



# UBC NEWS

**University Baptist Church**  
**1219 University Ave SE**  
**Minneapolis MN 55414**

*Established 1850 at St. Anthony Falls, MN*

**September 2022**

## From the Interim Pastor

**D**ear Friends: Well, to bring the pattern to its conclusion, I can't believe this is my last newsletter letter as interim Pastor. The summer has flown by. The streets of Dinkytown are alive with students and their loved ones transitioning to new ways of life.



Doug's sabbatical has been an opportunity to experience a different pastoral presence, but I hope it can still also be an opportunity to reflect on what UBC is, or what we want it to be beyond me, beyond Doug, and beyond any single one of us. What of the faith, hope, and love that we have cultivated can we expect to abide given our

This month will be a time of transition for us as well. We will adjust to new (or at least unseen since Spring) faces in the pews and come to grips with not seeing others. New beginnings are sweet, and also tinged with grief.

As I consider these last months serving as the interim pastor here at UBC, I am so moved by all the ways that you all have shown me grace. I know that this congregation's heart beats with the pulse of the Gospel. I hope that you all show yourselves the same grace and self-compassion.

I am also forced to ask some hard questions about our future. We continue to be faced with a lack of members who feel called to leadership positions on the church council. Given that reality, we are faced with the question of how church happens, particularly how Baptist church happens without that kind of congregational leadership. From whence will our help arrive?

current circumstances? What are we willing to let go of, and what must we hold onto in order to love our neighbors and God in the way that we are called to?

I think these questions dovetail nicely into the worship theme for the coming year: Beyond Atonement: Reclaiming Paradise and Liberation. I'll leave formal introduction of the theme to Jean Lubke, and to Doug for his return on the 18th, but I will say that, depending on your religious/theological/spiritual journey thus far, it may challenge some tenets of Christian belief that many have come to understand as foundational.

I think this is exciting and important work and I will look forward to engaging in it with you after I take some necessary leave after my interim stint to allow me to return to my role as congregant and allow Doug to fully reinhabit his role as Pastor.

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While it is not a blank slate (and really, thank goodness for that), it is an opportunity for each of us to consider and reconsider the habits we have fallen into or out of around how we engage with “church.” With that opportunity is the chance for us to choose new ways of being. Thanks to wise words from a conversation partner, I’ve been imagining this summer as something of a chrysalis for UBC.

Transformation isn’t easy, but if we are mindful and deliberate about it, it can be beautiful.

Be well. Do good.

Take care,

*Pastor Matty*

## SEPTEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### **Sept. 4**

**Preaching:** Matty Strickler

**Sermon:** “Endings, Beginnings, and What Comes In Between”

**Worship Leader:** Jean Lubke

### **Sept. 11**

**Preaching:** Matty Strickler

**Sermon:** “The Trouble with Innocence”

**Worship Leader:** Jean Lubke

### **Sept. 18**

**Preaching:** Jean Lubke

**Sermon:** “Beyond the Cross: Liberating Paradise”

**Worship Leader:** Doug Donley

### **Sept. 25**

**Preaching:** Doug Donley

**Sermon:** “Atonement: Union, Separation, Reunion”

**Worship Leader:** TBD

## Openings in the Carillon Bell Choir

Would you like to try ringing bells? Now would be a great time to try! We have a few openings in the choir, and we will be starting new music this fall. No previous bell experience necessary. It is helpful, however, to be able to read music. Cool, white gloves will be provided!

Carillon rehearsals will start on Oct. 19. Rehearsals are Wednesdays from 7:30-9 p.m. We will play in church about once a month (and Christmas Eve). If you'd like more information or are ready to give bells a try, please contact Jean Lubke ([lubk0001@umn.edu](mailto:lubk0001@umn.edu)).

## Trip to Nicaragua in 2023

Jean Lubke and Deidre Druk are beginning plans for a trip to Managua and León on Jan. 27 - Feb. 6, 2023 to conduct another teacher training workshop. If you are interested in joining them, please contact Jean.

