



# UBC NEWS

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

*Established 1850 at St. Anthony Falls, MN*

**February 2022**

## From the Pastor

### **Surviving or Thriving?**

Is it just me, or have we had our fill of the 'resilience' meme? Don't get me wrong, we have all done remarkable work in staying relatively healthy. And when we have succumbed to COVID, many of us have rallied around the affected family and provided physical, spiritual and material support. It's what we do in a crisis. We boost each other up by talking about their grit, their hopefulness, their resilience in the face of such mounting odds.

As my wise wife said, we can't be helpful to the collective if we ourselves are falling apart. So yes, we need to practice self-care and stay healthy in body, mind and Spirit. That's what the church in its best form helps us nurture. We need to be resiliently surviving and thriving against high odds.

The problem I have with resilience is that it's too often an individual attribute. It's a strength of character and will to which we all aspire and admire. But what if the cause of our hardship is not something individual, but



systemic? Are we to address this as individual Horatio Algers?

Our AAPI and BIPOC siblings have faced historic and systemic challenges. Those challenges were not caused by individuals but by concerted, concentrated and coordinated discrimination. Some of it becomes so commonplace and insidious that we no longer even recognize it.

When people point this out, they are called uppity or worse are gaslit. We don't often call them resilient, but maybe we should. There's a reason the old song says "we shall overcome," not "I shall overcome."

What if people are voting and believing things that are objectively not true, but are believing the untruths because they are fed the same lies on a constant and creative basis?

What if the way out of despair seems too daunting and all of the resilience training hasn't worked yet?

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## FEBRUARY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### Worship Theme: Sacred Spaces

<b>Feb. 6</b> <b>Preaching:</b> Doug Donley <b>Worship Leader:</b> Paula Moyer <b>Scripture:</b> Genesis 9:8-17 <b>Sermon:</b> "Covenants"	<b>Feb. 20</b> <b>Preaching:</b> Doug Donley <b>Worship Leader:</b> TBD <b>Scripture:</b> Romans 5:1-11 <b>Sermon:</b> "Reconciliation"
<b>Feb. 13</b> <b>Preaching:</b> Doug Donley <b>Worship Leader:</b> Deidre Druk <b>Scripture:</b> Leviticus 19:1-4, 8-18 <b>Sermon:</b> "Red Letters and Red Lines"	<b>Feb. 27</b> <b>Preaching:</b> Doug Donley <b>Worship Leader:</b> Anielka Picado Montiel <b>Scripture:</b> Luke: 9:28-36 <b>Sermon:</b> "Listen"

#### A Note from the Music Director

In honor of Black History Month, all the organ music in February will be compositions of African-American composers.

This has been an interesting research project. A fair amount has been written about the music, but actually finding the music has been another story. The library at St. Kate's generously agreed to purchase a 9-volume anthology, and the interlibrary loan department there has sent for scores from libraries near and far. Very few of these pieces are commercially available; fortunately, a few libraries collected the music when it was in print.

I'm selecting pieces in a range of styles and time periods. I'll be providing notes about the composers in the Sunday bulletins.

*David Lesniaski*

#### *Pastor – continued*

What if we are in a pandemic that has lasted 2 years and we do everything right and we still get sick? Are we to be patient with those who flaunt medical care, refusing to take care of another? Is that a kind of resilience?

Even our religion uses individualism as a means to an end. Think about individual salvation. But do we focus on corporate evil as much as individual sin?

I continually sit in awe of people who carry on with head held high in the face of seemingly

insurmountable odds. I admire their resilience. And I think that is the start of the journey toward healing as a nation, not the end of the story.

So, yes, celebrate the resilience of individuals. Celebrate the resilience of communities who support each other in the ongoing struggle. And continue to ask questions that are left unaddressed by the too often one-dimensional meme of resilience.

