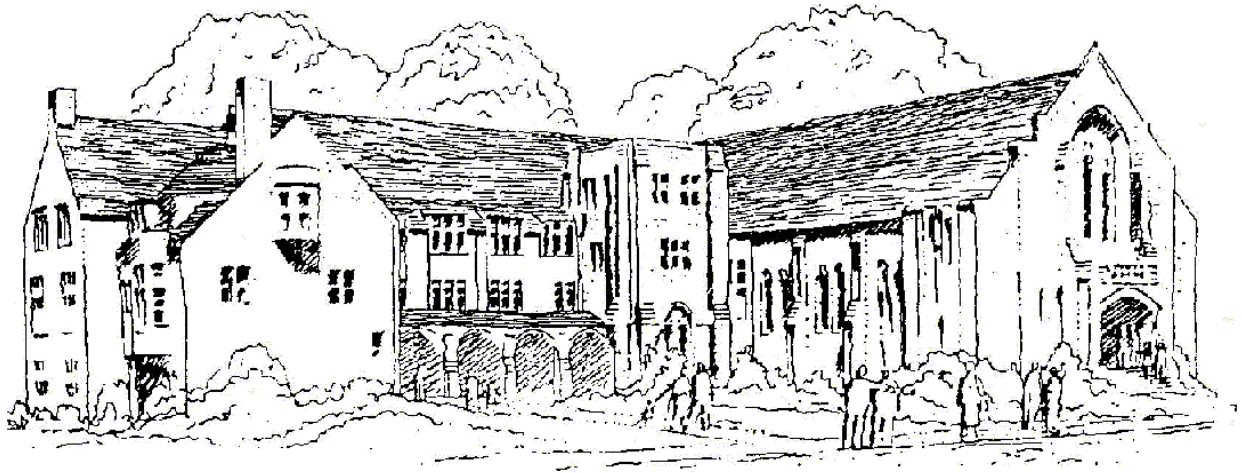


December 7, 2025



UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH

**Our Mission: to be a loving and inclusive community;
seeking faith, joy, action; nurtured by the Biblical tradition,
the teachings of Christ, and God's continuing revelation**

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David Lesniaski, Music Director
Jean Lubke, Handbell Director
Joel Delikowski & Trish Donley, Ushers

Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God." Therefore, this place of sanctuary is free of violence in all its forms, including verbal violence and firearms. University Baptist Church is a member of the American Baptist Churches/USA, the Alliance of Baptists, the Association of Welcoming and Affirming Baptists, and the Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America. Our intention at University Baptist Church is to use inclusive language in our worship.

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University Baptist Church

December 7, 2025

Advent II

10:00 am

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

In the Bleak Mid-Winter

Gustav Holst,
arr. Donald E. Allured

Welcome!

¡Bienvenidos a la casa de Dios! Добро пожаловать! Dobro pozhalovat! 欢迎！ Huānyíng!
「ようこそ！」 Youkoso! Willkommen! Bienvenu!

ADVENT II

*CALL TO WORSHIP/LLAMADA A LA ADORACIÓN

One: We light this green candle in the direction of the South, the place signifying summer and the home of warmth and energy.

Many: **This second candle of the Advent Wreath is the candle of Bethlehem.
Jesus was not born in a palace, but in an ordinary little town.**

One: With this light we honor the Southern Direction, the place of growth in our lives.

Many: **When we look toward Bethlehem, we know of the promise that from this place shall come a ruler who shall rule in gentleness and peace.**

One: We look to the South to teach us to turn our energy to living in a good way among the people of our community.

Many: **We await the promise reign of peace, help us to be peacemakers.**

One: We turn to the south and dedicate our energy to honor the living.

All: **May your face shine upon us that we may grow in gentleness and learn the ways of peace. Amen.**

