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## Merry Christmas



You'll have many opportunities in the coming year to join together and discuss what it means to be a Baptist at UBC. We'll look at what Baptists be-

lieve, 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.



With just a few weeks left of 2025, we'd like to thank you for being generous contributors to this ministry, which enables us to help

those in need and change lives. You can help us end this year even stronger, with an end of year gift by check or [online](#). How many commercials do you hear this time of year that say, "With your gift you will be saving lives?" A gift to your church truly does save lives - for eternity.

### SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

Christmas Eve

5:00 PM

**Sermon:**

Gifts for Our Poorest Selves

Dr. Matthew Tennant

**Scripture:**

Luke 2:1-20

**Anthems:**

*Angel Tidings* arr. John Rutter

*Hush, My Babe* by Cynthia Gray

Sunday, December 28, 2025

11:00 AM

**Sermon:**

Star Words (Redux)

Dr. Matthew Tennant

**Scripture:**

Hebrews 2:10-18

**Anthems:**

*Sweet, Holy Child* by Mary Caldwell

### SUNDAY SERVICE

**Deacon:** Jimmy Li - Christmas Eve

**Deacon:** December 28

**Ushers:** Jackie Lockwood, Shirley Clark - Christmas Eve

**Ushers:** Erin Eaker, Gayle Eaker - December 28

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



### 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.

### Stewardship Committee Pledge Status

Thank you to all of you who have made a pledge to our 2026 budget. If you haven't yet done so, you can still do that by emailing [Amanda](#) or calling her at 434-293-5106 with the amount and frequency.



Welcome our newest member, Court Van Clief, who joined our church family on Sunday, December 21. Stop and introduce yourself the next time you see him!



Our next Wednesday night dinner will be Wednesday, January 7

Make your dinner reservations [here](#).



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

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

Jan. 3: Peter Ohlms

Jan. 5: Paula Price

Jan. 6: Joanna Sivley



### UBCKids & UBCYouth

Movie, Games,  
and Mission Project  
Monday, December 29,  
1:30–4:30  
UBC Fellowship Hall

Children and youth families are invited to gather in the Fellowship Hall to assemble Birthday Kits and to just have fun! Snacks will be provided. Please bring your favorite board game!

## Prayer Requests\*

Jack & Jo-Ann Averill  
Tony & Patti Barretta  
Alba & Pam Beasley  
Clara Brown  
Bob Bryant & Family on the death of his sister  
John & Sarah Buchanan  
Leon & Nancy Castle  
Susan Deal & Family on the death of her father  
David & Linda Hendon  
Larry & Lynn Martin  
Edith Parker  
Barbara Weber  
Jane Whitworth on her brother's battle with cancer  
Jack & Anne Wilkerson  
Kathy Wilson & Family on the death of her mother  
Kevin Wright on the decline of his father's health

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

## CALENDAR

### WEDNESDAY, December 24

Church Office Closed  
5:00 Christmas Eve Service

### THURSDAY, December 25

Church Office Closed  
Christmas Day

### FRIDAY, December 26

Church Office Closed

### SUNDAY, December 28

9:45 Sunday Morning Bible Study  
*Seekers Class will not meet today.*  
11:00 Morning Worship

### MONDAY, December 29

1:30 Intergenerational Games Day

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

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**Embracing Neighbors:**  
**Nurturing Hope**  
**CBF Global Missions 2025-2026**

We have received \$2,992.90 toward our \$3,000 goal which represents 99.7% of our goal! If you haven't already donated to Global Missions, please consider making a donation before Dec. 31 and help us exceed our goal this year!

## 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.

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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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