# Calendar for September

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
				6:30 p.m. Caregiver Support Group		
<b>4</b>	<b>5 Labor Day</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
10 a.m. Worship Joys & Concerns 11 a.m. Coffee hour	11:15 a.m. Meals on Wheels	11:15 a.m. Meals on Wheels 7 p.m. Memoir Group	10 a.m. Garden Team 11:15 a.m. Meals on Wheels 6 p.m. Choir	11:15 a.m. Meals on Wheels 4:30 p.m. Adv Spanish Conversation		1 p.m. Book Group
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
(Matty's last Sun. as interim) 10 a.m. Worship Joys & Concerns 11 a.m. Coffee hour Noon Council	5 p.m. Inter Spanish 6:15 p.m. Beg Spanish		10 a.m. Garden Team 6 p.m. Choir 7:30 p.m. Major Bells	4:30 p.m. Adv Spanish Conversation		1 p.m. Card Club
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
Doug returns 10 a.m. Worship Joys & Concerns 11 a.m. Coffee hour	5 p.m. Inter Spanish 6:15 p.m. Beg Spanish 7 p.m. Knitting Group	7 p.m. Memoir Group	10 a.m. Garden Team 3 p.m. Worship Team 7:30 p.m. Major Bells	4:30 p.m. Adv Spanish Conversation		
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	
9:15 a.m. Drop in Choir 10 a.m. Worship Joys & Concerns 11 a.m. Coffee hour <i>Newsletter deadline</i>	5 p.m. Inter Spanish 6:15 p.m. Beg Spanish	7 p.m. Anti- Racism Group	10 a.m. Garden Team 6 p.m. Choir 7:30 p.m. Major Bells	4:30 p.m. Adv Spanish Conversation	Loaves & Fishes	

**NOTE: Bible Study, Forums and Sunday School will resume in Oct.**

## 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 hour under the portico** (weather permitting)

**ZOOM INFO:** Meeting ID 839 4725 7444 passcode 257750

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



**Caregivers Support Group – Sept. 1 (1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:lubk0001@umn.edu).

**ZOOM INFO:** Meeting ID 822 6832 6290 Passcode 881907

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82268326290?pwd=SGMrZldnUmsxR0Z2aktyTWISUEpudz09>

**Meals on Wheels – Sept. 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 [mariefalfrance46@gmail.com](mailto:mariefalfrance46@gmail.com).



**ESPAÑOL** **Spanish classes – Mondays (Intermediate 5-6 p.m., Beginners 6:15-7:15 p.m.) and Thursdays (Advanced Conversation 4:30-5:30 p.m.).**

If you are new to Spanish or not yet ready for conversation, the Beginning Class is a great option for you, with focus on vocabulary development and verb conjugation. If you are comfortable with basic Spanish, the Intermediate Class would be a good fit for you. The focus is on reading, writing and discussing. The Advanced Class meets on Thursdays. If you have any questions, please contact Anielka Montiel at [anymontiel22@gmail.com](mailto:anymontiel22@gmail.com) or 651-295-4590. **NOTE: No classes on Labor Day.**

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

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

**Memoir Writing Group – Sept. 6 & 20 (every other Tues.) at 7 p.m.**

Prompts include *State Fair, back to school/school days and first awareness of racism/whiteness* or anything else you feel called to write about. If you have any questions, please contact Trish Donley at [patricia.donley63@gmail.com](mailto:patricia.donley63@gmail.com).



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

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

## More of What's Going On



**Garden Team – Wednesdays at 10 a.m.** (weather permitting) Come help beautify our church gardens! We have tools and gloves available, and will mostly work on weeding, pruning and watering. Park in the Mormon lot or behind the church. Feel free to join us whenever you're available! If you have any questions, please contact Trish Donley at [patricia.donley63@gmail.com](mailto:patricia.donley63@gmail.com).

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



**UBC Grace in Contemporary Literature by Women Book Group – Sept. 10 (2<sup>nd</sup> Sat.) at 1 p.m.** The book this month is *Ruth and Roland* by Faith Sullivan. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Follett at [chrisf2828@yahoo.com](mailto:chrisf2828@yahoo.com).

**ZOOM INFO:** meeting ID 815 2376 4072 passcode 525996  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81523764072?pwd=Q1hlc2VFdnlOMEI1VWhXNzdKRdDjQT09>

**Card Club – Sat., Sept. 17, 1-4:30 p.m.** at Jean Lubke's home. This group meets monthly to learn card-making techniques, share ideas, and make beautiful greeting cards. Due to the limited space and the need to prepare materials, registration is needed. All participants must be fully vaccinated. If you are interested, please contact Jean at 651-295-7525 or [lubk0001@umn.edu](mailto:lubk0001@umn.edu).