*(*Stand as you are willing and able)*

*OPENING HYMN
Blue Hymnal #112

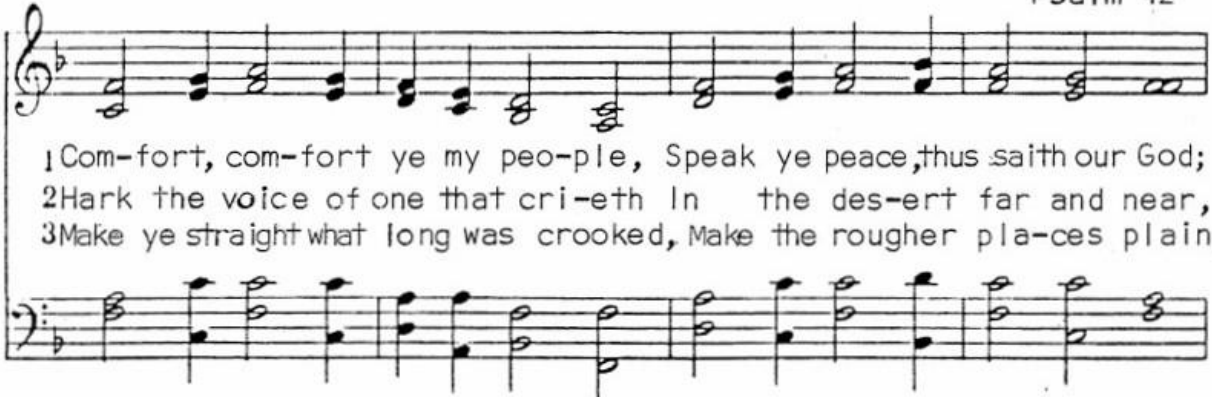
Comfort, Comfort ye my People

PSALM 42

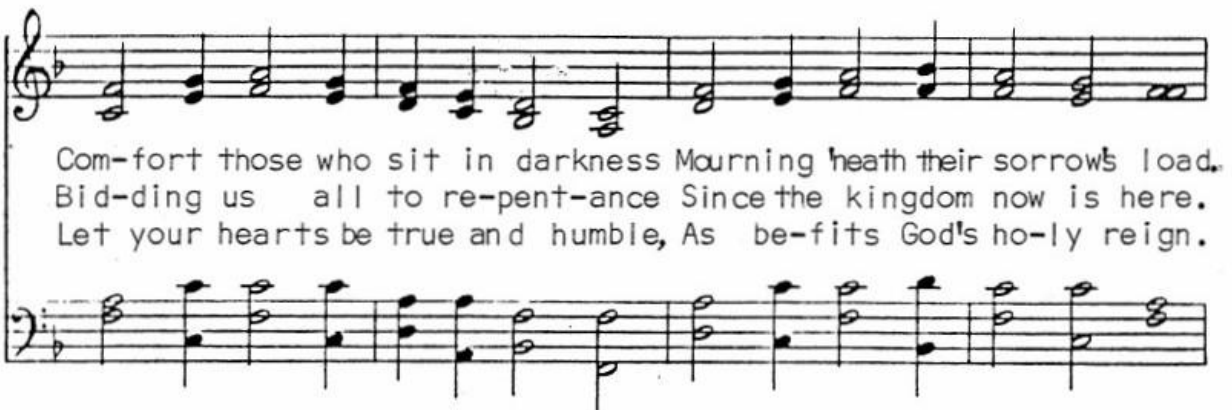
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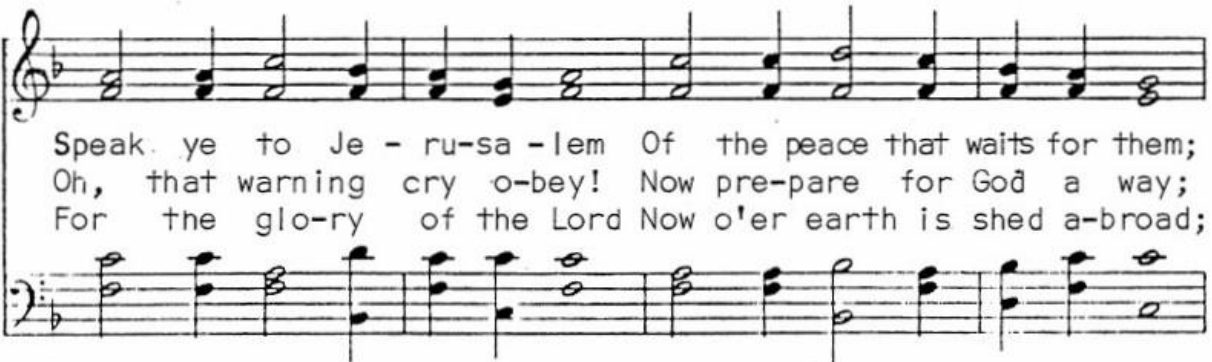
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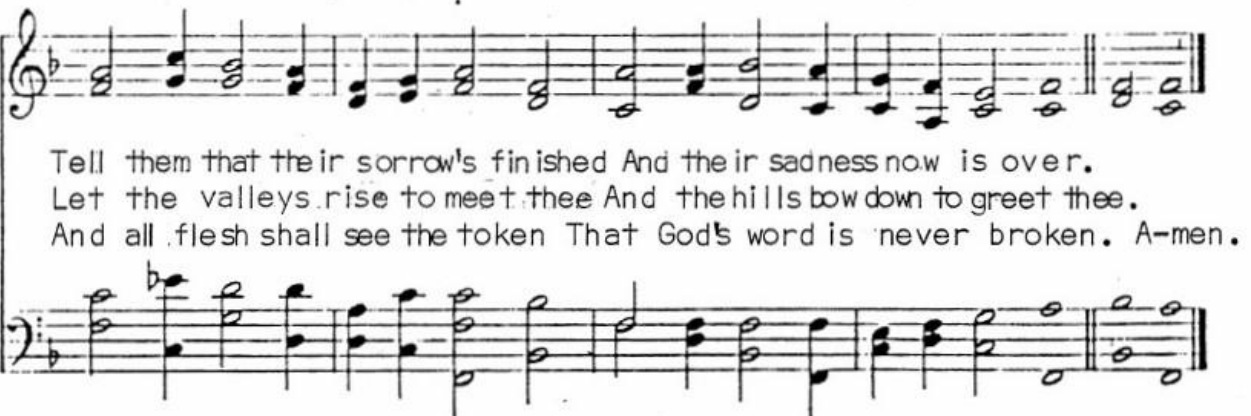
1 Com-fort, com-fort ye my peo-ple, Speak ye peace, thus saith our God;
2 Hark the voice of one that cri-eth In the des-ert far and near,
3 Make ye straight what long was crooked, Make the rougher pla-ces plain;



