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The annual Souper Bowl (& it's not mis-spelled) began Sunday, February 1st. We will collect non-perishable food throughout the month of February specifically for the ACCA Food Pantry, so bring non-perishables listed on the ACCA Food Pantry [webpage](#) to the ACCA Nook (Fellowship Hall), and we will deliver to the pantry.



HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

"Dear friends, let us love one another, for comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God, whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love (1 John 4:7-8)". Know that you are loved and appreciated by this church family!

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The monthly UBC Young at Heart Gadabouts Senior Adults lunch is Tuesday, February 10th at 12:00 pm at Glory Days Grill, 3059 Nutley St., Fairfax, VA 22031. Dutch treat. Meet at the church at 11:30 am for a ride or at the restaurant at 12:00 noon. See Pam or Phyllis for more info or a ride. Dutch treat. A sign-up sheet is on the Special Events Board or call the office to RSVP.



The next UBC Friends & Family Breakfast will be on Saturday, February 21st at 10:00 am, at Milano's Family Restaurant, 6230 Rolling Rd g, Springfield, VA 22152. Dutch treat, a reading, & sharing of praises & prayer requests. Please join us! **We will all meet there.** A sign-up sheet is on the Bulletin Board now.

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

Due to snow/ice delays, the postponed CLCEB meeting will be held Sunday, February 8th at 12:15 pm in the Conference Room. The Quarterly Membership Meeting (QMM) will be the following Sunday, February 15th at 12:15 pm in the Conference Room. Please attend appropriately, thank you.



The next Shepherd's Center Lunch N Life is scheduled Thursday, February 26th, 11:00 am. Keep the healthy habits going and join Yoga Teacher Bonnie Kendrick's Seated Yoga class. The lunch will be at The United Baptist Church, 7100 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA 22003. To Register: Call SCAS office at 703-941-1419 by Monday, February 23rd or send an email to shepherdscas@vaxomail.com. Lunch is \$20.00 per person and you must RSVP.



Sopranessence Valentine's Concert

Saturday, February 7th @ 3:00pm at St. Alban's Episcopal Church 6800 Columbia Pike, Annandale, Va. Join Sopranessence for a concert of Italian-Themed Love Songs, Coffee and dessert! [Discount tickets](#) are available through Feb. 6th.

2025-2026 Inclement Weather Policy

Our snow contractor was very helpful last week! Thank you for your flexibility with necessary cancellations. **Policy:**

In the event of inclement weather, UBC leadership will make decisions about office closure, activities, and Sunday Services (including Sunday School, Worship, and Meetings) by 7 am on the affected morning but probably the night before for extra safety. Someone will call our Regular Attenders if there are cancellations. Our Missions Center partners are responsible for their own group activities cancellations. Decisions will also be listed on our Website Home Page, <https://www.theunitedbaptchurch.org>, Facebook page, or by calling Rev. Moyer's church cell phone at (571) 278-7115. Please use common sense precautions for your own well-being and safety. Thank you!!

ORGANIST/PIANIST POSITION

The **Organist/Pianist open position** has been posted with several church organizations, our website, social media & was emailed. Contact the office if you have any referrals or people in mind. An advanced degree is preferred, and an in-person audition will be required. Salary range \$15-18K (TBD) based upon experience & education. We will continue to share this job listing as you pray for the right person.

Kairos Moments ♥ ♥ ♥

(2/03/26) Reflections of Reverend Pamela Moyer

Happy National Dark Chocolate Day (2/1)! Happy Groundhog Day (2/2)! Homemade Soup Day (2/4), Ice Cream for Breakfast Day (2/7), Super Bowl Sunday (2/8), National Pizza Day (2/9), Souper Bowl food donation month, Valentine's Day, Presidents' Day (2/16), Mardi Gras (2/17), Ash Wednesday/Lent begins (2/18), Ramadan (2/18), Random Acts of Kindness Day (2/21), Black History month, American Heart Month, National Engineers Week, and more . . . How fun and how ridiculous at the same time to have so many random holidays or recognitions! Hope you can find something to celebrate this very short month!

We deserve it after the Snow/ice storm Fern and all the snow-crete we are navigating in our neighborhood streets, driveways, sidewalks, and parking lots! Everyone I know is sore or broke from chipping ice, shoveling, or paying someone to help in this extreme cold. Congratulations and well done to those intrepid congregants who came this past Sunday, 2/1! The reward was being together, warm, joyful, reverent, and present with the triune God in our midst. It is always a hard decision whether to cancel services, but safety comes first. Also, I'm sure you found time to pray, study, or visit another church digitally from your home. Thank you to Caribbean Services for doing an amazing



cleaning job in our parking lots; Pedro is here again today to chip more ice blocks away so that our sidewalks will be clear Sunday for your safety.

As human beings and especially as Christians, we need each other to co-exist, thrive, and hold ourselves accountable to our ethics and beliefs.