**UBC-FCC Knitting Group – Sept. 19 (3<sup>rd</sup> Mon.) at 7 p.m.** at Cynthia Hendricks's home. 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](mailto:chrisf2828@yahoo.com).

**Anti-Racism Discussion and Action Group – Sept. 27 at 7 pm.** We will discuss next steps for the group. See article on page 6..

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

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



**Loaves & Fishes – Fri., Sept. 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 pm and about six people for preparing to-go containers from 5-6:30 pm. And we'll need a couple people to help with clean-up until about 7 pm. Let Steve Lee know if you would like to help at [steven.lee@thrivent.com](mailto:steven.lee@thrivent.com) or 612-844-8194 or 763-645-9499. *Next date: Dec. 30.*



## Committing to the work of anti-racism at UBC

By Gayla Marty and Trish Donley

UBC has long recognized and taken part in the drive for racial justice and equality. From our earliest years in the 1850s, there is evidence of our congregation's engagement in abolishing slavery and supporting people of color. UBC was active in the civil rights movement of the 1950s and '60s, too. The last two years have been marked by a renewed focus on the work of anti-racism.

As we consider our direction and work in the year to come, this is a good time to reflect on what we've been doing over the past two years.

### 2020–2021

In the wake of George Floyd's murder by police officers in May 2020, the UBC congregation voted at our annual meeting June 7 to donate \$2,000 to One Fund, a Minneapolis-based organization that supports the work of African American churches and ministries disproportionately affected by the ensuing crisis. When the Worship Planning Team held its retreat, the theme of "Repairing the Breach, Restoring the Streets" emerged for the 2020-21 program year, inspired by Isaiah 58:12: "You shall be called the repairers of the breach and restorers of streets to live in."

On June 13, 2020, a new UBC anti-racism group met for the first time to discuss the film "I Am Not Your Negro." So began a year of learning together about the persistence of racism and white supremacy in our nation and communities and what to do about it. For the next year, the group met weekly on Saturday afternoons to discuss a total of 49 movies and documentaries. A list of anti-racism resources was compiled and is available at [www.ubcmn.org/anti-racism](http://www.ubcmn.org/anti-racism). At the end of May 2021, the group took a break for the summer.

### 2021–2022

In 2021, UBC became part of the Churches that THRIVE for Racial Justice, a five-year project of the

Alliance of Baptists in partnership with the Lilly Endowment and sociologists of Race and Religion. It's a cohort of 27 predominantly white congregations across 19 states and two Canadian provinces. In Year 1 (observation), we participated in a survey to document attitudes and practices of members and leaders. The project is described on the Alliance website at <https://allianceofbaptists.org/thrive/>.

An important event was a forum on Nov. 21 with guest facilitator Rev. Pamela Ngunjiri from the Minnesota Council of Churches. She spoke about the council's reparations work related to Black and Indigenous communities and challenged us to step up into that work.

About that time, in fall 2021, the UBC Anti-Racism Group reconvened to read a book together, *Trouble the Water: A Christian Resource for the Work of Racial Justice*, a project of the Alliance of Baptists, co-edited by Michael-Ray Mathews, Marie Claire P. Onwubuariri, and Cody J. Sanders. The group met every other Tuesday night, discussing one chapter per session, which took us through the summer, moving from theory and theology for racial justice, to tools for ministry, to congregational stories. We are now on break again.

### Next meeting - September 27

We plan to reconvene on Sept. 27, via Zoom, after reflecting on our work so far. We are seeking greater clarity about our goals.

As UBC begins Year 2 of the THRIVE project (evaluation and reflection), the Anti-racism Group is a core cohort for moving this work forward. Whether you have been part of this group before or would like to explore it for the first time, please come to the meeting on Sept. 27! Bring your thoughts and ideas about what you'd like to do next and what we might do together as a congregation to address racism and white supremacy. Watch for announcements for more details.

## UPCOMING PROGRAMMING FOR THE THRIVE INITIATIVE

<https://allianceofbaptists.org>

Starting in September the [THRIVE](#) project will present a series of learning opportunities focused on developing a congregational ministry for racial justice rooted in a holistic faith. If you are a lay leader or clergyperson wondering how to make the work of antiracism an essential part of your church's identity and outreach, this series is for you!

