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## ANNOUNCING! NEW FOOD MISSION!

We are excited about a new collaboration with New Beginning Missionary Baptist Church and the Vietnamese Gospel Baptist Church! Our 3 pastors independently prayed about different ways to serve the unhoused, those who are under- or unemployed, and some who must choose between food, shelter, or medicine. The new food mission, as described in Debbie Caffrey's Health article, will NOT conflict with ACCA's recipients or our contributions there. Thank you for your non-perishable food donations during *Souper Bowl* to ACCA, but there is greater need for some who do not or cannot qualify to receive ACCA food. [Please read page 2!](#)



**Happy Spring -- almost!**  
**Sunday, March 10th ~ 2:00 am ~ Set your Clocks ahead 1 hour** on Saturday night before bed to be on time for Sunday Church and Bible Study!  
Change batteries in your

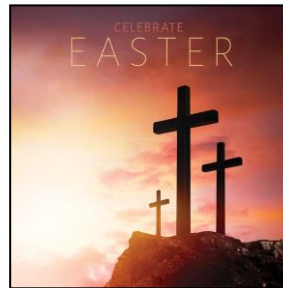
Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors too. The good news is that Spring begins officially on March 19<sup>th</sup>! Daffodils are already blooming and ready!

## BWIM ADVOCACY MONTH

Did you know that March is Women's History Month? The [Baptist Women In Ministry](#) organization will observe March (no longer February) as the BWIM Month of Advocacy to promote and support women in pastoral roles and leadership positions. *Midwives of a Movement* is a documentary film chronicling the stories of women who boldly birthed a movement to seek greater visibility and opportunities for women in the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC). Despite great opposition, their courage blazed pathways for advancing women in ministry and leadership among Baptists. Challenging religious patriarchy is not only a subject of the past but is relevant today. Your pastor will be attending a screening on [Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>](#), hosted by the **Mid-Atlantic Cooperative Baptist Fellowship @7 pm @ McLean Baptist Church**, 1367 Chain Bridge Rd, McLean, VA 22101. If you'd like to attend, please call UBC's office ASAP for a ride.

## PLEASE JOIN US FOR EASTER ON MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup>

How are you observing Lent this year? Are you reading a devotional booklet or Scripture, praying, or fasting? Perhaps you would like to purchase Lilies or Tulips to help decorate the Sanctuary. United Baptist's [Palm Sunday Worship is March 24<sup>th</sup> @11 am](#) in the Sanctuary; UBC's [Good Friday lunch with communion and service begins @12 noon on Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>](#) in the Fellowship Hall (RSVP needed); and our [Resurrection Sunday \(Easter\) service with special music begins @11 am on Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>](#) in the Sanctuary. We are also invited to a **Sunrise Worship Service** with New Beginning Missionary Baptist Church @6:45 am in the Chapel. Please make plans to bring your families to celebrate Holy Week with us.



## FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The **UBC Young at Heart Gadabouts Lunch** with Senior Adults is [Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> leaving the church @11:30 am](#) or [meeting @Milano's Family Restaurant, 6230-G Rolling Rd., Springfield, VA 22152 @12:00 noon](#). A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board or call the office to RSVP. We need numbers! Dutch treat.

The next **UBC Friends & Family Breakfast** will be on [Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> @9:30 am @Gainesville Diner, 14674 Lee Hwy, Gainesville, VA 20155](#), so join us for this 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

The next CLCEB Meeting is scheduled for [Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 12:15 pm](#) in the Sanctuary to conduct church business.



## *Kairos Moments* ♥ ♥ ♥

(03/05/24) Reflections of Reverend Pamela Moyer

**Happy Spring! Happy Easter!** I realize it's a little early, but the church's daffodils are blooming! THANK YOU to whoever planted the pansies in our front office entrance planter. They are lovely! Also want to say thank you to Thuy Phan, Pastor Francis' wife, from the Vietnamese Gospel Baptist Church, who in keeping with our theme "Finding Beauty", generously brought in silk flower arrangements for us to enjoy in the Sanctuary and around the building! She is talented.

