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Happy New Year!

Thank you from our Staff and Leadership for a wonderful year in 2025 and a lovely Christmas season! Your generous gifts and cards are much appreciated! Thank you too to our Music Department for the inspiring musicians and vocalists who blessed our Christmas Eve service! May your New Year carry on the Advent lessons, blessing you and yours with hope, peace, joy, and love!



2025-2026 Inclement Weather Policy

Our snow contractor is ready! Are you? 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> 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!



Seeing 20:20 with Glasses

For many years, The United Baptist Church has participated in a Lions Club outreach to collect **eyeglasses** for people who need assistance & eyewear. Donate your old eyeglasses and sunglasses to their restoration program by placing them in the labeled hanging box on the bulletin board in the hall next to the Fellowship Hall. Lions Club partners will refresh and repair them so that someone else can be thrilled to have a new look at a world in focus! This small decluttering project is another way we can serve others!

Did you know you can receive this Newsletter by Email in color? Please send us your email address so we can save paper, printing, and mailing costs. If you no longer wish to receive it, [let us know](#).

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The monthly UBC Young at Heart Gadabouts Senior Adults lunch is **Tuesday, January 13th at 12:00 pm** at City Diner, 5616 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041. 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.



By popular demand, we are moving the UBC Friends & Family Breakfasts to the **3rd Saturday of each month!** The next one will be on **Saturday, January 17th at 9:30 am**, at Denny's, 10473 Lee Hwy, Fairfax. 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 **2026: Sunday, January 25th at 12:15 pm** in the Conference Room. The next **Quarterly Membership Meeting** will be held **Sunday, February 1st, at 12:15 pm** also in the Conference Room. Please save the date, attend, and bring your ideas for 2026!



The annual Souper Bowl (& it's not misspelled) begins **Sunday, February 1st**. We will collect non-perishable food **throughout the month of February** 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.



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 • • •

(1/06/26) Reflections of Reverend Pamela Moyer

Happy New Year! This day last year we had a 8-10 inch snowstorm! I am grateful for a temperature break this week. I hope you had a Merry Christmas and time with friends and family celebrating. We had a lovely service on Christmas Eve with Communion and Candlelight with a Wind Quintet (flute, clarinet, oboe, basson, and french horn), even though we missed Melissa and Jeff Snavely this year now in Florida. Thank you to all the instrumentalists, our Music Minister, and choir who provided a beautiful and hospitable addition to the Scriptures. Also, thank you for the beautiful poinsettias you donated for our use this year.



Our themes since I became pastor in 2019 have helped us grow spiritually and grow together as a congregation. Key Scriptures accompanied each theme as we discerned God's direction: *Holy Interruptions, Be Sustained* was the pandemic year of 2020, *Dream Dreams, Listen for the Work, Divine Experiments, Finding Beauty*, and last year *Vital Hospitality*. Each week's sermons and music have built upon one another to stretch us, reveal spiritual gifts, engage our faith, inspire our imaginations, and motivate us to action. From my perch, despite health issues and personal losses among us all, I observe growth and development.

Allow me to introduce our 2026 theme: “*Roots & Branches*.” I’m still deciding which will be our key verse, but a few passages for your consideration are: Isaiah 61:1-7 (Oaks of Righteousness), 1 Corinthians 3:6-9 (Planting Seeds and Watering), John 15:1-8 (Jesus the Vine; we are the Branches), Genesis 1:11 (Fruit Trees bearing Fruit), Psalm 1:3 (Tree Planted by Streams of Water), and many more.

