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Happy Independence Day! Thursday, July 4th

Thursday we will celebrate our freedoms as a country, individuals, and as Christ followers. We hope you have a lovely day, honoring the courage of our nation's founding fathers, the victory of the Revolutionary War, and the writing of the Declaration of Independence. We are grateful to live in a country with freedom to worship and to vote as we choose. This Sunday, July 7th, we will continue the celebration with hymns of national pride, grateful that we practice separation of church and state, observe all religious liberties, as Baptists maintain church autonomy, equality, and experience Christianity with priesthood of all believers and soul freedom distinctives. Please join us any Sunday at 11 am or stop by the office (appointments or phone calls are appreciated too). Casual Sundays are in place for July and August, so come as you are comfortably. You will be warmly welcomed even if it's been awhile! 😊

9:30 am ~ Bible Study, F. Hall
11:00 am ~ Worship, Sanctuary

The next **Young at Heart Gadabouts Outing** is **Tuesday, June 9th at 12:00 pm** to **Famous Dave's Bar-B-Que Restaurant**, 2910 Chain Bridge Rd, Oakton, VA 22124. Meet at the church by **11:20 am or at the restaurant at 12:00 noon**. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board or call the office to RSVP. Dutch treat. Invite a friend!

The next **UBC Friends & Family Breakfast** will be on **Saturday, July 27th at 9:30 am at IHOP at 13810 Braddock Rd., Centreville, Va** so join us for a Dutch treat meal, prayer, and a short reading together. Call the office or sign up on the pink and black bulletin board form.

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP



Thank you!!! to our church and community volunteers, who may feel under-recognized, but are in reality **over-the-top** in loyalty and commitment! We appreciate

you more than you know! Greeters, Teachers, Set-up team, Close-up team, Sound Board Adjusters, Holiday Flowers Assistants, Sandwich Team members, Food Mission shoppers & re-stockers, Food Mission Hospitality Crew members, Landscapers, Weeders, Painters, Committee members, Council members, Board of Directors, etc. It takes a lot to run any church, especially a Mission Center like ours! Thank you, thank you, thank you. Keep up the good work! ~~ your pastor

The next **CLCEB Meeting** is scheduled for **Sunday, July 21st at 12:15 pm** in the Conference Room to conduct church business.



Save this Date: Sunday, July 28th, 12:15 pm. Our next **Quarterly Membership Meeting** is in the Conference Room to review the usual business of the church and financials. Questions, contact Rev. Moyer in the office.

Everyone a Minister!

We are getting good reports from this "internal" outreach campaign so far. Even though it might be uncomfortable for some, this was a Holy Spirit-inspired idea/experiment, so please take it seriously as you remember to pray for your assigned church members regularly and do your best to complete the tasks (notes, calls, invitations to coffee or an event). Call Rev. Moyer to discuss, ask questions, or receive additional names. Thank you!

Kairos Moments ♥♥♥

(07/02/24) Reflections of Reverend Pamela Moyer

Happy Independence Day! There is a lot on my mind about resistance, equality, justice, and independent thought and action since the June Vision newsletter, so my longer than usual article will flow over to the next column. Please know that these are my personal reflections and not necessarily the opinions of everyone in our church.

On the front cover, I remind us to celebrate this week and every day our Christian religious liberty and Baptist Distinctives. They were threatened over the last few years by the Southern Baptist Convention ([Female Pastor Disfellowship List](#) [no longer on SBC website] & the Law Amendment) and by Christian Nationalism (see www.bjconline.org). Thanks to centuries of independent religious thinkers, philosophers, academic scholars, curious students, and committed, quality preachers (like *United Baptist's*), our distinctives held their ground; they are truly valuable to society, not just religion. [Baptist Women in Ministry](#) expressed solidarity with First Baptist Church of Alexandria, VA and Pastor Kim Eskridge in the face of the SBC Messengers' decision to disfellowship the nearly 180 year old church. This vote occurred even before the SBC Law Amendment prohibiting women to hold the title or calling of "pastor" **failed**. Some of you know that I was on the original list, and due to a "clerical" [financial] error, SBC claimed our church, when in reality we have been with the CBF (Cooperative Baptist Fellowship) for 30+ years. Our Council and Board of Directors withdrew formally, and I received no threats or had any repercussions from being targeted. However, it became personal as the publicity surrounding myself and my peers threatened our safety, our God-given call to ministry, others' benefits, and even their parsonages as addresses were shared publicly with maps and photos. Rev. Kim Eskridge and I were classmates at Leland Seminary.

