

UBC NEWS

University Baptist Church

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December 2022

From the Pastor

Radical Welcome

As we get ready for Christmas, we decorate our homes. We pull out items that we have kept from years past. And with every decoration we pull out, we are flooded with memories: some tender, some troubling. Such is the paradox of the Christmas season.



The idea of welcome is central to the Christmas story. We tend to welcome primarily those who have been vetted, whom we can trust, who look like us, worship like us, vote like us. But is this what the Gospel is about? I seem to remember the Jesus who grew up would be a welcoming one. He even said we should love our enemies. Radical stuff that we tend to forget, or at least diminish under the banner of

Christianity.

The story of Jesus begins with conflict. Mary and Joseph, we know, were from a backwoods town that the elite distrusted. The pregnancy was unplanned, at least by the Holy Couple. They were shunned by their family and were welcomed by strangers and even animals. That this is how the Bible says God was smuggled into this world is a hopeful, if not revolutionary notion.

How about, this Christmas, giving the gift of radical welcome, extravagant acceptance? Who knows, God might just get smuggled in again.

Blessings and Peace,

Doug Donley



DECEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

*Beyond Atonement:
Reclaiming Paradise and Liberation*



Dec. 4

Preaching: Doug Donley

Sermon: "Announce"

Scripture: Luke 1:26-38

Worship Leader: Gayla Marty

Dec. 11

Preaching: Doug Donley

Sermon: "Magnify"

Scripture: Luke 1:46-55

Worship Leader: Megan Gunnar

Dec. 18

Preaching: Doug Donley

Sermon: "Watch"

Scripture: Psalm 23

Luke 2:8-15

Worship Leader: Paula Moyer

Dec. 24

Sermon: "Awe"

Lessons and Carols

Worship Leader: Deidre Druk

Dec. 25

Preaching: Doug Donley

Advent symbols

During much of the church year the cross is a central piece of Christianity's hymnody, art and devotion. But in Advent, we get to try on some different symbols. Imagine if something other than the cross would be a part of our devotional lives?

During Advent, we're inviting you to look at five symbols for Christianity. We'll spend a Sunday looking at each. (On Nov. 27, we looked at Water.)

Advent I: Water

Advent II: Angels Wings

Advent III: Scales of Justice

Advent IV: Shepherd's Crook

Christmas Eve: Manger



The service on **Dec. 4** will include elements designed especially for those who find the holiday season difficult. Those who have recently lost a loved one or have family trauma often have trouble with the pressure to perform or to act happy during a season that is difficult. Please join us.

Calendar for December

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
				11 a.m. Worship Team 4:30 p.m. Adv. Spanish Conversation 6:30 p.m. Caregiver Support Group		9 a.m. Bible Study 7 p.m. Roots Cellar Concert
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
10 a.m. Worship Joys & Concerns 11 a.m. Coffee time 11:30 a.m. Forum 5 p.m. Council	11:15 a.m. Meals on Wheels	11:15 a.m. Meals on Wheels 6 p.m. Anti-Racism Group	11:15 a.m. Meals on Wheels 6 p.m. Choir 7:30 p.m. Bells	11:15 a.m. Meals on Wheels 4:30 p.m. Adv. Spanish Conversation		1 p.m. Book Group
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
10 a.m. Worship Joys & Concerns 11 a.m. Coffee time 11:30 a.m. Forum		7 p.m. Memoir Group	10 a.m.-4 p.m. Blood Drive 6 p.m. Choir 7:30 p.m. Bells	4:30 p.m. Adv. Spanish Conversation		9 a.m. Bible Study
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
10 a.m. Worship Joys & Concerns 11 a.m. Sanctuary Decorating & Potluck	7 p.m. Knitting Group	7 p.m. Anti-Racism Group	6 p.m. Choir 7:30 p.m. Bells	4:30 p.m. Adv. Spanish Conversation		4:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Serv Bells Play
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
10 a.m. Worship Joys & Concerns 11 a.m. Coffee time Newsletter deadline		7 p.m. Memoir Group				

Since the Jan. newsletter deadline is on Christmas day, feel free to send contributions early to Chris at chrisf2828@yahoo.com

What's Going On



Sunday Morning Worship

10 a.m. – Worship in the UBC sanctuary

10 a.m. – Or join via livestream on the [UBC YouTube](#) page (search University Baptist Church Minneapolis MN).

