



UNIVERSITY
BAPTIST CHURCH

UBC^x NEWS

CELEBRATING 175 YEARS
NOVEMBER 2025

**1219 University Ave SE
Minneapolis MN 55414**

Established 1850 at St. Anthony Falls, MN

From the Pastor

Celebration!

What a great set of celebrations we have had for our 175th anniversary year. In October, we had our annual homecoming parade-watching party right on the church lawn. Two days later, we held our first block party with at least nine musical performances, two food trucks, a bouncy house, nonprofit partners giving information, a trans artist fair and an estimated “metric ton” of desserts to share with whomever showed up. We saw lots of smiling faces and we were generally in awe of the team that put it all together. Already people are talking about our NEXT block party.

As the calendar turns to November, we come to our annual All Saints Day service on November 2. This year, several people will be visiting from our church's past. We'll have a new handbell arrangement of “For All the Saints” by Kim Donley. We'll have a potluck lunch and even a visit from Mark Twain, AKA Samuel Clemens, AKA Jim Ketcham.

What a celebration! Now the question comes, What's next? How will future generations look back on 2025? What will they say about the



church's role as authoritarian policies and illegal/unconstitutional actions were taken by elected officials? Amidst the celebrations of our congregation, people are mobilizing and reacting and discovering agency. That's good news, even if it is called bad news by our opponents.

One opportunity we have this month is to join with All Nations Indian Church in reading a community book and sharing a wopila (gratitude) dinner and worship on November 25 (see p. 8).

It is all the more important in this pseudo apocalyptic time to ground ourselves in the scriptural mandates to “do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with God” (Micah 6:8). It's also vital to hold fast to the community that seeks to be a redemptive presence in this world. I'm so glad that we have this wonderful church community that we share. It brings me hope. Don't you agree?

Blessings and Peace,

Doug Donley

November Worship Schedule

Worship Theme:

"Faithfulness: Then and Now"

November 2

Preaching: Doug Donley

Sermon: "Saints, All"

Scripture: Mark 3:31-35

Worship Leader: Gayla Marty

Ushers: Joel Delikowski & Trish Donley

November 9

Preaching: Doug Donley

Sermon: "Warriors"

Scripture: Revelation 19:11-21

Worship Leader: TBD

Ushers: Joel Delikowski & Gene Velasco

November 16

Preaching: Doug Donley

Sermon: "You are My People"

Scripture: Jeremiah 30:18-22

Worship Leader: TBD

Ushers: Trish Donley & Terri Wottrich

November 23

Preaching: Doug Donley

Sermon: "Remember Me"

Scripture: Psalm 106:1-5

Worship Leader: Violet Butler

Ushers: Trish Donley & Gene Velasco

November 30

Preaching: Doug Donley

Sermon: "Text and Context"

Scripture: Excerpts from the First Nations Version's introduction

Worship Leader: Deidre Druk

Ushers: Trish Donley & Chris Follett

NOVEMBER FORUMS

Forums are held 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m., after coffee time. We do our best to provide a Zoom option for remote participants.

November 2–Potluck lunch and fellowship

As we welcome visiting friends and former members in this year of our 175th anniversary celebration, we will commune with our Cloud of Witnesses over lunch. Then, around 1 p.m., former interim pastor Jim Ketcham will channel Mark Twain (1835-1910) in one of his entertaining and fascinating presentations. See more information about the activities on page 4.

November 9–InCity Farm in Minnesota

Rev. Richard Coleman, head of Hope United Community Development Corp. and former pastor at Wayman AME Church, is raising funds to start an InCity Farm in Minnesota. This would be a Black-owned business designed to address food deserts, provide jobs, and produce healthy food. He and associate Norman Harrington are speaking to groups about this endeavor. Our FCC friends have been invited to join us.

November 16–Building tour with the New History team

Tour our 100-year-old building with historical preservation experts Shannon Storey and Lauren Anderson, the New History team that wrote our successful application for eligibility to request placement on the National Registry of Historic Places. With our cornerstone laid in 1921 and sanctuary completed in 1927, UBC has been an architecturally unique and welcoming presence in the campus community for a century. Don't miss this opportunity to learn more about this very special place.

