

UBC NEWS

University Baptist Church

1219 University Ave SE

Minneapolis MN 55414

Established 1850 at St. Anthony Falls, MN

April 2022



From the Pastor

The Power of Trees

The big basswood tree on the corner of 13th and University Avenues has seen a lot over the years. No one seems to know how long it's been there, but probably over 40 years. It's a fast-growing tree (about 2 feet/year). We know this because in the summer, the branches come down almost to the ground.

We've had to cut branches that have encroached on our corner sign. We've had to trim it before putting up the tent because it would poke a hole in the canvas.



With its y-shaped trunk, it has held many an acrobatic UBCer in its branches. It has served as a back drop for weddings. It has offered shade and rest to generations of students and UBCers enjoying Dinkytown's last green space.



Unfortunately, our horticultural experts have discovered a split at the joint of the two large branches that make up the trunk. Without immediate attention it could harm people in a strong wind. Truth be told, it loses lots of twigs every time the wind blows. We got tree experts to look at it and see if we could cable it together for a few more years. Then they looked at the seam and saw the tell-tale signs of rot. So, with the garden team's consent we made the hard decision to say a fond farewell to our old friend.

Gayla Marty's memoir entitled "Memory of Trees" muses that trees outlive most of us. They are sentinels who see time and generations come and go. While we gaze upon them, we remember generations that have come and gone. We imagine what they looked like as saplings. We remember the turns of season, the triumphs, the trauma, the home that they made for birds, the shade and fruit they gave to so many. Before long, the tree will be removed. The place will never look the same.

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And yet, it never looks the same anyway. Generations of trees have come and gone at the corner of 13th and University. Another one may well get planted there.

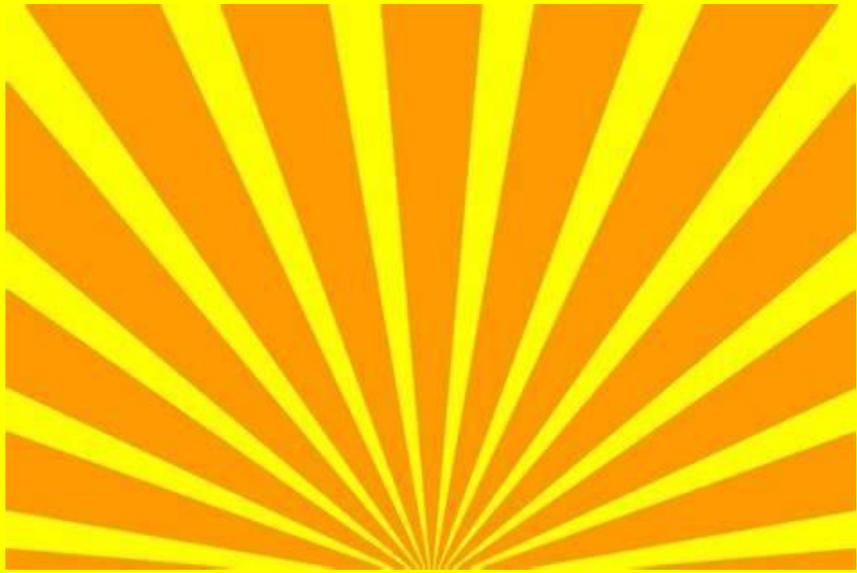
On the other hand, maybe we'll pay more attention to the flowering crab apple trees and the linden tree that have been dwarfed by our big old friend. We may even gain some room in our yard for our summertime tent.

The writer of Ecclesiastes said that to everything there is a season. A time to live, a time to die, a time to plant and a time to take up what is planted. This season, I give thanks to this old friend. I also look forward to seeing what will grow in a sunnier yard for the next few seasons before a new tree takes its place.

Thanks be to God for the memory of this great tree. Blessings and Peace,

Doug Donley

Photos by Doug Donley



Sunrise Service
Easter Sunday, April 17
6:30 am

Please join us for an Easter sunrise service on the UBC lawn. Bring a warm beverage from home, maybe a lawn chair, and imagine what that first Easter sunrise was like for Mary Magdalene at the tomb. It's also an opportunity to see your UBC friends in person.

The regular 10 am Easter service will be inside and livestreamed.



If you would like to purchase an Easter lily or other spring flower in honor or in memory of someone, or just to help decorate the sanctuary for Easter, please send a check for \$15 /plant to UBC. Please include the name of the person(s) being honored /remembered.

If you attend services in person, please put the donation in the specified envelope found in the pew racks.

