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Thank You, Veterans!

For your service, sacrifice, strength, and courage to defend and support this Country. Our offices will be closed Friday, November 10th in observance of Veterans' Day, according to UBC Personnel policies.



Happy Thanksgiving!



We wish you a safe and blessed holiday time with family and friends this year! Please share your gratitude for and with one another as you reflect on God's many blessings.

Thank you, church, for your 2023 Annandale CROP Hunger Walk contributions of \$295.00. We thank Sally Norris for her mission consistency and the money she raised individually. Proceeds from the walk benefit Church World Service with a contribution to ACCA Food Pantry. If you missed it and wish to give, please contact Pam Moyer ASAP for instructions to help the food insecure, refugees, and victims of weather events.

One more chance for generosity! As you change over your seasonal clothing, please donate heavy coats and outerwear for those in need to the church. We will get it distributed for you. You may also donate gently used regular clothing, shoes, and books to the White **Bee Thrifty** box in our parking lot (on Chatelain). The church benefits financially from your donations.

It's that time of year again! For association meetings and messengers to them! Rev. Moyer attended the annual **NorthStar Church Network** business & breakfast meeting October 21st, so if you have any questions, please contact her. And, if you are interested in going to Richmond for the **Baptist General Association of Virginia (BGAV) 200th Annual Meeting and Celebration, November 13-15**, let Rev. Moyer know right away.

Fellowship Opportunities!

The UBC Young at Heart Gadabouts Senior Adults outing is tomorrow, **Wednesday, November 8th, at 12:00 noon**. Senior Appreciation Wednesdays mean a **special deal for Seniors-50%**

off with purchase of lunch & beverage at the **IHOP** at 13810 Braddock Rd. Centreville, Va A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board or call the office to reserve your space. You can meet us **at the church at 11:15 am** to share a ride over, OR **at the restaurant at 12 noon**.



The next **UBC Friends & Family Breakfast** will be held **Saturday, November 25th at 9:30 am**, at **Fairfax Denny's**, 10473 Lee Hwy, Fairfax, VA 22030. Dutch treat, devotional reading, and sharing of gratitude and prayer needs. Please join us; if you need a ride, see Rev. Moyer. We will **meet there**. Sign-up sheet is on the Fell. Hall Bulletin Board or call the office to RSVP.

More Pop-up Opportunities!

Can you attend a 2-hour **"Brown Bag Lunch"** in the Fellowship Hall with our **Mission Center Partners** on **Saturday, November 18th, from 12 pm - 2 pm?** We'll share our gratitude to our partners, Annandale's needs, and discuss how we might collaborate on mission projects to serve our neighbors. Bring your own Brown Bag lunch; we will provide drinks and dessert. Please let Pam know if you have questions. Get to know each other!

Christmas Card making! Another **Mailbox Angels** pop-up event! **Tuesday, November 28th from 11 am-2 pm**, in the Fellowship Hall. This is an outreach to members and the broader church family. Please sign up or call the office. **No artistic skills required!**



And **Saturday, Dec. 2nd, from 9 am-1 pm** will be **"Deck the Halls for Christmas."**



We do need your help! **No** ladder work is required, just fun! We have ladder elves (helpers). Let Pam know if you can participate. Thanks!



Kairos Moments ♥ ♥ ♥

(11/07/23) Reflections of Reverend Pamela Moyer

The month of October was a challenging month for both the church and the world. October 7th was a horrific day in Southern Israel, as Kibbutz Be'eri (the main target), Re'im, Kfar Aza (the concert), and Kibbutz Nir Oz (where Pam's tour guide, Reuben grew up), were all attacked by Hamas. If you watch the news, over 1,400 people of all ages were massacred, some tortured, and 200 kidnapped. Depending on your news source, Israel's self defense has killed many thousands of Palestinians living in Gaza. We won't discuss rules of war or the carnage that has occurred on both sides; nor will I take a political position. The war in Israel is a controversial discussion with facts difficult to ascertain. What I can say is that retribution and vengeance are sinful yet natural anger emotions, while forgiveness can take a lifetime. The initial and subsequent attacks destroyed innocents of all ages, many soldiers, and some terrorists; that hatred and barbarity are the most difficult things for me to understand, and perhaps for you as well.

