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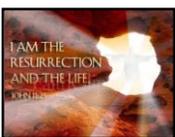
Happy Spring! This Sunday, March 8th @ 2:00 am ~ Set your Clocks **ahead 1 hour** before bed to be on schedule for Sunday Hymn Study & Church! Change batteries in your Smoke Detectors too. Daffodils are already peeking through the soil!

Please Join Us for Holy Week!



United Baptist's **Palm Sunday Worship is March 29th @ 11:00 am** in the Sanctuary. Palm fronds & bulletins are at the middle entrance door as you enter.

A "Disciples' Lunch", combining **Good Friday & Maundy Thursday's Communion (the Lord's Supper)** and a contemplative **Worship Service** (with Singing, Scripture & Prayer) begins at **12 noon, on Friday, April 3rd** in the Fellowship Hall. RSVP to the office or on bulletin board sign-up sheet. All welcome, but RSVP helpful.



Resurrection Sunday (Easter) service with special music begins **@11:00 am on Sunday, April 5th** in the Sanctuary. Please bring your family and invite a friend.

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The UBC Young at Heart **Gadabouts Senior Adults** lunch is **Tuesday, March 10th at 1:00 pm** for the discount (Seniors get free beverage after 1 pm) at **Great American Buffet**, 8365 Sudley Rd, Manassas, VA 20109. Dutch treat. Meet at the church **at 12:20 pm for a ride** or **at the restaurant after 1:00 pm**. 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, March 21st at 9:30 am**, at **Anthony's Restaurant**, 3000 Annandale Rd., Falls Church, VA 22042. 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, March 22nd at 12:15 pm** in the Conference Room.



Did you know that March is **Women's History Month**? [Baptist Women In Ministry](#) will also observe March to promote and support women in pastoral roles and leadership positions. A month of Preaching made a difference in elevating women's voices and ministry for the past 15 years; it's time to do more. Supporting, equipping, changing policies, encouragement, testimonials, leadership, ordinations, and more are still needed. You have done much work here at UBC, so **please pray** for other churches in our state and region who do not yet recognize the gifts women bring to ministry. They **were** the first at the tomb!



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 ask your prayers for better response as God is preparing the right person.

A Mission Opportunity ending! As you clear out closets preparing for Spring, please consider donating gently used **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! They will go to: ACCA's drive, Baileys Shelter, and our Food Mission. March is still a cold month, as it is snowing on Monday! Thank you for your consideration and compassion!

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 ♥ ♥ ♥

(3/03/26) Reflections of Reverend Pamela Moyer

This time last month, we were recovering from snow-crete, icy walks, and huge snow banks. It certainly was dangerous but mostly inconvenient. Today, there were unnecessary but cautious school delays in case of more ice. Another inconvenience for parents who work. Even though it is a gray kind of day, we praise the Lord it is warming up soon. However, compared to recent events and the Middle East conflict where hundreds were killed and displaced, snow is a blessing. We are praying for many friends, colleagues, military personnel, and extended family members who are in harms way in that region. If you would like to join us to pray for these known individuals more specifically, call the office or my cell, and I'll share with you serious and immediate international needs. There are many, and if you're willing to come to the church during the day, we can arrange a time for quiet prayer in the Sanctuary. In your daily prayer practices, please lift up those on our Agape Prayer list on the last page of this Vision newsletter as you always do. We usually increase our prayer time during Lent anyway, but we especially need to be praying now.

Christ is present in all these circumstances. It is because of God's immense love of his creation (us) that he "... gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.¹⁷ God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him (John 3:16-17^{NLT}).” We studied Nicodemus' incredulity and transformation this past Sunday (John 3:1-17 NLT) Sermon can be found here on our website. On the 15th we held an old fashioned Hymn Sing with David Evans leading with history and information on each of your requests. “Hymns have historically been used in crises as a tool for emotional comfort, communal solidarity, and spiritual strength, offering a way to express grief, fear, and hope when words fail. They provided a sense of familiarity during turmoil, such as epidemics or wars, and functioned as a, peaceful, unifying force during social upheavals (online search).” I encourage you this week to thumb through your old hymnals and sing one or two, reading the Scripture it refers to at the top under the title. If you need a hymnal for your personal use, please contact me or ask on Sunday; we have ones from the 50's and the 1981 blue Baptist Hymnal available.

Let us remember the sermon topic on 2/22/26: [“You Are Not Alone!”](#) Although that was a lesson from Jethro to Moses in Exodus 18:13-27 about delegation, it applies to times like these as well. We must not wear ourselves or others out by worry or trying to do it all alone; we need one another for comfort, encouragement, accountability, agape love, hope, and to sustain our faith. Amen. † 📖

Parish Nurse's Touch by Debbie Caffrey March Digital Health Focus



Did you know that “Safer Internet Day” was February 10th this year? You probably think about stocking food, water, and first aid supplies when you plan for emergencies. But what about your digital life? Online threats are real, and they can cause serious problems. Scammers love to take advantage of disasters and the vulnerable. When emergencies or disasters hit, fake charity websites pop up. Phishing emails claim to be from FEMA or the Red Cross. Criminals know people are stressed and want to help, so they exploit that. Your digital safety should be part of an overall preparedness plan.

Common threats:

- **Phishing Scams:** These are fake emails or texts that try to steal your passwords or personal information. They often look like they come from real companies or government agencies.
- **Ransomware:** This is malicious software that locks your computer or files until you pay money. It can destroy important documents, including copies of your insurance policies, emergency plans and family contact lists.
- **Social Media Scams:** Fake posts about missing people during disasters, bogus fundraisers or false emergency alerts spread fast on social media.
- **Public Wi-Fi Risks:** When you connect to free Wi-Fi at coffee shops or shelters, hackers can sometimes see what you're doing online.

