



# UBC NEWS

University Baptist Church

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May 1, 2021

## From the Pastor

### Kairos Moment

As we enter May, we breathe a sigh of relief that the Chauvin trial ended with three guilty verdicts. Many of us believe that this was the right decision. We sat glued to the TV, radio, and computer listening to the play-by-play. Many of us had our own score sheets and did our own analysis of the case.



I'm reminded that in Greek, the word *time* has two meanings. The word *chronos* is the accumulation of minutes and hours and weeks. It's the root of the word chronological. We can measure the amount of time we have been socially distanced, have eschewed much-needed hugs, and have been away from our normal in *chronos* time.

As the verdict was read, a city that was poised for marches and possible riots instead celebrated and received accolades from across the nation and globe. By the week's end, the National Guard pulled back and some of the stores removed their plywood.

The other meaning for time is *kairos*. This is the time where something revelatory happened. It's where God is manifest. It's the time that says "pay attention". When Jesus talked about his time in John's Gospel, he was using the word *kairos*.

Of course, we know that a guilty verdict is not the same thing as accountability. It's certainly not the same thing as justice. And yet, we take a breath, let our shoulders release their tension, and gear up for the next step on the journey of faithful living. And we take some time to reflect.

This was a *kairos* moment. A moment where God's face was manifest, inasmuch as we see God's action as one that moves in the direction of justice and mercy. What do you do in between *kairos* moments, when *chronos* seems to take over? You prepare for the next *kairos*.

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How will we prepare for the next moment? How has the *kairos* become manifest?

I attended the Alliance of Baptists virtual annual gathering April 23-24. The whole focus of the conference was on how we can be anti-racist Christians. Here's a [link](#) to the conference's Youtube page, which includes several pre-recorded workshops.

This means unpacking the ways systemic racism is a part of our collective subconscious. I for one am glad that it is becoming exposed, for when it is, we can address it with courage and compassion.

Blessings and Peace,

*Doug Donley*

*Photo of daffodils in the UBC garden by Jim Ross*

**2020-21 UBC Worship Theme:  
“Repairing the Breach/ Restoring the Streets”  
Isaiah 58:12**

			<i>Worship Leader</i>
<b>May 2</b>	“Abundance”	Acts 10:1-38	Diane Ehr
<b>May 9</b>	“Children”	Mark 10:13-16	Matty Strickler
<b>May 16</b>	“Who Takes up the Mantle?”	Matthew 4:12-23	Karen Swenson
<b>May 23</b>	Joint Service with Rochester-Genesee region		Megan Gunnar
<b>May 30</b>	“Do Not Pass Us By”	I Samuel 16:1-13	Deidre Druk

**It's Time to Talk About Race: Race and Policing**

**Thursday, May 6, 6-7:30 pm**

Duchess Harris, professor of American studies and political science, will talk about the historical institutions and laws that underpin today's system and what police departments and the communities they serve are doing to improve communication and relationships.

This online program is sponsored by the Shoreview Human Rights Commission and Do Good Roseville with support from the Ramsey County Library. **Advance registration available here:**

<https://rclreads.bibliocommons.com/events/606d269f8bba992f00c2ff2c>

**From Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America (BPFNA)**

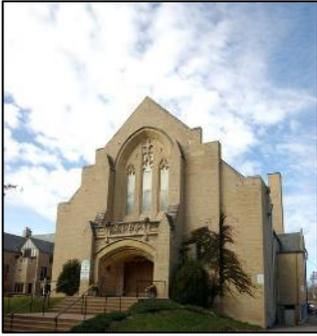
***Where Do We Go From Here?***

Since March 29, the start date of Derek Chauvin’s trial, 64 people - approximately 3 people each day - have died at the hands of law enforcement in the United States. One officer being held accountable does not come close to rectifying the loss of Black and Brown lives nor does it erase the fact that the United States has a serious problem with policing. We also can’t view the institution of policing in isolation when the whole system is guilty. Click on the link to read the article: [Where Do We Go from Here](#)

# Calendar for May 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
						<b>1</b>
						<b>9 am</b> Bible Study <b>4 pm</b> Anti-Racism Film Group
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
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<b>9 Mother's Day</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
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## What's Going On