When the livestream has ended – Joys & Concerns in the sanctuary and on Zoom.

Following Joys & Concerns – Coffee time in the lounge

11:30 a.m. – Forum in the lounge

ZOOM INFO: Meeting ID 839 4725 7444 passcode 257750

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83947257444?pwd=cFZCWEdqUkR0RDgwT0JwT3hrQ3FpUT09>

Advanced Conversation Spanish Class – Thursdays, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

There will be no Monday Spanish classes in Dec. If you have any questions, please contact Anielka Montiel at anymontiel33@gmail.com (NOTE NEW EMAIL) or 651-295-4590.

ESPAÑOL

ZOOM INFO: Meeting ID: 870 8785 1406 Passcode: 634591

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87087851406?pwd=K2VPL1NrNWJMSDN3Wm5CeXRZYUNwUT09>



Caregivers Support Group – Dec. 1 (1st Thurs.) at 6:30 p.m. UBCers who have an elderly parent meet for support. If you have any questions, please contact Jean Lubke at lubk0001@umn.edu.

ZOOM INFO: Meeting ID 810 4075 0220 Passcode 251436 (NOTE NEW LINK)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81040750220?pwd=bm82eExWUC9EMy9Tb2tHYk0yb1d3UT09>

Bible Study – Dec. 3 & 17 (1st & 3rd Saturdays) at 9 a.m. On the 3rd we'll focus on II Cor. 8:16- chapter 9; on the 17th, II Cor. 10 & 11. New and occasional members are always welcome. If you have any questions, please contact Diane Ehr at DianeEhr@q.com.



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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88669920103?pwd=dnozWEYzQUh1RU5HUTFWcVd3ZFY1Zz09>



ROOTS CELLAR CONCERT – The Eclectics – Sat., Dec. 3 at 7 p.m.

at UBC. Eclectic is a good name for a group that relishes traditional fiddle music, good old bluegrass, as well as pop and the envelope-pushing instrumentals Phil writes. The group not only entertains by playing a variety of songs and tunes, but has been successful presenting Inside Bluegrass, during which the Eclectics tell audiences how a bluegrass group is organized, and play plenty of examples demonstrating the points made. Tickets are \$20, available at the door or at brownpapertickets.com.

More of What's Going On



Meals on Wheels – Dec. 5-8 (first full week of the month). Meals are picked up around 11:15 a.m. and the route in SE Minneapolis usually takes less than two hours. We're always looking for substitute drivers. If you have any questions, please contact Marie LaFrance at marielafrance46@gmail.com.

Anti-Racism Group – Dec. 6 at 6 p.m. the group will be joining the Alliance of Baptists Zoom gathering for a discussion about "Knowing Your Church's Past—Bringing Justice: What are the Next Steps for Your Church?"

For more information and to register, please go to:

<https://allianceofbaptists.org/events/prophetic-imagination/>



Dec. 20 at 7 p.m. the group will meet via this link:

ZOOM INFO: Meeting ID: 831 4584 1908 Passcode: 313775

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83145841908?pwd=djhuSmMwZ1NESXZ5SExNOURXa2FNQT09>

Bells and Choir Rehearsal – Wednesday evenings in the church sanctuary. Please see the calendar for specific times.



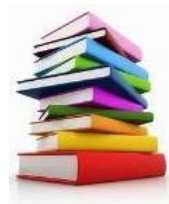
Make Tamales – Dec. 10, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. at University Lutheran Church of Hope (601 13th Ave SE, Mpls). Join our friends from the University Area Sanctuary Coalition in making tamales and take some home. They freeze well. Yum! RSVP indicating time of day to elizabeth.brondos@gmail.com or text 847-636-0561.

UBC Grace in Contemporary Literature by Women Book Group – Dec. 10 (2nd Sat.)

at 1 p.m. The book this month is *The Night Watchman* by Louise Erdrich. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Follett at chrisf2828@yahoo.com.

ZOOM INFO: meeting ID 815 2376 4072 passcode 525996

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81523764072?pwd=Q1hlc2VFdnlOMEI1VWhXNzdKRDdjQT09>



Memoir Writing Group – Dec. 13 & 27 (every other Tues.) at 7 p.m.

Prompts include *Holiday Traditions* and *Achieving a Dream* or anything else you feel called to write about. If you have any questions, please contact Trish Donley at patricia.donley63@gmail.com.