Blessings and Peace,

*Doug Donley*

# Calendar for February 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
		<b>7 pm</b> Anti-Racism Group	<b>7:30 pm</b> Bells	<b>6:30 pm</b> Caregivers Support Group	<b>9:45 am</b> Every Meal	<b>9 am</b> Bible Study
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>10 am</b> Worship Joys & Concerns <b>11:15 am</b> Forum	<b>11:15 am</b> Meals on Wheels <b>5 pm</b> Inter Spanish <b>6:15 pm</b> Beg Spanish	<b>11:15 am</b> Meals on Wheels <b>7 pm</b> Memoir Group	<b>11:15 am</b> Meals on Wheels <b>7:30 pm</b> Bells	<b>11:15 am</b> Meals on Wheels		<b>1 pm</b> Book Group
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> ❤️	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
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<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>10 am</b> Worship Bells Play Joys & Concerns	<b>5 pm</b> Inter Spanish <b>6:15 pm</b> Beg Spanish <b>7:30 pm</b> Knitting Group	<b>7 pm</b> Memoir Group	<b>5:45 pm</b> Choir <b>7:30 pm</b> Bells			
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>					
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### Want to Sing?

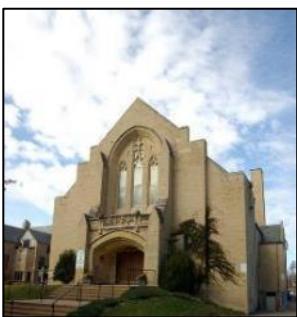
Are you interested in participating in the choir but are challenged by the rehearsal and performance schedule?

Feel free to "drop in" on **Feb. 27 at 9:15 am** for a 30-minute rehearsal and singing.

**All are welcome!**

Please contact David Lesniaski, Music Director, for more details.  
(The drop-in choir meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday)

## 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

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

**11:15 am – Adult Forum on Zoom** (link and passcode same as for J&C)

There is no coffee hour.

### Anti-Racism Discussion and Action Group – Feb. 1 & 15 (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.



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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83145841908?pwd=djhSmMwZ1NESXZ5SExNOURXa2FNQT09>



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

**Caregivers Support Group – Feb. 3 (1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:lubk0001@umn.edu).



ZOOM INFO: meeting ID 854 4842 3829 passcode 289297

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85448423829?pwd=R0d6eXNvcFdwTE5GRUpWQ3EvM1A1dz09>



### Every Meal – Feb. 4 (1<sup>st</sup> 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. If you are interested, please contact Denise Roy at [denise.roy@mitchellhamline.edu](mailto:denise.roy@mitchellhamline.edu).

**Bible Study – Feb. 5 & 19 (1<sup>st</sup> & 3rd Sat.) at 9 am.** We will be reading 1 Corinthians 5 & 6 (Feb. 5) and 1 Corinthians 7 & 8 (Feb. 19). Join anytime for an hour of discussion and informal conversation. New and occasional members are always welcome. For more information, please contact Diane Ehr at [DianeEhr@q.com](mailto:DianeEhr@q.com).

ZOOM INFO: meeting ID 849 4068 3516 3829 passcode 352350

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## More of What's Going On



**Meals on Wheels – Feb. 7-10 (first full week of the month).** Meals are picked up around 11:15 am and the route in SE Minneapolis usually takes about 2 hours. If you have any questions, please contact Marie LaFrance at [marielafrance46@gmail.com](mailto:marielafrance46@gmail.com).

### Spanish classes – Mondays (Intermediate 5-6 pm, Beginners 6:15-7:15 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 good fit for you. The focus is on reading, writing and discussing. If you have any questions, please contact Anielka Montiel at [anymontiel22@gmail.com](mailto:anymontiel22@gmail.com) or 651-295-4590.

**ZOOM INFO:** meeting ID 836 6517 4632 passcode 216793

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83665174632?pwd=Um9Pem0zOEZQcWpkMU5kYkNqNTFPdz09>



### Memoir Writing Group – Feb. 8 & 22 (every other Tues.) at 7 pm

Prompts include *Thaw, Ice, Kitchen* and *Christmas cookies* or anything else you feel called to write about. If you have any questions, please contact Trish Donley at [patricia.donley63@gmail.com](mailto:patricia.donley63@gmail.com).