This is called "community"! When we share our lives with one another, we affirm God's creative power and agape love. We saw it last week as kind neighbors checked on neighbors and people helped each other shovel out the snow-crete! Christ was present in most circumstances, including the community shelters, grocery workers who showed up, the abundance of donated and purchased food for our food mission on Saturday before the storm, phone calls we all made to check on one another, and providing supplies for our Sandwich Team tomorrow (we could really use more help at 9-9:15 am). Christ was and still is embodied in each of us and the greater community. This is the lesson in our world of political discord, violence, and isolation. We are all needy when crisis happens; we pray, we love, we share, and we hope. Thank you for your rootedness in God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit who show up in times like these. We'll see you Sunday to reconnect through Ezekiel's prophecy and Paul's letter to the Colossians.

Parish Nurse's Touch

by Debbie Caffrey

February Health Focus

Happy New Year!!!!

As we start a new year, it is important to take a little time to review some points to help give you a better peace of mind for a safe household and the ability to handle any emergencies!



• First Aid Kit

Do you have a first aid kit? If so, when was the last time you checked it?

- Pull out all your medications and look at the expiration dates. Throw away anything that's expired. This includes:
- Pain relievers like ibuprofen and acetaminophen
- Antibiotic ointments
- Anti-itch creams
- Allergy medicines
- Any prescription medications you keep for emergencies

• Check supplies and restock as needed

- Adhesive bandages in different sizes
- Gauze pads and rolls
- Medical tape
- Antiseptic wipes
- Disposable gloves
- Tweezers
- Scissors (blunt edge)
- Safety pins
- Instant cold pack
- Digital thermometer

• Customize the kit to your specific needs

• Test Your Batteries

Grab your flashlight, battery-powered radio and any other emergency equipment. Make sure they still work. Pop in fresh batteries or make sure your rechargeable ones still hold a charge.

• Review your contact list

Check your emergency contact list to ensure phone numbers are still current and print out a copy. Consider including:

- Family members and their current cell numbers
- Out-of-state contact person (for when local lines are jammed)
- Your kids' schools and daycare centers
- Your workplace numbers
- Doctors and veterinarian
- Insurance company
- Utility companies

• Have an Emergency plan

Determine what to do in case of need to leave your home and review with your family. Consider including:

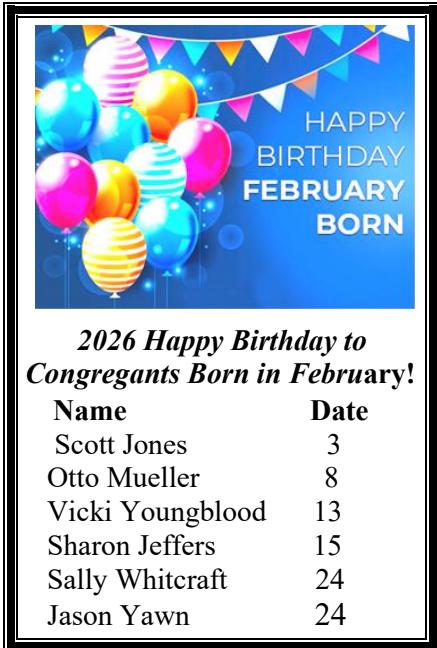
- Where do we meet if we can't get back home?
- Who do we call if we get separated?
- What do we grab if we need to leave fast?
- Where are the fire extinguishers?
- How do we shut off the water and gas?

• Know what to do in case of fire

- Check fire extinguishers if you have one
- Ensure doors are not blocked
- Check smoke alarms
- Establish outside place to go in case of fire

Reviewing the above practices will help to ensure you are ready for whatever 2026 brings!!!

~ Be Well! Debbie



February

Tuesdays, February 3, 10, 17, 24

07:00 pm – Coach Rojas Youth Soccer Practice, Gym

Wednesday, February 4, 18

09:15 am – Sandwich Team, Fell. Hall

Thursdays, February 5, 12, 19, 26

07:00 pm – Coach Rojas Youth Soccer Practice, Gym

Saturday, February 7, 21

01:00 pm – Kohaku Ens. Rehearsal, Chr Suite, F. Hall

Saturday, February 7

03:00 pm – Sopranessence Val. Concert, See Page 1

Sunday, February 8, 15, 22 (New Schedule)

09:30 am – NBMBC Bible Study, Parlor

10:45 am – NBMBC Worship, Chapel

10:00 am – UBC Assembly, Fell. Hall

10:30 am – UBC Choir, Choir Suite

11:00 am – UBC Worship, Sanctuary

12:15 pm – UBC QMM, Conf. Rm.