I have more questions than answers, and more grief than expected. However, I am also very grateful that I visited Israel this year, to see the holy lands of Bible stories, temples, Byzantine cathedrals, artifacts, current spice and artisan markets, to sample the delicious foods of the farms there, and to meet many wonderful people who live and work there, both Israelis, Orthodox and Reformed Jews, Bedouins, and Palestinians. October's witnessing of history influenced my sermon-writing, although the passages were pre-selected. Let us remember that all faiths risk humanity's judgment as well as God's. Habakkuk waited patiently (and probably fearfully) on the Lord in the midst of war atrocities—Hab. 2. Joshua saw Israelites' shameful behaviors with Moses in the wilderness, so he reminds them how God freed them from Egyptian bondage and brought Abraham into a new promised land. Where was their vision or gratitude? I suspect buried in the pain and darkness of fear. Should we too be afraid? No! In the face of fear, are you a fight or flight type of person? Anxiety and dread are real emotions that can lead to physical ailments or indecision. Fear needs God's mercy, grace, and intervention for healing and comfort.

Our good friend Berniece Harward, who passed away October 19th at 96 years young, had no fear because she knew the Lord personally, and made sure her family did too. In the midst of our grief, the service was truly a celebration of her life, with her family, friends, church, and grandchildren all gathered to share memories of her full life. She trusted God with her life and her loved ones. Can we trust him with ours? I hope so; if you're not sure, come see me; let's talk. "There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear (1 Jn 4:18)." † ♥

Parish Nurse's Touch

Debbie Caffrey



Health Focus for November

Thanksgiving and Christmas—a time of rejoicing and reflecting!! The celebration of thanksgiving is the season of coming together, festivities with family and friends, a time of doing things for others, parties and many tempting seasonal treats. All this celebrating and “coming together” can take its toll on your health! Here are some holiday tips to help you have a healthy and enjoyable season:


- Have a nutritious breakfast.
- Do not skip meals.
- Eat your salad and vegetables first.
- Stay warm.
- Get plenty of sleep.
- Wash hands often.
- Stay hydrated.
- Do something nice for someone else.

But it's important to remember that the true meaning of the season is not in all the festivities. The real spirit of the holiday, and the greatest gift you can possibly share, is the one you alone can offer: the gift of love.

Happy Thanksgiving!!!

~ *Be Well!* Debbie

Saturday, December 9th at 3:00 pm, please consider attending the **Sopranessence Holiday Concert, “The Sleigh Knows the Way”** here at the church! This group is “rebooting classical music” through innovative arrangements and programming of the classical repertoire. Public performances awaken audiences from all walks of life to see classical music as an art form meant for everyone. Sopranessence is an ensemble unlike any other. The group will take you on a musical roller-coaster from operatic arias to Broadway show tunes, sacred music, and beloved songs from American culture. Not a fan of opera? You don't have to be! After seeing one performance, you'll be laughing, crying and held in suspense by the beautiful voices. Contact Pam or the office!



**2023 Happy Birthday to
Congregants Born in November!**

Name	Date
Joy Petty	2
John Upton	10
Phyllis Thompson	15
Adele "Dolly" Hazel	17

November & December

Wednesday, November 8

12:00 noon – YAH Gadabouts Lunch,
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Friday, November 10– Offices Closed for Veteran’s Day (observed)

Saturday, November 12

6:00 pm – Sopranessence Rehearsal, Sanc. & Chr. Ste.

Monday Nov. 13 through Wednesday Nov. 15

BGAV Annual Mtg. – Pam Moyer attending, Richmond, VA

Wednesday, November 15

9:15 am – Sandwich Team, Fell. Hall

Saturday, November 18

12:00 noon – Pop-Up Brown Bag Lunch, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, November 19

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

Thursday & Friday, November 23 & 24 - Offices Closed for Thanksgiving

Tuesday, November 28

11:00 am – Mailbox Angels Pop-up Activity, F.Hall

Saturday, December 2

9:00-1:00 pm – UBC Deck the Halls, Sanc.& Xmas rm

Saturday, December 2

10:00 am-2 pm: Tentative: NBMBC Youth event, Vendors

Saturday, December 3

5:00 pm – Sopranessence Rehearsal, Sanc. & Chr. Ste.