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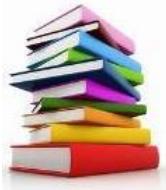
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### UBC Grace in Contemporary Literature by Women Book Group – Feb. 12 (2<sup>nd</sup> Sat.)

**at 1 pm.** The book this month is *At the Edge of the Orchard* by Tracy Chevalier. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Follett at [chrisf2828@yahoo.com](mailto:chrisf2828@yahoo.com).

**ZOOM INFO:** meeting ID 815 2376 4072 passcode 525996

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81523764072?pwd=Q1hlc2VFdnIOMEI1VWhXNzdKRDdjQT09>



**Card Club – Sat., Feb. 19 at 1:30-4:30 pm.** This group meets monthly at Jean Lubke's house to learn card-making techniques, share ideas, and make beautiful greeting cards. This month we will work with botanical prints and specialty papers to make sympathy and get-well 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](mailto:lubk0001@umn.edu).



**UBC-FCC Knitting Group – Feb. 21 (3<sup>rd</sup> Mon.) at 7:30 pm via Zoom.** The group is made up of stitchers from UBC and First Congregational Church. All are welcome! We hope to go back to in-person meetings in March. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Follett at [chrisf2828@yahoo.com](mailto:chrisf2828@yahoo.com). (Note later start time on Zoom.)

**ZOOM INFO:** meeting ID 833 3786 2780 passcode 555088

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83337862780?pwd=Y0IHQ3VZVDhRMEVKMXIYR2Z3R2VVdz09>

## FEBRUARY FORUMS

With the surge of COVID-19's omicron variant, most forums have been cancelled until after Easter. There are two exceptions, both in February.

**These forums will be held on Zoom from 11:15 am to 12:15 p.m.**

### **Feb. 6—Mid-year budget review**

This is our annual chance to find out how we're doing financially, especially as the budget approved last June seems very long ago during these uncertain times. Treasurer Mindy Lee will present the report and Church Council members will be on hand to answer questions.

### **Feb. 27—Survey results: Congregations that THRIVE for Racial Justice**

UBC members participated in a survey last fall as part of the THRIVE project of the Alliance of Baptists, of which we are a member. The project, in partnership with Sociologists of Race and Religion, examines white-dominant congregational life and vitality through the lens of the Alliance's commitment to racial justice and work toward eradicating white supremacy in the Alliance and its congregational partners. Results will be shared with the community in advance. This forum will provide an opportunity to discuss the results as well as to learn about analysis of interviews conducted by the THRIVE sociologists with Pastor Doug, Howard Johnson, Mindy Lee, Jean Lubke, and Denise Roy.

If you have questions or forum ideas, contact forum coordinator Gayla Marty at [gaylamarty@gmail.com](mailto:gaylamarty@gmail.com).



## RESOURCES FOR HEALING AND CHANGE



**HEALING MINNESOTA STORIES** is an effort of the Minnesota Council of Churches to create understanding and healing between Native American and non-Native people, particularly those in various faith communities. In 2020 it began to expand to include truth-telling and reparations for the African-American as well as Native American communities in Minnesota as described by the Council's Rev. Pamela Ngunjiri in a forum at UBC in November. Info: [www.mnchurches.org/what-we-do/healing-minnesota-stories](http://www.mnchurches.org/what-we-do/healing-minnesota-stories)

**HEY, WHITE PEOPLE, WE HAVE WORK TO DO!** is a local project focused on the journey through stages of self-reflection regarding white privilege and white resentment that is required to dismantle systemic racism and effect lasting change. A pilgrimage is planned for May 28, 2022, from the Minnesota State Capitol to George Floyd Square, 38<sup>th</sup> and Chicago Avenue S. in Minneapolis. Cofounder Clover Earl is an active member of the Unity Church-Unitarian in St. Paul. Info: [heywhitepeople.org](http://heywhitepeople.org)

