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Love One  
Another

WATCH

On a sunny day by the playground at St. Barnabas Primary School in 2007, I watched my young sons climb the monkey bars and play with other children. Another father sat at the other end of the bench. We exchanged pleasantries. From my accent, he surmised that I was American (or possibly Canadian). His name is Rob, and he has a son named Ben, and Ben was good friends with my son Dean. That day two dads struck up a friendship, and Rob and I are still in touch today.

Various subjects prompt an email exchange, and if the state of the world needs more attention, we schedule a video chat. Whenever I am in England, Rob and I make a point to get together. Recently, we began talking about the future of Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Although world politics dominated our conversation, I kept thinking of Jesus' words in John 13:34. "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another."

As a fellowship of Christ-followers, we seek to love one another, but what if Jesus' words extended beyond our family of faith? What if Jesus meant everyone when he said, "Love one another"? Does that mean we should love the Russian soldiers who carry out atrocities in Ukraine? Does it mean we should love the Hamas terrorist and the Israelis dropping bombs?

My friend Rob does not profess to follow Christ. He is pragmatic and has often challenged my thinking in ways that crystalize my understanding of what it

## SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

Sunday, February 23, 2025

11:00 AM

**Sermon:**

Don't Fret the Evildoers  
Dr. Matthew Tennant

**Scripture:**

Psalms 37:1-11, 39-40

**Anthem:**

*I Thank You God* by Walker  
UVA Women's Chorus

## SUNDAY SERVICE

**Deacon:** Jimmy Li

**Ushers:** Charlotte Bailey, Ed Barker

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



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

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

**Feb. 26:** Jay Hendricks

**Feb. 29:** Shelley Payne

**Mar. 1:** Laura Centofante

**Mar. 2:** Suzanne Smith

**Mar. 3:** Martha Ballenger

means to follow Jesus. Instead of arguing for a broader EU policy of support for Ukraine, U.S. military support, Russian sanctions, etc., I think of Jesus' commandment, "Love one another." Loving one another isn't an escape from the news or a way to avoid difficult subjects. Loving one another is a lens through which we can see the other. It extends beyond world events and is applicable in our daily interactions.

What would the world look like if more people sought opportunities to love one another? We might not fix all the world's problems. However, we can improve life in our individual orbit. When Jesus said, "Love one another," he meant everyone, including my friend Rob, Ukrainians, Russians, Palestinians, Israelis, other Americans, and on and on and on.

Peace,  
Matt

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### Prayer Requests\*

Jack & Jo-Ann Averill  
Colleen Baber  
Tony & Patti Barretta  
Alba & Pam Beasley  
Clara Brown  
Leon & Nancy Castle  
David & Linda Hendon  
Thomas Hill  
Doc Litchfield  
Edith Parker  
Kaylee Risell  
Melvin & Mildred Spicer  
Bob & Joyce Tennant  
Barbara Weber  
Jack & Anne Wilkerson  
Barry Wilson

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

## CALENDAR

### WEDNESDAY, February 19

9:00 Work Team  
11:30 Annie Armstrong Lunch @Burton's Grill

### SUNDAY, February 23

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

### MONDAY, February 24

12:30 Missions Council Meeting

### TUESDAY, February 25

6:30 Prayer Shawl Group  
7:00 Voces Laetae Rehearsal

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



All activities for tomorrow evening have been canceled in anticipation of inclement weather.

Join us next Wednesday, February 25 as we welcome Michael Cheuk and Elizabeth Shillue for a program about Beloved Community Cville, a grassroots organization that provides resources, opportunities, and a platform for those working to create social change and equity within the Charlottesville area.



**2025 VBS**  
**July 21 - 25**



The Kittie Colvin Trail Circle will be collecting items for AIM (the Alliance for Interfaith Ministries). AIM is requesting basic items not covered by SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program). SNAP covers only food. On your next shopping trip, please pick up an extra item or two from the list below.

The Alliance for Interfaith Ministries is a 501c3 tax-exempt charitable nonprofit organization whose primary purpose is to help residents of Albemarle County and Charlottesville attain self-sufficiency and stability. They help local residents navigate the "safety net" of social programs in our area and directly through AIM programs such as housing stability assistance, eviction prevention, utility assistance and disconnection prevention, and crisis assistance.

