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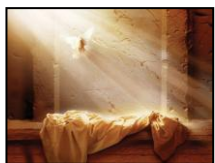
PLEASE JOIN US FOR EASTER ON SUNDAY, April 20th



United Baptist's Palm Sunday Worship is April 13th @ 11am in the Sanctuary. Pick up a palm and bulletin at the middle entrance door as you enter. Organ/piano.

Maundy Thursday/Good Friday combination "Disciples' Lunch," the Lord's Supper

(Communion), and contemplative **Worship Service** (Singing, Scripture & Prayer) begins at **12 noon, on Friday, April 18th** in the Fellowship Hall. RSVP to office or on sign up sheet.



Resurrection Sunday (Easter) service with special music begins @11 am on Sunday, April 20th in the Sanctuary. Please bring your family and invite a friend.

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

The next CLCEB Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, April 27th at 12:15 pm in the Conference Room to conduct church business. The **Quarterly Membership Meeting** will be Sunday, May 4th, at 12 noon in the Conference Room. Please attend.



FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES!

The **UBC Young at Heart Gadabouts Senior Adults** lunch is Tuesday, April 8th at 12:00 pm at **Glory Days Grill**, 3059 Nutley St, Fairfax, VA 22031. Dutch treat. Meet at the church for a ride by 11:30 am or at the restaurant at 12:00 pm. Call Pam for more info. Sign-up is on the board or call the office.

The next **UBC Friends & Family Breakfast** will be on Saturday, April 26th at 9:30 am at **Gainesville Diner**, 14674 Lee Highway, Gainesville, VA 22015, so join us for this Dutch treat meal, prayer, & a short reading together. Call the office or sign up on the pink & black bulletin board form. Bring a friend!

The next Shepherd's Center Lunch N Life will be **Thursday, April 24th 11:15am**. Join to hear Tim Anderson, singer and guitarist. Burke, VA local musician sings and performs interactive pop tunes from the 60's and 70's., The Lunch will be at **Little River Church of Christ, 8410 Little River Turnpike, Annandale, VA 22003**. To Register: Call SCAS office at 703-941-1419 by Monday, April 21st or send an email to shepherdschas@vacoxmail.com. Lunch is **\$15.00** per person, and you must RSVP.

A Benefit Concert by Sopranessence!

On Saturday, May 17th at 3:00 pm, please consider attending the **Sopranessence Spring Benefit Concert, "Home, Hope & Harmony, in support of Homestretch"** here at the church! Part of your donation will go to **Homestretch, Inc.**, empowering families in crisis to rebuild lives. This unique vocal ensemble was here in December for an entertaining holiday concert! They are "rebooting classical music" through innovative arrangements and programming of the classical repertoire and helping the community! Rev. Moyer will secure your online Senior presale \$20 tickets, so let her know if you can go! They are \$30 at the door. We'll have a sign-up sheet soon. A wonderful Mother's Day gift to someone or yourself! Website: www.sopranessence.org.



HAPPY 22nd ANNIVERSARY to The United Baptist Church!

Congratulations! We recognize our 22nd church Anniversary on Sunday, April 27th during the 11:00 am service with a **reading of our church Covenant**.

Thank you for your part in the consolidation and for sustaining the Christian Church in our community for 22 years and counting! We are grateful for past generations, how God has sustained us, and how He is still leading us with our community partners to serve the Kingdom and the community well as our outreach helps to spread the Gospel of a compassionate Jesus and his Agape Love.

Kairos Moments ♥ ♥ ♥

(04/01/25) Reflections of Reverend Pamela Moyer

Happy Snow Day! April Fools! Temps did drop 30 degrees, but when I got in this morning, an April Fools phone failure was no joke! Until we resolve the issue, please use my cell 571-278-7115 or email me for a few days at pmoyer@unitedbaptchurch.org. Our Admin. Assistant is on well-deserved vacation, so I'm glad I could cope. Pastors develop unusual skills serving in church, like plumbing, HVAC, basic electrical, simple IT, custodial, finance, landscaping, mental health, etc.--none of which is taught at Seminary! No complaints here, because the life skills developed in **most** "jobs" exceed professional skills. For that I am most grateful. These little "jokes on us" remind me that you and I are not in charge. God is and always will be.

There are so many epic prayer concerns in our world right now that a small admin or facility repair seem minor and manageable. I do hope you are spending this Lent in prayer, and perhaps using a *Lectio Divina* practice reading Scripture. If you've missed Sundays, contact me to send you the bulletin inserts with instructions. This lenten prayer practice will deepen your study, prayer life, and life with Jesus. As a church, we are praying for the devastating losses in Myanmar and Thailand as well as for healing, surgical preparation, grief, resources, and strength for our own congregants, extended family, friends, disaster response teams, and government leaders. Please pray with us as you can.