Deadline to receive orders is April 10.

Calendar for April 2022

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							9:45 am Every Meal	9 am Bible Study
3	4	5	6	7	8	9		
10 am Worship Joys & Concerns 12 pm Council	11:15 am Meals on Wheels 5 pm Inter Spanish 6:15 pm Beg Spanish	11:15 am Meals on Wheels 7 pm Memoir Group	11:15 am Meals on Wheels 6 pm Choir 7:30 pm Bells	10 am – 4pm Blood Drive 11:15 am Meals on Wheels 4:30 pm Adv Spanish Conversation 6:30 pm Caregiver Support Group		1 pm Book Group		
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17 Easter	18	19	20	21	22	23		
6:30 am Sunrise Service 10 am Worship Joys & Concerns	5 pm Inter Spanish 6:15 pm Beg Spanish 7 pm Knitting Grp	7 pm Memoir Group	7:30 pm Bells	4:30 pm Adv Spanish Conversation		1 pm Card Club		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30		
9:15 am Drop in Choir 10 am Worship Joys & Concerns	5 pm Inter Spanish 6:15 pm Beg Spanish	7 pm Anti-Racism Group	6 pm Choir 7:30 pm Bells		Loaves & Fishes	7 pm Roots Cellar Concert		

**APRIL
WORSHIP
SCHEDULE**

**Worship Theme:
Sacred Spaces**

<p>April 3 Preaching: Doug Donley Worship Leader: Deidre Druk Scripture: Song of Songs 2:1-17 Sermon: "Back to the Garden"</p>	<p>April 17 Preaching: Doug Donley Worship Leader: TBD Scripture: John 20:1-18 Sermon: "Holy Ground Revisited"</p>
<p>April 10 Preaching: Doug Donley Worship Leader: Jean Lubke Scripture: Mark 11:1-11 Sermon: "Off to Bethany"</p>	<p>April 24 Preaching: Doug Donley Worship Leader: Anielka Montiel Scripture: John 21:1-19 Sermon: "The Beach"</p>

What's Going On



Sunday Morning Worship

10 am – Worship in the sanctuary

10 am – Livestreaming service on the [UBC YouTube](#) page (search University Baptist Church Minneapolis MN).

11 am (or when the livestream has ended) – Joys & Concerns in the sanctuary and on Zoom

ZOOM INFO: Meeting ID 839 4725 7444 passcode 257750

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Every Meal – April 1 (1st Fri.) at 9:45 am at Marcy Open School. Volunteers are needed to deliver meal bags to student backpacks in their lockers during the school day. We are set for volunteers on April 1 but mark your calendars for May 6. If you are interested, please contact Denise Roy at denise.roy@mitchellhamline.edu.

Bible Study – April 2 & 16 (1st & 3rd Sat.) at 9 am. On April 2, we'll be reading 1 Corinthians 11 and 12, and on April 16, 1 Corinthians 13 and 14. Join anytime for an hour of discussion and informal conversation. All are welcome. For more information, please contact Diane Ehr at DianeEhr@g.com.

ZOOM INFO: meeting ID 886 6992 0103 passcode 613038

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Spanish classes – Mondays (Intermediate 5-6 pm, Beginners 6:15-7:15 pm) and Thursdays (Advanced Conversation 4:30-5:30 pm). 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, vocabulary and verb conjugation, the Intermediate Class would be a good fit for you. The focus is on reading, writing and discussing. We have added an advanced conversation class on Thursdays. If you have any questions, please contact Anielka Montiel at anymontiel22@gmail.com or 651-295-4590.

ZOOM INFO: meeting ID 836 6517 4632 passcode 216793

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Meals on Wheels – April 4-7 (first full week of the month). Meals are picked up around 11:15 am and the route in SE Minneapolis usually takes less than two hours. If you have any questions, please contact Marie LaFrance at marielafrence46@gmail.com.



Memoir Writing Group – April 5 & 19 (every other Tues.) at 7 pm

Prompts include *Birds*, *Migration* and *Spring* or anything else you feel called to write about. If you have any questions, please contact Trish Donley at patricia.donley63@gmail.com.

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

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More of What's Going On



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

American Red Cross Blood Drive – Thurs., April 7, 10 am-4 pm in the Adele Fadden Assembly Hall at UBC. Every two seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood. Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: ubcmn to schedule an appointment or go to this sign-up page: <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=ubcmn>

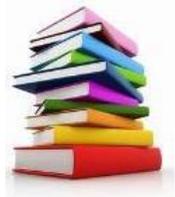


Caregivers Support Group – April 7 (1st Thurs.) at 6:30 pm. UBCers who have an elderly parent meet for support. If you have any questions, please contact Jean Lubke at lubk0001@umn.edu.