The first in the series **Knowing the Biblical Story—Being in the Story**, features educator, author and Baptist clergywoman, Susan Shaw, and will provide resources and illustrations of teaching the history of BIPOC in America as it intersects with the biblical story. Click [here](#) to register for the session on **Sept. 13 at 6 p.m. CT**

**Oct. 11**—A follow-up session with opportunities to engage hands on and in small groups to implement and integrate the learning from the previous session.

**NOTE:** These dates have been updated from previous newsletters.

## Special Offering for September/October

### Ministries that promote racial justice and understanding

We believe that the church is for all people, and that God calls us to help heal the pain caused by the injustices of racism around us. These special offerings will go toward ministries which promote racial justice and help create a world that dismantles white supremacy and its acts of institutional racism.

This past year, we supported Alight (formerly, the American Refugee Committee), CAIR (Council on American-Islamic Relations), and the Minnesota Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice.

We are always happy to hear about organizations which you think we might consider for additional funding. Please consider a gift to our September/October special offering to support our work to promote racial equity and justice.

- Kim Donley and Deidre Druk, Outreach co-chairs



The 80<sup>th</sup> birthdays of Nancy Myers and Alan and Diane Ehr were celebrated on Aug. 24. Andrew Justin (above) showed off his slice of cake. **Photo by Jim Ross**

## Volunteer Opportunities

### Meals on Wheels

UBC has an opportunity to participate in Meals on Wheels on the first full week of the month (**Sept. 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 [marielafrence46@gmail.com](mailto:marielafrence46@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](mailto:Volunteer@wearealight.org). If you have any questions, contact Trish Donley ([patricia.donley63@gmail.com](mailto:patricia.donley63@gmail.com)/612-386-2856)

### Loaves and Fishes

UBC will host Loaves and Fishes on **Friday, Sept. 30**. If you would like to participate, please contact Steve Lee at [steven.lee@thrivent.com](mailto:steven.lee@thrivent.com). (Next: Dec. 30)

### 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
- Rice/pasta/quinoa
- Canned items with pop tops
- Boxed mac & cheese
- Tuna packets

If you would like to help, please contact Trish Donley, our Little Free Pantry coordinator, at [patricia.donley63@gmail.com](mailto:patricia.donley63@gmail.com) or put money in the offering plate designated for the Little Free Pantry.

\*\*If anyone is available to take Trish shopping to stock the pantry, that would be greatly appreciated.\*\*

### ATTENTION

Volunteers urgently needed to serve as President (or Co-President with Denise Roy) and Treasurer (or possibly Co-Treasurer). Volunteers will receive ample training, support, and encouragement, as well as endless appreciation.

### Volunteers Needed:

**Communion prep** – Contact Terri Wottrich  
**Garden help** – Contact Trish Donley  
**Ushers** – Contact Trish Donley  
**Worship Leaders** – Contact Jean Lubke  
**Worship Technology Support** - Contact Becca Donley

The Outreach coordinators and committee members are excited to share our mission partners for the Church year. Here is a breakdown of the bi-monthly giving opportunities:

**July/August** - Nicaraguan ministries

**September/October** - Racial Justice programs/ organizations

**November/December** - ABC Ministries

**January/February** - Childhood Health and Hunger programs

**March/April** - Peace Organizations

**May/June** - LGBTQ Support and Advocacy

Thank you for your ongoing support of our mission partners; your gifts help make this world a better place!



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## Contributions from the UBC Memoir Group

### State Fair - 1995

By Betty Shaw

“Our state fair is a great state fair. Don’t miss it. Don’t even be late.  
It’s dollars to doughnuts at our state fair. It’s the best state fair in our state!”

- *Rodgers and Hammerstein*

**O**ur family belted out the catchy tune as we made our way to the “Great Minnesota Get-Together” in St. Paul, found a parking place and joined the throngs of people passing through the gates to the state fair grounds. For the kids it was all about the animals and the rides, especially the big slide. For Earl and me it was about the food - the huge variety of smells, the taste of soft chocolate chip cookies, the corn on the cob dripping with butter and the all you can drink chocolate milk.

We did wander through the exhibit halls but the girls were anxious to get some swag from all the vendors or to stop by and see TV celebrities so we hurried on without paying much attention to the exhibits. It was exhilarating and exhausting. But as the years passed the girls were no longer interested in going the state fair with us so I just stopped going until this year. This year I am on a mission to see the doll and the quilt in the education building. I must see the doll and the quilt because I know the special stories behind them.

