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ONWATCH

Call Weekend Excitement!

The call weekend for our next Associate Minister is almost here. On Friday, September 25, the candidate will arrive in the morning, and several members of the Search Committee will take her to visit Monticello, since we are still touting the attractions of our fair city. She will attend Jazz Vespers at 5:30. Then, after Vespers, the Search Committee will introduce the candidate to the Deacons and members of the Church Council.

On Saturday, September 26, our church's youth and their parents will meet with the candidate at 9:30. They will have bagels and play games. It will be an informal chance to get to know one another. At noon, our Hospitality Team will host a churchwide luncheon, and at 1pm the Search Committee will introduce the candidate to the congregation. There will be a chance to hear from her and ask your questions. If you think of questions ahead of time, you can share them with our church moderator Kevin Adams. In the afternoon at 3:00pm, there will be an activity for the children and their families. After the children's activity, Megan and a few others will take the candidate to the C'ville Pride Festival at the Ting Pavilion.

On Sunday, some members of the Search Committee will take the candidate out for breakfast at *Guajiros*. Then, she will participate in worship at 11am. Immediately after worship, we will have

SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

Sunday, September 27, 2026

11:00 AM

Sermon:

God's Restorative Justice
Dr. Matthew Tennant

Scripture:

Exodus 17:1-7

Anthems:

Christians, We Have Met to Worship
Lloyd Larson
As Torrents in Summer
Edward Elgar

SUNDAY SERVICE

Deacon: Peter Ohlms

Ushers: Ronda Wiley, Shirley Clark

College Dinner: Jim & Pam Hallissy

Call the church office to sign up.



Ice Cream Ministry

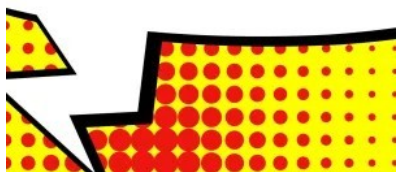
Please consider volunteering to help set-up, serve, or clean-up ice cream during a week in September, so our devoted friends will have ice cream. Sign up [here](#) or call the church office. Chocolate and vanilla this week.

a Called Church Conference to vote on calling our next Associate Minister. After the vote, the Hospitality Team will host a reception in the Fellowship Hall.

As I mentioned in this space two weeks ago, first, please keep praying. Pray for the candidate. Pray for this person's departure from their current ministry, move, transition, and everything that comes with starting a new venture. Second, volunteer. We can support this new minister's arrival with volunteers. What can you do? Don't keep it a secret. Tell someone. Volunteers will make the new minister's life easier. Third, show up. There are a bunch of events this weekend. Come to as many as you can. Your presence will be a testimony of your support for this new ministry.

After this weekend, stay involved. The new minister's arrival will be the start of a new chapter in the life of the church. It's exciting, full of possibilities, and a sign of God's continuing work in this family of faith. The best part is that we get to be part of it.

Peace,
Matt



Baptist News Global

Baptist News Global just published an op-ed written by our senior minister, Matt Tennant, entitled *Bold Conversations on Hot Topics*. Click [here](#) to read the article.

Sermon Manuscripts Available

People have asked if Matt's sermon manuscripts are available, and the answer is, yes. If you would like to receive them, contact [Linda](#) in the church office, and we will add you to the list.



Call Weekend September 26-27

On this weekend, the Search Committee will be presenting to you a candidate for the position of Associate Minister for Education.

Friday:

5:30 Jazz Vespers

6:30 Meet & Greet with the Search Committee, Deacons, Church Council

Saturday:

9:30 Bagels & games with youth and parents

12:00 Congregational Lunch with candidate and Q&A

3:00 Activity with children and parents

4:30 Visit to C'ville Pride Festival

Sunday:

11:00 Worship with the candidate participating

12:00 Church Conference with reception following, if the candidate is called

On Sunday, September 27, we will have a Called Church Conference for the sole purpose of voting to approve or disapprove extending a call to this candidate. This is an important and exciting step in the life of the church, and we encourage you to be a part of this weekend. The zoom link for the Called Church Conference is the following:

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85356372364pwd=dFhNZIVGT3Fmbzhyc3VZZHYrdS94UT09>

Meeting ID: 853 5637 2364

Passcode: 942390

If you can help with the Luncheon on Saturday, please click [here](#) for the sign-up genius or contact the church office.

