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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 on Tuesday, 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 **2025 Annandale CROP Hunger Walk** contributions so far are **\$1,895.00** (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.

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The monthly UBC Young at Heart Gadabouts Senior Adults outing is **Tuesday, November 11th at 12:00 pm** to **Cracker Barrel** at 10801 Battleview Pkwy, Manassas, VA 20109. Dutch treat. Meet at the church **at 11:30 am for a ride** or **at the restaurant at 12:00 noon**. See Pam Moyer for more info or a ride. Dutch treat. A sign-up sheet is on the Special Events Board or call the office to RSVP.



Our next **UBC Friends & Family Breakfast** is on **Saturday, November 22nd at 9:30 am** at **Anthony's** Restaurant, 3000 Annandale Rd, Falls Church, VA 22042. This is a Dutch treat meal, prayer time, with a short reading together. Call the office or sign up on the pink and black bulletin board form.



The next Shepherd's Center Lunch N Life is scheduled **Thursday, November 13th, 11:15 am**, with Award winning actress Mary Ann Jung, Portraying **Rosie the Riveter**. The lunch will be at First Presbyterian Church of Annandale, 7610 Newcastle Dr., Annandale, VA 22003. To Register: Call their office at 703-941-1419 by **Monday, November 10th** or send an email to shepherdscas@vacoxmail.com. Lunch is \$15.00 per person.

CHURCH LEADERSHIP

The next **CLCEB** Meeting is waiting on Calendar consensus, so the members will be notified by email. Thank you to those who attended our Annual Membership Meeting Sunday! Your opinion matters.



Holiday Music



Saturday, December 13th at 3:00 pm, **Sopranessence** is celebrating the 10th Season of their **Annual Holiday Concert** (Haul out the Holly)! Hope you can join us for a classic festive afternoon of familiar songs and some original Sopranessence arrangements. Discounted pre-sale tickets will be available now through Friday, December 12th. Pam will order for you Senior discounted tickets (\$20.00). Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board or call the office.



22nd Annual Meeting

The **Annual BGAV (Baptist General Association of Virginia)** meeting is in **Abingdon, VA** this year November 10-12. If you are interested in being a Messenger, please call the office to speak to the pastor for registration. We are entitled to 15 messengers, but Rev. Moyer cannot attend this year. (In-person only).

Please reserve **Saturday, November 29th from 10 am-1 pm** for **Deck the Halls** here at the church, to get us ready for Christmas. We need a lot of help; it's always fun and pretty quick with many hands. Dress comfortably.

Kairos Moments ♥ ♥ ♥

(11/04/25) Reflections of Reverend Pamela Moyer

I wish you an early Happy Thanksgiving! Of course, we should be grateful every month of the year, but I like being reminded occasionally. October, as usual, was a fully scheduled month with meetings (NorthStar Church Network, UBC's CLCEB, Personnel, Music, Staff, Nominating, & Budget), concerts (Kohaku Recital, Voce), my 50-year Warren County High School reunion in Front Royal (I know I don't look old enough-ha!), and finally, a short restful vacation in the Brandywine Valley of Pennsylvania (Fall leaves, Mums @Longwood Gardens, Mushrooms @Kennett Square, Wyeth family paintings @Brandywine Art Museum, & reading/writing/thinking @Bookhouse Hotel). While the weather is still mild, I encourage you to get outside to see the falling leaves! Snow will be here soon.

We have spent almost 7 years together transitioning, pruning, stewarding our resources, and re-evaluating programs, experimenting with new things, studying God's word, singing, worshipping, and praying together. Yes, we have grieved and rejoiced in community, going through personal and world losses, crises, and events that challenged us. These years have been both difficult yet fortifying, building up a resilience of spirit and deep community. Each year's theme brought a new perspective, building on our faith experience as a church, our community support efforts, our established and new ministries and missions commitments while strengthening discipleship and engagement. Some years we learned new concepts, and others new tools and practices of faith expression.

As we close out 2025 next month with a broader definition of *Vital Hospitality*, we will continue our spiritual growth with a **serious prayer effort** for numerical growth of visitors, local guests, invitations, transformations, recommitments, and hopefully as God wills it, baptisms and conversions. I say this in hope and expectation of divine intervention that God's vision of growth and flourishing for us as a church keeps revealing. I too am recommitting myself to fervent prayer and hope you'll join me every day at noon to pray for our church here physically if you happen to be in the neighborhood, by phone with another member if you'd like, on Zoom occasionally, or simply wherever you are at noon. I am seeking fearless and called prayer warriors to surface again as we call upon Jesus to lengthen our cords and extend our tent, as Isaiah 54:2 says. You may decide to pray the Psalms or sit in silence if you have no words. Call the church for your prayer booklet; recording them will help us see God's power to heal and help others.

This is Biblical to come together in prayer at a specific time seeking divine intervention for a specific purpose. We will be praying with both inward and outward focus: for our church revitalization, new believers, new and existing congregants, for safety and stewardship, for children and teens, new and existing relationships, Annandale residents, homes and businesses, for executing well a few large facility projects (roof & fence), for the health and belief of church members, former members, extended families, Mission Center partners, for new Mission Center partners, discipleship growth, and more. Prayer is a prerequisite for revitalization; God often uses only a few to be his instruments for growth. Amen?