Although the issue has calmed somewhat, the facts reveal that many fundamentalist Baptist churches do not affirm any women in leadership as Deacons, Chairpersons, or Pastors even today. I thank you for the affirmations I received during this time, a recommitment to our Baptist heritage, and for the opportunity to attend the CBF General Assembly in Greensboro, NC this year, where like minds connected to do



Kingdom work in an egalitarian way. The theme was **re:imagine**, and their verse was the same as ours! Philippians 4:8-9 ^{The Message}: "8-9 You'll do best by filling your minds and meditating on things true, noble, reputable, authentic,

compelling, gracious—the best, not the worst; the beautiful, not the ugly; things to praise, not things to curse. Put into practice what you learned from me, what you heard and saw and realized. Do that, and God who makes everything work together, will work you into his most excellent harmonies."

Parish Nurse's Touch

Debbie Caffrey
July Health Focus



With the weather getting even more extreme, here are some additional tips to make it more enjoyable:

- There are many seasonal fruits available now-if you are craving for something sweet, treat yourself to a sweet peach or strawberries and raspberries (with a chocolate drizzle-if allowed).
- If you are trying to drink more fluids each day but do not like drinking water, try watermelon-it is 92% water and tastes sweet too!
- Remember your vegetables-Green beans and sweet corn on the cob are just two of the many fresh veggies you can get today!
- On those triple digit temperature days, stay in air-conditioned areas as much as possible.
- Close your curtains or blinds.
- Use cold washcloths on your neck or wrists.
- Take cool showers or baths to help cool off.
- Limit the use of stoves or ovens, they will make you and your home hotter.
- Prevent food poisoning-do not leave food out of refrigeration for more than one hour if the temperature is above 90 degrees.
- Check on a friend or neighbor and have someone do the same for you.


~ Be Well! Debbie

Continued from Kairos Moments by Rev. Pamela Moyer

Organizations like Baptist Joint Committee were there, eight prominent seminaries, Judson Press, CBF Latino Network, Bread for the World, Center for Congregational Health, and more. There were worship opportunities with amazing preaching, prayers (including a prayer quilt), tasteful praise bands, a children's and adult choir, and even a mambo band with people dancing in the aisles. Imagine Baptists praising God's goodness through movement! Folks, I think that will be what heaven's all about – many expressions of worship, languages, and **creative beauty**. There was some tasteful fundraising and a silent auction with art, jewelry, and digital technology (I learned how to do a QR code, which I can teach you if you'd like). There were big conversations about calling, and small conversations about faith and the church's future. It is time for us to embrace and reimagine this vision of God's work in the world! Using Scripture, CBF reminded us that God is on the move despite what you hear about church decline. The Mid-Atlantic CBF was well represented too



(photo); paraphrasing Exec. Coordinator, Paul Baxley, let us as UBC **ask new questions, embrace new ways of serving, imagine new ministries, setting aside old fears and rediscovering the incredible gifts we have been given to serve our communities!** This is collaboration. Amen? Amen!



**Happy Birthday to
Congregants Born in July!**

Name	Date
Shane Banks	6
Sandra Potter	10
Ruby Kingsbury	13
Sam Harward	16
Michael Harward	16
Elmer Shoemaker	28
Fran Watkins	29

July & August



Wednesday, July 3, 17

9:15 am – Sandwich Team, Fell. Hall

Thursday, July 4 – Office Closed for Independence Day

Thursday, July 4, 11, 18, 25

No Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, July 7, 14, 21, 28

09:30 am – NBMBC & UBC Bible Studies
 10:45 am – NBMBC Worship, Chapel
 11:00 am – UBC Worship, Sanctuary
 01:30 pm – VGBC Worship, Sanctuary

Tuesday, July 9

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

Tuesday, July 9, 16, 23, 30

12:30 pm – Food Mission Inventory, Rm 121

Saturday, July 13, 27

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

Sunday, July 21

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

Saturday, July 27

9:30 am – UBC Friends & Family Breakfast, See Page 1

Sunday, July 28

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

Wednesday, July 31

12:00 pm VBWIM Zoom mtg. (Rev. Moyer attending)

Sunday, August 4, 11, 18, 25

09:30 am – NBMBC & UBC Bible Studies
 10:45 am – NBMBC Worship, Chapel
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Tuesday, August 6, 13, 20, 27