November 23–Talking about books

What have you been reading this year? Bring a book or two that you recommend and share what you like about them. Or just come to listen and maybe get some reading or gift ideas!

November 30–No forum (Thanksgiving weekend)

Extended coffee time

Calendar for November

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
						1
						9 a.m. Bible Study
2 All Saints	3	4	5	6	7	8
10 a.m. Worship Bells Play Communion 11:30 a.m. Potluck 1 p.m. Mark Twain by Jim Ketcham		11:15 am Meals on Wheels 5:30 p.m. Sacred Harp 7 p.m. Anti-racism Work	11 a.m. Handcraft Group 11:15 am Meals on Wheels 6 p.m. Choir 7:30 p.m. Bells	11:15 a.m. Meals on Wheels 6:30p.m. Caregiver Support	11:15 am Meals on Wheels 7 p.m. Concert	9 a.m. Hymnody Workshop 1 p.m. Book Group 2 p.m. Wild Church 7 p.m. Roots Cellar
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
10 a.m. Worship 11:15 a.m. Coffee Time 11:45 a.m. Forum/Journeys 4 p.m. Sacred Harp		5:30 p.m. Sacred Harp 7 p.m. Memoir Group	6 p.m. Choir 7:30 p.m. Bells		11 a.m. Every Meal	9 a.m. Bible Study 3 p.m. Stories@First
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
10 a.m. Worship 11:15 a.m. Coffee Time 11:45 a.m. Forum/Journeys 4 p.m. Sacred Harp		<i>Newsletter deadline</i> 5:30 p.m. Sacred Harp 6-8:30 p.m. All Nations 7 p.m. Memoir Group	6 p.m. Choir 7:30 p.m. Bells	<i>Office closed</i> THANKSGIVING DAY		
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10 a.m. Worship 11:15 a.m. Coffee Time 11:45 a.m. Journeys						Don't forget to set your clocks BACK one hour on Saturday night, November 1.

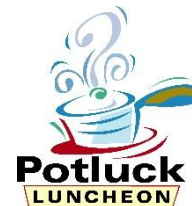


Celebrating UBC's 175th Anniversary November Activities



Honoring our forebears on All Saints Sunday, November 2, 10 a.m. Place a bell on one of our woven banners for anyone you've lost in the past year or a saint in your life you'd like to honor. Welcome old UBC friends who join us on this special Sunday. Our bell banners will process, we will speak the names of our honored and beloved, and share communion.

Potluck lunch after worship! Please bring a main dish or salad to share. Dessert and beverages will be provided. See below for more info about the special guest program following the potluck!

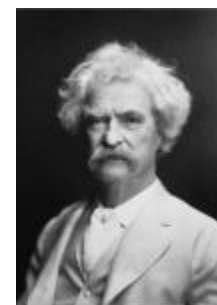


Mark Twain Erupts!

"Religion, Politics and the Whole Damned Human Race"



November 2, 1pm (or so, following the potluck) in the sanctuary. Former UBCer Jim Ketcham puts on the persona of Mark Twain for this hour-long presentation. Twain (1835-1910) was a prolific writer, observer of American culture and human foibles, and public intellectual who spoke to audiences everywhere he went. His topics are relevant to our time.



Jim Ketcham is, of course, no stranger to many of us at UBC. Jim and his wife (Jan Curtis) lived in Roseville for 18 years. Jim served as our Interim Minister from June 1990 to September 1992. Jan was active in the bell and choral choir for many years, and after a "decent interval," Jim was asked to return as a member of the congregation and he also played in the Bell

Choir. Their son John was dedicated by Rev. Dr. Nadean Bishop in the UBC sanctuary in 1996. John is about to turn 30 and is a Captain in the Army Military Police. He's currently serving in Poland, where Western allies are hoping to put on a strong front in response to Putin's incursions. Prayers for John and his company of soldiers, please!

Give to the Max Day 2025: Early Giving Begins November 1! Celebrate 175 years of UBC!

This fiscal year, UBC leadership added a goal of creating \$15,000 in new funding. To help reach that goal, we will be taking part in Give to the Max Day! This year, our campaign will aim for 175 donations of \$18.50 each, to honor our founding 175 years ago in 1850. 175 donations is a lofty goal, but with your help, we can exceed it! Once the campaign begins, we'll be asking you to share our fundraiser with your networks. If 35 of you get five friends to make a donation, we'll meet our goal in no time.

