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NO WATCH **Random Acts of Martha**

The world lost a great soul last Wednesday. Martha Wood has been part of our church family for decades. Although our church database indicates she was baptized in 1960, it doesn't list the date she joined. Missing this information is just as well because it seems fitting to picture someone like Martha as always having been part of UBC life.

On Saturday, September 6, the family will have a time of visitation, starting at 10am, and the celebration of her life will be at noon. There will be a reception in the fellowship hall after the service.

However, today, I am not writing about Martha. I was inspired by something in her obituary. It says, "Her family asks that all who knew her, practice random acts of kindness in her memory."

What a tribute! Practicing random acts of kindness in her name honors her life and fulfills one of her lifelong goals. It makes the world a better place. It also picks up a theme from our worship service last Sunday (and the Sunday before): Love God and love your neighbor (Matthew 22:37-39). If we look for ways to be kind to another human being made in God's image, we are putting our love into practice. Likewise, acts of kindness can reflect putting our faith into practice (James 2:14-26).

This week, look for something to do each day for another person. It can be small. It might even be something the other person doesn't notice.

SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

Sunday, August 31, 2025

11:00 AM

Sermon:

Putting the Pieces Together

Dr. Matthew Tennant

Scripture:

Jeremiah 2:4-13

Anthem:

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

arr. by Lloyd Larson

SUNDAY SERVICE

Deacon: Lily Gregg

Ushers: Gayle Eaker, Jackie Lockwood

College Dinners: Will resume on Aug. 31. Click [here](#) to provide a dinner for our college students.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

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

Sept. 7: George Payne

Sept. 8: Scott Miller

Sept. 9: Sarah Schulte

Commit these acts of kindness, and as you do, remember Martha. Let her legacy be an inspiration to love God and love your neighbor.

Peace,
Matt



**Help feed our college students
this year!**

Our Sunday night dinners not only feed Jubilate members at 5:30 each Sunday evening, but we also invite ALL college students to come eat dinner! Help us provide home-cooked and delicious meals for our group as UBC cares for our UVA neighbors. Sign up as a family, a Bible study group, or grab a friend to come help you with set up and clean up. Click [here](#) to pick your week.



We're having a church workday on Saturday, September 13 (note the date change) from 9:00 - 2:00. Come anytime and stay as long as you like. No special skills necessary, just a desire to help keep our campus and building looking great. There is something for everyone!



Book Baskets of Charlottesville

Wow!! The book drive for Book Baskets of Charlottesville is off to a great start. We have collected **sixty books** by the end of the first Sunday! Thanks to all who have dropped off

books. Remember, collection baskets will be in place through Sunday, September 14. You still have plenty of time to donate, if you would like to help get books into the hands of children who might not otherwise have books in their homes.



Wednesday, August 27
Dinner starts
at 5:30 p.m.

Our menu will be:

Pulled Teriyaki Chicken Sandwiches
Pickled Red Cabbage Slaw
Roasted Sweet Potatoes
Steamed Broccoli
Dessert TBD

After dinner we will have a Church Conference to vote on affirming the Constitution, accepting the updated By-Laws, and accepting the Nominations Committee Report.

Make your dinner reservations [here](#).

Prayer Requests*

Jack & Jo-Ann Averill
Tony & Patti Barretta
Alba & Pam Beasley
Clara Brown
Leon & Nancy Castle
Johnny & Gail Ellen
David & Linda Hendon
Larry & Lynn Martin
Edith Parker
Kaylee Risell
Barbara Weber
Jack & Anne Wilkerson
Liz Wood & Family on the death of Martha Wood

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

Funeral Service

The service celebrating Martha Wood's life will be on Saturday, September 6. The family will have a viewing and visitation in the sanctuary starting at 10am. The service will be at noon, and there will be a reception in the fellowship hall after.

If you are able to help with the reception, please click [here](#) for the sign up genius or contact the church office.

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, August 27

9:00 Work Team
12:00 Ice Cream Ministry
5:30 Wednesday Night Dinner
6:00 Church Conference
7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY, August 31

9:30 ESOL/Seekers Class
9:45 Sunday Morning Bible Study
11:00 Morning Worship
12:00 College Bagel Brunch
4:00 Jubilate Open Rehearsal
5:30 Student Dinner

MONDAY, Sept. 1

Church Office Closed

TUESDAY, Sept. 2

7:00 Kittie Colvin Trail Circle
7:00 Voces Laetae Rehearsal

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

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 chocolate and salted caramel!***



State Missions Offering

Each year we collect a special offering to support missions in the state of Virginia. This August, our missions emphasis will support the chaplain ministry at the Fluvanna Correctional Center for women. Our goal is \$3,000. You can give on our website or by mailing a check to the church. (Make the check

out to University Baptist Church and write State Missions in the "for" line). Here is an article published earlier this year about Chaplain Jerusha Tiller, whose ministry our offering will support.

Sharing the Light

COVID hit institutions hard: schools, childcare programs, hospitals, retirement homes, nursing homes, and prisons were affected. At Fluvanna Correctional Center for Women, we had additional challenges like staffing shortages of both officers and volunteers, and as a result, our religious programs were affected. Our program numbers dwindled as schedules shifted, older preachers refrained from entering the prison systems, and inmates struggled to find the strength to beat these challenges.

Life does not have to be perfect to be wonderful. In the summer of 2023, after the worst wave of COVID passed, 38 inmates recommitted their lives to Christ. Some accepted Jesus for the very first time. Both Protestants and Messianic Jews reached out to me to be baptized in the "pool" we have in the Chaplain's office. Today, 6 months later, looking at some pictures, I see Inmate Byrd who passed away last week after an illness. She testified to the saving grace of Jesus in her life while she was doing well. She gave her witness in our church of 100 inmates every time she was discharged from the hospital. He who began a good work in us, is faithful to complete it, in due season. Weeping may last for a night, but joy comes in the morning.



"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

35 Years Ago

In the beginning of 1990, the sanctuary was closed for renovation for three months. We moved the pews and the grand piano down to the Fellowship Hall where we worshipped during the second exile. Dr. Smith preached a series of sermons based on Exodus focusing on Moses and God's people wandering in the wilderness. The services during this period and the atmosphere of worshipping in the Fellowship Hall represent a time of spiritual revival for UBC. The congregation returned to the Sanctuary for Palm Sunday on April 8th of that year.

125th Anniversary Banquet

The 125th Anniversary Banquet Committee is collecting strings of white lights to decorate the Fellowship Hall for the October 11 dinner. Please bring any lights you would like to donate for the occasion and place them in the box outside of the church office.

Wednesday Night Schedule Changing in September!

Starting in September our Wednesday evening schedule will change slightly. The hope is to allow more time for conversation around the dinner tables, open a space in the weekly schedule for the Sanctuary Bells to resume rehearsals, and to allow those with young children who sing in the Sanctuary Choir to get home before bedtime.

This new schedule will begin on Wednesday, September 3

5:15-6:30-Dinner

5:45-6:30-Sanctuary Bells Rehearsal

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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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