Parish Nurse's Touch

by Debbie Caffrey

November Health Focus



Thanksgiving and Christmas-a time of rejoicing and reflecting!! The celebration of thanksgiving and the birth of Jesus!! Tis 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 or all the gifts given and received. 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

Temporary New Sunday Schedule

For November, we are continuing a new Sunday schedule as we welcome an Interim Pianist & give our Bible Study substitute teacher a rest:

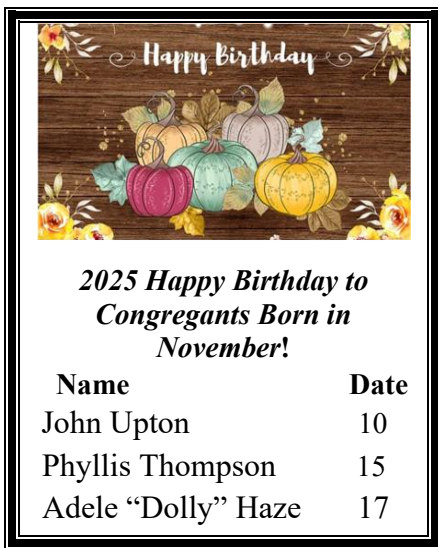
10:00 - 10:30 am: "Assembly" in the Fellowship Hall to sing Favorite Hymns, read and discuss associated Scriptures, and pray. Staff may also teach about Worship or Hymn history, Christian, or Baptist practices.

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

ORGANIST/PIANIST POSITION

Staff and Personnel Committee have completed a new Job Description to post with several strategic organizations for hiring an Organist/Pianist combination to fill our vacancy. 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. Spread the word!



November

No Thursday night Choir Rehearsals for November as of this printing (TBD)



Wednesday, November 5, 19

09:15 am – Sandwich Team, Fell. Hall

Saturday, November 8, 22

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

Sunday, November 9, 16, 23, 30 (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

Sunday, November 9, 16, 23, 30

06:00 pm – Sopranessence Rehearsal, Chr. Ste

Monday Nov 10-12 BGAV Annual Meeting. Abingdon, VA

Tuesday, November 11

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

Monday, November 11 – Office Closed for Veterans Day

Tuesday, November 4, 11, 18, 25

12:30 pm – Food Mission Inventory, Rm 121

Saturday, November 15

01:00 pm – Kohaku Rehearsal, Fell. Hall

Tuesday, November 18

01:00 pm – Kohaku Section Rehearsal, Fell. Hall

04:00 pm – MACBF Zoom Call (Rev. Moyer)

Saturday, November 22

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

Thursday & Friday, November 27 & 28 - Offices Closed for Thanksgiving

Saturday, November 29

10:00-1:00 pm – UBC Deck the Halls, Sanc

01:00 pm – Kohaku Ensemble, Fell. Hall

Sunday, November (TBD)

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

Contributions

October 2025 (Partial thru 10/5)	Required	Received
Tithes & Offerings	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,835.00
Building Usage	6,333.34	7,200.00
Other (B-Thrifty, Flwrs, Mem)	<u>0.00</u>	<u>30.60</u>
Monthly	\$ 11,333.34	\$ 9,065.60
Total YTD (Jan-Oct)	\$113,333.40	\$ 118,172.10
Above/(Below)		\$ 4,838.70*
Benevolence Funds Rec'd. (Oct)		\$ 15.00

* 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.

If you cannot attend church, regular check 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 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 help 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 a small increase that we will absorb, so the donation for each plant remains **\$14.00 each**. **Ordering deadline will be Monday, December 15th.** Please turn in this form with your check or cash in the offering plate or mail your check to the office with this completed form. Also, 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

- Government Shutdown, SNAP benefits, paychecks: to relieve job insecurity for all Federal workers; reimbursement for furloughed workers or those required to work without pay
- Global news headlines: hurricanes, earthquake, flooding (AK, CA), violence, economy, leadership
- Jamaica devastation from hurricane Melissa: restoration, power, water, shelter, food, resources, health
- Congregants traveling this month
- Various locations: shooting & stabbing victims, friends, families & perpetrators
- Peace agreement for the entire Middle East: safety, recovery, supplies & comfort
- Airline Safety
- Areas of World Conflict & travel risks; for Peace to reign
- Lebanon, Israel, Gaza, Syria residents – rebuilding & survival
- Leadership in Congress, Supreme Court, & White House
- For more people to know & rely upon Jesus
- For more visitors & growth of our churches here
- Peace talks & protection of the soldiers & citizens of Ukraine
- Annandale CROP Hunger Walk; poverty & hunger in several locations around the world
- 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
- 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
- Several Pastor friends with health issues personally or in their families

CONDOLENCES

We extend our sincere sympathies to the family of long-time member, **Vera “Sally” Whitcraft**, who died November 1, 2025, peacefully at home. No further details are available at printing, but we will inform you as they become available.