Simple Steps to Stay Safer Online:

- **Use Strong, Unique Passwords:** Create different passwords for each of your important accounts. A strong password has at least 12 characters and mixes letters, numbers and symbols. Write them down in a secure place or use a password manager app.
- **Turn On Two-Factor Authentication:** This adds an extra layer of security to your accounts. Even if someone steals your password, they can't get in without the second code sent to your phone.
- **Keep Your Software Updated:** When your phone or computer asks you to update, do it. Updates often fix security holes that hackers can exploit.
- **Think Before You Click:** Don't click on links in emails or texts from people you don't know. If an email claims to be from your bank or a government agency, go directly to their website instead of clicking the link.
- **Back Up Your Important Files:** Save copies of your critical documents in more than one place. Use an external hard drive, a USB drive or a secure cloud service. If ransomware hits or your device fails during an emergency, you won't lose everything.
- **Check Privacy Settings:** Review who can see your posts on social media. Criminals can use information about your location, vacation plans, or family members for scams or worse.

What to Do Right Now:

- Review your emergency contacts list: Make sure you have phone numbers and email addresses stored safely, not just on your phone.
- Update your passwords: Start with your email, banking and social media accounts.
- Enable two-factor authentication: Set it up on at least three of your most important accounts today.
- Back up your emergency documents: Save digital copies of your insurance papers, ID documents, medical records and emergency plan.
- Talk to your family: Discuss how to spot scams and what to do if someone contacts them asking for money or personal information. Check your account security settings every few months
- Update your backed-up files regularly
- Stay informed about new scams targeting your area

Online security isn't just for tech experts. It's for everyone. What drives you to prepare for physical emergencies should apply to digital threats. Stay safe online & off!
~ **Be Well! Debbie**

May God fill your life with happiness and brilliance. Wishing you a very Happy Birthday!

2026 Happy Birthday to Congregants Born in March!

Name	Date
Clara Reynolds	9
Bobby Joe Small	16
Samir Iskander	21
Carole Martindale	26
Margarita Menjivar	27

March & April (Partial)

Wednesday, March 4, 18

09:15 am – Sandwich Team, Fell. Hall

Saturday, March 7, 21

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

Sunday, March 8, 15, 22, 29 (New Schedule)

09:30 am – NBMBBC Bible Study, Parlor

10:45 am – NBMBBC 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, March 8, 15, 22, 29

06:00 pm – Sopranessence Rehearsal, Chr Ste

Tuesday, March 10, 17, 24, 31

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

Tuesday, March 10

01:00 pm – YAH Gadabouts Lunch, See Page 1

Tuesday, March 10, 24

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

Saturday, March 14, 28

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

Saturday, March 14

08:00 AM – MACBF Ann. Mtg, Ox Hill Baptist Church

Thursday March 19

2:00 pm – Goodwin Hospice Remembrance, Sanc, F. Hall

Saturday, March 21

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

Sunday, March 22

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

Sunday, March 29 – Palm Sunday, See front page

Wednesday, April 1, 15

09:15 am – Sandwich Team, Fell. Hall

Friday, April 3 – Good Friday

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

Monday, April 6

Offices Closed, Comp time for Good Friday work

Sunday, April 5 Easter Sunday (See front page)



Contributions

January 2026 (Final)	Required	Received
Tithes & Offerings	\$ 4,333.34	\$ 4,345.00
Building Usage	7,495.00	7,790.00
Other (B-Thrift, Flwrs, Mem)	0.00	47.10
Monthly	\$ 11,828.34	\$ 12,182.10
Total YTD (Jan)	\$ 11,828.34	\$ 12,182.10
Above/(Below)		\$ 353.76*
Benevolence Funds Rec'd. (Nov)		\$ 60.00
February 2026 (Final)	Required	Received
Tithes & Offerings	\$ 4,333.34	\$ 3,560.00
Building Usage	7,495.00	7,715.00
Other (B-Thrift, Flwrs, Mem)	0.00	112.80
Monthly	\$ 11,828.34	\$ 11,387.80
Total YTD (Jan-Feb)	\$ 23,656.68	\$ 23,569.90
Above/(Below)		\$ (86.78)*
Benevolence Funds Rec'd. (Feb)		\$ 110.00

* 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.

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

Order Easter Flowers Now
To Help Adorn Our Sanctuary
On Easter Sunday, April 5th
Lilies \$15.00/Pot OR Tulips \$11.00/Pot

We are fortunate that our supplier, Meadows Farms Nurseries & Landscape, did not raise the price this year! We will have a volunteer pick them up which also saves delivery charges. 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) that you can take home, plant, take to a friend, or donate to a local nursing home. Thank you!

Your name _____

Honoree, type, & #pots _____ # _____

_____ # _____

In Memory of, type & #pots _____ # _____

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We Must Receive by March 23rd 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

- Iran situation; family & friends in harms way (Qatar [DEvans' sis colleagues], Kuwait, Lebanon, Dubai, Israel[Roudaina's extended family]; protection for innocents & our military forces. Peace in M. East
- Mexico cartel violence in tourist areas
- Sierra Nevada Avalanche near Lake Tahoe, CA: 9 skiers died, 6 rescued & recovering
- Centreville community gas explosion; residents are back in their homes; safety, investigation (Vicki Y)
- Safe return of Nancy Guthrie in Tucson, AZ
- Safety & praise for success for Olympics Team USA
- Shooting situations in TX, FL, Woodbridge, Fairfax, MN & calm protests in various locations
- 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
- Benevolence fund recipients, requestors, and neighbors in need