12:30 pm – Food Mission Inventory, Rm 121

Wednesday, August 7, 21

9:15 am – Sandwich Team, Fell. Hall

Contributions

June 2024 (Partial, thru 6/9)	Required	Received
Tithes & Offerings	\$5,000.00	\$ 3,050.00
Building Usage	7,279.17	7,100.00
Other (B-Thrifty, Flwrs, Mem)	0.00	49.50
Monthly (new # w/o mtg)	\$12,279.17	\$ 10,199.50
Total YTD (Jan-June)	\$73,675.02	\$ 67,182.10
Above/(Below)		\$ (6,492.92)*
Benevolence Funds Rec'd. (Jan)		\$ 25.00

* 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 (Bee Thrifty, Envelopes, Flowers, etc.). One \$50,000 transfer made.

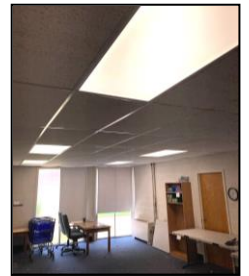
Thank you for your stewardship and prayers! Offerings may be mailed to the office at 7100 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA 22003 if you cannot attend. Mail is safely and securely processed daily. Our ministries, contractors and staff thank you for your generosity. Benevolence offerings by check, clearly marked "**Benevolence**," may be mailed to the office or cash/checks brought on Sundays. Thank you on behalf of many neighbors in need.

New Report from the New United Gospel Food Mission

Things are going well at our Food Mission! God is blessing our efforts, guests, and volunteers! We have served well over 1000 individuals since March 30th. We had 1 hot day, but the Air Conditioning was repaired, and our broken, obsolete lights have been replaced with LED ceiling lights (before/after photos.) We thank Jeff Potter, our licensed electrician (son of Charles Potter) for the improvements and work.



We still need **you** on 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 12:30 pm for restocking, and



on 2nd and 4th Saturdays to greet, help shop, and be the compassion of Christ to our guests. Our Blessing Bags with soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, floss, hand sanitizers were a hit; we still need deodorants, shampoos, conditioners, emery boards, combs, socks, and shower gels in small sizes (miniature or regular). Thank you to a church member who donated 16 tote bags to the Pantry for our guests. We have fresh produce, too!



Funds are most appreciated so we can shop for the best deals if donations are low. Please make your checks payable to "**NBMBC-Food Mission**" and mail to the office to Food Mission @UBC, 7100 Columbia Pike, Annandale,

VA 22003. We will get it to Pastor Ed for appropriate use (no overhead, just food). His people track donations for tax purposes, so you'll get a report next year. If you prefer donating cash, then place it in an envelope in the offering plate with notation – "NBMBC Food Mission" -- or bring to the UBC office 9:00 am-1 pm M-F, so noted. Please keep praying!

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Return Service Requested

*Individual Prayer Requests
have been removed for privacy
reasons. If you need an
update, please call the office:
703.256.5900. Thank you!*

COMMUNITY & GLOBAL PRAYER

- Wildfires out west; the national heat wave; heat safety & A/C for those in need
- Gaithersburg, MD tornado damage recovery
- Landslide victims & responders in Papua New Guinea
- Houston, TX flooding
- Police Officer involved shootings; victims & their families
- Tornadoes & hurricanes across the Country
- Peace in the Middle East: safety, recovery, & comfort for those killed, kidnapped, or injured in war. Prayers for those still in captivity; bring them home
- Taiwan earthquake victims, survivors & responders
- Bridge collapse in Dundalk, MD, near Baltimore-recovery & rebuilding
- Haiti's unrest & transitional government; prayers for peace & provision
- New United Gospel Food Mission—for donations & future recipients; all benevolence recipients
- Peace & protection of the soldiers & citizens of Ukraine
- Our mental health systems, responders & social workers; pray for those suffering to seek professional help before crisis
- Safety for all firefighters, canine rescue teams, medical responders, police officers and military personnel; keeping the peace during times of unrest nationally and globally
- Mission Center Building Usage Partners & potential new Mission Projects: NBMBC, Zion Medical, VGBC, Amerikids, GUTS Toastmasters, Gideons, Shepherd's Center especially transportation program, ACCA, Washington Concert Society, Sopranessence, Music Teachers, Goodwin Hospice, Annandale Women's Club, and more . . .