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Red Cross Blood Drive – Dec. 14, 10 a.m.– 4 p.m. in the UBC sanctuary. If you would like to donate, use this [direct link](#) to make an appointment. Or call the Red Cross at 1-800-733-2767 or go to their website, www.redcrossblood.org to schedule an appointment. And please let others know about this opportunity to donate!



More of What's Going On



The Annual Lubke Christmas Caroling – Fri., Dec. 16 at 7 p.m. at Jean Lubke's home, 1860 Butler Ave, South St. Paul. *Ready for Old-Fashioned Caroling?* This year instead of starting our evening at a senior center, we will (weather permitting) carol to seniors and others in our neighborhood - so bring warm clothes and boots! And then bring your favorite Christmas treats to share back at the house for wassail, goodies, and more carols - maybe even some Messiah choruses! Please let Jean Lubke know if you are planning to come (lubk0001@umn.edu, 651-295-7525).

Tree and Sanctuary Decorating Party – Dec. 18 at 11 am. Please join us after the morning service to decorate the Christmas tree and sanctuary. Many hands make quick work! Bring a dish and a treat to share.



UBC- FCC Knitting Group – Dec. 19 (3rd Mon.) at 7 p.m. at Jean Lubke's. The group is made up of stitchers from UBC and First Congregational Church. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Follett at chrisf2828@yahoo.com.

Christmas Eve Service – Dec. 24 at 4:30 p.m. Invite your friends and family to the annual Christmas eve tradition at UBC. The service begins with a music prelude at 4:30 p.m., followed by the Christmas story told by various speakers, interspersed with carols, and concluding with a candlelight singing of Silent Night. The service should be finished around 6:15 p.m. The service will be livestreamed and available on UBC's YouTube channel.



Loaves & Fishes – Fri., Dec. 30 at 1816 Portland Ave. S., Mpls 55404. Parking is available on Portland Ave. or in the small lot on the alley west of the building. We'll need about four people for preparation between 2-5 p.m. and about six people for preparing to-go containers from 4:45-6:15 p.m. And we'll need a couple people to help with clean-up until about 7 p.m. Let Steve Lee know if you would like to help at steven.lee@thrivent.com or 612-844-8194 or 763-645-9499. *Next date: Mar. 31.*

Mark Your Calendar

Jan. 8 – Undecorate the sanctuary
Jan. 12, 6 -8 p.m. and Jan. 20, 1-3 p.m.
– Pack meals at *Every Meal* with other SE churches (details to follow in Jan. newsletter.)

Concert Fundraiser

On **Sunday, Dec. 4 at 2 p.m.** Kim and Doug Donley will be singing in a community choir performance at St. Michael's Lutheran Church (1660 Cty Rd B W, Roseville.) The choir is called the *Sound Mind Project* and a free will offering will go to help young people struggling with mental health issues.



Dec. 10, 5:30 p.m. on Zoom

All of us at the Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America~Bautistas por la Paz love the Open Mic. We want to gather as a family of peacemakers and enjoy a space to freely share our gifts and talents. You can share whatever you'd like: a song, poem, reading, visual arts, dance, anything! Or you can just enjoy fellowship with others.

[Click here to register for Open Mic](#)

Poinsettia Time!

If you would like to order a poinsettia to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas eve, please complete one of the envelopes in the pews, enclose your payment (\$15) and put it in the offering box. **Orders are due by Dec. 18.**

You can also mail your check with the information requested (see envelope below) or order online at www.ubcmn.org and click on "Giving" at the top and select "Christmas Poinsettias." Use the Note area to specify purchases in honor or memory of someone.

POINSETTIAS

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In honor of _____
In memory of _____
Your name _____



December Birthdays

- 2 Kim Donley, Greta Garmers
- 5 Betty Shaw
- 6 Andrew Justin, Edmund
Meinerts, Colleen Moravek
- 8 Lisa Roy
- 9 Peter Justin
- 15 Rachel Acevedo Hoffman
- 16 Jan Vaughan
- 27 Bob Carman, Jonathan Smith

December Anniversary

- 31 Randy DeMent & Mike Lambert



DECEMBER FORUMS

Forums meet from 11:30-12:30 p.m. after coffee time. Please join us in person in the lounge or on Zoom, same link as Joys and Concerns.

December 4—Strokeland

Lynette Lamb will be our guest, speaking about *Strokeland*, her self-published memoir recounting her husband's devastating stroke at the age of 45 when their children were still in grade school. The book describes the transition to life with a severe disability in the family.