Both Hebrew and Greek Scriptures utilize the tree metaphor: olive trees, figs, palm trees, apple, and mustard trees among others. It is interesting that I did not see many trees in Israel; they use stone rather than wood because the desert rocks are more plentiful. There is a recent effort to “green Israel” and conserve or replant native trees destroyed during wars or commercial development. Most were farmed in orchards for their fruit, like pomegranates, oranges, date palms, fig, and of course olive trees. Online research says there are many more trees native to Israel like pistachio, almond, acacia, mulberry, juniper, pine, laurel, and of course oaks. We will develop relevant topics from these sources like legacy, foundation, nourishment, health, stability, resilience, flexibility, growth, dormancy, identifying, pruning, grafting, bearing fruit, and planting. Hope to see you any Sunday at 11:00 am! †  ❤

Parish Nurse's Touch

by Debbie Caffrey

January Health Focus

The January health focus includes tips on staying safe in the cold weather and also preventing falls/good bone health. Ice, snow and cold temperatures can make life challenging for everyone. Young children, seniors and those with chronic illness are most susceptible to the associated dangers, such as hypothermia, frostbite, falls resulting in fractures etc. Dress for the weather if you have to go out on chilly, damp or cold days wear layers of loose clothes and a hat and scarf to retain warmth. Stay safe from outdoor falls by following these simple tips:

- Wear boots with non-skid soles.
- Shovel snow off steps and pathways to your home. Ask for help if you need it.
- Sprinkle de-icer, salt or sand on icy steps and sidewalks. Put a scoop or plastic cup in the bag and use what you need.

Some falls in older adults can be prevented by keeping bones strong. Talk to your health care provider to be sure you are getting enough vitamin D and calcium, and have your vision and hearing checked every year. Having healthy bones can help to prevent hip or other fractures. A diet that includes enough calcium and vitamin D, and physical activity can help prevent bone loss and fractures. Good dietary sources of calcium include:

- dairy products such as low-fat milk, yogurt, and cheese
- orange juice, cereals, and other foods fortified with calcium
- dark green, leafy vegetables such as broccoli, collard greens, and bok choy.

Vitamin D is essential to help your body absorb calcium. Exposure to sunlight causes your body to make vitamin D. However, many people don't get enough vitamin D this way, though. Foods with vitamin D include canned tuna, dairy products, orange juice, and cereals.

You're never too old to improve your bone health!!!

~ **Be Well! Debbie**

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:

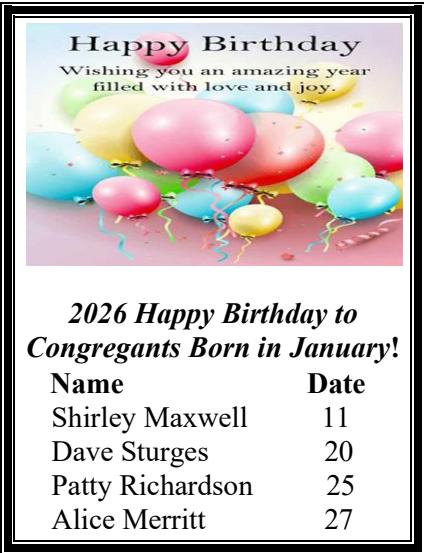
10:00 - 10:30 am: “Assembly” in the Fellowship Hall to sing Favorite Hymns, read and discuss associated Scriptures, and pray. Staff may also teach about Worship or Hymn history, Christian or Baptist liturgies and practices.

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





2026 Happy Birthday to Congregants Born in January!

Name	Date
Shirley Maxwell	11
Dave Sturges	20
Patty Richardson	25
Alice Merritt	27

January & February (partial)

Tuesdays, January 6, 13, 20, 27

07:00 pm – Youth Soccer Practice, Gym



Wednesday, January 7, 21

09:15 am – Sandwich Team, Fell. Hall

Saturday, January 10, 24

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

Sunday, January 11, 18, 25 (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

Tuesday, January 13

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

Tuesday, January 13, 20, 27

12:30 pm – Food Mission Inventory, Rm 121

Tuesday, January 13, 27

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

Saturday, January 17

08:00 am – GUTS Toastmasters Regional Event, F.Hall

09:30 am – UBC Friends & Family Breakfast, see page 1

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

Sunday, January 18, 25

06:00 pm – Sopranessence Rehearsal for Valentine, Chr. Ste

Monday, January 19

Offices are Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Sunday, January 25