Com-fort those who sit in darkness Mourning heath their sorrow's load.
Bid-ding us all to re-pent-ance Since the kingdom now is here.
Let your hearts be true and humble, As be-fits God's ho-ly reign.



Speak ye to Je - ru - sa - lem Of the peace that waits for them;
Oh, that warning cry o-bey! Now pre-pare for God a way;
For the glo-ry of the Lord Now o'er earth is shed a-broad;



Tell them that their sorrow's finished And their sadness now is over.
Let the valleys rise to meet thee And the hills bow down to greet thee.
And all flesh shall see the token That God's word is never broken. A-men.

Peace Be With You!

¡La paz sea contigo! Мир вам! Мир вам!PACE!

愿和平与你同在 yuàn hé píng yú nǐ tóng zài

「平和がありますように！」 Heiwaga arimasu youni!

The musical score is written for two staves, treble and bass, in 6/8 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, using chords F, C, Am, F, G7, and C. The lyrics are in Spanish, Chinese, and Japanese, with English translations provided below.

¡San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zón te a - do - ra! Mi
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My

cor - a - zón te sa - be de-cir: san - to e - res Dios.
heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, God.

PRAYING TOGETHER

MORNING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Use these words or whatever is familiar to you)

Our Father/Mother who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Padre/Madre nuestro, que estás en el cielo, santificado sea tu nombre; venga a nosotros tu reino; hágase tu voluntad en la tierra como en el cielo. Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día; perdona nuestras ofensas, como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden; no nos dejes caer en la tentación, y libranos del mal. Porque tuyo es el reino, el poder, y la gloria, por siempre. Amén.

CELEBRATING CHILDREN

GATHERING SONG

Welcome, Children, Welcome

Black hymnal #323 (Verse 2)

*Bienvenidos niños, Jesús los ama,
Jesús los abraza, Bienvenidos niños.*

CHILDREN'S TIME

Megan Dahlberg

ATTENDING TO THE WORD

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 3:1-17

Rev. Doug Donley

*HYMN

Blue Hymnal #109

*O Love, How Deep,
How Broad, How High*

DEUS TUORUM MILITUM

O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High 109

Latin: 15th century
Tr. Benjamin Webb, 1819-1885, alt.

