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How can we pray for Matt this week?

Matt is spending time with family this week celebrating the life of his dad, Bob Tennant, who passed away on May 18.

The funeral will be Saturday, May 24, 11:00 at Cave Spring Baptist Church at 4873 Brambleton Ave., Roanoke, VA 24018.

Cards may be sent to the family at 3716 Kentland Dr., Roanoke, VA 24018 or to Matt, Melanie, Dean, and Eddy at 945 Raymond Rd., Charlottesville, VA 22902.



While Matt begins writing *Overcoming Differences*, consider revisiting his earlier book, *Crossing the Lines We Draw: Faithful Responses to a Polarized America*. It's a powerful reflection on how we can live with love and conviction in

divisive times--and it offers the perfect foundation for what's to come. **Limited copies are available for purchase from the church office for \$10 each.**

SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

Sunday, May 25, 2025

11:00 AM

Sermon:

Tasting the Sweet
When Life Gets Sour
Rev. Val Fisk

Scripture:

Matthew 5:1-10

Anthems:

We Walk with God by Mary Caldwell
Blessed Are the Peacemakers
by Rosephanye Powell

SUNDAY SERVICE

Deacon: Rachel Miller

Ushers: Ed Barker, Jackie Lockwood



Rev. Val Fisk

*While our pastor, Matt Tennant, is away on sabbatical, we are grateful to welcome a series of guest preachers to our pulpit. Each one brings a unique voice and faithful perspective to our shared journey. This week we're pleased to welcome **Rev. Val Fisk.***

YOUTH choir

Our final Voces Laetae Concert of the year will be tonight, May 20, 7:00 in the Music Suite. It will feature several performances given by Voces Laetae members, a cellist, a pianist, Ingrid Flaherty, some original poetry, and even one family group! We would love to have a full audience! Come and support our amazing youth choir.

2025 Deacon Election

The 2025 Deacon Election is underway May 18 through June 1. An electronic ballot was emailed to all active members, or you can click [here](#). Paper ballots are also available in the narthex and in the church office. You may return your ballot to the church office electronically, by U.S. mail, drop off in the church office, or call the church office. For whichever means you choose, please sign the ballot before returning it. Your signature is used for membership verification only. Vote for up to 5 people that you feel meet the requirements to serve UBC as Deacons.

Thank you in advance for your prayerful consideration as you choose Deacons to serve UBC 2025 – 2028.

Rev. Val Fisk lives in Charlottesville, VA with her fiancée, Allison, and their two cats. She has served in a variety of young adult ministry roles in congregations across Illinois, Texas, Tennessee, and Virginia. Val currently serves as the Basic Needs Case Manager in the Care & Support Services office at UVA, where she focuses on supporting students who are facing financial and personal hardships. She recently launched her own consulting site, revvalministries.com, offering Enneagram workshops and spiritual retreat planning for all generations. Val loves reading the type of fiction that goes well with airplanes and beach vacations, sampling local wineries, and the occasional day hike.



Prayer Requests*

Jack & Jo-Ann Averill
Tony & Patti Barretta
Alba & Pam Beasley
Clara Brown
Cindy Bryant
Leon & Nancy Castle
Johnny & Gail Ellen
David & Linda Hendon
Doc & Sarah Litchfield
Joyce Martin
Larry & Lynn Martin
Mary Ella McCauley
Barbara Moore & Family on the passing of her mother, Marjorie Taylor
Edith Parker
Mildred Spicer & Family on the passing of her husband, Melvin
Joyce Tennant & Family on the passing of her husband, Bob Tennant, Matt's dad
Barbara Weber
Jack & Anne Wilkerson

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

UBCKids & UBCYouth Summer Plans Q&A

Monday, June 2, 7:00 - 8:00 pm
Elizabeth will host a Q&A session on Zoom about summer plans for UBCKids and UBCYouth for parents, teachers, chaperones, volunteers, and anyone interested!

Watch for an email from Elizabeth with the Zoom link.

The United Gospel Choir is Coming!

Who? This summer, in partnership with Mt. Zion First African Baptist Church, we will have an opportunity to host a visit from the United Gospel Choir of Besancon, France.

When? The choir is coming to Charlottesville on Wednesday, July 16 and departing on Wednesday, July 23.

What? During their visit we will create a combined choir with the United Gospel Choir, UBC choir members, and Mt. Zion FABC choir members.

Where? We will give one or two performances and sing in worship at UBC on Sunday, July 20.

How to help? If you are interested in offering space in your house to host one or more of the visiting choir members, please contact [Megan](#). There also will be opportunities to help with meals and transportation during their visit.

Please save the dates-July 16-23!



