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Thank You, Veterans!

For your service, sacrifice, strength, and courage to defend and support this Country. Our offices will be closed Friday, November 11th in observance of Veterans' Day, according to UBC Personnel policies.



Happy Thanksgiving!



We wish you a safe and blessed holiday time with family and friends this year! Please share your gratitude for and with one another as you reflect on God's many blessings.

Speaking of food blessings, our 2024 Annandale CROP Hunger Walk contributions were more than \$1,500 (all numbers are not yet in)! We thank Sally Norris for her mission consistency and the money she raised individually. Proceeds from the walk benefit Church World Service and ACCA Food Pantry.

Let us gather again as a community, united in thankfulness, at the ACCA annual Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, November 24th at 4 pm at St. Alban's Episcopal Church, 6800 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA. www.accacares.org for more info.

The Baptist General Association of Virginia (BGAV) annual meeting this year is local on Monday, November 11th, @ 12 noon through Wednesday, November 13th noon. There will be Worship, Workshops, Reports, and Business, all at First Baptist Alexandria. We are permitted 15 messengers, and Rev. Moyer always attends. Let her know ASAP if you are interested in any part of the meeting. She will help you register. You cannot drop in without registration.

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES!

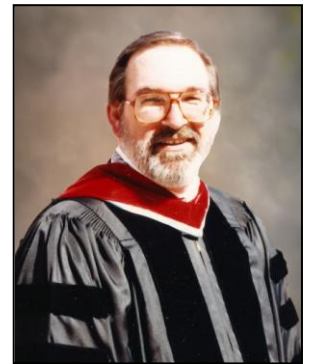
Note the Date and Change! The next UBC Young at Heart Gadabouts Senior Adults outing is Tuesday, November 19th at 12:00 pm to Great American Buffet Steakhouse, 8365 Sudley Rd., Manassas, VA 20109. Dutch treat. Meet at the church at 11:15 am or at the restaurant at 12:00 noon. See Pam Moyer for more info or a ride. Sign-up sheet is on the Special Events Board or call to RSVP.

The next UBC Friends & Family Breakfast will be on Saturday, November 23rd at 9:30 am at City Diner, 5616 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Dutch treat, a reading, food, and sharing. Please join us; we will meet there. Call to RSVP (703) 256-5900.

Saturday, Nov. 30th, from 10 am-1 pm will be "Deck the Halls for Christmas" We do need your help! No ladder work is required, just fun decorating around the building, altar, and a little on the tree! We have ladder elves (helpers). Let Pam know if you can participate. Thanks!

Our Condolences

Thank you for sharing so many of your memories over the last several days. If you receive our electronic newsletter or are on Facebook, you may know the news and updates. We are sad to announce that our Pastor Emeritus, former Co-Pastor, and friend, Rev. Dr. Gerald L. Young, passed away on Friday, October 25th after a valiant battle with throat cancer. A memorial service is scheduled in Missouri on Friday, November 8th, with Visitation beginning at 12:30 - 1:30 pm (Central Time) and service to follow at Baue Funeral Home - Cave Springs, 3950 W Clay, St Charles, MO 63301. The obituary and opportunities to send flowers or donate to the American Cancer Society in his name, please go to the Funeral Home's website: <https://www.baue.com/obituaries/gerald-young>. Scroll to the bottom for links. For cards, their home address is: The Young Family, 141 Choctaw Dr., Wentzville, MO 63385-3348. Please continue to pray for the whole family. May God's Blessings and Comfort be with the many people he loved, discipled, educated, worked, and influenced.



HYMNALS AVAILABLE!

As we tidy up the church building for repurposing spaces, we will be disposing of 2 boxes of seriously out of date hymnals. If you would like to have one, please come to the office during business hours (9 am-1 pm, M-Th, or by appointment after 1 pm). If you have questions, call Rev. Moyer. Thank you for your devoted stewardship and responsibility to help us meet Fire Safety standards as well as make our space more attractive and usable.

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

The next CLCEB Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, November 24th at 12:15 pm in the Conference Room.



