline is Sunday, March 29.



Jewelry Exchange and Tea

Saturday, April 18, 2:00
in the Fellowship Hall

Clean out your jewelry boxes and bring your jewelry in a zip lock bag with your name on it to the church. \$10 per person donation to benefit National Missions. Contact [Sylvie Moore](#) for more information.

Prayer Requests*

Jack & Jo-Ann Averill

Tony & Patti Barretta

Alba & Pam Beasley

Clara Brown

Leon & Nancy Castle

David & Linda Hendon

Larry & Lynn Martin

Bill & Barbara Murray

Edith Parker

Barbara Weber

Jack & Anne Wilkerson

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



Join us for dinner tomorrow,
Wednesday, March 25, 5:15,
in the Fellowship Hall.

Following dinner at 6:00, we will have the fifth
week of our Lenten Series:

Celtic Evening Liturgy
entitled *God Deliver Me* based on
Matthew 22:23-33
& Psalm 143:1-3,7-8.

Menu:

Salisbury Steak or Vegetable Soup
Mashed Potatoes
Peas
Cornbread
Dessert

Make your dinner reservations [here](#).

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, March 25

9:00 Work Team

5:15 Wednesday Night Dinner

5:45 Sanctuary Bells Rehearsal

6:00 Program

6:30 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY, March 29

9:45 Sunday Morning Bible Study

11:00 Morning Worship

12:00 College Bagel Brunch

4:00 Jubilate Rehearsal

5:30 Student Dinner

MONDAY, March 30

7:15 Women's Book Study

TUESDAY, March 31

6:30 Search Committee

7:00 Voces Laetae Rehearsal

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



UBC 101 begins Wednesday evening, April 8 as we join together and discuss what it means to be a Baptist at UBC. We'll look at what Baptists believe, how UBC's leadership and volunteers are organized, what we believe about baptism and communion, and the many ministry opportunities here at the church. Even if you've been a member of UBC for years, we think you'll discover something you never knew about us. Join us for our first session, April 8, 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall as we answer the question, *Who Are We?*

CBF Offering for National Missions

In Scarlette Jasper's December *Olive Branch Ministries* newsletter, she thanked the many people who had made donations to her ministries, volunteered hours, and prayed for her and the Appalachian families she serves. She wrote, "You have made it possible for hope to be more than a message. It has been meals served, coats given, homes repaired, tears shared, and families strengthened."

In a summary of the 2025 year, she said this is what donors and volunteers had made possible:

- 8,000 books shared
- Christmas Boxes: 4,675 neighbors served across 3 states
- Disaster Relief: 350 people helped
- Winter Relief: over 3,000 meals served and 250 people sheltered
- Back to School support in 5 counties
- Coats: 500+ coats distributed in 2 states
- Thanksgiving grocery assistance: 100+ households served
- Mental health support that strengthens individuals and families



Many of the families displaced by the tornado were living in campers at Levi Jackson State Park. One camper there, unused due to a hot water issue, was offered to

Scarlette as a place to provide that mental health support. It is in this camper that she met with families as they searched for stable housing and listened to their stories of survival and grief.

Our goal here at UBC is to contribute \$3,000 toward Scarlette Jasper's ministries. Have you checked the thermometer in the lobby to see our progress towards that goal? At this point we are at 47% of our goal. Please help us reach our goal by sending a check to University Baptist Church, noting that it is for National Missions, or donating online [here](#).

You're Invited!!



DETAILS

Reception Information

Join us after the wedding in the fellowship hall!

food • speeches • dances

06/06/2026 beginning at 5:00 PM

Please note that this is an alcohol-free event.

Attire

Semi Formal:

Polished and elegant attire such as suits, button down/khakis and midi-length dresses. Feel free to embrace cheerful summer colors.

For more information, see:

[https://www.zola.com/wedding/](https://www.zola.com/wedding/hadessahanddean)

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Please RSVP

[here](#) by Saturday, April 25

Their registry can be found on their wedding website [here](#).

Google Calendar for Congregational Activities

We now have a calendar for congregational activities outside of the church. If your child (or you) has a sporting event, a play they are participating in, or a musical performance, this is where we would post it, so others can attend and support them. This calendar is only visible to those who request to view it. If you have an event to add to the calendar or would like to be able to view the calendar, contact [Amanda Ohlms](#).



June 22-26
Rainforest Falls
[Register here](#)



Ice Cream Ministry

It's almost that time again! Time to begin offering ice cream to our friends and neighbors on Wednesdays at noon. Check your calendars and see if you can be part of putting a smile on

someone's face just by handing them an ice cream cone.

Staff Contact Information:

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Organist: Barbara Moore - call the church office at 434-293-5106
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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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