Early giving for GTMD25 begins on November 1. Stay tuned for more info as we go, including ways you can increase our chances of extra prizes from GiveMN!

<https://www.givemn.org/organization/UniversityBaptistChurch>

Don't miss our building tour on November 16. See more info on page 2.

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](#) channel (search University Baptist Church Minneapolis MN).

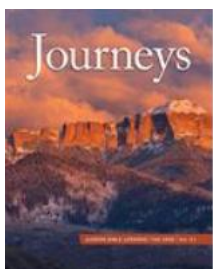
When the livestream has ended - Joys & Concerns (on Zoom)

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11:15 a.m. Coffee time in the lounge followed by forum; use above link

11:45 a.m. Journeys Bible Study in the Char Follett Library. Our meeting is an opportunity to read Scripture together, to learn something new, to ask questions, and to talk about your faith. No preparation is required. Please feel free to come once or regularly. See Nancy Myers or Diane Ehr for more information.



November 2—Companionship: Ruth 1:1-18 (read only - no meeting)

November 8—Stewardship: Mark 12:38-44

November 16—Perseverance: 1 Samuel 1:14-20; 2:1-10

November 23—Order: Psalm 93

November 30—Thanksgiving: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Bible Study—November 1 & 15 (1st & 3rd Saturday), 9 a.m. We will discuss Luke 11-12. New and occasional members are always welcome. No special background, skill, or preparation is required. If you have questions, please contact Diane Ehr at dianeehr82@gmail.com.



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Sacred Harp Singing—Tuesdays, 5:30-7:30 p.m. and Sundays (2nd & 4th), 4-6 p.m. at UBC in Room 303. No experience or talent necessary!

Meals on Wheels—November 4-7 (Tuesday-Friday 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 questions, please contact Marie LaFrance at marielafrance46@gmail.com.



UBC Anti-Racism Work—Tuesday, November 4, 7 p.m. We will discuss and prepare for our part in a webinar November 18 requested by and for our ABC-RGR region about how our congregation responded to George Floyd's murder five years ago and how it has shaped us. Also on the agenda: Reading *The Serviceberry* and participating in All Nations Indian Church's Wópila event November 25, and Advent using a First Nations version of the Bible. All are welcome!

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What's Going On



UBC-FCC Daytime Handcraft Group–November 5 (1st Wednesday), 11 a.m. at First Congregational Church (500 8th Ave. SE). FCC rents space to SE Seniors and has invited their staff and clients to join. If you are interested and want to be on a distribution list, please let Marilyn Burns (from FCC) know at mbsnoobear@mac.com.

Bells and Choir Rehearsal–Wednesday evenings in the church sanctuary or lounge. Please see the calendar on page 3 for the current rehearsal schedule.



Caregiver Support Group–November 6 (1st Thursday), 6:30 p.m. UBCers who care for a parent, family member, or friend meet for support. If you have questions, please contact Jean Lubke at jeanlubke01@gmail.com.

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Hymnody Workshop–November 8, 9 a.m.-noon at UBC as well as on Zoom. We will continue our exploration of hymns to be included in our updated “blue” hymnal. We’ll sing through some old hymns and some new ones too. Childcare and food will be provided. If you have questions, please contact Jean Lubke at jeanlubke01@gmail.com



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Host:
Coro Argentino
de Minnesota

Voces de las Américas - Friday, November 7, 7 p.m. at UBC. Cappella Sur, a New York-based vocal ensemble specializing in Latin American folk music, will provide an evening of captivating harmonies that celebrate the continent’s cultural richness. Free entry. All are welcome. RSVP recommended at: bit.ly/VocesAmericasMN

Grace in Contemporary Literature by Women Book Group–November 8 (2nd Saturday), 1 p.m. The book this month is *Hello Beautiful* by Ann Napolitano. If you have questions, please contact Chris Follett at chrisf2828@yahoo.com.