Lynette attends University Lutheran Church of Hope and is active in the Southeast Sanctuary Coalition, so she has volunteered at drop-in day at UBC. Read about the book at <https://lynettelamb.com> (order online).

December 11—Holiday traditions

This forum will provide an opportunity to share holiday traditions. What were your traditions growing up? Have they continued into adulthood, or have you created different traditions as you've welcomed new people into your family gatherings? Join us as we share our memories and our hopes for this year's holiday season. Kim Donley will lead us.

December 18—Sanctuary decorating party

Potluck in the sanctuary (see pg. 6 for more info)

Dec. 25— Extended Coffee Time

Jan. 1— Extended Coffee Time

Staff Appreciation Opportunity



Annually we show our appreciation for our half-time and full-time staff members with a monetary gift presented at Christmas. This year our staff has continued to go above and beyond as we all continue to adjust to life in the time of COVID. They have responded to our need to be back together, while working to keep us safe and healthy. They have all tackled these challenges with willingness, flexibility, and grace.

Contribute to the **Staff Appreciation Gift** by Dec. 24. using one of the following methods:

- **Put your contribution in the offering box in-person.**
- **Send your check or make a payment through your bank** (payable to UBC, 1219 University Ave. SE, Mpls. MN 55414.)
- **Donate online at www.ubcmn.org.** Click on the "Giving" button at the top of the page and then select "Staff Appreciation".

If you pay by check, please note "Staff Appreciation" on the memo line. Please do NOT specify any particular staff member; it will negate your tax-deductible benefit and complicate the distribution process. The Personnel Committee will determine the final distribution.

Personnel Committee: *Megan Gunnar Dahlberg, Jean Lubke and Gene Velasco*

Thank you notes from our charitable giving

From Alight:

Dear Friends, we appreciate your generosity. Your support allows Alight to respond to crises across the globe with solutions tailored to meet the needs of the people we are serving.....



From Avenues for Youth:

Dear Pastor Douglas, thank you for your generous gift of \$250 made on May 21, 2022! With the spring match, your contribution was doubled and had twice the impact at Avenues for Youth. Thank you [for helping to provide] an affirming space for all youth who walk through Avenues' doors....

From Southeast Seniors:

Dear University Baptist Church, your financial support of \$100 is gratefully acknowledged by our staff, board, volunteers, and of course, the older adults who receive services.... Thank you for your continued support. We really appreciate it.

From American Baptist Home Mission Societies:

Dear Friends: Thank you for your generous donation. [\$375] In cooperation with One Great Hour of Sharing, the American Baptist Home Mission Societies will use 100% of your donation to provide immediate emergency response to areas affected by disaster.....

From Every Meal:

Dear Friends, Thank you for your financial contribution of \$259 on May 21, 2022 to Every Meal. Your partnership will enable Every Meal to change the story of child hunger in Minnesota..... Your financial partnership plays an integral role in closing the gaps in food access that children face during weekends, summers, and extended breaks, and ensures that every child gets every meal. Thank you!

Special Offering for November/December Ministries of the American Baptist Churches, USA

Our November/December mission giving focus is for ministries of American Baptist Churches, USA. Some of the programs we have supported in the past include: America for Christ, Retired Ministers and Missionaries Fund, One Great Hour of Sharing (emergency support during natural disasters) and the World Mission Offering. Your mission dollars will help support these important programs.

As usual, you can drop it in the offering with a note on the check or envelope, send a check to the church, designate a gift directly from your bank, or use our on-line portal for giving on the UBC website, www.UBCmn.org.

Thank you for your ongoing Outreach support!!

- Kim Donley and Deidre Druk, Outreach Co-Chairs

Getting to Know – Mark Henning

Mark is our Bass soloist.

This feature highlights a member of our UBC family, answering select questions from a list provided.



+ How did you find UBC?

I found UBC through the prior Bass Soloist, Brian Haas, who was leaving the position due to a change in his work schedule. He recommended me to Laura Potratz (previous UBC music director) who hired me.

+ What do you like best about UBC?

My favorite thing about UBC is its focus on social justice. Loving one's neighbor or feeding Christ's lambs; it all boils down to social justice.

+ Tell us about your pets!