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UBC Grace in Contemporary Literature by Women Book Group – April 9 (2nd Sat.) at 1 pm. The book this month is *My Life, My Love, My Legacy* by Coretta Scott King. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Follett at chrisf2828@yahoo.com.



ZOOM INFO: meeting ID 815 2376 4072 passcode 525996

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Anti-Racism Discussion and Action Group – April 12 & 26 (every other Tues) at 7 pm. We are discussing *Trouble the Water, A Christian Resource for Work of Racial Justice*, edited by Michael-Ray Mathews, Marie Clare P. Onwubuariri, and Cody J. Sanders. If you have any questions, please contact Denise Roy or Doug Donley.

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UBC-FCC Knitting Group – April 18 (3rd Mon.) at 7:00 pm at Cynthia Hendricks's home. 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.

More of What's Going On



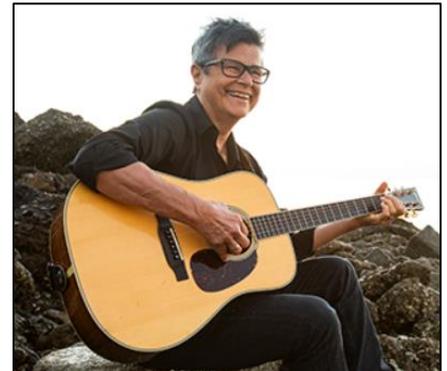
Alliance of Baptists Virtual Gathering – April 22-24
<https://allianceofbaptists.org/events/2022-annual-gathering/>

Card Club – Sat., April 23, 1-4:30 pm at Jean Lubke's home. This group meets monthly to learn card-making techniques, share ideas, and make beautiful greeting cards. All materials (except your scissors and adhesives) are provided in exchange for a \$5 minimum donation to Project MN-Leon. Due to the limited space and the need to prepare materials, registration is needed for each month's session. All participants must be fully vaccinated. If you are interested, please contact Jean at 651-295-7525 or lubk0001@umn.edu.



Loaves & Fishes – Fri., April 29 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 or 612-844-8194 or 763-645-9499.

ROOTS CELLAR CONCERT – Tret Fure – Sat., April 30 at 7 pm in the Adele Fadden Assembly Hall at UBC. A prolific artist in the contemporary singer-songwriter arena, Tret Fure has released 17 albums and CDs over the course of her 51-year career. See also: www.tretfure.com/biography. Tickets are available (\$20) at the door (entrance on University Ave) or at <https://tretfure.brownpapertickets.com>. Free parking is available next door at the Institute of Religion and the Arvonne Fraser SE Library. Metered parking is available in Dinkytown, as well as pay parking at ramps at 428 13th Ave. SE (entrance on 5th St. SE) or 1625 4th Street SE.



FORUMS RETURN!

Sunday forums will resume after Easter. They will be held at UBC, also available on Zoom, from 11:15 to 12:15 pm.

April 24—Zero Waste Swaps

In the spirit of Earth Day (April 22), Trish Donley will present ideas for simple things we can do in our lives to reduce waste. We hear so much about recycling, but recycling is really the least sustainable of the three Rs (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle). Let's share ideas about how we are working to reduce waste in our lives!



IN MEMORIAM – Vicki Wilson

It didn't take the UBC Council long to name Victoria "Vicki" Wilson as the church's Shalom Award nominee in the Rochester/ Genesee Region back in 2007. She had worked decades in the pursuit

of peace and social justice for those in our country and elsewhere who were marginalized in society. She wound up being declared the top awardee among the region's 50 churches. Her efforts were greatly curtailed in more recent years due to health concerns, and she passed away on Mar. 5 at age 95.

In her Celebration of Life service on Mar. 26, UBC Pastor Doug Donley paid a tribute to Vicki's long-time toiling in the arenas of peacekeeping. "She was the consummate activist and advocate," he said. "She was a woman of fierce devotion working to do what's right and to treat people right."

Vicki encouraged everyone to get involved in social justice issues. In an interview a few years ago, she said: "Everyone can get involved at the grassroots, [when contending with racism, sexism or poverty]. Everyone can speak up at the dinner table, for example. It's important for children to hear [about the issues] early."