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Wild Church Gathering–November 8 (2nd Saturday), 2 p.m. at the Peace statue by Nicollet Island Pavillion with friends from other SE Minneapolis churches. During our time together, we will ground ourselves in scripture, poetry, and song before embarking on a time of wandering. We will close with a time of reflection and sharing. The Wild Church movement invites us to reshape our relationship with creation through outdoor worship. See more info here: <https://www.wildchurchnetwork.com/>

What's Going On



ROOTS CELLAR–Rachel Kilgour – Saturday, November 8, 7 p.m.

Celebrated Minnesota singer-songwriter Rachael Kilgour presents her heartfelt release, *My Father Loved Me*, woven into a one-woman storytelling performance. In the spare, often gutting language for which she is known, Kilgour poses questions about belonging, inheritance, and grief and triumphantly affirms the value of one ordinary working man's life. In her live performances, Kilgour expertly balances her poignant, literate songs with her quick wit, landing somewhere between a comedy special and a tender eulogy. Listeners can expect to laugh, weep, and reflect on their own relationships with fatherhood, mortality and grief. For more info, go to <https://www.rachaelkilgour.com/>. Tickets are \$20, available at the door or at <https://events.humanitix.com/rachaelkilgour/tickets>

Memoir Writing Group–November 11 & 25 (every other Tuesday), 7 p.m.

Prompts include *Firsts*, and *Who is your ideal reader (as opposed to your inner critic)?* or whatever you feel called to write about. If you have questions, please contact Trish Donley at 612-386-2856 or patricia.donley63@gmail.com.

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Every Meal–November 14 (2nd Friday), 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Marcy Arts Elementary School in SE Minneapolis. Volunteers are needed to deliver meal bags to student backpacks. If you are interested, please contact Denise Roy at denise.roy@mitchellhamline.edu

Stories@First-Vol. 4–Saturday, November 15, 3 p.m. at First Congregational Church (500 SE 8th St). The theme is “Firsts.” Everyone has a first—a first kiss, a first sleepover, a first drink, a first date, a first house, a first death, a first impression... Think of one of your memorable firsts. Why does it stick with you? How did it change you? Then begin crafting your 5(ish)-minute story.

Come to hear a story. Come to tell a story. Come to build and to be in community. Snacks and conversation will follow the story telling. Email the [FCC office](#) if you would like to be a storyteller (ideally by November 12). Read the [Storytelling Guidelines](#).



UBC-FCC Knitting Group–November 17 (3rd Monday), 7 p.m. at the home of Jean Lubke. The group is made up of stitchers from UBC and First Congregational Church. If you have questions, please contact Chris Follett at chrisf2828@yahoo.com.



What's Going On



Anti-Racism Webinar–Tuesday, November 18, 7 p.m. The UBC and Judson Antiracism Teams will present a webinar to the Rochester/Genesee Region about our responses to the George Floyd murder five years ago and how it has shaped our congregations in the following years. Click [here](#) to register for the webinar and get the Zoom link.

Spanish Conversation Group–November 22 (4th Saturday), 10 a.m. at a new location TBD. Watch the WhatsApp group for an update. Join folks from UBC and First Congregational Church to practice your Spanish. We will not meet in December. If you have questions, please contact Deidre Druk at deidredruk@aol.com.



Card Club–Saturday, November 22, 1 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 for each month's session. If you are interested, please contact Jean at jeanlubke01@gmail.com or 651-295-7525.

ROOTS CELLAR CONCERTS

Saturday, November 8, 7 p.m. – Rachael Kilgour
Sunday, February 22, 7 p.m. – Katie Dahl/Hope Dunbar/ Rj Cowdery
Saturday, April 11, 7 p.m. – Crys Matthews
Saturday, March 14, 7 p.m. – Root River Jam (just added!)

Please note - the deadline for the January newsletter will be **December 23.**

Volunteers Needed

Coffee hosts

Sign up in the lounge

Communion prep

Contact Terri Wottrich

Meals on Wheels

Contact Marie LaFrance

Ushers

Contact Chris Follett

Worship leaders

Contact Megan Dahlberg

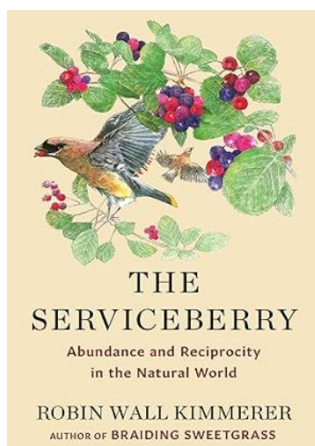
2nd Annual First Congregational Church Toy Giveaway

Last year First Church gave toys to more than 45 neighborhood families, and they are inviting UBCers to join in the giving! We're asking for donations of clean, used toys with no broken or missing pieces, consistent with our value of being environmentally conscious. Art supplies are also great. Items for kids of all ages are welcome.