Kairos Moments ♥ ♥ ♥

(11/05/24) Reflections of Reverend Pamela Moyer

October was a busy month, and November will be the same, based on our church, missions, and personal calendars. Fall is a season of change: the color of and dropping of leaves, unpredictable temperatures, bringing out winter coats and clothing, seasonal maintenance (HVAC changeover, Fire, and Elevator permits), ending of daylight savings time, Annual Association and Church meetings, budget decisions for 2025, and of course, the national and state election! We want to vote but also admit we are tired of the build up to it and anxious about conflict from it. In preparation for the election, I asked “are you a person of peace or conflict?” The wisdom of Proverbs 22^{NLT} reminded us:

- ¹² The Lord preserves those with knowledge,
but he ruins the plans of the treacherous . . .
²⁴ Don't befriend angry people
or associate with hot-tempered people,
²⁵ or you will learn to be like them
and endanger your soul.

God nurtures and develops a person of peace. As evangelists, we are to be and to seek out persons of peace whose hearts are filled with or are willing to accept Jesus' love, justice, and mercy. Jesus is our constant in times of change, turmoil, or uncertainty. This is the time to fortify your spiritual practices. Advent will be here before you know it!

So, let me wish you an ***early Happy Thanksgiving!*** In this season of change, it is helpful to get “grounded in gratitude”—not just the superficial blessings we have on earth, but to go deeper within. Remember to express gratitude for our special people, our creator God, beauty, love, joy, hope, forgiveness, abundance, character, optimism, health, and the principles that make us distinctly Baptist (religious liberty, soul freedom or competency, priesthood of all believers, autonomy of the local church, ordinances of baptism and communion). There are many other items for you, I am sure, so note them and share them.

It has been another good month of serving our community, not just on Sundays, but on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays (Sandwich Team), and 2nd and 4th Saturdays (Food Giveaway), we are meeting the many needs of local residents of all ages and nationalities. We were concerned about having adequate volunteers since several are out, but God provided enough volunteers! As Jesus promised in Matthew 9:38: “³⁸ So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields.” We are small, but through God's power, we are mighty. Let us not lose sight of his work through us and our church and mission center! †

Parish Nurse's Touch

Debbie Caffrey

November Health Focus



Thanksgiving and Christmas—a time of rejoicing and reflecting!! The celebration of thanksgiving is the season of coming together, festivities with family and friends, a time of doing things for others, parties and many tempting seasonal treats. All this celebrating and “coming together” can take its toll on your health! Here are some holiday tips to help you have a healthy and enjoyable season:

- Have a nutritious breakfast.
- Do not skip meals.
- Eat your salad and vegetables first.
- Stay warm.
- Get plenty of sleep.
- Wash hands often.
- Stay hydrated.
- Do something nice for someone else.

But it's important to remember that the true meaning of the season is not in all the festivities. The real spirit of the holiday, and the greatest gift you can possibly share, is the one you alone can offer: the gift of love.

Happy Thanksgiving!!!


~ *Be Well!* Debbie

MISSION CENTER UPDATES

Mason Jar Arts Studios & Gallery Update: At this time, implementation of the project is not permissible due to our zoning status and local ordinances. We met with several representatives from Fairfax County Planning, Development, and Zoning Departments for direction. We'll go back to the drawing board for things we can do appropriately within the R4 “church usage” category. Please see Rev. Moyer if this topic interests you.

The next **Shepherd's Center Lunch N Life** is scheduled **Thursday, November 14th, 11:15 am**, Join to hear 6ft3 Men's A Cappella Barbershop quartet. Lunch will be at American Legion Post # 1976, 4206 Daniels Ave, Annandale, VA 22003. To Register: Call their office at 703-941-1419 by **Monday, November 11th** or send an email to shepherdscas@vacoymail.com. Lunch is \$15.00 per person.

2025 Contribution Envelopes will be available early December as you enter the Sanctuary. If you are unable to attend regularly and would like envelopes, please call the office on 703.256.5900.