Finding beauty in creation is easy: this month's sermons studied God's act of creating earth, sky, stars, the sun, moon, the oceans, seas, land and water creatures, and of course we humans. They all exude beauty in image, color, shape, texture, sound, in all the senses, but also in their very essence of existence. Beauty is subjective, perceived by the beholder or the maker of any creation. In later sermons, we'll discuss the joys and challenges that come with the act of making something or creating something of beauty, so you need to be with us on Sundays! *[I also post the sermons under "Services" on our website if you miss one.]*

Visual art, sculpture, poetry, prose, or music's beauty lies in its form, media, genre, style, meter, composition, harmony or dissonance. In "modern" art (1860's-1970's) and music, which I happen to love, I believe the beauty is found by deconstructing traditional elements into their most basic and simple components. Although modern art began with van Gogh, Cezanne, Gauguin, Seurat, and others, I am referring to Picasso's Cubist paintings; he thought that all nature could be reduced to cube, sphere and cone shapes. I do not agree with that concept, but I am intrigued by what it means for the church. This space will not permit a thorough discussion, but deconstructing one's faith and the church is popular right now.

During our pause without a weekly organist, our Worship Vision Team is deconstructing the bulletin (worship elements) to better evaluate and present options to introduce more people to the Jesus we know so well. Paul's farewell to the church at Philippi is guiding our discussions."

<sup>8</sup> Finally, brothers and sisters, fill your minds with beauty and truth. Meditate on whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is good, whatever is virtuous and praiseworthy (Philippians 4:8 *The Voice*)." If you have worship ideas or talents, please talk to me. And the Food Mission's plan *[see the article on page 2]* came about through the beauty and power of the Holy Spirit, guiding us to examine unmet community needs and how we might find justice in the beauty of being more generous. Another praiseworthy change came from the CDC this week regarding respiratory illnesses. New guidance instructions are posted on our website home page: [www.theunitedbaptchurch.org](http://www.theunitedbaptchurch.org). This means finding beauty in relationships, kindness, and concern for your fellow human beings. *(Masks are still optional.)* For Lent, be still to listen, touch, taste, and see the daily beauty of God. 📖 †

## Parish Nurse's Touch

Debbie Caffrey

### March Health Focus



As I am writing this article, I am pondering the editorial I just read in the February ACCA newsletter indicating that the ACCA Food Pantry Inventory has reached a "Critical Low". Demand for food remains very high in Fairfax County. Fairfax is one of the richest counties in the United States, yet its citizens still face poverty and hunger. In December and January, ACCA delivered food to more than 1,100 individuals.

How can you help overcome hunger in our community? As you may know, United Baptist Church (UBC) continues to be a longtime supporter of ACCA (Annandale Christian Community for Action), including the provision of food to their pantry. Please continue with your generous non-perishable food donations, as UBC continues to financially give to ACCA each month.

However, you now have a second option to help overcome hunger. The need for nutritious food continues for those in our area who cannot, or do not, qualify for ACCA's assistance. In response, UBC, New Beginning Missionary Baptist Church (NBMBC), and the Vietnamese Gospel Baptist Church (VGBC) in conjunction with participating commercial donors are establishing a new community food mission/ministry at 7100 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA., 22003, Room 121. The UBC congregation approved this new ministry at the February 17, 2024, Quarterly Membership Meeting. Each church will have one area of primary responsibility as agreed upon, and each church will elect a member to serve on an advisory Board.

This food mission/ministry is intended as a collaboration to serve others' needs as donations permit. This commitment honors God's word by caring for the least of those who live among us and in no way does this mission interfere with the ACCA Food Pantry or UBC's contributions to it. The intended start date is March 14, 2024, opening for three hours on the second and fourth Thursdays each month. Volunteers are needed from all three churches.

We will provide more details as needed. If you are interested in **volunteering** or have questions, please contact Rev. Pam Moyer. We also request that you **pray** for the success of this ministry to alleviate hunger and promote food security in our community. Did you know that this month is National Nutrition Month and National Social Work Month? What a perfect time to launch a new food mission for those in need and not yet being served!

