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ON WATCH

Being Peacemakers

At different times, different passages of scripture resonate more than others. Right now, my mind continues to go to all the places the Bible talks about making peace. In Isaiah 9:6, we read the familiar “Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace” prophecy. Specifically, I am struck by the title “Prince of Peace.” We don’t venerate Ares the Greek god of war or Mars the Roman god of war. Our Lord is the Prince of Peace.

In John 14:27, Jesus says, “Peace I leave with you.” This could be referencing inner peace. Jesus gives his followers peace so they can feel calm through the tumult of life’s ups and downs. But, if we limit the peace Jesus offers to inner peace, we limit its impact on the world, and Jesus came to proclaim the kingdom of heaven. This kingdom, although it is not of this world, maintains a direct impact on the world. This is why Jesus chose the scroll of Isaiah (61:1-2) to read in Luke 4:18-19, “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

If the peace Jesus offers means something, it must impact people’s lives, and it should go beyond an invisible inner peace. The peace Jesus

SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

Sunday, March 8, 2026

11:00 AM

Sermon:

I Stole a Banana From a Monkey

Dr. Matthew Tennant

Scripture:

Exodus 17:1-7

Anthems:

The First One Ever

by Linda Wilberger Egan

Just As I Am by Bob Chilcott

SUNDAY SERVICE

Deacon: Peter Ohlms

Ushers: Jackie Lockwood, Court Van Clief

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



Remember to set your clocks ahead
one hour on Saturday night!

proclaims is what we can be. It's about human potential. Sin is human potential ruined. Right now, as we reflect on another Middle Eastern war, we need the Jesus' peace.

As Christ-followers, we need to be peacemakers. On Sunday, I asked about how we can do this. People offered helpful suggestions: Listen. Empathize. Love. And these are just the start. As praying people, we can pray for peace. We can pray for wisdom for our leaders. We can pray for our soldiers and sailors, and we can pray for the safety of Iranians and everyone else caught in violence and war. There's a story about a school in Iran exploding. We can pray for God's comfort for the families who are mourning the senseless death of their children.

There's probably more we can do. What are your ideas? How can we be peacemakers? Right now, the world desperately needs people of faith to represent the God who, among many names, is the Prince of Peace.

Peace,
Matt

Search Committee Update

The Search Committee for our next Associate Minister held their first meeting on Monday, February 23, via zoom. They talked about the history and process of a search committee and began assembling notes and documents. At this stage, because this is such a significant endeavor, the committee agreed to spend the next two weeks praying. They are seeking God's guidance and insight as we look for the next person God is calling to serve with our congregation. Please pray for the committee: Colleen Baber, Arlyn Burgess, Erin Eaker, Judy Gough, Susan Hellings, Peter Ohlms, Alden Pinkham, and Amy Teachey.



Lenten Devotionals

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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

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

Mar. 12: Johnny Ellen
Mar. 17: Kathy Wilson



AIM Needs Volunteers

AIM needs volunteers at their Emmett St. office (1807 Emmet St. N. #6A). Volunteers can work as few or as many hours as they like, Monday-Thursday from 9-2. AIM has various programs to help the disenfranchised, those living in poverty, or victims of domestic abuse. Contact AIM at 434-972-1704 for more information.

Childcare Task Force Update

The Childcare Task Force, looking at the feasibility of offering childcare for the community during the week, met on February 17. Cost analysis spreadsheets, including information from other church childcare programs, were examined and discussed. Space considerations are being looked into as well as information from the hospital on what is currently being offered.

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.



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 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.



Star Words

If you didn't get a star word and would like one, they are available in the church office.

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, March 4

9:00 Work Team

10:00 Childcare Task Force Meeting

5:15 Wednesday Night Dinner

5:45 Sanctuary Bells Rehearsal

6:00 Program

6:30 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY, March 8

9:45 Sunday Morning Bible Study

11:00 Morning Worship

MONDAY, March 9

4:00 Theology Reading Group

TUESDAY, March 10

11:30 Annie Armstrong Circle Meeting

6:00 Search Committee Meeting

6:30 Prayer Shawl Group

7:00 Voces Laetae Rehearsal

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

Google Calendar for Congregational Activities

We now have a calendar for congregational activities outside of the church. If your child (or you) has a sporting event, a play they are participating in, or a musical performance, this is where we would post it, so others can attend and support them. This calendar is only visible to those who request to view it. If you have an event to add to the calendar or would like to be able to view the calendar, contact [Amanda Ohlms](#).



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



CBF Offering for National Missions

Through the month of March, we will be collecting donations for the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship offering for National Missions. Our UBC Missions Council has chosen to send our offering directly to the Rev. Scarlette Jasper, a CBF field personnel, who serves the people of Appalachia.

Scarlette's home is in Somerset, KY, where her husband Brian was born and raised. When Jasper was commissioned by CBF in 2014, her commissioning stipulated that she had to raise her own support including salary, and project and programming funds. For Scarlett, her husband's salary provided the support for the family, but she still had to secure her project and programming funds. After 2019, this March CBF Offering for National Missions helped fund the salaries, benefits, and housing for field personnel, but each one still has to raise support for their projects and programs. Not long after the CBF's funding model changed, her husband Brian died. The money raised through this offering is even more important to her now.

Scarlett serves in an area of extreme poverty in south central and southeastern Kentucky and in Scott County, Tennessee. In her work, she interfaces with Together for Hope, CBF's rural poverty initiative that works with counties having persistent poverty. In Appalachia alone there are 57 counties in this program, and ten of those counties are in Jasper's ministry.

Our goal here at UBC is to contribute \$3,000 toward Scarlett Jasper's ministry. You can do so by sending a check to University Baptist Church, noting that it is for National Missions, or donating online [here](#).



Join us for dinner tomorrow, Wednesday, March 4, 5:15, in the Fellowship Hall.

Following dinner at 6:00, we will have the second week of our Lenten Series: Celtic Evening Liturgy entitled *Stop Judging & Look Inward* based on John 7:53-8:11 and Psalm 128.

Menu:

Make your dinner reservations [here](#).

Missing Maps!

A set of maps that were on an easel in the Open Minds classroom (Room 120 - Conference Room) have been missing for awhile. If anyone knows where they might be, please notify the [church office](#).

Paint Survey

The votes are in! 43 people filled out the survey. 28 voted for 6204, 13 voted for 6176, and 2 didn't vote for either color. The winner is 6204 Sea Salt!





Why do we read the gospel from the floor mic?

We read the gospel from the floor mic, instead of from the pulpit, because we want the gospel lesson to be among the congregation. It's a small act, but it symbolizes our shared ownership of God's word. We believe in the priesthood of the believer, so words from God don't come from a priest or minister. They come directly from the Bible, and it is accessible to all.



Blood Drive sponsored by Madison House - UVA Health UBC Fellowship Hall Thursday, March 20 10:00am - 3:00pm Schedule an appointment online with the QR code below or call 1-800-RED CROSS



Pacem 2026 at UBC is Finished!

We are so grateful to the many volunteers who made our participation in PACEM possible. Thank you to everyone who shopped, cooked, baked, served, washed dishes, did laundry, made cots, unpacked or packed cots, donated toiletries, snacks, and breakfast items, made welcome bags, and shared time visiting with our guests. This ministry requires many hearts and hands. Thank you for showing love and kindness to our neighbors.

Laura and Katherine



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



Our mission team to Puerto Rico, Megan Sharp, Hadessah Johnson, Phoebe Fant, and Eddy Tennant, have arrived safely and are excited about starting work today. Remember them in your prayers this week for a safe, productive, and fruitful week.

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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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