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Celebrating the Good

On Sunday, I referenced the 15 times in the New Testament that Jesus said, “If anyone has ears, let them hear.” This sentiment could easily be transferred to the idea of “anyone who has eyes, let them see.” In other words, we sometimes see what we want to see. If we have high anxiety, we find things to make us more concerned. If we are in an unpleasant mood, then life often seems to deliver things to make matters worse. That’s why what seems like a bad day can be hard to shake. Likewise, when we feel good, things can foster further good feelings.

These ideas apply to our family of faith, too. If we worry about the church, then there are plenty of reasons to worry. If we feel God’s presence, then we can see many instances of God moving all around us. The challenge is to lean away from worries, anxieties, and other things to detract from faith, and to lean into seeing God at work.

Many years ago, one of my sons saw a sign in his elementary school classroom. It said, “Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference.” He probably regretted telling me about the sign, because I repeated this aphorism to both boys every day when they went to school. I still do. It’s a great saying

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SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

Sunday, October 11, 2026

11:00 AM

Sermon:

Sitting in the Corner
at the Wedding Banquet
Dr. Matthew Tennant

Scripture:

Matthew 22:1-14

Anthems:

Yours Are the Hands
Mark Burrows
I Sat Down Under His Shadow
Edward Bairstow

SUNDAY SERVICE

Deacons: Lily Gregg

Ushers: Tom & Sylvie Moore

College Dinner: Deacons

Sign up [here](#) or call the church office to provide a dinner.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

Oct. 16: Stella Gregg

Oct. 20: Linda Boston

because attitude is, in fact, a little thing that makes a big difference.

Try to adopt a positive attitude about what God is doing at church. It shouldn't take much effort since there are so many signs of hope all around us. Each Sunday, the children lift my spirit. Warm smiles and greetings are contagious. When we listen for God's voice, we can hear it each week in worship through the prayers, scripture readings, and hymns. Examples of the good abound. It's up to us to embrace the kind of attitude that sees it.

What is something good that you've seen at church recently? These are the stories we need to share. These are the topics that can encourage God's kingdom to flourish and grow. Tell good stories. Let others know how much you appreciate them. Be part of the celebration of everything good God is doing at UBC.

Peace,
Matt



New Associate Minister for Education



On Sunday, September 27 at a Called Church Conference following the 11:00 worship service, Rev. Allison

Benfield, by a unanimous vote of the congregation, was called to be UBC's Associate Minister for Education. Her first Sunday with us will be November 1.

If you haven't already met her, click [here](#) for an introduction.

We want to thank our Search Committee, Susan Hellings, Erin Eaker, Alden Pinkham, Colleen Baber, Judy Gough, Arlyn Burgess, Peter Ohlms, and Kevin Adams, for their many months of hard work to bring us to this point. We appreciate their wisdom and perseverance to find the right person to become part of UBC's future.

Visioning Prayers Update October 1

We had 9 people in attendance for our first Visioning Prayers session. After a brief introduction and guidelines, Matt opened with a devotion followed by prayer. Scripture shared: Luke 10:1-12
Ideas shared: RAH drew people here; focus on visitor experience; ask new members what drew them to UBC. You're invited to join on zoom any Thursday morning from 10:00-10:15. Zoom [link](#).

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, October 7

9:00 Work Team
5:15 Wednesday Night Dinner
6:00 Wednesday Night Program
6:30 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, October 8

10:00 Visioning Prayers
1:30 Personnel Committee Meeting

SUNDAY, October 11

9:30 Seekers Bible Study
9:45 Sunday Morning Bible Study
11:00 Morning Worship
12:00 College Bagel Brunch
4:00 Jubilate Rehearsal
5:30 College Dinner
6:00 Deacons' Meeting

TUESDAY, October 13

11:30 Annie Armstrong Circle
6:30 Prayer Shawl Group
7:00 Voces Laetae Rehearsal

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



Ice Cream Summer Ministry

Our ice cream summer ministry is over for this year, although there are occasional special events where we bring out the ice cream machine during the year. We are looking for people who are willing to serve on the Ice Cream Team. It's not difficult or complicated, but it's very popular, a lot of fun, and involves eating ice cream. If you are interested, please contact [Larry Johnson](#).

Prayer Requests*

Jack & Jo-Ann Averill

Ed & Betty Barker

Tony & Patti Barretta

Alba & Pam Beasley

Clara Brown

Johnny & Gail Ellen

David & Linda Hendon

Margie Howell

Renfro & Sandy Manning

Larry & Lynn Martin

Edith Parker

Amy Teachey

Barbara Weber

Jane Whitworth

Jack & Anne Wilkerson

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

Congregational Activities Google Calendar

Support UBC's young people by attending their extracurricular activities like plays, concerts, sporting events, and more. Let [Amanda](#) know if you want to be added to the Congregational Activities Google Calendar, so that you can be informed about upcoming events. And if you or your young person has an activity coming up, let us know so that we can add it to the calendar.

CELEBRATE TOGETHER!



Menu:

*Pulled Pork
Smoked Chicken
Tofu burnt ends
Mac & Cheese
Stewed Green Beans
Cole slaw*

Call or email the church office to register for the luncheon by October 15. Please indicate the number of adults and the number of children.



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.

Cavalier Food Pantry Collection

When University Baptist Church moved to its current location near the University Corner in 1929, our founders did so (even renaming the church) as a commitment to serving the University of Virginia community. We continue that mission today with our student ministry, etc.

Our own Val (Fisk) Hassard, as Basic Needs Case Manager at the Cavalier Food Pantry, deals daily with students whose needs for food and other items go unmet when budgets are stressed too thin to buy basic necessities including food and hygiene products. The Cavalier Food Pantry exists to meet those needs.

UBC's Kittie Colvin Trail Circle has decided to collect items on behalf of the Cavalier Food Pantry during the month of October. There is a bin in the 1st floor hallway outside of the church office to collect these items. Below is a list of some of the most needed items.

- Canned or Pouched Tuna
- Canned or Pouched Chicken
- Pantry Staples (such as flour, sugar, dried spices, salt & pepper)
- Snacks
- Spaghetti/noodles
- Feminine Hygiene Items (Pads & Tampons)
- Hygiene Items (such as shampoo, soap, shower gels, deodorant)

Please consider donating some of these items so that our University student neighbors can concentrate on their education and not how to afford the basics. If you prefer, you can order the items on Amazon using their [Wish List](#) and indicate "UBC drive" as additional info. These items will be shipped directly to the Cavalier Food Pantry.



Come for dinner tomorrow evening,
Wednesday, October 7, 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:
*Sausage, Butternut Squash,
and Mushroom Rigatoni
Mixed Green Salad
Warm Italian Bread
Garlic Green Beans
Dessert TBD*

Click [here](#) or call the church office
to register for dinner.

Staff Contact Information:

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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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