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Remembering
Your Word

WATCH

In our Sunday morning worship service on January 5, we invited each participant to pick a star from a basket. Each colored star had a word written on it. For those who were unable to make the January 5 worship service, we had (and still have) the basket of stars available in the office. If you don't already have a "star word," you can come to the church and pick one up.

The purpose of these "star words" is to give you a reference point for this year. By finding a word in a somewhat random fashion, we open ourselves to the movement of a divine hand. I don't know if the Spirit guided our selection. Alternatively, it's possible a providential stroke of luck delivered a word to me that is both appropriate and challenging.

What about you? Has your "star word" inspired you? Is it challenging you? One fascinating aspect of knowing God is the relational element. We are each unique. God made us that way. And we are interesting to our creator. As we reflect on our "star word," our reflections are fascinating to God.

Last Sunday, we built our entire worship service around Paul's love poem in [1 Corinthians 13](#). I don't know if anyone's "star word" was "love." However, no matter what your word is, what would it look like if you refocused on your word in light of 1 Corinthians 13? For me, holding my word in the light of love is dissonant.

This week, barring any unforeseen changes in my plans, I am taking a few days away to visit a friend

SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

Sunday, February 9, 2025

11:00 AM

Sermon:

Rev. Kim Bunns

Scripture:

Isaiah 6:1-8 (9-13)

Anthem:

Sing We Joy! Alleluia!

arr. by Liebergen

SUNDAY SERVICE

Deacon: Michelle Proffitt

Ushers: Erin Eaker, Gayle Eaker

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



There will be no dinner or program this Wednesday while our PACEM guests are using the Fellowship Hall.

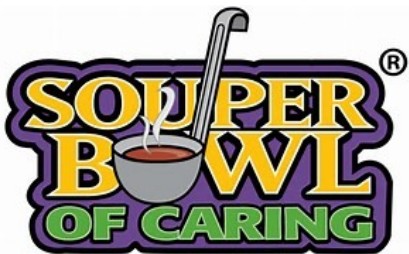


2025 VBS
July 21 - 25

in South America. While I ride a jet airliner south, I will think, pray, and reflect on Paul's love writing and my "star word." I encourage you to take a few minutes (or a redeye flight) and think about your word alongside 1 Corinthians 13.

"Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things" (1 Corinthians 13:4-7).

Peace,
Matt



Souper Bowl of Caring

This coming Sunday, February 9, our UBCYouth will be at the doors of the Sanctuary at the end of worship to collect your donations to support the "Souper Bowl of Caring". The Missions Council and UBCYouth have partnered for many years to participate in Souper Bowl of Caring which is a national organization that encourages groups to raise funds to support local food charities. This year, we plan to send your donations to the UVA Community Food Pantry which is open to all UVA students and staff. Please come prepared to fill the pots with donations.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

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

Feb. 13: Geo Bonilla
Feb. 14: Jane Whitworth



CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, February 5

9:00 Work Team
No Dinner or Program this week
7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

SATURDAY, February 8

9:00 PACEM Takedown

SUNDAY, February 9

8:30 JARC Meeting
9:30 ESOL/Seekers Class
9:45 Sunday Morning Bible Study
11:00 Morning Worship
12:00 College Bagel Brunch
1:00 Jubilate Rehearsal

TUESDAY, February 11

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

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

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.



PACEM at UBC Begins Soon!

On Saturday, January 25, at 8:00 am, we began our two weeks of offering shelter and food to people in our area without homes. We are hosting approximately 40 people each night by providing them with a warm meal and a safe place to sleep.

We need your help! Below are links to the forms you can use to sign up to help set up the Fellowship Hall, donate (snacks, breakfast items, or gift cards), wash towels, or help clean up the Fellowship Hall.

[Breakfast/snack donations sign up](#)

[Volunteer opportunities sign up](#) (laundry, cot set up and take down)

Additionally, we will be collecting donations of:

Toothbrushes (individual, no multi-packs)

Toothpaste (travel size)

Tissues (travel packs)

Lip balm

Shaving cream (travel size)

Razors

Hand lotion (travel size)

Combs

Deodorant

Foot powder

Reading glasses

Mints

Cough drops

Journals/notebooks

Heavy, dark socks (adult men)

Hand warmers

Winter hats

Underwear (men's L, XL, or 2XL)

Plain white T-shirts (men's L, XL, or 2XL)

Washcloths

New or gently used adult sized backpacks or duffel bags



Save the Date: UBC's 125th Anniversary Celebration

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

If you'd like to learn more about the work PACEM does in Charlottesville, click the link below.

<https://pacemshelter.org>

Thank you for your generosity as we care for and love our neighbors.

Any questions? Please reach out to [Laura Morris](#), [Katherine Hamel](#), or [Jennifer Wag-
oner](#)



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

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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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