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, September 23

9:00 Work Team
10:00 PB&J Bible Study
12:00 Ice Cream Ministry
5:15 Wednesday Night Dinner
5:45 Sanctuary Bells Rehearsal
6:00 Wednesday Night Program
6:30 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, September 25

5:30 Jazz Vespers
6:30 Meet & Greet with the Search Committee,
Deacons, Church Council

SATURDAY, September 26

9:30 Bagels & games with youth and parents
12:00 Congregational Lunch with candidate and
Q&A
3:00 Activity with children and parents
4:30 Visit to C'ville Pride Festival

SUNDAY, September 27

9:30 Seekers Bible Study
9:45 Sunday Morning Bible Study
11:00 Morning Worship
12:00 Called Church Conference with reception
following, if the candidate is called
12:00 College Bagel Brunch
4:00 Jubilate Rehearsal
5:30 College Dinner

MONDAY, September 28

12:00 Missions Council Meeting
7:15 Women's Book Study

TUESDAY, September 29

7:00 Voces Laetae Rehearsal

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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

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

Oct. 2: Chris Hellings

Oct. 4: Tom Mundell

Oct. 6: Caspian Wells

Prayer Requests*

Jack & Jo-Ann Averill

Ed & Betty Barker

Tony & Patti Barretta

Alba & Pam Beasley

Clara Brown

Johnny & Gail Ellen

David & Linda Hendon

Renfro & Sandy Manning

Larry & Lynn Martin

Edith Parker

Barbara Weber

Jane Whitworth

Jack & Anne Wilkerson

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



Come for dinner tomorrow
evening, Wednesday,
September 23, 5:15pm
followed by
Celtic Evening Liturgy
at 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall
and Sanctuary Choir rehearsal
at 6:30 in the Music Suite.

Menu:

Apple cider glazed chicken
Roasted Yukon gold potatoes
Green beans
Mixed green salad
Dessert, TBD

Contact the church office,
to make your dinner reservations.



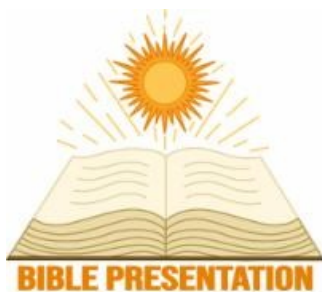
Young Adults Group

UBC is putting together a group for young adults in their 20s, married or single, who are working, in grad/law/medical school, or in other situations. If you or someone you know might be interested, please contact [Hadessah](#) or [Dean](#) Tennant for details.



Help Feed Our College Students

5:30 Sunday night college dinners are for Jubilate members and UBC college students. Help provide delicious meals for students as a way to care for our UVA neighbors. Sign up as a family, a Bible study group, or grab a friend to help you with set up and clean up. There are now separate sign ups for providing food and/or hosting. Click [here](#) to pick your date.



We'll be presenting Bibles to some of our children and youth this Sunday, September 27, during the 11:00 worship service.

SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, November 1



SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS RESOURCE COUNCIL

The Suicide Prevention Awareness Resource Council is holding a 5K Walk and Run on Saturday, October 17 at 9am at East End Farm in Louisa, VA. University Baptist Church has created a team for participants. To sign up, click this [link](#) and choose the University Baptist Church team. This event is free, but you can buy the t-shirt for \$25, and they welcome donations.

100% of event proceeds go to local suicide prevention efforts through SPARC, a group of concerned citizens, professionals, and partner agencies who convene with a common goal of reducing the number of suicides in our area.



Join us on Friday, September 25, 5:30 in the Sanctuary for our Jazz Vespers worship service.

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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 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.

Do you have something to submit to our weekly newsletter?
Suggestions must be submitted to linda@universitybaptist.org
by Monday at noon.

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