### Sunday Mornings

**9 am – Joys & Concerns via Zoom**

**10 am – Worship (on the church lawn, weather dependent)**

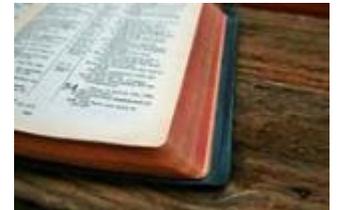
**11:15 am – Forum via Zoom**

We will continue to have prerecorded services available, too. We will also continue to meet on Zoom before and after the 10 am worship hour. At 10 am, we will close out the Zoom meeting. **You can watch the recorded service by clicking on the link you'll find at <http://www.ubcmn.org>.** After viewing the service on your own (or attending the in-person service), we'll come back to the Zoom meeting for visiting and our Forum. If we cannot meet outdoors at 10 am due to inclement weather, Pastor Doug will send an email at 8 am.

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

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

**Bible Study – May 1 & 15 (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat.) at 9 am.** The Bible Study Group will begin reading the Apostle Paul's Letter to the Galatians on May 1. This letter has been important in the life and worship of UBC. The Affirmation most often spoken during Sunday worship is based on Galatians 3:26-28. The focus will be on background and chapter 1. New and occasional members are always welcome. If you have any questions, please contact Diane Ehr at [DianeEhr@q.com](mailto:DianeEhr@q.com).



**ZOOM INFO:** Meeting ID: 886 6992 0103 passcode: 613038

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



### Anti-Racism Film Discussion Group – Saturdays at 4 pm

**May 1 – [The Racism Virus](#)** (52 min, Peacock TV))

**May 8 – [Surviving America](#)** (1 hr, 36 min, Tubitv)

**May 15 – [Whispers of Angels: A Story of the Underground Railroad](#)**  
(58 min, Tubitv)

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

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

### Spanish classes – Mondays (Intermediate 5-6 pm, Beginners 6:15-7:15 pm)

**ZOOM INFO:** Meeting ID 810 5166 8898 passcode 292647

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81051668898?pwd=R1liaXBpMXJRMlFT0liZ2hTZVhXdz09>



## More of What's Going On



### **Memoir Writing Group – May 4 & 18 (every other Tues.) at 7 pm**

All are welcome! Come share your stories, and listen and give feedback to others. Feel free to write about anything you'd like. Here are some new ideas for prompts: Baptism, Brushes with famous people, Library. If you have any questions, please contact Trish Donley at [crazyazgal@msn.com](mailto:crazyazgal@msn.com).

**ZOOM INFO:** Meeting ID: 810 6944 9838    passcode: 244380  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81069449838?pwd=ZWNIUmMzNXRSYIFYaHJUczk2ZmRoUT09>

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### **Virtual Choir Practice – Wednesdays at 6 pm**



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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87186012016?pwd=SjJ0eGJ2bVN1M1NZK0ljYkxkb1pYZz09>



**Bells Practice – Wednesdays at 7:15 pm** in the church sanctuary.

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### **Guided Meditation – Thursdays at 5:30 pm**

Join Kim Donley for 15-20 minutes of guided meditation to help us to stop, breathe, and focus on grounding ourselves.



**ZOOM INFO:** Meeting ID: 856 3650 9180    passcode: 484125  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85636509180?pwd=R3JldWQzbG5raEQrck50cWZPWStOUT09>



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### **Caregivers Support Group – May 6 (1<sup>st</sup> Thurs.) at 6:30 pm**

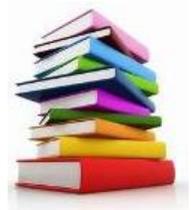
UBCers who have an elderly parent meet for support. If you have questions, please contact Jean Lubke at [lubk0001@umn.edu](mailto:lubk0001@umn.edu).

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/653705477?pwd=S25PdFE2Uml0cUdBBeGJBeHQ4Y1prdz09>

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### **UBC Grace in Contemporary Literature by Women Book Group – May 8 (2<sup>nd</sup> Sat.) at 1 pm**

The book this month is *An American Marriage* by Tayari Jones. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Follett at [chrisf2828@yahoo.com](mailto:chrisf2828@yahoo.com).