#### **The Doll**

My daughter Laura had just completed her social work internship at Washington Junior High in inner city St Paul. Part of her assignment was to hold weekly group sessions with six girls that teachers had identified as at high risk for dropping out of school because of their poor attendance and academic performance. Laura met with them every Wednesday. Each of the girls had heartbreaking family problems but that was not what Wednesdays were all about.

For eight weeks the girls met and made dolls while they used them to talk about their hopes and dreams. They talked about topics like friendship and family and chose the role their doll would take in the story. None

of the girls ever missed a Wednesday. At the end of the session Laura got their permission to enter their dolls in the state fair. One of those dolls won a blue ribbon. The student was so proud and happy. When she learned that it came with a \$10 prize she broke into tears. Ten dollars was a fortune - more money than she had ever seen in her life.

#### **The Quilt**

Laura, who was also earning a degree in studio art, had agreed to teach a difficult seventh grade art class made up of about one third Hmong, one third African-American and one third white students. The students had self-segregated into ethnic groups that did not get along with each other.

Laura chose to do a unit on quilts. The class learned about how quilts were an important art form in different cultures. They talked about the Hmong story quilt tradition; about the beautiful quilting traditions and patterns that white European settlers brought to colonial America and about how quilts were used to help slaves follow the underground railroad.

The students’ art project was to make self-portraits on fabric squares using the super realism style of African American artist Faith Ringgold. Laura made sure each group had Hmong, African-American and white students in it. In super realism the portrait exaggerates and emphasizes the best feature of the subject. Students discussed the best feature of each member of the group. You have the best eyes, or your hair is really great, or you have a cute nose.

When the students finished complementing each other and decided on their own best features, they  
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*State Fair – continued*

used the back of the hands to mix colors until it matched their skin tone. Soon the students were commenting on how they were all using the same colors to find their skin tones. Laura noticed that the students were now getting along better.

When the self-portraits were completed Laura and I sewed them into a large quilt which she entered in the state fair. There it was! The quilt had won the grand

prize and a large purple ribbon. The neighborhood newspaper did a front-page article about the quilt. The school principal decided that it should be proudly hung in the school library and Laura organized a quilt dedication ceremony for the students and their families that fall. She gave each of them a 5x7 photo of the quilt and a copy of the newspaper article. Now as I pass by the exhibits in the education building, I stop and look more closely. I can't help but wonder about the stories behind those prize- winning entries.

**A View of UBC You Probably Can't See Anymore**



Photo of UBC (year unknown) taken from the roof of Annie's Parlour and before the new apartment building across the street from UBC, was completed. **Photo by Don Follett**

**A Note from the Music Director**

Several people have mentioned how much they'd like to be in the choir but are challenged by the rehearsal and performance schedule. So, this fall I would like to continue our "Fourth Sunday" choir. Here's how it would work:

- we would sing one Sunday per month
- gather on that Sunday at 9:15 for a 30-minute rehearsal
- we'll do a little vocal warming up, then rehearse the piece
- that's it! No Wed. rehearsal, no other commitment
- everyone is welcome--no auditions, restrictions, etc.
- if you can't make it one month, no problem; come when you can

For more details, contact me OR just show up in the sanctuary at **9:15 am on Sunday, Sept. 25.**

Thanks!

--David

## Contributions from the UBC Memoir Group

### Back to school

By Gayla Marty

Until about 2000, the University of Minnesota was on the quarter system. The quarters lasted 10 weeks, with fall beginning the third week of September and ending just before Christmas. Winter began shortly after the New Year and ended in March, followed by spring break, a true break, no classes to think about for a clean week. Spring quarter ran from the end of March to early June.

There were summer sessions, too. It all followed the solar year—that is to say, the agricultural year. To this day, 30 percent of colleges and universities stay on the quarter system, and I salute them. I like quarters and I'm glad I didn't have to suffer through 15-week semesters as a student or instructor. I loved focusing on four classes for 10 fast weeks and then moving on to new subjects. Who needs a vacation in January when you can just put your head down and plow through classes?

Back to school meant fall equinox. In Minnesota, really hot days were rare by then. I'm sure that was a consideration in the old buildings of the Twin Cities campus. The trees on Northrop Mall and St. Paul campus were in their glory when we arrived. Mornings were cool and the sky blue, leaves golden and soon crunching beneath our feet as we streamed to class. By the time school started, there was no question summer was over and any lamenting was done.