Wednesday, December 6, 20

9:15 am – Sandwich Team, Fell. Hall

Saturday, December 9

3:00 pm – Sopranessence Holiday Concert, Sanc., Chr Rm.

Tuesday, December 12

11:30 am – YAH Gadabouts Lunch, Details to follow.

Sunday, December 17

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

Contributions

October 2023 (Final)	Required	Received
Tithes & Offerings	\$5,000.00	\$ 4,035.00
Building Usage	7,762.33	8,610.00
Other (B-Thrifty, Flwrs, *Van)	0.00	85.50
Mortgage Int (6 mos paid off)	712.33	0
Monthly (new # w/o mtg)	\$12,762.33	12,730.50
Total YTD (Jan-Oct)	\$131,898.30	\$ 126,086.80
Above/(Below)		\$ (5,811.50)*
Benevolence Funds Rec’d. (Aug.)		\$ 31.63

* For detailed monthly reports, please contact the office. Budgeted Investment Transfers & Sale of Van are **not** included in the “Required” or “Received”. A \$50,000.00 transfer was made in October. “Other” non-budgeted donations are gratefully received (Van Sale, BThrifty, Envelopes Init. Offrg, Flowers, etc.) 2024 Budget & Sept. Financials were presented at the Annual Membership Meeting October 29, 2023.

Thank you for your stewardship and prayers! 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 are working at full capacity and thank you for your generosity. Benevolence offerings by check, clearly marked “Benevolence,” may be mailed to the office or cash/checks brought on any Sunday. Thank you.

Donate Poinsettias for Worship!

Please do your part to enhance our worship space for the holidays by using this form to honor and memorialize family and friends. These, as are all church gifts, deeply appreciated and are thus tax-deductible donations. After December 24th, you can take them home or share them with others. In 2023, the rates increased again, so your donation for each plant will be **\$14.00 each. Ordering deadline will be Monday, December 18th**. You may turn in this form with your check or cash in the offering plate or mail your check to the office with this completed form. Please clearly mark your check memo line with “Poinsettias” to receive proper credit on your annual giving record. If you have cash, please use an envelope found near the offering plate. Thank you!

Name of Person Ordering: _____

Number Poinsettias x **\$14.00** each = \$ _____

Total Enclosed = \$ _____

Given in Honor of:

Given in Memory of:

2024 Contribution Envelopes will be available in December as you enter the Sanctuary. If you are unable to attend regularly and would like envelopes, please call the office at 703.256.5900.

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Return Service Requested

Individual prayer requests have been removed for privacy. Contact the office if you have questions or updates.
703.256.5900.

COMMUNITY & GLOBAL PRAYER

- Comfort for the victims' families of those killed & injured in Maine shooting
- Peace & protection in all of Israel, Gaza, Lebanon, Syria, and middle east; safety, recovery, & comfort for the families' grief—those killed, kidnapped, or injured. Release of the captives.
- Rebuilding after Libya's flooding & earthquakes in Morocco and Afghanistan
- The citizens of, first, second, & third responders for the island of Maui, Hawaii trying to recover from wildfire devastation
- New Hope Housing & local churches as they prepare for the hypothermia overflow shelter program for those experiencing homelessness; & pray for their new director
- Our mental health systems, responders & social workers
- All affected by extreme weather, violence, war, and natural disaster, including Ukraine
- Safety for all police offices and military personnel, keeping the peace during times of unrest nationally and globally
- COVID-19 rising number of cases. Please wash hands, keep distance, & get vaccines if you choose
- Leland Seminary: bring new students and funding resources to continue multiple campuses
- Mission Center Building Usage Partners: NBMBC, Zion Medical, VGBC, Amerikids, GUTS Toastmasters, Gideons, Shepherd's Center especially transportation program, Washington Concert Society, Sopranessence, Music Teachers, Goodwin House Hospice, Annandale Women's Club, and more . . .