**BRAVER ANGELS** is a member-led national nonprofit organization that works to depolarize America through red/blue conversations, workshops, online skills training, and organizing. It was cofounded by U of M family social science professor Bill Doherty in the wake of the 2016 election. Info: [braverangels.org](http://braverangels.org)

**LIVING ROOM CONVERSATIONS** is a national nonprofit that encourages people of all colors, ages, and faiths to sit down (or Zoom) together and listen without judgment. It was founded in California in 2010 by Jessica Shryack, who grew up in Minneapolis. Info: [livingroomconversations.org](http://livingroomconversations.org)

*Submitted by Gayla Marty*

## Movies from the Anti-Racism Movie Group

From June 2020 through May 2021, a group of UBCers met monthly via Zoom to discuss movies highlighting experiences of BIPOC and AAPI people. Most of the movies were on a free platform (YouTube, Peacock, Tubity, PBS, etc.). I compiled this list at the time, so some movies may not be available. Consider watching a film in honor of Black History Month. Learn more about the origins of Black History month here: <https://www.history.com/topics/black-history/black-history-month>.

- Chris Follett

13TH	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=krfcq5pF8u8">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=krfcq5pF8u8</a>
16 Shots	was on YouTube but no longer available
A Class Divided	<a href="https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/frontline/film/class-divided/">https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/frontline/film/class-divided/</a>
A Fiery Unrest: Why Plymouth Avenue Burned (MPR article and link to audio documentary)	<a href="#">A Fiery Unrest: Why Plymouth Avenue Burned</a>
A Most Beautiful Thing	<a href="https://www.peacocktv.com/watch/asset/movies/documentary/a-most-beautiful-thing/48b95070-c08a-35d9-afc0-c093df9b47a9">https://www.peacocktv.com/watch/asset/movies/documentary/a-most-beautiful-thing/48b95070-c08a-35d9-afc0-c093df9b47a9</a>
Anita	<a href="https://tubity.com/movies/454467/anita?start=true">https://tubity.com/movies/454467/anita?start=true</a>
Backs Against the Wall: The Howard Thurman Story	<a href="https://www.pbs.org/video/backs-against-the-wall-the-howard-thurman-story-cgv9gi/">https://www.pbs.org/video/backs-against-the-wall-the-howard-thurman-story-cgv9gi/</a>
Before Columbus (Native American Documentary)	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bR_bmsrwG68">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bR_bmsrwG68</a>
Birth of a Nation	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nGQaAddwjxg">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nGQaAddwjxg</a>
Black Boys	<a href="https://www.peacocktv.com/watch/home/asset/movies/documentary/black-boys/0ec3eefe-f60f-3d73-921b-c4307e571a0b">https://www.peacocktv.com/watch/home/asset/movies/documentary/black-boys/0ec3eefe-f60f-3d73-921b-c4307e571a0b</a>
Change Comes Knocking: The Story of the North Carolina Fund	<a href="https://tubity.com/movies/446574/change-comes-knocking-the-story-of-the-north-carolina-fund">https://tubity.com/movies/446574/change-comes-knocking-the-story-of-the-north-carolina-fund</a>
February One: The Story of the Greensboro Four	<a href="https://tubity.com/movies/446784/february-one-the-story-of-the-greensboro-four">https://tubity.com/movies/446784/february-one-the-story-of-the-greensboro-four</a>
Fruitvale Station	<a href="https://tubity.com/movies/524403/fruitvale_station">https://tubity.com/movies/524403/fruitvale_station</a>
Harriet Tubman: They Called Her Moses	<a href="https://tubity.com/movies/499819/harriet-tubman-they-called-her-moses?start=true">https://tubity.com/movies/499819/harriet-tubman-they-called-her-moses?start=true</a>
Healing Racialized Trauma: A Conversation with Resmaa Menakem and Tara Brach	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UQRkJecRBmw">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UQRkJecRBmw</a>
How the US stole thousands of Native American children	<a href="https://www.vox.com/2019/10/14/20913408/us-stole-thousands-of-native-american-children">https://www.vox.com/2019/10/14/20913408/us-stole-thousands-of-native-american-children</a>
I Am Not Your Negro	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2PaAbmRJ9bQ">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2PaAbmRJ9bQ</a>
Imitation of Life	<a href="https://www.actvid.com/watch-movie/watch-imitation-of-life-full-6617.2511199">https://www.actvid.com/watch-movie/watch-imitation-of-life-full-6617.2511199</a>
Inside the KKK	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yhqviPBS5tU">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yhqviPBS5tU</a>
Jim Crow of the North	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XWQfDbbQv9E">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XWQfDbbQv9E</a>
John Lewis – Get in the Way	<a href="https://www.pbs.org/video/john-lewis-get-way/">https://www.pbs.org/video/john-lewis-get-way/</a>
Just Mercy	no longer available free - might be on Amazon Prime or Netflix
Kimberlé Crenshaw - On Intersectionality	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-DW4HLgYPIA&amp;feature=youtu.be">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-DW4HLgYPIA&amp;feature=youtu.be</a>