I have three cats: Pugsley (*photo above*) is a roly-poly black cat, though he is really about a 92% cocoa bar brown when he is in solar collector mode. He came to me when my hubby Christopher (*photo below*)



moved in, along with an elderly Gomez, who has since passed. I already had three cats: Jake, a big harlequin brown tabby, who has been rehomed since he terrorized the other cats. He now lives at a friend's house with two young boys that love him and he rules the roost.

Second is my grey tabby Newt named after a little girl from a movie who survives by hiding in the infrastructure. When I picked Newt up off the street,

she was just a kitten, soaking wet in a rain shower. I got her into my car and she promptly climbed up behind the dashboard and hid for a day until I found her in the glove box.

Finally, we have a lovely orange tabby named Ginger (*photo, right*) who I inherited from a housemate. She is a sweet old lady who loves long brushing sessions. Newt and Pugsley became the best of friends and now play silent games of wrestling and chase. I also have a 120-gallon saltwater aquarium.



+ What hobbies do you have?

I am an avid gardener growing both flowers and vegetables. I am a master rosarian with the American Rose Society. I have been waging a war against the deer that live in my neighborhood. They love to browse my roses and pepper plants (and anything else they think might be tasty). High fencing seems to be the only remedy.

+ Where do you like to travel?

I love to travel. I particularly love the UK and Ireland. There is so much history. Chester is my favorite destination. It is a city started by the Romans around 500. It was the western-most point of the Roman Empire. It still has massive walls, and preserved ruins from the time, alongside a modern city with a Victorian era main street. Kew Gardens is another favorite destination. If I could choose a city to live in, it would be London. Their public transportation is amazing; it is cosmopolitan, and the food is wonderful. **Photos submitted by Mark.**

Volunteer Opportunities

Meals on Wheels

UBC has an opportunity to participate in Meals on Wheels on the first full week of the month (**Dec. 5-8**). We have four drivers currently and would love to add one or more to rotate in. Meals are picked up around 11:15 a.m. and the route usually takes 1-2 hours. If you have any questions, please contact Marie LaFrance at marielafrance46@gmail.com.

Refugee Resettlement

Alight continues to assist newly-arrived Afghan families. Home set-ups are complete. Current volunteer opportunities include assisting with computer set-up, assisting with sorting donations in the warehouse, and assisting new families to "shop" at the warehouse. If you are interested in any of these opportunities, contact Volunteer@wearealight.org. If you have any questions, contact Trish Donley (patricia.donley63@gmail.com/612-386-2856)

Loaves and Fishes

UBC will host Loaves and Fishes next on **Friday, Dec 30**. If you would like to participate, please contact Steve Lee at steven.lee@thrivent.com.

ATTENTION

Volunteer urgently needed to serve as President (or Co-President with Denise Roy).

Volunteer will receive ample training, support, and encouragement, as well as endless appreciation.

Volunteers Needed

Communion prep – Contact Terri Wottrich
Sunday School Coordinator – Contact Gayla Marty
Ushers – Contact Chris Follett
Worship Leaders – Contact Jean Lubke
Worship Technology Support - Contact Personnel Committee (Megan Gunnar, Jean Lubke, Gene Velasco)

Little Free Pantry

We are looking for individuals who might be willing to stop by the church at least once a week to stock the pantry, as well as your donations of money and/or items such as:

- Toiletries (toothbrushes, deodorant, sample sized shampoo/body wash/hand sanitizer, razors, feminine hygiene products)
- Boxed mixes that only require water to prepare
- Bars/cracker packs
- Ramen/instant soup in a cup, mac & cheese
- Rice/pasta/quinoa/
- Tuna packets

If you would like to help, please contact Kim Donley or Deidre Druk, Outreach co-chairs.

Donate Warm Clothing and Other Items to YouthLink

As the weather gets colder, we can help by collecting warm clothing for our homeless youth. YouthLink (<https://www.youthlinkmn.org>) is an organization which helps out young people ages 16-24 who are homeless in the Twin Cities. The organization offers basic needs like a hot meal, shower and clothing and provides support in finding stable housing and employment opportunities.