I lived in the last women's dorm when I came to the U in the fall of 1976. I lived on floor 4E, and a bunch of us became good friends. A lot of us wore bathrobes and slippers to breakfast in the big dining room overlooking East River Road and the Mississippi River, which was beautiful on fall mornings when the windows were open and we could hear the rowing teams calling the strokes as they passed by.

It was a Sunday morning when a bunch of women on my floor walked up the mall and through Dinkytown to hear one of our own floormates sing in a concert with the choir of the University Lutheran Church of Hope, which she had joined.

We talked about our religious upbringings, and the Jewish member of our group pointed to the sign on the corner of University Baptist Church as we walked past. "There's a church for you!" Johanna said to me. *A liberal church*, I read on the sign. "Yeah, right," I thought. But then I saw an ad in the *Minnesota Daily* for UBC that began "Our Father/Mother..." and I was intrigued.

It wasn't long before I darkened the door of UBC, and not long after that when a white-haired lady named Adele recruited me to teach Sunday school for the teens, who didn't have anyone at the helm at the time.

It was many more years before I attended Christmas Eve service at UBC because all those years in college, I went home as soon as my last final at the end of fall quarter. But in those days, the U was open on Christmas Eve. Office hours were 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and by 1983 I was not only a grad but a U employee with a baby. We worked until 4:30 p.m., when the sun set on those days of winter solstice-tide. Faculty and staff went to the Christmas Eve service at UBC before heading home for family suppers and gatherings and traditions.

When classes ended at the U in June, the program year at UBC also ended. No coffee hour or forums from June until after Labor Day. Then slowly everyone returned, and the students moved into the dorms and their apartments for the year. We were back to school and back to church, too.



## 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.



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.

Most of our income (52%) comes from the pledges made by members. Pledges as of Aug. 21 are a little behind but that is not unusual for early in the pledge year.

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.

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.

You can scan this QR code to be directed to our webpage where there are a variety of causes to donate to:



<b>Operating Income 2022-23</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Expected</b>	<b>Received</b>	<b>Over (short)</b>
Pledge Income	52	\$189,290	\$31,548	24,855	-6,693
Rental Income	20	\$74,000	\$12,333	19,363	7,030
Misc. income*	4	<u>\$15,000</u>	\$2,500	442	<u>-2,058</u>
Subtotal		<b>\$278,290</b>	\$46,382	\$44,660	-1,722
Carry-forward from 2021-22	6	\$22,875			
Foundation	18	<u>\$64,720</u>			
<b>Total Operating Income</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>\$365,885</b>			
Justice & Outreach		<u>\$15,000</u>			
<b>Total Budget</b>		<b>\$380,885</b>			

\*individual gifts, loose offering & miscellaneous income

The dedicated offering for July/August offering was for Nicaraguan ministries and we have received \$400 to date.

*Chris Follett, Financial Secretary*

Jean Lubke has decided to run for the South St. Paul School Board. Check out her website [www.jeanlubkesspps.com](http://www.jeanlubkesspps.com) if you'd like to contribute to her campaign or volunteer to help promote her. Please spread the word to anyone you know who lives in South St. Paul!

**UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH  
COVID-19 PROTOCOL  
FOR USE OF BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS**

**INDOOR GUIDELINES**

- For worship services and other formal and informal group gatherings, masks and six-foot distancing are required for all, whether or not vaccinated, including while singing and while speaking in-person during Joys & Concerns. Those speaking from the pulpit may remove their masks while speaking.
- Tenants and others who are alone in their own offices do not need to wear masks.
- Sanitizing hands and surfaces is strongly encouraged.

**OUTDOOR GUIDELINES**

- Masks and six-foot distancing are strongly encouraged; this includes singing.

*As of 9/19/2021*



**September Birthdays**

- 3 Aurora Wiseman
- 4 Autumn Weinfurter
- 17 Anita Kangas
- 18 Lewis Cramer
- 19 Matty Strickler
- 27 Jean Lubke
- 29 Catherine Follett, Lynn Welton
- 30 Don Wester

**September Anniversaries**

- 1 Cliff Dahlberg & Lisa Patrick
- 14 Lindsay & Jon Hartman
- 21 Betty & Doug Roy



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