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HAPPY 23rd ANNIVERSARY to The United Baptist Church!

Congratulations! We will recognize our 23rd church Anniversary on **Sunday, April 26th during the 11:00 am service** with a **reading of our church Covenant** and a prayer of gratitude for God's many blessings. Thank you for your part in the consolidation and for sustaining this Christian Church in our community for 23 years and counting! We are grateful for past generations, how God has sustained us, and how He is still leading us with our Missions Center and community partners to serve the Kingdom well as our outreach helps to spread the Gospel of a compassionate Jesus and his Agape Love.

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The UBC Young at Heart Gadabouts Senior Adults lunch is **Tuesday, April 14th at 12:00 pm** at Silver Diner, 8150 Porter Rd, Falls Church, VA 22042. Dutch treat. Meet at the church **at 11:30 am for a ride** or **at the restaurant at 12:00 noon**. 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, April 18th at 9:30 am**, at **Gainesville Diner**, 14674 Lee Highway, Gainesville, VA 20155. 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

The next **CLCEB** Meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, April 26th at 12:15 pm** in the Conference Room.

The next **Quarterly Membership Meeting** will be held **Sunday, May 3rd, at 12:15 pm** also in the Conference Room. Please save the date.



The Annual Spring Benefit Concert by Sopranessence!

On **Saturday, May 9th at 3:00 pm**, it is our pleasure to host the Sopranessence Annual Spring Benefit Concert, "Children's Corner", here at the church! This year's concert will support the ACCA Child Development Center. It is NAEYC-accredited nonprofit, community-based program that has provided affordable, high-quality early education and childcare for over 50 years. Rev. Moyer will help to secure your online Senior presale \$20.00 tickets, so let her know if you can go! There is a sign-up sheet on the Special Events bulletin Board. A wonderful Mother's Day gift to someone or yourself! For more info, go to: www.sopranessence.org.



DMV Asian night market 3-9 pm Saturday, April 11th

DMV Asian Night Market is bringing bold flavors, music, lights, and nonstop vibes — come hungry and ready to explore! **Location: 7200 Columbia Pike, Annandale, at the Eileen Garrett Civic Space** behind the ACCA CDC school. Free parking is at our church; it's a vibrant celebration of Asian street food, culture, music, and community. Enjoy delicious eats, sweet treats, local vendors, and a lively night market atmosphere perfect for friends and families. | 3PM – 9PM FREE Admission | FREE Parking | Pet Friendly
Come hungry and ready to explore.

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 of \$15-18K (TBD) is based upon experience & education. We ask your prayers as God is preparing the right person.

We are continuing a **temporary Sunday schedule** until further notice. 10 am Assembly & Hymn Study; 10:30 am Choir; and 11 am Worship, until Bible Study resumes. All activities are in the Fellowship Hall.

Kairos Moments ♥ ♥ ♥

(4/07/26) Reflections of Reverend Pamela Moyer

Happy Eastertide! He is Risen! Hallelujah! I hope you had a lovely Easter celebration after a reflective Lenten period (40 days), a joyous Palm Sunday, communal Maundy Thursday, and a Good Friday to ponder the crucifixion. As you can see in the photos, ours was full and meaningful. We thank David & Beth Evans, Charles Potter,



Andrew Lam, and Debbie Caffrey for adding to various expressions of music in this season. Also, thanks to Elmer Shoemaker (flowers & greeting), Bob Harward (Sound), Bill Harward

(Photos), Debbie (flowers & choir), Roudaina Iskander (admin & catering), and Pedro Figaro (setup & prep) for your contributions to the services. For those who couldn't be here, we understand but missed you! God provided all we needed as usual.

In the weeks leading up to Easter, we learned from Gospel writer John, that Jesus healed and transformed lives (John 4:19-30), maintained a deep relationship with God his Father (John 5:16-44), forgave sin (including our own--John 8:1-20), led people in a servant's humble demeanor (John 12:1-19), accepted his punishment, sacrificing his earthly life (John 17-19), and overcame death (John 20:1-18). These sermons from March and April can be found on our [website](#) under the "[Services](#)" tab, if you missed them and want to experience Easter's back story!