During her lifetime, Vicki wound up serving on numerous local, regional and some national Baptist boards and committees devoted to combatting injustice in its various forms. In the 1980s, she served as President of the Mid-American Baptist Peace Fellowship and even travelled to Burma twice in her

retirement. She was a part of the League of Women Voters, the Reimagining Community, many book clubs and poetry groups. A Vermont native, and graduate of Syracuse University, she had always been an avid follower of her community's public affairs issues and looking for ways to help others in need.

Working on UBC's internal committees, "You always knew Vicki was there," recalls a UBC member and friend. "She spoke up in a strong and informative voice—and usually with great conviction."

A UBC member for 66 years, Vicki's volunteering at UBC was in many areas, including being a Sunday School teacher, a long-time member of the Loyalty Circle and chairperson of several committees. She chaired the church's Sesquicentennial Committee to mark its 150th anniversary in 2000, an ambitious event, involving past ministers and members, special speakers and a variety of small gatherings. It was an important occasion in UBC's history.

Vicki's husband, Harold, was a professor at the U of M's School of Journalism and Mass Communications when they met. The couple were frequent and welcoming dinner hosts at their home for UBC members and others. Harold died in 1993. The Wilsons are survived by their daughters Sharon and Beth who grew up at UBC.

The Celebration of Life service was recorded and you can access it on the [UBC YouTube channel](#) or click [here](#).

- Don Follett





The first Roots Cellar Concert in two years on Mar. 12 featured Curtis & Loretta. **Photo by Jim Ross.**

Thank You

*UBC Friends,
We are deeply grateful for
your kindness and words
of comfort as we mourn
the passing of Diane's
brother Larry.*

Alan and Diane Ehr

for your Kindness

Songs about Water: A Celebration of Water in the Shape Note Tradition

Sunday, May 1, 5:30-7:30 pm at University Baptist Church

We will sing from two books: Denson and Shenandoah Harmony, and songs that are water-related are requested. A tour of the UBC raingardens will be given at the break. Guests are welcome. No experience necessary, and books will be provided.

Covid masking will be announced closer to the date in accord with current conditions.

We will sing outdoors, and under the portico if it rains. Please dress for the weather.

This event is an educational component of the University Baptist Church Raingardens project, supported in part by the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization. You will have the opportunity to appreciate the lovely functional channel drain, crafted by the Chicago Fire Arts Center, that conveys stormwater to the main raingarden. This corten steel channel drain was a gift to University Baptist Church from our shape note community, and is finished with cut-out shaped notes.

MARCH AND APRIL SPECIAL OFFERING

Mission giving for March/April will be to support groups which focus on peace and justice issues. In the past, we have supported groups such as The Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America, The Alliance of Baptists and Women Against Military Madness. We are looking at various organizations and ministries both locally and nationally which we might want to support with our gifts this year. Thank you for your donations.

Upcoming Carillon Choir Tour

After years of waiting, the Carillon Choir members are in the final preparation stage for their Scandinavian tour **June 6–24**. Throughout April and May there will be many hours spent practicing, figuring out equipment luggage logistics, confirming travel and concert plans, checking and double checking and triple checking, and trying to plan and prepare for possible problems along the way. All working toward the ultimate goal of experiencing a wonderful trip together and sharing their love of music around the world. **Their farewell concert will be at UBC on Sunday, June 5 at 3 pm.** Please come, bring friends, and give them a warm send off.



Who's Traveling?

Jean Lubke - Director
Laurie Brazman
Jeanne Daniels* *=Roadie
Doug Donley
Kim Donley
Deidre Druk
Jill Easton
Margie Garmers
Karole Graham
Jodi Gustafson*
Kathryn Jacobs*
Betsy Kerr
Carol Lilygren
Jonathan Lubke
Michael Lubke
Rochelle Milbrath
Robbie Steele*
Lauren Thrift
Janella Wendorf

Concerts

If you have any friends or family living near any of these concerts, please send them the details and encourage them to attend. We would love to have them in the audience!

Sunday, June 5, 3 pm - Farewell Concert at UBC

Wednesday, June 8, 2 pm Service, 3pm Concert – Vår Frue - Åpne Kirke - Trondheim Norway (northernmost point on the map)

Sunday, June 12, 7 pm – Knarvik Church – Bergen Norway (C on the map)

Wednesday, June 15, 7 pm – Ski Nye Kirke – Ski Norway (D)

Thursday, June 16, 7 pm – Joint Concert with Cantus Cordi Women's Choir – Majorstuen Kirke – Oslo Norway (D)

Saturday, June 18, 6 pm – Lundby Nya Kyrka – Gothenburg Sweden (F)

Sunday, June 19, 6:30 pm – Allianskyrkan – Jönköping Sweden (G)

Wednesday, June 22, 7 pm – Islev Kirke – Copenhagen Denmark (H)

More about the Carillon Choir....