~ *Be Well!* Debbie

**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**

**Wednesday, March 6, 20**

9:15 am – Sandwich Team, Fell. Hall

**Saturday, March 9**

7:00 am – ALPCA (License Plate Event), Fell. Hall

**Sunday, March 10**

06:00 pm – Sopranessence Rehearsal, Chr Ste

**Tuesday, March 12**

11:30 pm – YAH Gadabouts Lunch, See Page 1

**Thursday, March 14**

11:00 am - 2:00 pm – Food Pantry, Rm 121 & Courtyard

**Saturday, March 16 (Rev. Moyer Attending)**

8:30 am – MACBF Annual Meeting, Mclean

**Sunday, March 17**

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

**Saturday, March 23**

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

**Sunday, March 24 – Palm Sunday**, See front page

06:00 pm – Sopranessence Rehearsal, Chr Ste

**Thursday, March 28**

11:00 am - 2:00 pm – Food Pantry, Rm 121 & Courtyard

**Friday, March 29 – Good Friday**

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

01:00 pm – NBMBC Good Friday Svc & Fish Fry, Chapel

**Sunday, March 31 Easter Sunday** (See front page)

06:45 am – NBMBC Sunrise Worship Service, Chapel

06:00 pm – Sopranessence Rehearsal, Chr Ste

**Wednesday, April 3, 17**

9:15 am – Sandwich Team, Fell. Hall

**Thursday, April 4**

12:00 am – Goodwin House Hospice Service, Sanc/F. Hall



**Contributions**

January 2024 (Final)	Required	Received
Tithes & Offerings	\$5,000.00	\$ 2,850.00
Building Usage	7,279.17	7,887.50
Other (B-Thrifty, Flwrs, Mem)	0.00	49.90
Monthly (new # w/o mtg)	\$12,279.17	\$ 10,787.40
Total YTD (Jan part)	\$12,279.17	\$ 10,787.40
<b>Above/(Below)</b>		<b>\$ (1,491.77)*</b>
Benevolence Funds Rec'd. (Jan)		\$ 30.00
<b>February 2024 (Final)</b>		
Tithes & Offerings	\$5,000.00	\$ 3,639.00
Building Usage	7,279.17	9,237.50
Other (B-Thrifty, Flwrs, Mem)	0.00	108.30
Monthly (new # w/o mtg)	\$12,279.17	12,984.80
Total YTD (Feb)	\$24,558.34	\$ 23,772.20
<b>Above/(Below)</b>		<b>\$ ( 786.14)*</b>
Benevolence Funds Rec'd. (Jan)		\$ 40.00

\* 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 was 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 neighbors in need.

**[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, March 31<sup>st</sup>**

**Lilies \$14.00/Pot OR Tulips \$10.00/Pot**

Most nurseries and growers raised their prices again this year. Our reliable Meadows Farms provider passed this along to us, but we will absorb some cost and will have a volunteer pick them up. 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 \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_

**We Must Receive by March 11<sup>th</sup> for Ordering Deadline!**

**The United Baptist Church  
7100 Columbia Pike  
Annandale, VA 22003**

**Return Service Requested**

**INDIVIDUAL PRAYER REQUESTS  
HAVE BEEN REMOVED DUE TO  
PRIVACY CONSIDERATION.**

If you need updates, please call the office  
703.256.5900. Thank you.

**COMMUNITY & GLOBAL PRAYER**

- Texas wildfire rescue, recovery & resolution, losses
- California blizzards rescue, recovery, losses
- New United Gospel Food Mission—for donations & future recipients
- Propane Tank House explosion in Sterling, Firefighter Trevor Brown and his family, colleagues
- Comfort for victims' families of those killed & injured at Lakewood church, TX, Idaho school, Prague, Univ. of Las Vegas, Vermont and Maine shootings
- Peace & protection in all of Israel, Gaza, Lebanon, Syria, and the middle east; for peace, safety, recovery, & comfort for the families' grief—those killed, kidnapped, or injured in war. Praise for the release of more captives & prayers for those still in captivity
- Peace & protection of the soldiers & citizens of Ukraine
- The citizens of, first, second, & third responders for the island of Maui, Hawaii trying to recover from wildfire devastation
- New Hope Housing & local churches as they prepare for the hypothermia overflow shelter program for those experiencing homelessness; & pray for their new director
- Our mental health systems, responders & social workers; pray for those suffering to seek professional help before crisis
- All affected by extreme weather, violence, war, and natural disaster
- Safety for all firefighters, canine rescue, medical responders, police officers, and military personnel; keeping the peace during times of unrest nationally and globally
- Higher hospitalizations from respiratory illnesses. Please wash hands, keep distances, wear masks in crowds & get vaccines if you choose
- 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 House Hospice, Annandale Women's Club, and more