DEUS TUORUM MILITUM L.M.
Grenoble Church Melody

1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, How pass - ing
 2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore His ho - ly
 3 For us he prayed, for us he taught, For us his
 4 For us to wick - ed ones be - trayed, Scourged, mocked, in
 5 For us he rose to life a - gain, For us he
 6 All glo - ry to our Lord and God For love so

thought and fan - ta - sy, That God, the Son of
 fast, and hun - gered sore; For us temp - ta - tions
 dai - ly he works he wrought, By words and signs
 pur - ple robe ar - rayed, He bore the shame - ful
 brings new join with - in; For us he sent the
 deep, so high, so broad; The Ho - ly One whom

God, should take Our mor - tal form for mor - tals sake.
 sharp he knew; For us the temp - ter o - ver - threw.
 ac - tions, thus Still seek - ing not him - self, but us.
 cross and death; For us gave up his dy - ing breath.
 Spi - rit here To guide, to streng - then, and to cheer.
 we a - dore For ev - er and for ev - er more.

REFLECTION

"You Are Not Alone"

Rev. Doug Donley

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING



We welcome your financial support of University Baptist Church. You can give conveniently on our webpage www.ubcmn.org or, if you want to avoid processing fees, you can mail a check to University Baptist Church - 1219 University Avenue SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414. You can also set up a direct payment from your bank (it's free). Or you can put your offering in the offering plate. Thank you for your support. See below for mission offerings.

OFFERTORY

Ave Maria

Elwyn Fraser, soloist

Franz Biebl,
Arr. Cathy Moglebust

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Todos son hijos e hijas de Dios.
No hay judío ni griego.
No hay esclavo ni libre.
No hay hombre y mujer.
Sino que todos somos uno solo en el espíritu.

**We are all children of God.
There is no Jew or Greek.
There is no slave or free.
There is no male and female.
For we are all one in the Spirit.**
—Galatians 3:26, 28, S. J. Patterson

COMMEMORATING COMMUNION

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All are invited to partake in this symbolic meal. Please come forward down the center aisle and return by the side aisles. All juice is non-alcoholic, and the crackers are gluten-free. If you are not able to come forward but would like to receive communion, please raise your hand and communion will be served to you where you sit.

COMMUNION MUSIC

*Chorale Prelude on
"God's Son is Coming"*

Heinrich Buttstedt


*CLOSING HYMN
Blue #102

At the Name of Jesus


KING'S WESTON

AT THE NAME OF JESUS


King's Weston




1 At the name of Je - sus Ev - ery knee shall bow,
 2 At his voice cre - a - tion Sprang at once to sight
 3 Hum-bled for a sea - son, To re-ceive a name
 4 Bore it up tri-umph - ant, With its hu - man light,
 5 In your hearts en-throne him; There let him sub-due



Ev - ery tongue con-fess him, Filled with glo-ry now;
 All the an - gel fa - ces, All the hosts of light,
 From the lips of sin - ners, Un - to whom he came.
 Through all ranks of crea-tures, To the cen-tral height,
 All that is not ho - ly, All that is not true.



'Tis our mak - er's pleas-ure We should call him Lord,
 Thrones and dom - i - na - tions, Stars up - on their way,
 Faith-ful-ly he bore it, Spot-less to the last,
 To the throne of God-head, To the Ho - ly breast;
 Crown him as your cap - tain In temp - ta - tion's hour;



Who from the be-gin-ning Was the might - y Word.
 All the heaven-ly or-ders, In their great ar - ray.
 Brought it back vic-to-rious, When from death he passed;
 Filled it with the glo-ry Of that per - fect rest.
 Let his will en-fold you In its light and power. A-men.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Now the Green Blade Riseth

Arr. Kevin McChesney

JOYS AND CONCERNS

After the livestream ends

SPECIAL OFFERING FOR NOVEMBER & DECEMBER: JUSTICE ISSUES

The Outreach missions for November and December are focused on programs that address justice issues in the Twin Cities. In the past, these have included homeless organizations, voting rights groups, refugee services, etc. Your donations are appreciated as we try to heal our cities and neighborhoods.

You can drop your gift 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 online portal for giving on the UBC website, www.UBCmn.org. Thank you for your ongoing Outreach support!

—Kim Donley & Karole Graham, Outreach coordinators

UBC ANNOUNCEMENTS

See our newsletter at ubcmn.org/newsletter for Zoom links and more info
UBC's Admin Assistant's in-office hours are Tuesdays 12-3, Wednesdays 12-4, and Fridays 12-5.

Today

POINSETTIAS – If you would like to order a poinsettia to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas Eve, please complete one of the envelopes you'll find in the pews, enclose your payment, and drop it in the offering plate. You can designate your poinsettia in honor or memory of someone. Take it home after the Christmas Eve service, or leave it at UBC to brighten the sanctuary through the end of December. Please order by December 17. Poinsettias are \$15 each.