Donate to the Carillon Choir

The Carillon Choir thanks you all for your support and love. If you would like to support their tour costs you have options:

- Write a check to UBC with *Carillon Choir Tour* in the memo line.
- Go to UBC's online donation page www.ubcmn.org/giving and click "Give" under the *Bell Choir Scandinavia Tour* box.

Fun Facts

- Total trip cost per person = \$4,500
- Pieces of bell luggage = 26 (14 check-in, 12 carry-on)!!
- Age range of travelers: 34 – 86
- Range of bell ringing experience: 4 - 28 years
- Distance traveled on the bus = approx. 1,325 miles
- Prior tours:
 - 2004: England & Scotland
 - 2007: Ohio, New York, Toronto
 - 2010: California
 - 2013: Nicaragua
 - 2017: Germany & France



At a recent fundraising concert at Hillcrest United Methodist Church in Bloomington MN, the UBC Bell Choir played live, on the big screen, and live streamed (available on the UBC You Tube channel.)

Photo by Jim Ross

Volunteer Opportunities

Afghan Evacuee Resettlement

Alight (formerly the American Refugee Committee) has received funding to place Afghan families in the Twin Cities and our very own Trish Donley is spearheading the UBC volunteer effort toward that endeavor, which will involve arranging items that are brought to homes by others (i.e., staging the home for families, setting up kitchens, assembling/arranging furniture, making beds, etc.).

If you would like to help, volunteers can sign up at volunteer@wearealight.org. If you have any questions, please contact either Teresa Janicke Devick (with Alight) at tridevick@yahoo.com, or Trish Donley at patricia.donley63@gmail.com. COVID vaccines, background checks and masks are required.

Every Meal

UBC participates in *Every Meal*, a program that distributes meals over weekends and school breaks for families of children who receive free and reduced meals when school is in session. UBC is scheduled to distribute at Marcy Open School on the **first Friday of each month** from 9:45 am to about noon. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Denise Roy at denise.roy@mitchellhamline.edu.

Loaves and Fishes

UBC will host Loaves and Fishes on **Friday, April 29**. If you would like to participate, please contact Steve Lee at steven.lee@thrivent.com.

Meals on Wheels

UBC has an opportunity to participate in Meals on Wheel on the first full week of the month (**April 4-7**). We have four drivers currently and would love to add one or more to rotate in. Meals are picked up around 11:15 am and the route usually takes 1-2 hours. If you have any questions, please contact Marie LaFrance at marielafrance46@gmail.com.

Little Free Pantry

UBC is looking for backup volunteers to keep our Little Free Pantry stocked. We are looking for individuals who might be willing to stop by the church at least once a week to stock the pantry.

Suggested items to donate to the Little Free Pantry include:

- 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
- Protein shakes
- Tuna packets
- Individually wrapped utensils with napkins

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Trish Donley, our Little Free Pantry coordinator, at patricia.donley63@gmail.com.

Coming Up:

Pride Festival

The LGBTQ Pride Festival will take place in Loring Park on **June 25-26**. If you would like to participate in or help coordinate the UBC booth for this year's festival, please contact John Medeiros at johnthomasmedeiros@gmail.com.

April Birthdays

3	Kamiyah Walton
9	Betty Roy
10	David Martyn
12	Erica Garmers Perreault
26	Denise Roy

April Anniversaries

27	Rachael Acevedo & Zach Hoffman
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FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

UBC's projected operating income for 2021-22 is a little over \$345,000. This includes the final adjusted amount of \$25,355 carry-forward from 2020-21 and the Foundation distribution of \$54,739.



Other gifts and miscellaneous income provide 3% of our budget. These are mostly gifts made by pledgers beyond their pledge or from people who did not pledge.

Three quarters into the current fiscal year, operating income continues to be strong.

Pledges, special and miscellaneous gifts and rents total \$219,045, which is \$31,545 more than the pro-rata expectation.

Most of our income (55%) comes from the pledges made by members. Income received is very close to our pro-rata expectation of \$135,000.

Expected annual rental income of \$60,000 is 18% of our budget. This category has a surplus of over \$10,000 to date due to some late rent from last fiscal year and ad hoc rentals. (Thank you, Patrick!)

