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ONWATCH

Preparing for the New Associate Minister

September 25-27 will be the call weekend for our next Associate Minister. After a weekend of festivities, which the Search Committee is busy planning, there will be a special Church Conference after worship on Sunday, September 27. That's when we will vote to call our Associate Minister for Education with emphasis on children and their families. With the call weekend just a few weeks away, you might be wondering what you can do to help.

First, keep praying. Pray for the Search Committee. Pray for the candidate. Pray for this person's departure from their current ministry, move, transition, and everything that comes with starting a new venture. Pray for the other applicants. God has a call for each of them. Pray that they hear God's voice with clarity as they continue their ministry.

Second, volunteer. Let's support this minister's arrival with a cadre of volunteers. We already have incredible people helping with children's church, and we have super people organizing occasional mission projects. We need a few volunteers for children's Sunday Bible study. That's the biggest need. If we don't have anyone before the person arrives, then their first task will be to recruit some people. If you've taught children's Sunday Bible study in the past and are willing to do it occasionally now, let me know. If we can get

SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

Sunday, September 13, 2026

11:00 AM

Sermon:

Why the Cross?

Dr. Matthew Tennant

Scripture:

1 Corinthians 1:18-24

Anthems:

God So Loved the World

John Stainer

The Cross by Craig Courtney

SUNDAY SERVICE

Deacon: Lily Gregg

Ushers: Tom & Sylvie Moore

College Dinner: The Deacons

Call the church office to sign up.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

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

Sept. 16: Ed Smith, Lynne Gardner

Sept. 17: Jo-Ann Averill, Barbara Moore

Sept. 18: Caroline Centofante, Susan Hellings

Sept. 22: Beth Wright, Will Brown, Erin Eaker

a good group of volunteers, then no one will have to do it every week.

Third, show up. During the call weekend, there will be multiple events. Stay tuned for the schedule. One way to support this new person's arrival will be to be here when they come. If you are in a leadership role, and there is a meet-and-greet for lay leaders, come to the event. If you have a child or are responsible for some children, bring them to the children's event that weekend. Most importantly, come to church on Sunday, September 27. Your presence will be a testimony to your support for the start of this new ministry.

I say this often because I believe it: these are exciting times at University Baptist Church, and I am privileged to have a front row seat watching it unfold. God is at work, and we get to be part of it.

Peace,
Matt

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.



Ice Cream Ministry

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



Call Weekend September 26-27

On this weekend, the Search Committee will be presenting to you a candidate for the position of Associate Minister for Education. More details will follow about opportunities for you to meet and get to know the candidate.

On Sunday, September 27, we will have a Called Church Conference for the sole purpose of voting to approve or disapprove extending a call to this candidate. This is an important and exciting step in the life of the church, and we encourage you to be a part of this weekend.



Come for dinner tomorrow evening, Wednesday, September 9, 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.

Contact the church office, to make your dinner reservations.

Parking Reminder

Just a reminder that parking in our church lots is free on Sundays and Wednesday evenings. No sticker or permit is required during those times.

Children's Church

Children's Church will be returning this Sunday, September 13. The children will move to the Children's Suite during the sermon.

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, September 9

9:00 Work Team
12:00 Ice Cream Ministry
5:15 Wednesday Night Dinner
6:00 Wednesday Night Program
6:30 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, September 10

1:30 Personnel Committee Meeting

SUNDAY, September 13

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 Deacon Meeting

MONDAY, September 14

12:00 Greek Reading Group
7:15 Women's Book Study

TUESDAY, September 15

12:00 Blood Drive
7:00 Voces Laetae Rehearsal

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

Children/Youth Missions Project



Sunday, September 20
12:00 pm in Room 120

Come for pizza and a missions project.
All children and youth are invited.

Prayer Requests*

Jack & Jo-Ann Averill

Ed & Betty Barker

Tony & Patti Barretta

Alba & Pam Beasley

Clara Brown

Nancy Castle & Family on the passing of Leon Castle (link to his obituary is [here](#))

Johnny & Gail Ellen

David & Linda Hendon

Renfro & Sandy Manning

Donna Marshall & Family on the passing of Forrest Marshall (link to his obituary is [here](#))

Larry & Lynn Martin

Edith Parker

Brett & Michele Turner

Barbara Weber

Jack & Anne Wilkerson

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



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.



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.



Help Feed Our College Students

5:30 Sunday night college dinners are for Jubilant 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.

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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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