Volunteers Needed

It's that time again! Sign up to help us give out ice cream each Wednesday. Click [this link](#) to add your name and join us any time between 11:00 and 12:00 to help set up and/or between 12:00 and 2:00 in the narthex to serve the ice cream. This is a very popular outreach ministry of the church. ***This week is vanilla and orange!***



Our Journey Together so far...

During these weeks of sabbatical, Matt is not the *only one* on a journey. As a church of people from all walks of life, part of our purpose is to journey together on life's paths.

Throughout this spring and summer, we are following a path together to learn more about how we can trust God, follow Jesus, grow in our faith, and be a community together. Sometimes the trail may seem challenging. We might not always be sure where we are going. But we journey on this path— together. To prepare and equip us for our journey, last Wednesday night we began making **hiking sticks**. We also started making **charms**, one to symbolize each week of the journey and the stops we visit along the way. So far, our journey has included:

1. **A Knapsack** – To kick off our journey, Tommy preached “Are We There Yet?” He reminded us that thoughtful journeys begin with plans, preparations, packing – and prayer.
2. **The Number “66”** – In “A Library of Stories,” Pastor Anna reminded us of the stories, songs, and wisdom that come in the 66 canonical books of our Bible.
3. **A Book** – “God’s Word Is for Everyone” – This week, on Wednesday night and Sunday morning, we will continue to learn how the Bible equips each of us for life’s journeys.

Ahead on the journey, we will learn more about the Fruit of the Spirit, the Disciples, the Church, and the World.



"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:40

IDEAS FOR INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES, GROUPS LARGE AND SMALL

- Participate in UBC's Rise Against Hunger event on June 7
- Play bingo with nursing home residents
- Clear a hiking trail
- Donate items to the Hospitality House through UBC's current collection
- Mow a neighbor's lawn
- Volunteer with Meals on Wheels

Your own ideas are welcomed!!

Take a picture of your Act of Service and then [fill out this form](#) to tell us about it. If you are having trouble with the form or need to turn in your information a different way, contact [Amanda](#).

Saturday, June 7, 2025
Rise Against Hunger at UBC
10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon




Whether you join us in stages or for every step along the way, we look forward to journeying together with you.



We will meet for our Wednesday night dinner this week on May 21 at 5:30 in the Fellowship Hall where we will continue our summer theme of Journeying Together. We will take a look at the fruit of the Spirit—love, joy, peace, patience, and kindness.

Our menu will be:

Grilled Summer Herb Chicken
Summer squash, mint, and pecorino pasta
Roasted Carrots
Chopped Romaine Salad
Dessert TBD

Click [here](#) to RSVP by Tuesday at 5:00.

At 7:00 our Sanctuary Choir will rehearse in the Music Suite.

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, May 21

9:00 Work Team
12:00 Ice Cream Ministry
5:30 Wednesday Night Dinner
6:00 Journeying Together Program
7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY, May 25

8:30 JARC Meeting
9:30 ESOL/Seekers Class
9:45 Sunday Morning Bible Study
11:00 Morning Worship

MONDAY, May 26

Church Office Closed

TUESDAY, May 27

6:30 Prayer Shawl Group

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



Join us in the narthex and on the front steps for birthday cake and ice cream!



Collection for the University of Virginia Hospital Hospitality House

Through the month of June, the Kittie Colvin Trail Circle will be collecting items for the UVA Hospital Hospitality House. The Hospitality House, located on 14th Street, offers overnight rooms at a very reduced rate to people from out-of-town having out-patient treatment at the hospital and the families of patients in the hospital. The Hospitality House has 20 bedrooms and 8 kitchenettes for the guests to use, but they have a hard time keeping them stocked.

If you have a few things you no longer need, toiletries you have collected during your travels, individual snacks, paper goods, or forks and spoons leftover from a picnic, please bring them to the collection boxes in the 1st floor lobby.

Requested items:

- forks and spoons, real or plastic (they have hundreds of butter knives)
- bowls, real or paper
- plastic storage containers (the disposable kind food comes in from the store is fine)
- individual-sized shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, or soap
- detergent pods - All free and clear preferred
- fabric sheets - All free and clear preferred

Many thanks for helping us support this vital community ministry.

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We have a softball team!

UBC's softball team is part of the Charlottesville Church Softball League. Their next games are Friday, May 23, 6:00 and 7:00 at McIntire 2. If you are interested in playing softball with a fun group of people in a Christian atmosphere, contact Coach George Martin at cva2011@aol.com.



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July 21-25, 2025
9AM-Noon

University Baptist Church



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

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

- May 28:** Debby Johnson, Scott Morris
- May 30:** Will Cooke
- May 31:** Matthew Burgess
- June 2:** Jenny Price

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Sunday Mornings

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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