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ON WATCH

From Palms to Holy Week

Today is Holy Tuesday. This isn't one of the major stops on our Holy Week journey. It follows Holy Monday, which also is not a Holy Week highlight. These two days meander into the week.

Over these two days, I imagine the disciples struggling to make sense of the *triumphal* entry into Jerusalem. Some of them probably thought Jesus would still be the military Messiah they had been expecting. Others were probably confused. One or two might have started putting the pieces together. They could have realized that the donkey pointed to the prophecy in Zechariah 9:9. "Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey." Still, maybe some thought things might go differently than they previously expected.

What about the people who were shouting, "Hosanna!"? Did they go back to their regular business?

In the gospel of Matthew, on these early days of Holy Week, Jesus cleansed the Temple (Matthew 21:12-17), cursed a fig tree (Matthew 21:18-22), and talked with some priests and elders (Matthew 2:23-27). He told some parables, argued with the priests a bit more, and was anointed by a woman at Simon the leper's house (Matthew 21:28-26:13).

SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026

11:00 AM

Sermon:

God's Glory for What's Next
Dr. Matthew Tennant

Scripture:

Acts 10:34-43

Anthems:

Resurrection Dance
Russell Schulz-Widmar
Shout On
arr. Alice Parker

SUNDAY SERVICE

Deacon: Ray Gaines

Ushers: Tom & Sylvie Moore

College Dinner: No dinner on Easter



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. Leftover jewelry will go to the Children's Christmas Shoppe in December. Contact [Sylvie Moore](#) for more information.

No one event stands out. We could pick one. But, if we changed our focus from how Holy Week unfolds in Matthew to one of the other gospels, some of the details would be different. At this stage of his earthly ministry, the pacing is much faster. Each event conspires to accentuate the disconnect between Jesus' proclamation of the kingdom of God and the people's perception of what he meant.

The next big moment in Holy Week comes on Spy Wednesday. According to Matthew 26:14-16, this is when Judas agreed to betray Jesus. Judas' decision to push Jesus to be the kind of Messiah he had hoped for comes up again in Mark 14:10-11, Luke 22:1-6, and John 18:2. We will recognize Judas' role in the story during our Spy Wednesday service (6pm on Wednesday in the sanctuary). This is when we look at human freedom and the decisions we make around who we believe Jesus is and how we follow him.

On Maundy Thursday, according to Matthew 26:26-30, Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper in what would become his last supper with his disciples. We model this celebration each month when we break the bread and drink from the cup. On Good Friday, according to Matthew 27:32-54, the Romans crucified Jesus and he died.

Just as our individual stories don't end in our lowest moments, Holy Week doesn't end on Good Friday. Sunday is coming.

Peace,
Matt



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.



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



Cookies & Lemonade

Join us for cookies, lemonade, and fellowship following our worship service this Sunday. We'll meet in the

Narthex and on the front steps (weather permitting).



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



The children will have an Easter Egg Hunt during their Worship + Wonder time on Sunday morning.

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 1, 5:15,
in the Fellowship Hall.
Following dinner at 6:00,
will be our Spy Wednesday
worship service in the Sanctuary.

Menu:

Braised Red Wine Beef
(Chicken substitute will be available)

Garlic Polenta

Roasted Green Beans

Crusty Bread

Mixed Green Salad

Olive Oil Chocolate Cake with Berries

*Vegetarian Braised Red Wine Lentils
with Local Mushrooms*

Make your dinner reservations [here](#).

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, April 1

9:00 Work Team

11:30 Childcare Task Force

5:15 Wednesday Night Dinner

6:00 Spy Wednesday Worship

6:30 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, April 2

6:00 Maundy Thursday Worship

FRIDAY, April 3

6:00 Good Friday Worship

SUNDAY, April 5

9:45 Sunday Morning Bible Study

11:00 Morning Worship

12:00 Cookies & Lemonade

12:00 College Bagel Brunch

MONDAY, April 6

Church Office Closed

4:00 Theology Reading Group

TUESDAY, April 7

12:00 Security Task Force

7:00 Kittie Colvin Trail Circle

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



We're not there yet! Our goal for the National Missions offering to support Scarlett Jasper is \$3000. We say a big thank you to all of you who have sent in your National Missions offering. When this picture was taken, we had reached 77% of our goal. Today may be the last

day in March, but it's not your last chance to give to this offering. We are still accepting checks or online donations as we edge closer to \$3000.

You're Invited!!



2025 Year in Review

University Baptist Church
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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 gifts, 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!

PRICES
On Saturday, January 25, we began our two-week offering shelter and food for people in our immediate homes. We hosted approximately 45 people each night by providing them with a warm meal and a safe place to sleep. Thank you to the many volunteers that helped us take down, wash, and provide breakfast, snacks, and dinners for that many people.

Did you know?
Did you know that every other Thursday volunteers from UBC take care of dinner food from our Wednesday night dinners and donate it to The Haven?

Gifts
Gifts were given to UBC from April through September and again from October through December! On one Friday a month.

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



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

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/hadessahanddean>

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 8:** Mitch Russell
- Apr 9:** Connor Marshall
- Apr 10:** Barbara Fuller
- Apr 11:** Rossie Carnes
- Apr 12:** Nelda Vaughan
- Apr 14:** Pete Whitt



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.

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.

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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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