Will you be with us during **Holy Week? Palm Sunday** is April 13th, with special music and palms; on **Good Friday** at noon, April 18th, will be our now familiar "Disciples' Lunch", shared Communion, and reflective Worship of Scripture, Singing, and Prayer in the Fellowship Hall. Then Sunday, April 20th at 9:30 am is our normal hymn sing, Bible Study/Sunday School and at 11:00 am will be **Resurrection Sunday** Worship with special music and flowers adorning the Sanctuary. Please bring a friend or family member with you to reconnect with us and your faith story.

Then, true to our theme, *Vital Hospitality*, get ready for May/June events and recitals. Page 1 has details of monthly opportunities. This is gentle evangelism. Thank you to Kohaku vocal ensemble for a beautiful, inspiring recital/concert with reception last Saturday. Blessed, we hope to see you soon! †

Parish Nurse's Touch Debbie Caffrey April Health Focus




Spring is the season of renewal; it is a good time to make your space safer and healthier!!!! Here are some tips to help you!!!

1. Clean the Medicine Cabinet-Are medications labeled and stored in their proper containers? Do you have old prescription drugs mixed in with the new? These common practices in homes pose potentially dangerous health hazards. Whereas some medications still retain their potency after expiration dates, many do not and should be disposed of. Old liquid antibiotics, drugs comprised of organic ingredients and those requiring refrigeration should be safely discarded. Get rid of expired, unused medication.
2. Clean Up Clutter-Trips and falls are likely to happen when you accumulate too much "stuff". Reduce the risk by removing unnecessary and obstructive items (including furniture) from your regular walking path and place them in storage. Make maintaining a clear walkway in every room of the house or apartment a top priority. And either tape carpet edges or throw rugs to the floor or get rid of them entirely.
3. Have an Emergency Plan in Place-In case of an emergency such as a fall, an attempted burglary, or a kitchen accident, do you have important numbers on speed dial? Know who to call in an emergency and have your phone programmed, accordingly.
4. Never Try to Move Heavy Objects or Furniture on Your Own-For persons with reduced strength or mobility challenges, doing household chores may seem like a monumental task. Never try to move furniture or heavy objects on your own. Don't stand on a chair or ladder to clean hard to reach spots or change light bulbs.
5. Check Your Smoke Alarm System-Check your smoke alarm system and carbon monoxide detectors; run a test to ensure batteries for detectors are functional.
6. Clean your refrigerator and pantry-Go through the pantry, refrigerator, and freezer for foods that are past their expiration dates or those items you know you'll never use. Throw them away. For unopened can and jar foods that are still good, donate them.
7. Add some spring to your diet-Spinach, kale, broccoli, you name it, and if it's green, it is most likely healthy! Strawberries and blueberries add color and nutrients. Now is a good time for local produce.

Happy Spring!!!!

~ Be Well! Debbie



**2025 Happy Birthday to
Congregants Born in April!**

Name	Date
Howard Hicks	2
Paul Puckett	16
Melissa Snavelly	17
Nonia Gay Jones le	23
Margarita Menjivar	27
Dot Jones	24
Pedro Figaro	28

April & May



Wednesday, April 2, 16

09:15 am – Sandwich Team, Fell. Hall

Thursday, April 3, 7, 17

07:30 pm UBC Choir Rehearsal, Chr Suite

Thursday, April 3

12:00 am Goodwin Hospc Svc, Sanc, FHall

Saturday, April 5, 19,

01:00 pm – Kohaku Rehearsal, Chr. Ste

Sunday, April 6, 13, 20, 27

09:30 am – NBMBC & UBC Bible Studies

10:45 am – NBMBC Worship, Chapel

11:00 am – UBC Worship, Sanctuary

01:30 pm – VGBC Worship, Sanctuary, Fell. Hall

Sunday, April 6, 13, 27

06:00 pm – Sopranessence Rehearsal, Chr Ste

Tuesday, April 8

12:00 pm – YAH Gadabouts Lunch, See Page 1

Tuesday, April 8, 15, 22, 29

12:30 pm – Food Mission Inventory, Rm 121

Sunday, April 13 – Palm Sunday, See front page

Saturday, April 12, 26

11:00 am-2:00 pm – Food Giveaway, Rm 121, 120 & Ctyd

Friday, April 18 – Good Friday

12:00 noon – UBC Lunch, Communion & Service, Fell. Hall

Sunday, April 20 Easter Sunday (See front page)