Also, as you clean out your linen closets, bed linens, pillows, towels, and wash clothes are always needed. Collection boxes will be located in the first-floor lobby.

The requested items are:

- Bath soap
- Shampoo
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrush (individually packaged)
- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- Dish soap
- All-purpose household cleaner
- Kitchen sponges
- Bleach (quart size)
- Laundry detergent

AIM requests small sizes like you get at the \$1 stores. No large bottles or packages like you get at the big box stores, with the exception of toilet paper and paper towels. They are broken down to 1 roll of paper towels and 3 rolls of toilet paper for each client.

We will be collecting until the end of February. Thank you for your generous spirits!



Save the Date:  
**UBC's 125th Anniversary  
 Celebration**

Go to <https://www.universitybaptist.org/125th-anniversary> to see our **125th Anniversary webpage!**

This year, University Baptist Church celebrates 125 years of ministry and service in Charlottesville and beyond!

Join us for a special  
**Anniversary Celebration Weekend**  
 on October 11-12, 2025.

- Saturday, October 11: Banquet celebrating our history and looking to the future.
- Sunday, October 12: Worship celebration giving thanks for God's faithfulness.

We're inviting former ministers and members to join us and may need your help gathering contact information. Please share any details with the church office. Mark your calendars and pray with us as we honor our past and look forward to the future!

**125 ACTS OF SERVICE IDEAS?**

UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH  
 125 ACTS OF SERVICE  
 CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA  
 CELEBRATING 125 YEARS OF MINISTRY

FOOD INSECURITY	CREATION CARE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rise Against Hunger</li> <li>• Blue Ridge Area Food Bank</li> <li>• UVA Community Food Pantry</li> <li>• Loves and Fishes</li> <li>• Trailblazer bags</li> <li>• Meals on Wheels</li> <li>• Cook or buy food for a group</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plant a tree</li> <li>• Pick up trash in an area</li> <li>• Clear a trail</li> <li>• Volunteer at an animal rescue shelter</li> <li>• Grow a community garden</li> </ul>
HOMELESSNESS	MENTAL HEALTH
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PACEM (January 25 - February 7)</li> <li>• Habitat for Humanity</li> <li>• The Haven</li> <li>• Salvation Army</li> <li>• Goodwill</li> <li>• Make care package for homeless</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alzheimer's Association Central &amp; Western Virginia</li> <li>• Visit a senior residence or nursing home</li> <li>• Read to elderly or disabled</li> <li>• Bake treats for family in need of cheering</li> </ul>

# A BIG Thanks!

UBC's two weeks hosting PACEM guests finished last Saturday as the cots, mats,

sheets, pillows, and towels were moved to the next host church. Thank you to each of you who donated time, energy, clothing, snacks, or breakfast items. Thank you to each of you who did laundry, carried cots, made beds, took out the trash, cooked, made coffee, served dinner, washed dishes, or cleaned. Thank you to each of you who wrote notes, chatted, or ate dinner with our PACEM guests.

We served 35-40 guests each night. In addition to providing dinner, showers, and a place to sleep, we gave away jackets (donated by the Chinese congregation), socks, T-shirts, many toiletry items, and met specific needs for reading glasses, sweatpants, coats, and belts. Crossroads Community Church and Alpha Phi Omega partnered with us during the two weeks. As with every other year, these two weeks only work because of all of you who generously donate your time and talents. Thank you!!

We have special 125th Anniversary T-shirts in the office for a suggested donation of \$10.



## Mark Your Calendars!

Another opportunity to attend Jazz Vespers!

Join us on the fourth Friday of the month (February 28) at 5:30 in the Sanctuary for Jazz Vespers.

We will be offering extended childcare that will cover the service plus an additional 90 minutes to allow parents to go out and grab a bite to eat.



## SHROVE TUESDAY

### Shrove Tuesday

On March 4, join us for a Shrove Tuesday celebration with a pancake supper at 5:30 in the Fellowship Hall.

Shrove Tuesday is the last day before the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday. Eating pancakes refers to the last night of eating richer, fatty foods before the ritual fasting of the Lenten season. Voces Laetae will also be there to present a concert for us. If you would be willing to help with this fun fellowship event, call the church office.

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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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