*Happy Birthday to
Congregants Born in November!*

Name	Date
John Upton	10
Phyllis Thompson	15
Adele "Dolly" Hazel	17

November & December

Wednesday, November 6, 20

09:15 am – Sandwich Team, Fell. Hall

Thursday, November 7, 14, 21

07:30 pm – UBC Choir Rehearsal, Chr Suite

Friday, Nov. 8 & Saturday, Nov. 9

VBWIM Bd. Retreat-Rev. Moyer attending, Warsaw, VA

Saturday, November 9, 23

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

Sunday, November 10, 17, 24

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

Sunday, November 10, 17, 24

06:00 pm – Sopranessence Rehearsal, Chr Rm

Friday, November 11– Offices Closed for Veteran’s Day

Monday Nov. 11 through Wednesday Nov. 13

BGAV Annual Mtg. – Pam Moyer attending, See Page 1

Tuesday, November 12, 19, 26

12:30 pm – Food Mission Inventory, Rm 121

Saturday, November 16

1:00 pm – Kohaku Rehearsal, Chr. Ste

Tuesday, November 19

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

Saturday, November 23

09:30 am – UBC Friends & Family Breakfast, See Page 1

Sunday, November 24

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

4:00 pm – ACCA Thanksgiving Svc, St. Alban’s See Page 1

Thursday & Friday, November 28 & 29 - Offices Closed for Thanksgiving

Saturday, November 30

9:00-1:00 pm – UBC Deck the Halls, Sanc

Sunday, December 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

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10:45 am – NBMBC Worship, Chapel

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Contributions

September 2024 (Final)	Required	Received
Tithes & Offerings	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,469.00
Building Usage	7,279.17	7,000.00
Other (B-Thrifty, Flwrs, Mem)	0.00	11.60
Monthly (new # w/o mtg)	\$ 12,279.17	\$ 11,480.60
Total YTD (Jan-Sept)	\$110,512.53	\$103,385.00
Above/(Below)		\$ (7,127.53)*
Benevolence Funds Rec'd. (Sept)		\$ 121.00
October 2024 (Final)	Required	Received
Tithes & Offerings	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,370.00
Building Usage	7,279.17	7,865.00
Other (B-Thrifty, Flwrs, Mem)	0.00	27.50
Monthly (new # w/o mtg)	\$ 12,279.17	\$ 12,262.50
Total YTD (Jan-Oct)	\$122,791.70	\$ 115,647.50
Above/(Below)		\$ (7,144.20)*
Benevolence Funds Rec'd. (Oct)		\$ 50.00

* 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. One \$50K transfer was made in September.

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.



Donate Poinsettias for Worship!

Please do your part to enhance our worship space for the holidays by using this form to honor and memorialize family and friends. These, as are all church gifts, deeply appreciated and are thus tax-deductible donations. After December 24th, you can take them home or share them with others. This year there was no increase, so the donation for each plant remains **\$14.00 each. The Ordering deadline will be Monday, December 16th.** You may turn in this form with your check or cash in the offering plate or mail your check to the office with this completed form. Please clearly mark your check memo line with "Poinsettias" to receive proper credit on your annual giving record. If you have cash, please use an envelope found near the offering plate. Thank you!

Name of Person Ordering: _____

Number Poinsettias x \$14.00 each = \$ _____

Total Enclosed = \$ _____

Given in Honor of: _____

Given in Memory of: _____

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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

- Flooding in Spain; for those lost & rebuilding
- Aftermath of Hurricanes Helene & Milton. Funds needed for Protection & Rebuilding
- Lebanon & North Israel residents in recent attacks
- Political Race for U.S. President/VPres-honesty, civility, safety of candidates
- Election Safety of all our region & nation; for leaders in Congress, Supreme Court, & White House
- For more people to know & rely upon Jesus
- For more visitors & growth of our churches here
- Police Officer involved shootings for officers, victims, families, & neighborhoods
- Peace in the Middle East: safety, recovery, & comfort for those killed, kidnapped, or injured in war. Prayers for those still in captivity & grief
- Peace & protection of the soldiers & citizens of Ukraine
- Our mental health systems, responders & social workers
- 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 & Partners
- New United Gospel Food Mission—for donations & for past & future recipients. Pray for the many (over 50) families nearby suffering from food insecurity, immigration legal expenses, finding a good attorney, school pressures, finding work, health, new babies, etc. Pray that our donations for the food giveaway continue to expand to serve the growing needs. Praying for more volunteers to give current ones a break. Gratitude for the conversations & example Jesus set for us, so we can give