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ON WATCH

Capturing Easter

How do we carry the excitement of Easter forward? It's easy to arrive at Easter and feel a bit of a letdown afterward. In many churches, the Sunday after Easter is Low Sunday. If Easter is the pinnacle of the liturgical year, the following week acknowledges the descent from the resurrection high back to real life. But it doesn't have to be this way.

Easter marks us. We are Easter people. No matter what happens, we believe that God is more powerful than anything we encounter, even death. Yet, after Easter, we go back to real life. It's easy to sink back into old ways of thinking and behaving. On Easter, faith and enthusiasm pours out the doors of the church. After Easter, and with so much happening in the world right now, we could set our Jesus-excitement aside.

We can capture what happens on Easter by being intentional. Our Lenten journey can become a pattern for our lives. If we gave something up for the 40 days of Lent, then celebrated at Easter, we can do it again. We can practice mini fasts of a few days or hours. The intentionality will remind us of the Easter journey. Resurrection did not come at once. There was a path to the glory of the empty tomb. Retracing those steps can capture some of the Easter joy.

We can also remain engaged and active. Easter is meaningful because we focus on God. Beyond being intentional, we act. We go to church. We sing. We pray. We live out our faith. The

SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

Sunday, April 12, 2026

11:00 AM

Sermon:

Miscarriage of Justice
Dr. Matthew Tennant

Scripture:

Habakkuk 1:2-4

Anthems:

O Love by Elaine Hagenberg
UVA Women's Chorus
Author of Justice by Lloyd Larson

SUNDAY SERVICE

Deacon: TBD

Ushers: Mary Jo Hendricks, Ronda Wiley

College Dinner: Debby Johnson

Jewelry Exchange and Tea

Saturday, April 18, 2:00

in the Fellowship Hall



Clean out your jewelry boxes and bring jewelry to the church in a zip lock bag with your name on it. We'll enjoy tea and pastries first, then you will have an opportunity to select jewelry from others' collections. We will collect a \$10 donation per person with all proceeds going to National Missions. Leftover jewelry will go to the Children's Christmas Shoppe in December. Contact [Sylvie Moore](#) for more information.

choir is practicing new anthems. Small groups and Sunday Bible Study groups continue meeting. Being intentional about doing what God calls us to do means that we have less of a tendency to slide back to the way we are.

For us, the so-called Low Sunday is something other people do. As Easter people at UBC, we flow from Easter and continue the celebration of transformation. We're going to start UBC 101 on Wednesday. We have Jazz Vespers this Friday. And we begin a 6-part sermon series on Habakkuk on Sunday.

Today, we can capture the Easter energy and continue to see what God is doing. So keep coming. Keep inviting others. And keep the Easter joy!

Peace,
Matt



Our Next Jazz Vespers

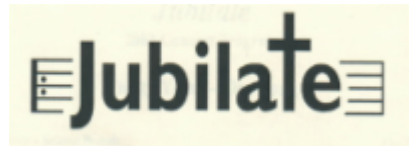
Our next Jazz Vespers service will be in the Sanctuary on April 10, 5:30 pm. Our musicians for the evening will be Bobby Gregg on saxophone, Eric Franzen on piano, Joseph Nichols on bass, and Ben Eisenberg on drums. This is a fun evening with some standard jazz music as well as some jazz renditions of traditional hymns. Each evening has a particular theme with a five-minute message from Dr. Tennant, our senior minister. If you haven't joined us yet, give it a try. You might be surprised. Childcare is available.



Welcome Our Newest Member

On Easter Sunday, Luna Ohlms came forward to become a member of UBC. Luna is a sophomore at Charlottesville High School and has been

attending UBC since birth but has now made that important decision to join the church and be baptized. When you see Luna on Sunday, acknowledge this milestone with a special welcome.



Jubilate Spring Concert Sunday, April 26, 2:00pm

Mark your calendars for Jubilate's Spring Concert. Following the concert, we will have a reception in the Fellowship Hall. If you are able to help with the reception, [click here](#).



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, April 8, 5:15,
in the Fellowship Hall.
Following dinner at 6:00,
we will discuss
UBC 101: Session1: Who Are We?

Menu:
Baked Cod with Herb Butter
Spring Vegetable Rice Pilaf
Mixed Green Salad
Warm Bread
Cookies

Make your dinner reservations [here](#).

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, April 8

9:00 Work Team
10:00 PB&J Bible Study
5:15 Wednesday Night Dinner
5:45 Sanctuary Bells Rehearsal
6:00 UBC 101: Session 1
6:30 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, April 9

1:30 Personnel Committee Meeting

FRIDAY, April 10

5:30 Jazz Vespers Worship

SUNDAY, April 12

8:30 Church Council Meeting
9:45 Sunday Morning Bible Study
11:00 Morning Worship
12:00 College Bagel Brunch
12:00 Nominating Committee Meeting
4:00 Jubilate Rehearsal
5:30 College Dinner

MONDAY, April 13

7:15 Women's Book Study

TUESDAY, April 14

11:30 Annie Armstrong Circle
6:30 Prayer Shawl Group
7:00 Voces Laetae Rehearsal

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



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

CBF Offering for National Missions

We did it! Our goal for the National Missions offering to support Scarlette Jasper was \$3000. We've had \$3705 donated which is 124% of our goal! We say a big thank you to all of you who have helped us exceed our National Missions offering goal!



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?*



You're Invited to a Wedding Shower for Dean and Hadessah

April 19, 2026
Drop in 2–4pm
Fellowship Hall

Questions? Contact

Rachel.nottingham.miller@gmail.com

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](#).



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

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

Apr 16: Carter Groff

Apr 17: Laura Faye Groff

Apr 18: Jim Moore, Larry Groves

Apr 19: Linda Smith, Russell Pinkham

Apr 20: Hunter Cooper, Hanna Guyton

Apr 21: Mattie Tomlin



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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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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