They have an annual holiday party and 'Santa Shop' where families can come pick out gifts for themselves, children or family members. They are looking for items to offer these folks including:

- Winter clothing (coats, hats, gloves, scarves)
- Full-size hygiene products, self-care and beauty products (lotion, nail kits, body wash)
- \$10-25 gift card (Visa, Amazon, Target)
- Throw blankets, nice towel sets,
- Shoes, socks
- Small toys, family games, phone chargers

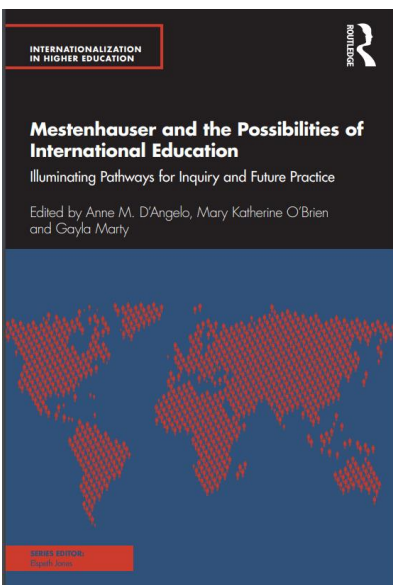
If you are able to donate, **please bring your items to church by Sunday, Dec. 4**. Thank you for your help!

Bringing a book to publication—and discovering Mary Shepherdson's tracks along the way

By Gayla Marty

I am happy to report that a book I co-edited launched successfully in Minnesota in November. UBC friends have been hearing for a good while about the project that consumed a lot of my time right through the pandemic. Here is the story behind the book.

The title is *Mestenhauser and the Possibilities of International Education*, published by Routledge of



London and New York (2023). It is built around the last writings of U of M Professor Josef Mestenhauser (1915-2015), a pioneer in developing the theoretical foundations of international education.

Joe had a powerful personal story of escaping from his homeland of Czechoslovakia in 1948, staying in refugee camps, and arriving in the United States as an international student in 1949. He came to Minnesota as a grad student in 1950 and worked his way up in academia, eventually helping to found the Comparative and International Development Education program in the College of Education and Human Development.

He was a huge champion of international students and scholars in Minnesota, and a huge champion of Minnesota in the world. He truly put Minnesota on the global map in higher education. For many years, he directed the International Student Adviser's Office at 717 East River Road, and he helped to found the Minnesota International Center at 711 East River

Road—which (not incidentally) was located in the house formerly occupied by Mary Shepherdson, a lifelong member and donor to UBC, as well.

Joe was unable to return home to Czechoslovakia because he'd been tried and sentenced in absentia as an "enemy of the people." When the Soviet Union collapsed in 1989, he was finally called back to receive the law degree he earned but never received. He and many others in his generation were awarded their degrees by President Vaclav Havel. By then Joe had received several Fulbright awards, too, and in 1991 received another to teach in the Czech Republic for a year.

After retiring from the U he served as the Honorary Consul for the Czech Republic in the Midwest, and he never stopped thinking, teaching, and writing.



Co-editors, from left: Anne D'Angelo, Mary Katherine O'Brien and Gayla Marty.

Two former PhD advisees were helping Joe write his "last book" when he died in 2015. Anne D'Angelo, originally from New Jersey by way of the foreign service, and Mary Katherine O'Brien, originally from Maine by way of intercultural teaching positions, were by then international leaders in the Carlson School of Management and the College of Veterinary Medicine, respectively.

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Book – continued

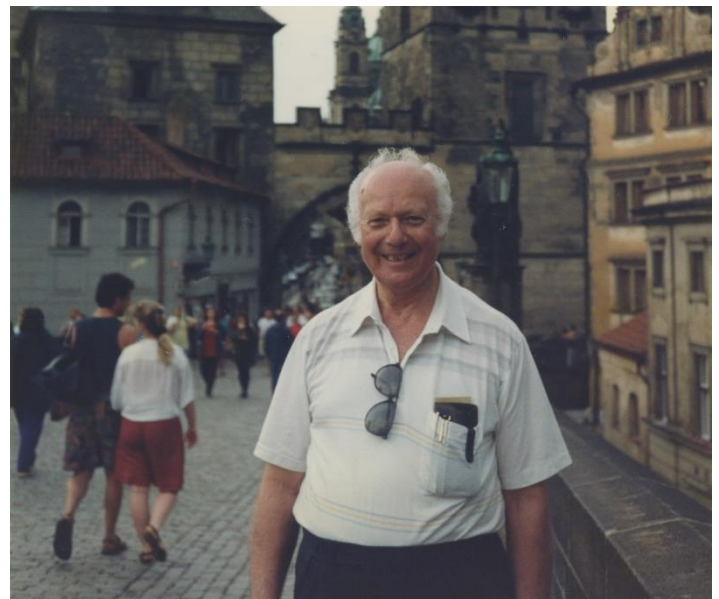
In 2018 I was recruited by another colleague to work with them on bringing Joe's book to publication. I worked in the field of international education for 20 years and for Joe during the first half of that, from 1981 to 1991. In fact, Joe brought me back to work after Claire was born by driving to my house to drop off an IBM Selectric typewriter from the U and box of files so I could edit a journal for a professional organization he was leading in 1983.