12:30 pm – VGBC Worship, Sanctuary, Fell. Hall

Tuesday, February 10

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

Tuesday, February 3, 10, 17, 24

12:30 pm – Food Mission Restock Inventory, Rm 121

Tuesday, February 10, 24

01:00 pm – Kohaku section. Rehearsal, Chr Suite

Wed. Feb 11 pm - Fri, Feb 13 (Rev. Moyer attending)

MACBF Clergy Retreat, Hallowood Ret. Ctr., Dickerson, MD

Saturday, February 14, 28

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

Monday, February 16

Offices are Closed for Washington's Birthday

Saturday, February 21

10:00 am – UBC Friends & Family Breakfast, see page 1

Sunday, February 22

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

06:00 pm – Sopranessence Rehearsal, Chr Ste

Thursday, February 26

11:00 am – Shepherd's Ctr. Lunch N Life, Fell Hall

Saturday, February 28

3:00 pm – Nicole Lamm Student Voice Recital, Sanc, Chr. Ste

Contributions

December 2025 (Final)	Required	Received
Tithes & Offerings	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 6,325.00
Building Usage	6,333.34	7,000.00
Other (B-Thrifty, Flwrs, Mem)	<u>0.00</u>	<u>200.40</u>
Monthly	\$ 11,333.34	\$ 13,525.40
Total YTD (Jan-Dec)	\$136,000.08	\$ 146,135.60
Above/(Below)		\$ 10,135.52*
Benevolence Funds Rec'd. (Nov)		\$ 85.00
January 2026 (Partial thru 1/11)	Required	Received
Tithes & Offerings	\$ 4,333.34	\$ 3,275.00
Building Usage	7,495.00	7,790.00
Other (B-Thrifty, Flwrs, Mem)	<u>0.00</u>	<u>47.10</u>
Monthly	\$ 11,828.34	\$ 11,112.10
Total YTD (Jan)	\$ 11,828.34	\$ 11,112.10
Above/(Below)		\$ (716.24)*
Benevolence Funds Rec'd. (thru 1/11)		\$ 30.00

* 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.



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.

2026 Contribution Envelopes are available as you enter the Sanctuary Hall. If you are unable to attend regularly and would like envelopes delivered to you, please call the office at 703.256.5900 for those arrangements. **Thank you** for your Kingdom generosity as you plan your 2026 giving that supports United Baptist's Mission & Vision budget.

Temporary Sunday Schedule

We are continuing a temporary Sunday schedule until further notice as we enjoy our Interim Pianist & give our Bible Study substitute teacher a rest:

10:00 - 10:30 am: "Assembly" in the Fellowship Hall to sing Favorite Hymns, read and discuss associated Scriptures, and pray. Staff may also teach about Worship or Hymn history, Christian or Baptist liturgies and practices.

10:30 am-10:55 am: Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Suite. We invite you to sing with us!

11:00 am: Worship Service in the Sanctuary

A New Mission Opportunity! As you clear out your closets to welcome 2026, please consider donating **heavy outerwear** (coats, sweatshirts, hoodies, heavy sweaters, scarves, hats, gloves) **of all sizes** to our Collection Box inside the Fellowship Hall in the ACCA nook! We will be donating to three different sources: ACCA's drive, Baileys Shelter, and our Food Mission. January – March are cold months and many need warm supplemental outdoor clothing for work or daily living. Thank you for your consideration and compassion!

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Return Service Requested

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

- Shooting situations in MN (ICE) & calm protests in various locations
- Situation in Venezuela/US
- Getting illegal firearms off the streets
- Global news headlines: snow & ice storms, violence, economy, leadership
- Jamaica devastation from hurricane Melissa: restoration, power, water, shelter, food, resources, health.
<https://www.jamaicalink.org/>
- Peace agreements for the entire Middle East: safety, recovery, rebuilding, & supplies
- Peace talks & protection of the soldiers & citizens of Ukraine
- Leadership in Congress, Supreme Court, & White House
- For more people to know & rely upon Jesus; for more visitors & growth of our churches here
- Poverty & hunger in several locations around the world
- Our mental health systems, responders & social workers
- Safety for all firefighters, police officers, canine rescue teams, medical responders, and military personnel; keeping the peace during times of unrest nationally and globally
- Mission Center Building Usage Partners & potential new Mission Projects & Partners, especially ACCA at this time of year, for more funds & volunteers
- UBC Staff & Congregants during Worship Team interim & transition; finding the right qualified permanent part-time organist/pianist
- New United Gospel Food Mission—for donations, volunteers, & recipients. 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
- Benevolence fund recipients, requestors, and neighbors in need

CONDOLENCES

We extend our sympathies to **Connie Anderson**, daughter of **Shirley Maxwell**, 91, who died January 16th of natural causes in Florida. Funeral services will be held February 6th at the Kraer-Becker Funeral Home & Cremation Center; she will be laid to rest with Ed at South Florida National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to St. Jude charities.

We also extend our condolences to **Bobby Joe Small and family**, in the loss of his beloved wife, **Patsey Small** on Thursday, January 29th. A recent health crisis brought her back to Fairfax Inova ICU from Richmond.. No further information is available at this time.

We extend our sympathies also to our member **Phyllis Thompson**, who lost her friend, **Dixie Hopple** on January 26th to natural causes. They were lifelong friends and travel companions. Phyllis also lost a close neighbor.