Talk with your neighbors, kids, and grandkids to see if they have any toys they're ready to pass on. Ask your local Buy Nothing Group for donations, and check out your favorite thrift stores! **Please bring toys to First Church (500 SE 8th Ave) or to UBC between November 9 and 23** and someone will bring them to First Church. Contact Mercedes Tuma-Hansen (FCC) at tumah010@gmail.com to get involved.

November Community Book Read with All Nations Indian Church

The UBC community is invited to join with All Nations Indian Church in reading *The Serviceberry* beginning November 2, and then joining in a wópila (gratitude) dinner and worship on Tuesday evening, November 25. Pastor Doug has been part of the planning group of clergy and partners, and we have reserved a Friendship Table of 6.



Like the wisdom of the serviceberry plant itself, which thrives through sharing and reciprocity, this evening will invite us to reflect on the gifts we share through worship, story, and community conversation. Together, we'll honor what it means to live with gratitude, to give in love, and to walk together as relatives, mitákuye oyás'ıñ – all our relations.

This gathering is both a celebration and a fundraiser, rooted in the Indigenous tradition of wópila (gratitude). For the Sioux people, a wópila is a sacred way to say thank you, to give back to the people and relationships who have walked beside us. The hope is that this is a multi-generational event.

In past years, partner congregations have hosted this dinner during the week of

Thanksgiving. This year, as All Nations marks two years since Pastors Kelly and Joan joined them, the congregation wants to give back to thank the many churches, partners, and friends who have supported and shared in this journey of ministry and healing.

Wópila Dinner Worship 2025 Tuesday, November 25, 6-8:30 p.m.

Hosted by All Nations Indian Church
Theme: "The Gifts We Share – A

Community of Gratitude"

Evening Schedule

6-7 p.m. – Social Hour and Church Tours

Enjoy refreshments and conversation while exploring All Nations' ministry and community spaces.

7-8:30 p.m. – Wópila Dinner and Worship

Share in a communal meal, storytelling, and reflections inspired by *The Serviceberry* book read. Together, we'll celebrate gratitude, generosity, and connection through prayer, song, and conversation.

More information about the community book and the wópila event will be available soon, with links to sign up to attend, volunteer, or donate. You can also attend the Anti-racism Work meeting on Zoom November 4 to learn more.



UBC members Doug and Amanda Donley and her boyfriend Tyler (left) and Gayla Marty (right) participated in the No Kings protest on October 18.

Photos by Doug Donley



S'mores on the church lawn during the U of M Homecoming Parade – October 11



UBC families and friends decked out in their maroon and gold Gopher colors joined in the fun of making s'mores and collecting candy tossed in the parade that went by on University Avenue.

Photos by Doug Donley



Wedding - October 11 Nazareth Belén Kiecker and Tyler Kiecker

The couple met while working in the lab at St. Francis Hospital in Shakopee. They are making their home in Shakopee.

Belén is the sister of Francisco (Frank) Díaz, daughter of Lesbia Escoto and Cairo Díaz, and tía to Valeria.



Photo by Jean Lubke



Members of the Card Club at their October 25 meeting along with the cards they made.

The Moment We Are In and Our Strategic Compass Update On ISAIAH

Grace University Lutheran will host a Zoom session on Monday, November 10 at 7 p.m.

that will outline and clarify ISAIAH's strategic trajectory to counter authoritarianism, from now through 2026. We will prepare to reach out to our legislators through letter writing and phone calls, sharing stories designed to educate and empower them to act on issues like healthcare, education, ICE, and food security.

Contact Sue Engh for the Zoom link at revsue@engh.casa.

A forum will also be held in person at University Lutheran Church of Hope on Sunday, November 16, 12:30 - 1:45.