**ZOOM INFO:** meeting ID 815 2376 4072    password 525996  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81523764072?pwd=Q1hlc2VFdnlOMEI1VWhXNzdKRDdjQT09>

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## More of What's Going On



**UBC-FCC Knitting Group – May 10 (2<sup>nd</sup> Mon.) at 7 pm.** The group is made up of stitchers from UBC and First Congregational Church. All are welcome! If you have any questions, please contact Chris Follett at [chrisf2828@yahoo.com](mailto:chrisf2828@yahoo.com).

**ZOOM INFO:** Meeting ID 844 4161 7658 password 696081

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84441617658?pwd=c2oyVjJlEVzNyM2NraU14WG8wYWdrdz09>

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Our bi-weekly **Essential Documents group**, which formed last year, is now on hiatus. Would you like an accountability partner for completing essential documents such as your health care directive, obituary, funeral plans, and organizing financial records? Contact Gayla Marty.

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## SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, June 6 at 11 am

Celebration of Tai Shigaki's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, on the church lawn

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## MAY FORUMS

As we add in-person worship (weather permitting), our last forums of the year in May will continue Sundays online but shift to 11:15–12:15 to allow for transition time. Please join us on Zoom, same link as Joys and Concerns.

### May 2 — Calling All Talent!

What are you feeling called to do? What are the opportunities and needs at UBC? In this forum, the UBC Talent Team and president will be on hand to talk about what they do, needs they see at UBC in the coming year, and how to complete the survey, which is now mostly online (though paper is still an option by request). May 2 is the target deadline to complete our Time & Talent surveys for the 2021-22 program year, so please join us, whether you want survey tips or an overview of the beehive of activity we call church—from music and gardening to leadership and outreach.

### No Forum May 9 or 16

### May 23 — *Self, Divided*, a Memoir by John Medeiros

John will read and answer questions about his new prize-winning memoir about identity and human connection. In lyrical prose, it tells the story of John and his identical twin brother as they took part in a study of a gene therapy for the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV). Published by Howling Bird Press in 2021.

### May 30 — Worship Year Debrief

As we come to the end of this very unusual program year, this forum will give us time to reflect together on what in our worship experience has worked for us and what has not, what we want to keep, and what we want to change as we plan for the program year to come. Please join us!

**This month concludes our forums until the fall.  
If you have ideas for speakers or forum topics,  
please contact Gayla Marty**



Cake and other goodies along with games and fellowship marked Santos' birthday party on April 18.

Thanks to all who made it happen!



Santos and Deidre share a joke.

Photos by Jim Ross



Join the UBC Facebook Group and see more photos!  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/82471051272/photos/>

## Calling All Talent!

*As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another,  
as good stewards of God's varied grace. 1 Peter 4:10.*

UBC's Talent Team has been hard at work gathering information about community members' passions, interests, needs, and abilities. Each spring is a particularly busy time of filling volunteer roles for the next program year, which starts on July 1. Fabulous Trish Donley leads the Team and is aided by wonder women Harriet Johnson and Betty Shaw.



**Personnel Committee Member** is a two-year position. Key responsibilities of the 3-person confidential committee are to hire staff, oversee annual staff performance reviews, administer compensation and personnel policies, and handle any other personnel issues that may arise. Ty Wottrich currently chairs the committee, and Jean Lubke is the other continuing member. John Medeiros is stepping down after two years of service to focus on his role as Outreach Co-Coordinator.

Many thanks to the many who have already volunteered! Your generosity is greatly appreciated. A few critical roles remain unclaimed—Church Clerk, Financial Assistant, and Personnel Committee member. Please consider serving in one of these roles. Training and transitional assistance will be provided. Remote participation is welcome, so don't let distance from the Twin Cities deter you.

**Church Clerk** is a two-year position that provides important support to the Church Council. Key responsibilities are to take minutes at monthly Council meetings, as well as at the Annual Meeting, and to maintain an accurate list of Church members. Margie Garmers has filled this role for seven years.

**Financial Assistant** is a one-year position that provides important support to the Treasurer. Key responsibilities are to reconcile the church's bank accounts and submit tax filings. It is a position that does not typically require attendance at meetings. Ty Wottrich has filled this role for two years and performed the same functions and much more over seventeen years as UBC Treasurer.