Anne, MK, and I recruited an additional 20 contributing authors from 10 countries to write chapters about Joe's impact on their scholarly work and careers. In the end, not only Minnesota and several other states are represented in the book but also the Czech Republic, the Netherlands, Germany, Ukraine, Australia, Singapore, Japan, South Africa, and Zimbabwe. Their chapters wrap around Joe's last manuscript at the heart of the book. Together they make the case for rethinking and recommitting to international education through interdisciplinary collaboration. The book is not only about the past and present but also the future in chapters that explore the neuroscience of "cognitive shifts" and the challenges of digital classrooms and campuses. My own contribution was a brief recap of Joe's life with a focus on his career.

On Nov. 18, a launch for the book was held at Coffman Union in a room where Joe used to host international visitors for breakfast or lunch. (I was a scheduler of those lunches for quite a few years.) The launch was a breakfast and program, and we had a hard time making everyone leave at 11:30! Former Minnesota Secretary of State Mark Ritchie, former U president Bob Bruininks, and the current Honorary Consul for the Czech Republic were among those attending. Two nights earlier, the Czech community held a gathering to honor Czech contributor Eva Janebova and the book's publication at Sokol Hall in St. Paul. Joe's daughters also hosted a dinner for contributors at their home. It was a joyful and exhausting week!

Not long before Joe died, I learned that he had been not only my amazing director but the architect of the reciprocal exchange program that brought me into the field of international education. Berlin was the first exchange in the group of exchanges, founded in 1952 (still operating today!), and Tunisia was another (I was the third Minnesota student to participate during its span from 1977 to 1998).

And I had no idea when I worked for Joe in the 1980s in an office on the third floor of the beautiful old Shepherdson house on 711 East River Road that it had once been the home of the chief benefactor of UBC, the church I attended, too! That house later served as the first Center for Victims of Torture in the United States. The Minnesota International Center was



Josef Mestenhauser

renamed Global Minnesota, headquartered just seven blocks from UBC at 1901 University Avenue S.E.

I am proud to have played a part in bringing Joe's book to publication—writing the book proposal and getting a publisher, then supporting (pushing!) my busy co-editors and copyediting through the production phase. It is a scholarly book, not exactly light reading, but anyone interested can find it online through the Routledge website or Amazon. The U of M Bookstore in Coffman Union is also restocking it since it sold out.

Now I am back to working on my Tunisia book.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

UBC's budgeted operating income for 2022-23 is \$365,885. This includes the final adjusted amount of \$22,875 carry-forward from 2021-22 fiscal year and the Foundation distribution of \$64,720.



Most of our income (52%) comes from the pledges made by members. Pledges received to date are running a bit behind expected.

Expected annual rental income for 2022-23 of \$74,000 is 20% of our budget. This is a large increase over last year's \$60,000. This item has a surplus as our largest renter received a grant and has pre-paid some rent.

Other gifts and miscellaneous income provide 4% of our budget. These are mostly gifts made by pledgers beyond their pledge or from people who did not pledge.

The Foundation distribution is 18%, which includes 9% (\$32,053) for the property manager position. The Foundation funds are transferred to the UBC checking account as needed by the treasurer.

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Operating Income 2022-23	%	Budget	Expected	Received	Over (short)
Pledge Income	52	\$189,290	\$78,871	72,993	-5,878
Rental Income	20	\$74,000	\$30,833	38,683	7,850
Misc income*	4	<u>\$15,000</u>	\$6,250	7,228	<u>978</u>
Subtotal		\$278,290	\$115,954	\$118,904	2,949
Carry-forward from 2021-22	6	\$22,875			
Foundation	18	<u>\$64,720</u>			
Total Operating Income	100	\$365,885			
Justice & Outreach		<u>\$15,000</u>		4,291	
Total Budget		\$380,885			

*individual gifts, loose offering & miscellaneous income

The dedicated offering for Nov./Dec. is for ABC Ministries and we have received \$2,010 to date.

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