Employee Appreciation – Annually we show our appreciation for our full- and half-time staff members with a monetary gift presented at the end of the year. **Contribute to the Staff Appreciation gift by December 24 using one of the following methods:**

- Put your contribution in the offering plate.
- 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 and Steve Lee*

Hymn feedback: Please complete the flyer giving feedback on today's hymns from the Blue Hymnal. With the help of a Calvin Vital Worship grant, we have embarked on creating a new worship resource. The Blue Hymnal that UBC created in 1983 (before other inclusive language hymnals existed) will be updated and expanded. We're spending this year looking at old hymns and trying out some new ones. Your input will be very helpful to the hymnal project team. We hope to have the new resource published by the summer.

Today's Forum – Planned giving with UBC in mind. Guest presenter Susan Hall from the American Baptist Foundation will join us and Judson Baptist virtually for a forum on planned giving. This is a topic the Church Council has envisioned for some time. Susan's PowerPoint presentation will be followed by time for questions.

The Journeys Bible Study. Our meeting is an opportunity to read Scripture together, to learn something new, to ask questions, and to talk about your faith. You can pick up a curriculum in the library. No preparation is required. Please feel free to come once or regularly. See Nancy Myers or Diane Ehr for more information.

December 7 – Anticipation: Luke 3:1-6

December 14 – Renewal: Zephaniah 3:14-20

Represent UBC! T-shirts are for sale. A donation of \$20 is suggested, with cash or by using the giving QR code.

We Need Carolers for Holiday Caroling – Holiday caroling visits are being organized for Saturday, December 20 and Sunday, December 21. If you would like to join in as a caroler, or if you know of someone who might enjoy a visit, please contact Margie Garmers at mgarmers01@gmail.com.

This week

Sacred Harp Singing – Every Tuesday, 5:30-7:30pm, and 2nd and 4th Sundays, 4-6pm, at UBC in Room 303. No experience or talent necessary!

The vocal choir meets at 6pm, **bell choir** meets at 7:30pm Wednesday in the sanctuary.

Memoir Writing Group – December 9 & 23 (every other Tuesday), 7pm via Zoom. All are welcome! Prompts include Firsts, and Who is your ideal reader (as opposed to your inner critic)? – or whatever you feel called to write about. Contact Trish Donley if you have any questions.

Grace in Contemporary Literature by Women Book Group – December 13 (2nd Saturday), 1 pm. The December book is *Someone Else's Shoes* by Jojo Moyes. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Follett at chrisf2828@yahoo.com.

Second Annual Cookie-making and Baking with UBC Children and Families – Sunday, December 14, 11am (or whenever you can come after the service or forum!) in the Adele Fadden Assembly Hall. Join UBC kids and families making and decorating cookies that they will serve at the sanctuary decorating party on December 21. For more info, contact Claire Mavity at s.clairecat@gmail.com.

Looking Ahead

Upcoming Forums: December 14 – Carol singing from the blue hymnal. It's time for the Christmas hymns! As we reenvision our blue hymnal, created in 1983, as a new and expanded music supplement to our worship at UBC, we are singing the hymns currently in the blue hymnal and evaluating them as to whether we want to keep them, and if so, identifying changes we want to make. Because there are not enough Sundays to sing all our Christmas hymns in the blue hymnal, this forum will be devoted to as many as possible that are not scheduled for regular worship. Please come ready to sing! **December 21 – Sanctuary decorating party.** Join the fun as we hang the greens, trim the tree, and prepare the sanctuary for Christmas with a potluck lunch and treats.

UBC Anti-Racism Work – Tuesday, December 16, 7 p.m. In November we participated with Judson Baptist in a presentation for the ABC Rochester Genesee Region on our congregations' responses to the murder of George Floyd. Join us as we look ahead to 2026 activities and priorities. All are welcome! ZOOM INFO: Meeting ID: 517 697 6753 Passcode: 602794

The 40th Annual Lubke Caroling Party – Friday, December 19, 7pm at Jean Lubke's home (2215 Ferris Lane, Roseville, 55113). Jean's townhome provides a neighborhood ready-made for easy caroling. So, weather permitting, we will bring our caroling books and carol at a few of the neighbors' and then we'll return to the house for wassail and goodies—and more singing around the piano and the fireplace! Please come, bring family and friends, bring a Christmas treat to share, and come ready to enjoy the music, food, and fellowship of the season! *RSVPs are very helpful so Jean knows how much wassail to make. Let her know if you can come at jeanlubke01@gmail.com or 651-295-7525.* Hope you can join us!