Starting July 1 UBC has volunteer needs in a number of other areas, including leading or teaching Sunday School, coordinating Forums, serving on the Talent Team, and hosting Zoom sessions or otherwise helping with technology.

For more information or to express interest, please contact Trish Donley, [crazyazgal@msn.com](mailto:crazyazgal@msn.com), and be sure to indicate your interests using the online Time & Talent Form. If you'd prefer to receive a paper form by mail, let Pastor Doug know at [pastor@ubcmn.org](mailto:pastor@ubcmn.org) or 612-331-1768. Our goal for completed time and talent information is May 2nd, but we will be working to fill positions right up to the June 13 Annual Meeting.

Please also be sure to thank Trish Donley, Harriet Johnson, and Betty Shaw for their dedicated service on the Talent Team.

– Denise Roy

## Special Offering for May and June Ministries for Refugees and Sanctuary

The special offerings for May and June will go toward ministries for refugees and sanctuary. We all know that the past 5 years have been a very challenging time for those seeking refuge or asylum in our country. While we hope that the election will lead to new policies, that has not yet been the case. Yet the number of people fleeing their homes because of war, ethnic cleansing, environmental disaster, and uncontrolled violent crime is at an all-time high. Sometimes our own government policies have led to the conditions that cause people to flee their country. We have used these offerings in the past to support organizations like Refugee Services at the Minnesota Council of Churches and our own sanctuary coalition. Please consider a gift to our May and June special offering to support our work to welcome the stranger

- Mindy Lee

### Online Giving Available

You can now donate funds electronically via the UBC website. Here's how it works. First, go to [ubcmn.org](http://ubcmn.org) and scroll down to the middle of the page and click on [DONATE HERE](#). This will take you to several options to donate to (pledge, Fellowship Fund, monthly mission offering, etc.)

Click on one of them and indicate how much and often you want to give. Please choose the option to add a small amount to your gift to help reduce processing fees. You may want to set up an account with Vanco, our administrator, to keep track of your giving. If you have any questions, please see Denise Roy or Nancy Myers.



**Spring has Sprung!**  
Red tulips in Adele's garden.

Photo by Jim Ross

### UBC Building Use Until Further Notice

UBC building is open to all renters, staff, and visitors with the following guidelines:

- Groups may be no larger than 10 people in one space (including the sanctuary) without advance permission from UBC.
- Social distancing of at least 6 feet must take place.
- All people must wear masks in the common areas of the building (entryways, halls, bathrooms, kitchen, lounge, sanctuary, etc.) They must wear masks in their own spaces IF there is more than one person in the room.

Congregational worship will continue via Zoom for the foreseeable future. We will also worship together outdoors on the church lawn as weather permits starting May 2.

## Cloud of Witnesses Photos and Data Needed

I am in the process of redoing the "in Memoriam" poster for the UBC hallway and, in the process, creating 3 boards, containing even more UBC members. These boards will be laminated (like the smaller photo boards) to avoid future damage.

I am missing a few photos and pieces of information that would be lovely to include - before they are laminated! If you happen to have any of these items - hard copies or digital, please send them my way by the end of May.

I am also updating the membership database and could use life dates (birth, marriage, death) for many folks. That type of information is often available in funeral / memorial service bulletins or obituaries.

I want to make sure as many of our cloud of witnesses are well-remembered.

If you happen to have any of these in hard copy or digital format, please send them to me at [lubk0001@umn.edu](mailto:lubk0001@umn.edu) or 1860 Butler Ave., South St. Paul, 55075 by the end of May. Thanks much!!

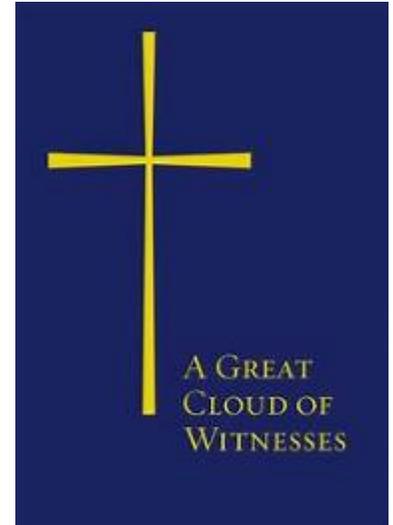
- Jean Lubke

### Photos (preferably with only that person in the photo):

Art Berge  
Millie Berthold  
Ron Blackmore  
Lou Mata  
Earl Shaw  
Harold Wilson