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

Sunday, February 1

12:15 pm – UBC Quarterly Membership Mtg, Conf. Rm

Sunday, February 1, 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

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

Wednesday, February 4, 18

09:15 am – Sandwich Team, Fell. Hall

Contributions

November 2025 (Final)	Required	Received
Tithes & Offerings	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,702.50
Building Usage	6,333.34	7,350.00
Other (B-Thrifty, Flwrs, Mem)	<u>0.00</u>	<u>85.00</u>
Monthly	\$ 11,333.34	\$ 12,137.50
Total YTD (Jan-Nov)	\$124,666.74	\$ 132,610.20
Above/(Below)		\$ 7,943.46*
Benevolence Funds Rec'd. (Nov)		\$ 215.00
December 2025 (Partial thru 12/11)	Required	Received
Tithes & Offerings	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,295.00
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	\$ 10,495.40
Total YTD (Jan-12/11)	\$136,000.08	\$ 143,105.60
Above/(Below)		\$ 7,105.52*
Benevolence Funds Rec'd. (thru 12/11)		\$ 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 now available as you enter the Sanctuary Hall or by mail. If you are unable to attend regularly and would like envelopes delivered or mailed 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.

ACCA Challenge Campaign 2026

As we reflect on our mission to serve those in need, we are deeply grateful for faithful supporters like you. Your participation and contribution are invaluable, and we could not accomplish our work without you.

Food insecurity rates for the most severely impacted parts of ACCA's service areas are between 40% and 55% and child poverty rates are 27% in Fairfax County.

Last year, with your generous support, our food pantry was able to serve 1,250 households with emergency grocery supplies and since 2020 the pantry has served 7,703 local families. ACCA's family emergency assistance program served 327 local families with funds for rent, security deposits, utilities, medical bills and other essentials. Since 2020 family emergency assistance program has served 2,180 local families. Our furniture program was able to provide 70 families with essentials to make their homes more livable and since 2020 has served 430 families.

Our continuing efforts depend on your generosity. During this year, we hope that you will consider making a contribution or volunteering your time. Our goal this year is to raise **\$175,000 in contributions and expand our team of dedicated volunteers.** From November 1 to February 1, every donation you make will be matched by **10%**, thanks to a special grant.

No gift is too small, and every contribution helps us continue our important work. To contribute just mail a check to 7200 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA 22003, noting "Challenge Campaign" in the memo line. Contributing electronically is easy—just go to <https://accacares.org/how-do-i-give/>. If you are looking for a place to utilize your time and talents, then please consider volunteering with ACCA! Please go to <https://accacares.org/volunteering/> for more information.

We remain committed to the challenge of Jesus, as described in Matthew 25:40: "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." **Your contribution WILL truly make a difference in someone's life.** Thank you again for your continued support and generosity.

Gratefully and with Peace,
Sue Mairena, President, ACCA, Inc. 2024

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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 REQUESTS

- Situation in Venezuela/US
- Idaho Sheriff's office, Brown University, Bondi Beach, Australia, Los Angeles & other locations: shooting & stabbing victims, National Guard, friends, families, students, staff, fans, & perpetrators
- Getting illegal firearms off the streets
- Global news headlines: snow & ice storms, hurricane recovery, flooding Washington state & CA, violence, economy, leadership
- Jamaica devastation from hurricane Melissa: restoration, power, water, shelter, food, resources, health. Linda Hasselkus' (our financial manager) church supports Jamaican Link Ministries who lost windows, roofing, belongings. Please help if you can:
<https://www.jamaicalink.org/>
- Peace agreements for the entire Middle East: safety, recovery, supplies & comfort
- Lebanon, Israel, Gaza, Syria residents – rebuilding
- 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
- Benevolence fund recipients, requestors, and neighbors in need