Reading each year of this familiar story, I search for something I didn't realize or connect before. This year, I was struck by 3 things: none of the disciples or Mary Magdelene understood how, why, or that God would interrupt the dying-burial process! That led to their confusion. Another was seeing that Jesus' beloved disciple didn't fully believe in what was said until he saw the folded grave clothes for himself (like our own skepticism of faith). The last connection is our theme, *Roots & Branches*: how Jesus and his relationship with Father God are indeed the roots of our faith; the trunk might be the eternal life yet short ministry of Christ expressed through Scriptures, forming rings of spiritual growth like tree rings. Sharing this good news becomes the branches of outreach and evangelism (like the apostles Peter's and Paul's ministries); and the leaves are the new lives born and changed through Jesus Christ our Savior, Lord, and Messiah. What were your "Aha's!" from Easter this year? We'll continue with Jesus' appearances and ascension to complete the resurrection in the next few Sundays. Hope to see you! †

Parish Nurse's Touch by Debbie Caffrey April Food Safety Focus



Food safety is important for everyone-but it is extremely important for people with a weakened immune system such as older adults, cancer, diabetes, or autoimmune diseases. These people are at a higher risk for hospitalization and death from foodborne illness. Older adults are at risk because:

- The digestive system holds food longer, allowing bacteria to grow while the stomach may not produce enough acid to limit the number of intestinal bacteria.
- The liver and kidneys may not properly rid the body of foreign bacteria and toxins.
- Between 50 and 60, the immune system in most people begins to decline. After age 75, many adults have an immune system so weakened that their risk for contracting a foodborne illness increases while the ability of their bodies to fight the infection is lowered.

People with cancer are at risk because the cancer and the treatment may weaken the immune system. People with diabetes are also at risk because their immune system may not recognize food poisoning bacteria/viruses and the kidneys may hold on to harmful bacteria and toxins.

Some foods are riskier than others. The foods most likely to contain harmful bacteria or viruses fall into two categories:

- Uncooked fresh fruits and vegetables.
- Some animal products, such as unpasteurized (raw) milk; soft cheeses made with raw milk; raw or undercooked eggs; raw meat, raw poultry, raw fish, raw shellfish and their juices; luncheon meats; and deli salads (without added preservatives) prepared on site in a deli-type store or restaurant.
- Flour, raw cookie dough, cake mix, batter or any other raw dough or batter.

Steps to lower the risk of foodborne illness include:

- Wash hands and surfaces often.
- Never place cooked food on a plate or cutting board that previously held raw meat, poultry, seafood, or eggs without first washing the plate/cutting board with hot soapy water.
- Cook foods to the recommended safe minimum internal temperature.
- Refrigerate or freeze meat, poultry, eggs, seafood, and other perishables within 2 hours of cooking or purchasing. Refrigerate within 1 hour if the temperature is above 90°F.
- Never thaw food at room temperature, such as on the countertop. It is safe to thaw food in the refrigerator, in cold water, or in the microwave. If you thaw food in cold water or in the microwave, you should cook it immediately.
- Buy only pasteurized milk, cheese, and other dairy products from the refrigerated section.
- Never buy food that is displayed in unsafe or unclean conditions.
- When purchasing canned goods, make sure that they are free of dents, cracks, or bulging lids. (Once you are home, remember to clean each lid before opening the can.) Buy produce that is not bruised or damaged.

And most importantly-**Never taste a food to see if it is safe to eat.**
Bon Appetit!!!!

Be Well! Debbie



April & May (Partial)