### Life Dates:

Gertrude Battell  
Art Berge  
Bea Bixler  
John Bone  
Chris Fraulin  
Lee Freeman  
Judy Grimshaw  
Portia Hill  
Ken Huyck  
Ernie Lagerstrom  
Thelma Lindholm  
Rhoda Lundsten  
Janet Otis  
Grace Warfield



### **May Birthdays**

2 John Lee  
3 Caroline Lee, Lu Carman  
7 Jay McKibbins  
14 John Medeiros  
19 Bill Allen

25 Stephanie Leervig

27 Ty Wottrich

28 Chundra Walton, Jadzia Gray

### **May Anniversaries**

2 Wendy & Ryan Kellogg

4 Kym & Adam Wilbrecht

# DROP-IN DAY

**SATURDAY MAY 8<sup>TH</sup> 3PM - 5PM**

**A WARM MEAL, RESOURCES, AND  
CONNECTIONS**

To request this information in another language or format please contact: [secomo@secomo.org](mailto:secomo@secomo.org)  
(Spanish) Para solicitar esta información en otro idioma o en un formato diferente, por favor contacta [secomo@secomo.org](mailto:secomo@secomo.org).  
(Hmong) Xav thov nug nplooj ntawv no rau lwm hom lus los yog daim ntawv, thov hu rau [secomo@secomo.org](mailto:secomo@secomo.org).  
(Somali) Si aad u codsato foomkan oo qaab ama luqad kale ah, fadlan la xiriir [secomo@secomo.org](mailto:secomo@secomo.org).

Come by University Baptist Church anytime between 3:00 and 5:00 pm on Saturday, May 8th, 2021 for a warm meal, get a haircut and a shower, and find some resources and connections.

Masks are required and will be provided to all guests.

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**Sponsored by the Accompanying Unsheltered Neighbors Group, a collaborative of organizational partners including: Aliveness Project, First Congregational Church of Minnesota, Hennepin County Library - Arvonne Fraser, Marcy Holmes Neighborhood Association, Off-Campus Living at the University of Minnesota, Raising Cane's, Steller Hair, Southeast Como Improvement Association, University Baptist Church & University Lutheran Church of Hope**

## COVID-19 Vaccination in Nicaragua



Children's activity at our sister church.

Nicaragua has received 335,000 doses of AstraZeneca vaccine donated by the World Health Organization (WHO) global vaccine exchange program, COVAX.

According to current information, the population of Nicaragua is 6,528,000. Less than 1% of Nicaragua's population has been vaccinated so far, although the WHO COVAX has promised to vaccinate 20% of the population.

Vaccinations have been voluntary with priority for older adults and people with chronic diseases. Up to now the membership of our sister church is still waiting to be part of those who benefit from getting the vaccine. For the moment they are following the recommendations suggested by specialists for worship services and activities of the school. But they are grateful for the advancement of vaccinations in the United States and for those in the congregation who have already received their doses.

- Anielka Montiel

### The Bells are Back!

Beginning Wednesday, May 5th, the Carillon Bell Choir ringers (who are fully vaccinated) will be returning to our usual Wednesday evening rehearsal time. However, since we have had a year off of regular rehearsals, we will be rehearsing throughout this summer in preparation for our twice-rescheduled 2022 Scandinavian Bell Tour. We will be ready to play on Sundays when we are back worshipping together in the sanctuary!

### DON'T FORGET TO RETURN YOUR PLEDGE CARD AND TIME & TALENT SHEET

Because our spring pledge solicitation was a little different this year, you may have forgotten to submit your pledge for 2021-22. Just as important are the talent sheets.

Please send your pledge to Nancy Myers and fill out your time and talent sheet [online](#) or send to Trista at [info@ubcmn.org](mailto:info@ubcmn.org). The Council will be working hard this month to come up with a budget and officer proposal to publish in our annual report at the end of May. We'll vote on all of it at our annual meeting planned for Sunday, June 13. If you have not turned in your forms, please do so soon!

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Deadlines: 10<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of the month.

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