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## ONWATCH

### Ice Cream Fun

Ice cream seems to be at the center of UBC life. On Sunday afternoon, our church family held its annual ice cream social at the Marshalls' house. At the college move-in cookout after worship on Sunday, we served the students Nestlé Drumsticks for dessert. Throughout the summer, we give away soft-serve ice cream on the front steps of the church every Wednesday. Suggesting that ice cream is a common theme in UBC life wouldn't be inaccurate. Still, there's a deeper, faith-based reason for so much ice cream at church.

Hebrews 10:24-25 tells us to "provoke one another to love" and "not neglect to meet together." This is a great passage to refute the idea of practicing faith in isolation from other believers. 1 John 1:7 and Acts 2:42 also talk about fellowship. Yet, the ice cream we share isn't just about fellowship, fun, or eating ice cream. It's about being the body of Christ at work in the world. When we gather to welcome new students, to share joy on a random Wednesday, or at our annual ice cream social, we have an opportunity. We have the chance to witness to one another. We get to practice exhibiting the fruits of the spirit to one another. We can also share God's love with everyone we encounter.

So, keep scooping up the ice cream. Eat it. Serve it. And share it. There's a woman who works at the hospital and has been coming to our

## SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

Sunday, August 30, 2026

11:00 AM

**Sermon:**

See?! God's Got Me!

Dr. Matt Tennant

**Scripture:**

Isaiah 12:2-6

**Anthems:**

*The First Song of Isaiah*

Jack Noble White

*Depth of Mercy*

arr. David Catherwood

## SUNDAY SERVICE

**Deacon:** Peter Ohlms

**Ushers:** Jackie Lockwood, Ronda Wiley

**College Dinner:** Larry Johnson



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

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

**Sept. 7:** George Payne

**Sept. 8:** Scott Miller

Wednesday ice cream giveaway for several years. Last week, when she came to get some ice cream on Wednesday, she saw the signs advertising Jazz Vespers, so she came back on Friday and brought her college-aged son. They seemed to enjoy the service. What happens next? Only God knows. Our calling is to keep sharing ice cream, planting the seeds of the gospel, and reflecting the love of Christ in the world.

Peace,  
Matt

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### 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.

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### Ice Cream Ministry

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

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Let's Talk Race (LTR) is offering two new classes. The *Beginner's Guide to Conversations About Race* looks at the

biblical, historical, and societal impacts of race and racism in America.

*Conversations About the Latin American Experience* looks at history, immigration, and current day impacts of race and racism on Latin Americans.

### Prayer Requests\*

Jack & Jo-Ann Averill

Ed & Betty Barker

Tony & Patti Barretta

Alba & Pam Beasley

Clara Brown

Leon & Nancy Castle

Johnny & Gail Ellen

David & Linda Hendon

Renfro & Sandy Manning

Donna Marshall & Family on the passing of Forrest Marshall (His service will be Thursday, September 3, 5:30 with reception to follow.)

Larry & Lynn Martin

Edith Parker

Brett & Michele Turner

Barbara Weber

Jack & Anne Wilkerson

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

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### 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.

## Children's Church

Children's Church will be taking a break for the months of July and August and will resume on Sunday, September 13. During this time there will be a table with activities in the Sanctuary for the children during the sermon.

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## Search Committee Update



### SEARCH COMMITTEE

The Search Committee has been busy and is making good progress. After interviewing three new candidates, they are now arranging for in-person inter-

views that will be happening this week.

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## CALENDAR

### WEDNESDAY, August 26

9:00 Work Team  
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

### SUNDAY, August 30

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

### MONDAY, August 31

4:00 Theology Reading Group  
7:15 Women's Book Study

### TUESDAY, Sept. 1

6:30 Search Committee Meeting  
7:00 Kittie Colvin Trail Circle  
7:00 Voces Laetae Rehearsal

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

## 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.

From Chaplain Tiller: 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 and 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, looking at these pictures, I see Inmate Byrd who passed away last year 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.



You can give to this mission project 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.



Come for dinner tomorrow evening,  
Wednesday, August 26, 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.  
Sanctuary Bells will also rehearse  
at 5:45 in the balcony.

Contact the church office,  
to make your dinner reservations.



**Help feed our college students  
this year  
beginning Sunday, August 30.**

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.

#### **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](mailto:linda@universitybaptist.org)  
by Monday at noon.**

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