Saturday, April 11, 25

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

Sunday, April 12, 19, 26

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

Saturday, April 12, 19, 26

06:00 pm – Sopranessence Rehearsal, Chr Ste

Tuesday, April 14

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

Tuesday, April 14, 21, 28

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

Tuesday, April 14, 28

01:00 pm – Kohaku Section Rehearsal, Choir Suite

Wednesday, April 15 MOVED to April 22

09:15 am – Sandwich Team, Fell. Hall

Thursday, April 16 – 18 Retreat Rev. Mover attending

Saturday, April 18

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

Saturday, April 18

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

Saturday, April 24

07:30 pm – Pham Wedding Rehearsal, Sanc

Saturday, April 25

02:30 pm – Pham Wedding Ceremony, Sanc

Sunday, April 26

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

Friday, May 1 Rev. Moyer participating

09:00 am – VBWIM Feast (worship & meeting), Richmond

Saturday, May 2, 16

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

Sunday, May 3

12:15 pm – UBC QMM Meeting, Conf. Rm

Sunday, May 2, 10, 17, 24, 31 (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
 12:30 pm – VGBC Worship, Sanctuary, Fell. Hall

Contributions

March 2026 (Final)	Required	Received
Tithes & Offerings	\$ 4,333.34	\$ 5,707.50
Building Usage	7,495.00	7,845.00
Other (B-Thrifty, Flwrs, Mem)	0.00	561.00
Monthly	\$ 11,828.34	\$ 14,113.50
Total YTD (Jan-Mar)	\$ 35,485.02	\$ 37,683.40
Above/(Below)		\$ 2,198.38*
Benevolence Funds Rec'd. (Mar)		\$ 100.00

* 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.

Mission Center Highlights

This is the season for many Mission Center activities; our building is put to good use for the community! In January and February, we had a local boy's middle school soccer team practice twice a week. They loved using the Gym! In March, Citylight Church (who we helped with worship space a few years ago) Youth Group held a Dodge Ball Night to invite friends and hear an evangelistic message about Jesus. They have their own building but no Gym! We have a Wedding within the VGBC family in April, Sopranessence Benefit concert May 9, a mortgage company first time home buyers' training class May 16, Washington University of Virginia Graduation May 31, a voice recital in June, and the ongoing Food Mission outreach! Plus the Annandale Greenway Alliance is planting native plants in the bed where the old mercury grass was overgrown!

Congratulations to the New United Gospel Food Mission on its 2-year Anniversary! Well done, volunteers and partners! Thanks to Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Edward Young's leadership, our 3 churches, many donors and volunteers, we are serving between 75-100 families (300-500 individuals) on the 2nd & 4th Saturdays of each month. We offer guest choice, fresh fruits, vegetables, chicken, fish, canned goods, baked goods, beverages, snack items, and some toiletries. Food bank Federal funds were cut this year, so we have to purchase more food (discounted). WAWA gave a small grant again this year, but your donations of money, time, and non-perishable food do matter. The next giveaway dates are **Saturday, April 11th & 25th from 11 am-2 pm.** For monetary donations, please make checks payable to "NBMBC-Food Mission" and place in the offering plate or mail to the office, UBC, 7100 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA 22003. We will give by hand to Pastor Ed for tracking check donations (tax purposes), so you'll get an annual statement. If you prefer to give cash, bring to the office or place it in an envelope, with your name and address into the offering plate with notation – "NBMBC Food Mission." Thank you in advance!

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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

- Iran, Israel & US war; family & friends in harm's way (Qatar, Kuwait, Lebanon, Dubai, Israel); protection for our military forces; peace
- DHS shutdown; TSA workers; airports; travelers
- Global news headlines: violence, economy, leadership; cost of living issues: gas, food, utilities, goods
- Centreville community gas explosion; residents are back in their homes; safety, investigation
- Safe return of Nancy Guthrie in Tucson, AZ
- 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 talks & protection of the soldiers & citizens of Ukraine
- Leadership in Congress, Supreme Ct, & 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
- 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
- Church development & Sunday School opportunities for adults, youth, singles, & families
- Benevolence fund recipients, requestors, and neighbors in need

CONDOLENCES

We extend our sympathy to **Charles and Sandie Potter and the family of their lifelong friend, Mary Ann Crane**, retired Organist at Kilmarnock Baptist Church, who succumbed to complications from a recent major surgery. She died Tuesday, March 17th at Inova Fairfax Hospital with her family present. Services were held in Kilmarnock in March.

We extend our sympathy to the family, friends, & NorthStar Church Network in the recent death of **Eloise Barton**, 95 years young, a former Boulevard member & Receptionist when NorthStar was in our building. Arrangements are pending.