Saturday morning Bible study – December 20, 9am (1st and 3rd Saturday) over Zoom, resuming our study of Luke, from the end of Chapter 11 into Chapter 12.

Tree and Sanctuary Decorating and Potluck Party – Sunday, December 21, 11:15 a.m. in the sanctuary. Join us after the morning service to decorate the Christmas tree and sanctuary. Many hands make quick work! Please bring a food contribution to share. Cookies will be provided. Contact Margie Garmers if you can help with set-up or clean-up at mgarmers01@gmail.com.

Christmas Eve Service – Wednesday, December 24 at 4:30 p.m. Invite your friends and family to this annual Christmas Eve tradition at UBC. The service begins with a musical 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. It will be livestreamed and available on UBC’s YouTube channel.

Caregiver Support Group – January 8 (1st Thursday), 6:30pm. UBCers who take care of a parent, family member, or friend meet for support via Zoom. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Follett.

UBC-FCC Daytime Handcraft Group – January 7 (1st Wednesday), 11am at Jean Lubke’s house. If you are interested and want to be on a distribution list, please let Marilyn Burns (from FCC) know at mbsnoobear@mac.com.

Reminders

UBC-FCC Knitting Group – Because First Church has their Longest Night service on Monday, Dec 15 at 7 pm, the UBC-FCC knitting group will not meet in December. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Follett at chrisf2828@yahoo.com.

Newsletter Deadline – December 23.

Spanish Conversation – We will take December off. Join folks from UBC and First Congregational Church to practice your Spanish again in January. We will meet at First Church. Coffee and pastry will be provided! Email deidredruk@aol.com if you have questions!

We Want Your Stories! – Do you have any special memories about your time at UBC to share? What brought you to UBC? Do you remember your first Sunday? What is/was different about worship here? Do you have a baptism story to share? Have you been part of the choir or the bell choir? What keeps you coming back? These are just some prompts to get you thinking. The 175th Anniversary Committee/Chris Follett will compile your stories into a booklet. If you want, consider attending our Memoirs group on Zoom every other Tuesday at 7pm, where we read our stories and give each other feedback. Maybe this will give you the impetus you need to get writing! Nothing fancy here! No writing experience necessary!

Interested in joining UBC? We would love to learn more about you and help you learn more about UBC. We'll arrange time for a chat about Baptist beliefs, our congregation, and the logistics of joining. Please contact Paula Moyer, our new member facilitator, at paulamoyer52@gmail.com or 651-279-4152.

Volunteer Opportunities

Childcare Volunteers Needed – We have all-day **workdays on Saturday, January 10 and Saturday, February 7** for which we need childcare from 9am-4pm. We are looking for volunteers for those days especially, as well as the following Wednesdays (6-9 pm)/Sundays (9-12): Wednesday 12/17, Sunday 12/21, Wednesday 12/24, Sunday 12/28, Wednesday 12/31, Sunday 1/4, Wednesday 1/7, Sunday 1/11.

Needed: Nursery Circle Time Volunteers – Megan Dahlberg is looking for volunteers to provide ‘mini’ Sunday school for the youngest kids. This entails leaving the service at the start of Joys and Concerns and providing a circle time for the kids, minus Peter and Andrew, who are with Megan at that time in their own Sunday school. The Circle Time typically would involve a song (to gather the children), a brief story, a song or

two related to the story and a prayer. Megan has loads of suggestions for these mini lessons. Contact Megan at Dahlberg.megan4@gmail.com or text 651-491-9698.

Meals on Wheels – UBC participates in Meals on Wheels on Tues-Fri of the first full week of the month. Meals are picked up around 11:15am and the route in SE Minneapolis usually takes 1-2 hours. If you have any questions, please contact Marie LaFrance at marie-lafrance46@gmail.com

**WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU AS WE COME TO THE CLOSE OF 2025,
THE 175th ANNIVERSARY YEAR OF OUR CONGREGATION!**

Celebrate Christmas Eve with us!
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24
Lessons and carols with musical prelude at 4:30 p.m.

Write a memory of UBC as a gift to our community, and send it to us
at marketing@ubcmn.org or to our mailing address.