Guest presenter will speak on planned giving at UBC

Susan Hall from the American Baptist Foundation will be our speaker at our forum on **December 7**. This will be a long-dreamed of forum about planned giving. She is not selling any products. Her work is to help individuals and congregations sustain their ministries and leave legacies that reflect their values.

We've invited our friends from Judson to attend the forum, which some will do in person and some virtually. Please plan to attend.

Music, arts, and a great fall vibe

A UBC block party for the neighborhood

By Gayla Marty

Music, food, and fun covered the UBC lawn and 13th Avenue SE on Sunday, October 12. In a celebration designed to connect with the neighborhood at our doorstep, the UBC community turned out in force to welcome passersby and the curious, and we had a good time doing it!

After the service, staff and volunteer sound engineers got the performance areas ready in the sanctuary, in the assembly room, and on the lawn. 13th Avenue was closed off between

University Avenue and the driveway to 1301 University apartments. Thai Thai Street Food and VBJ's All-Natural Vegan Food Truck pulled up on 13th Avenue and began to feed volunteers. Vendors set up their tables under tents on the boulevard (left).



Kids started venturing into the bouncy house on the lawn (above right), behind our corner sign, and jumping to their hearts content—under supervision, of course! More volunteers staffed the kitchen, turning the “metric ton” of desserts into plates of beautiful cookies and bars, free to all, served on a table under the portico.



From 12 to 6, a dazzling succession of musicians performed. Events opened with drumming by the Hand Drum Dance group on the lawn (above left). In the sanctuary, the UBC choir sang at 12:30 and the handbells rang at 1:00 (above right). Downstairs in the assembly room—where more vendors and community partners had set up tables—DJ Rey got the music started at 1:30.

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Block party - continued

Daniel Gilbert (left) played jazz violin on the lawn at 2:00, followed by vocalist Rodney Patrick at 2:30 (right).

Tapestry Folkdance Center performed and drew in participants in the assembly room at 3:00 (below left).

Then some raindrops made an appearance. Sky Spiders and



the Imperceptible Web, scheduled for the lawn at 4:00, moved into the sanctuary to perform close to 4:30. Meanwhile, Triple Fiddle, starring our own Maura Dunst, put on a great set in the assembly room (below).



Closing out the music program were the Sacred Harp Singers, moving their regularly scheduled sing from Room 303 to the sanctuary, and then the Roots Cellar performance by Jaspar Lepak at 6 (below left).



While we didn't have the neighborhood traffic and attendance we had hoped, probably due to the cool, windy weather and the calm after Homecoming the day before, every participant—UBC volunteers, friends, musicians, and vendors—enjoyed the day together. As a first-ever block party, it was a great learning experience, a community-building experience, and it gave the neighborhood a great representation of UBC— hearts wide open for 175 years!

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Block party - continued



Many huge thanks go out to a host of people. Naming them all here would take a whole page by itself. Thank you, UBC, especially donors, supporters, and volunteers! Thank you, event organizers Elwyn Alexander Fraser, Jr. and Claire Mavity! Thank you, performers and artists! Thank you, Claire Eckert, for sound engineering magic! Thank you, Myrtle Lemon-Todd, for organizing the Trans Artist Market! Thank you to our community partners, Clare Housing and Division of Indian Work/Food Shelf. Thank you to the many friends who volunteered and made it not only possible but fun.

See page 4 for previews about November activities that continue our 2025 anniversary observance. UBC 175!

Photos by Doug Donley, Maura Dunst, Chris Follett, Karole Graham, and William Mavity



Longtime UBCers Sue Wester and her son Ian (left), and Harriet Johnson and her son Lee visiting from Colorado, attended the block party

Clare Housing Forum on October 26



Tom Page from Clare Housing presented at the forum on October 26. Clare Housing provides stable shelter for those living with HIV/AIDS. Ways to engage include liking their Facebook/Instagram posts, subscribing to their e-newsletter and donating money. See clarehousing.org for more info.