Based on past years, we'd expect about \$10,000 in donations for the entire year.

Thanks in large part to several large undesignated donations and generous staff appreciation gifts, to date we have a surplus of over \$19,000 in this category.

The Foundation distribution is 17%, which includes 9% (\$29,406) for the Property Manager position. The Foundation Funds are transferred to the UBC checking account as needed by the Treasurer.

Operating Income 2021-22	%	Budget	Expected	Received	Over (short)
Pledge Income	55	\$180,000	\$135,000	\$136,427.30	\$1,427.30
Rental Income	18	\$60,000	\$45,000	\$55,765.84	\$10,765.84
Other income*	3	<u>\$10,000</u>	\$7,500	\$26,851.91	<u>\$19,351.91</u>
Subtotal		\$250,000	\$187,500	\$219,045.05	\$31,545.05
Carry-forward	8	\$25,355			
Foundation	17	<u>\$54,739</u>			
Total Operating	100	\$330,094			
Justice & Outreach		<u>\$15,000</u>		\$8,593.07	
Total Budget		\$345,094			

*individual gifts, loose offering & miscellaneous income

Our budget anticipates \$15,000 in designated Justice & Outreach donations over the course of the year. However, we will donate only as much as is raised from monthly special offerings. Currently we have received \$8,593.07 for all special offerings.

The dedicated offering for Jan. and Feb. was for organizations providing supportive services to children. We have received \$909.50 for this cause to date. The March/April offering is for Peace and Justice organizations for which we have received \$560 to date.

Chris Follett, Financial Secretary

From the President

Tis the Season

This is an updated variation on my message from last April. Information worth repeating!



At UBC, spring is the season we prepare for the coming fiscal year, which officially starts on July 1 and coincides with the academic year that is central to life on a university campus. This “Commitment Season,” is a time to dedicate ourselves to the year ahead. Many of you will recognize the hallmarks of Commitment Season at UBC, including the Talent Team, Time and Talent Form, Pledge Card, Commitment Sunday, and Annual Meeting.

The Talent Team—Harriet Johnson and Sue Wester—is already busy encouraging community members to consider how they might help, as they are able, to sustain the work and community of UBC during the upcoming year. We aspire to passion-led work and the Talent Team helps match passions and capacities with needs and opportunities at UBC. Along the way, the Team also gathers ideas for how UBC might better meet individual needs and interests.

Shortly after April 3, you will receive information about anticipated needs and opportunities for the coming year and an invitation to pledge a contribution of time, talent, or treasure by completing a Time and Talent Form or Pledge Card. Information and forms will be emailed, and access to the Time and Talent Form will be provided through a link allowing easy online completion. If you prefer communication by regular mail, please let us know with a call to 612-331-1768 or email to info@ubcmn.org, and we will send

paper versions of the information and forms.

This year we will ask that pledges of time, talent, and treasure be returned by April 24, Commitment Sunday. This year, for the first time in several years, those able to attend in person will once again ceremoniously deliver our commitments during worship in the sanctuary. In light of UBC’s commitment to interactive remote participation, we will simultaneously celebrate commitments of those not able to attend in person, whether delivered by email, snail mail, or phone call.

After April 24, the Talent Team will continue seeking volunteers aided by Time and Talent information, and the Church Council will develop a budget proposal for next year aided by Pledge Card information. On about May 22, you will receive UBC’s Annual Report for 2021-2022.

UBC’s Commitment Season culminates in the Annual Meeting, this year scheduled for Sunday, June 5. At the meeting, we will celebrate the many accomplishments of the past year, vote on candidates for elective offices, and approve a budget for next year. If weather permits, those able to gather in person may also enjoy a picnic lunch. In any event, the Annual Meeting will be accessible from afar through Zoom. June 5 promises to be a very exciting day! After the Annual Meeting, the Bell Choir will launch its Scandinavian tour with a concert at UBC.

Denise Roy

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.

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2021 Highlights of the THRIVE Project from the Alliance of Baptists



Friends,

Each day as spring unfolds, I awaken to renewed life all around! It is my prayer that in this season of Lent, we all may awaken to the gift of renewed fervor in our commitment and work to nurture a racially just and equitable church and society.

To gain a clearer understanding of the work to which we are called, the **report of the THRIVE survey and interviews conducted in 2021** is helpful, as it holds up a mirror to the racialized realities in our congregations and in the Alliance of Baptists. At the link below is the recording of the presentation from Feb. 22 of the THRIVE directors, which includes the interpretive slides from the preliminary findings of the survey.
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