Monday, April 21

Office Closed, Comp time for Good Friday work

Wednesday, April 23, 24, 25

07:00 pm Paragon Philharmonia-Jeff Ward Reh., FHall, Sanc

Saturday, April 26

09:30 am – UBC Friends & Family Breakfast, See Page 1

Sunday, April 27

12:15 pm – UBC CLCEB Meeting, Conf. Rm

Friday, May 2

VBWIM Feast, Richmond (Rev. Moyer)

Contributions

February 2025 (Final)	Required	Received
Tithes & Offerings	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,925.00
Building Usage	6,333.34	8,625.00
Other (B-Thrifty, Flwrs, Mem)	0.00	61.90
Monthly	\$ 11,333.34	\$ 12,611.90
Total YTD (Jan-Feb)	\$ 22,666.68	\$ 23,447.00
Above/(Below)		\$ 780.32*
Benevolence Funds Rec'd. (Dec partial)		\$ 45.00

March 2025 (Partial thru 3/10)	Required	Received
Tithes & Offerings	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,310.00
Building Usage	6,333.34	7,075.00
Other (B-Thrifty, Flwrs, Mem)	0.00	.00
Monthly	\$ 11,333.34	\$ 9,385.00
Total YTD (Jan-Mar)	\$ 34,000.02	\$ 32,832.00
Above/(Below)		\$ (1,168.02)*
Benevolence Funds Rec'd. (Dec partial)		\$ 15.00

* For detailed monthly reports, please contact the office. Budgeted Investment Transfers are **not** included in the "Required" or "Received." "Other" non-budgeted donations are gratefully received.

If you cannot attend church, offerings may be mailed to the office at 7100 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA 22003. Mail is safely and securely processed daily. Our ministries, contractors and staff thank you for your generosity. **Benevolence** offerings by check, clearly marked "**Benevolence**," may be mailed to the office or cash/checks brought on Sundays. Thank you on behalf of many neighbors in need.

[cut here, mail to church today with a check to UBC & write on the memo line: Easter Flowers]

Order Easter Flowers Now
To Help Adorn Our Sanctuary
on Easter Sunday, April 20th
Lilies \$15.00/Pot OR
Tulips \$11.00/Pot

Most nurseries and growers raised their prices again this year. Please let us know if you would like to honor or remember a loved one with a 6" lily (4-blooms) or a 6" tulip (4-5 bulbs, random colors) that you can take home, plant, give to a friend or donate to a local nursing home. Cash is accepted in the offering plate with an insert or this form. Thank you.

Your name _____

Honoree, type, & #pots _____ # _____

_____ # _____

In Memory of, type & #pots _____ # _____

_____ # _____

We Must Receive by April 7th for Ordering Deadline

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Please note that personal prayer requests were removed for privacy. If you require updated information, please call the office at (703) 256- 5900.
Thank you

COMMUNITY & GLOBAL PRAYER

- Earthquake in Myanmar & Thailand, for those killed, searching & mourning
- New Mexico shooting victims, injured and families
- Tornado deaths & property damages; grief, financial, & rebuilding, esp. Rainy Mountain Kiowa Indian Baptist Church congregation and community in Southwest Oklahoma, who lost their main building (source: BWA)
- Pope Francis (strength & healing)
- Recent Airline crash victims & families
- Conflict in Goma (Democratic Republic of the Congo); 3000 killed. Peace to reign.
- To relieve fear environment for Federal workers & immigrants
- Wildfires in Carolinas & previous ones in CA: destruction, displacement, & rebuilding
- Trauma recovery for various shooting victims in different US cities over the months
- Aftermath of Hurricanes Helene & Milton. Funds needed for Rebuilding
- Lebanon, Israel, Gaza, Syria residents – rebuilding & survival
- Leadership in Congress, Supreme Court, & White House
- For more people to know & rely upon Jesus
- For more visitors & growth of our churches here
- More Peace in the Middle East: safety, recovery, & comfort for those killed, kidnapped, or injured in war. Praise for those released and prayers for those still in captivity & grief
- Peace talks & protection of the soldiers & citizens of Ukraine
- Poverty & hunger in several locations around the world
- Our mental health systems, responders & social workers
- Safety for all firefighters, canine rescue teams, medical responders, police officers and military personnel; keeping the peace during times of unrest nationally and globally
- Mission Center Building Usage Partners & potential new Mission Projects & Partners
- New United Gospel Food Mission—for donations, volunteers, & recipients. Pray for the many families nearby suffering from food insecurity, immigration legal expenses, finding a good attorney, school pressures, finding work, health, new babies, etc. Pray that donations continue to expand to serve growing needs as we introduce guests to the agape love of Christ. Gratitude for the conversations & example Jesus set for us, so we can give more of ourselves sharing our faith