Photo by Chris Follett

CHECK IT OUT! Mikah Meyer, our preacher on October 19 has an article and UBC has an ad in Lavender Magazine (October 16 issue)! See pages 12-15 and 27, respectively. https://issuu.com/lavendermagazine/docs/lavender_magazine_793

Financial Secretary's Report

Pledges make up almost half of our income. We are one third of the way into our fiscal year and we are running just slightly behind in expected pledge income. In fact, we are running behind in all sources of income. Hopefully things will even out by the end of the year. In addition to the regular distribution, the Foundation contribution includes funds to cover the facilities supervisor and marketing positions.

Operating Income 2025-26	%	Budget	Expected	Received	Over (short)
Pledge Income	47	\$207,933	\$69,311	\$68,052	(\$1,259)
Rental Income	18	\$80,000	\$26,667	\$22,670	(\$3,997)
Misc income*	7	\$31,500	\$10,500	\$4,508	(\$5,992)
Subtotal		\$319,433	\$106,478	\$95,229	(\$11,248)
Foundation Contribution	27	\$118,811		-	
Total Operating Income	100	\$438,244			

We have received \$1,783 so far for our Nicaraguan partners and the Tai Shigaki Travel Fund, recipients of the dedicated offering for September and October.

- Chris Follett, Financial Secretary

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 designated offering in the offering plate, 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 and Karole Graham,
Outreach Team Co-Coordiators*



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Stories from Our History

UBC Bell Banners

By Allen McCormack and Jean Lubke

For the past 41 years, two big macrame banners covered with ribbons and bells have been part of UBC worship on the first Sunday of November, representing all the saints of our community. They appear at other times, too, especially memorials and celebrations of life. When and how did this tradition begin?

Inspiration for the UBC bell banners occurred when member Allen McCormack attended the 1984 General Conference of the United Methodist Church as one of many advocates for the full inclusion of LGBTQ folks. Conference participants had already experienced the loss of many of their members due to the AIDS epidemic. To celebrate and memorialize their dear friends, plain banners were presented to the group. They were asked to write names of people to remember on small ribbons and then use the ribbons to tie small bells to the banners. These bell banners were subsequently used during conference worship, praying for those lost and for those mourning.

The effect of the bell banners was moving and electrifying. Allen was so moved that he brought the bell-banner idea back to the UBC Liturgy Committee, precursor to the Worship Planning Team.

Member Susan Hayles volunteered to macrame two hangings. We went to Pier 1 to buy small brass bells and to the fabric store for thin satin ribbons and safety pins. We chose light pastel ribbons so the names would show up in colors of the Easter resurrection. Someone (possibly Neil Lubke) found two closet poles, screwed in eye hooks, and made and painted heavy wooden stands.

A couple weeks before All Saints Sunday 1984, we introduced the banners to the congregation and invited them to add bells and ribbons for any of the UBC saints and any of their personal saints. The bell banners were carried into the sanctuary, processing during the singing of the opening hymn, "For All the Saints," joining the sound of the bells with the congregational singing.

In the passing years, the bells of our saints have added their sound (and weight) to the banners. The banners became a poignant part of memorial services as families added their loved ones' bells to the banners. Some bells have been added in private. In 2001, four bells were attached representing each of the four planes that crashed on 9/11.

Now the banners and saints routinely join memorial and All Saints services and are a treasured part of our tradition.

Allen McCormack was part of UBC 1982-1997 and currently lives in Indiana. Jean Lubke came to UBC in 1980 and has served in many capacities, currently as bell choir director and congregational president.

Photo of bell banner by Chris Follett





November Birthdays

- 1 Stella Wright**
- 4 Megan Gunnar Dahlberg**
- 6 Keith Gray**
- 7 Becca Donley**
- 9 Jin Lee**
- 11 Antonio Luca Snyder**
- 20 Cliff Dahlberg**
- 27 Francisco Diaz**
- 30 Kymberly Wilbrecht**

November Anniversary

- 26 Christiane Frey & David Martyn**

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1. A big welcoming banner on the northwest side of the building visible to people driving or walking on University Avenue (\$300)
2. Upgrade or replace our playground equipment
3. New bell table covers (\$3,000)
4. Wiring and electric stoves for apartment and lounge kitchen (\$6,000)
5. New furniture (couch, chairs, etc.) for nursery (\$3,000)
6. Additional benches under the crab apple tree (\$2,500)

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