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Love Them First: Lessons from Lucy Laney Elementary	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=31&amp;v=cvTbCO86JVM&amp;feature=emb_logo">https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=31&amp;v=cvTbCO86JVM&amp;feature=emb_logo</a>
Modern Day Slavery: From Plantations to Prisons	<a href="https://tubitv.com/movies/557598/modern-day-slavery-from-plantations-to-prisons?start=true">https://tubitv.com/movies/557598/modern-day-slavery-from-plantations-to-prisons?start=true</a>
Murder Without Motive: the Edmund Perry Story	<a href="https://tubitv.com/movies/492175/murder-without-motive-the-edmund-perry-story">https://tubitv.com/movies/492175/murder-without-motive-the-edmund-perry-story</a>
Panel: Acting on Dr. King's Call (MN History Center)	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OplqoTWwJ3M&amp;list=WL&amp;index=31">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OplqoTWwJ3M&amp;list=WL&amp;index=31</a>
Policing the Police (2020)	<a href="https://www.pbs.org/articles/2020/06/racism-in-america/">https://www.pbs.org/articles/2020/06/racism-in-america/</a>
Prof. Ibram X. Kendi: Stamped from the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OYGfLM0QQL4">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OYGfLM0QQL4</a>
Race Matters: America in Crisis	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A5eA43fd3ql">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A5eA43fd3ql</a>
Skin	<a href="https://tubitv.com/movies/536921/skin">https://tubitv.com/movies/536921/skin</a>
Standing on My Sisters' Shoulders	<a href="https://rclreads.kanopy.com/video/standing-my-sisters-shoulders-0">https://rclreads.kanopy.com/video/standing-my-sisters-shoulders-0</a>
Surviving America	<a href="https://tubitv.com/movies/578841/surviving-america?start=true">https://tubitv.com/movies/578841/surviving-america?start=true</a>
The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KSDIm2LqAes&amp;t=1792s">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KSDIm2LqAes&amp;t=1792s</a>
The Black Church, Episode 2	<a href="https://www.pbs.org/video/the-black-church-episode2/">https://www.pbs.org/video/the-black-church-episode2/</a>
The Hate U Give	<a href="https://vimeo.com/314065958">https://vimeo.com/314065958</a>
The Loving Story	<a href="https://tubitv.com/movies/312544/the-loving-story">https://tubitv.com/movies/312544/the-loving-story</a>
The New York Times Presents The #1619 Project	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XrfV7w3EyGI">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XrfV7w3EyGI</a>
The Racism Virus	<a href="https://www.peacocktv.com/watch/playback/vod/GMO_00000000376322_01/315311b6-bbcf-3510-85bf-8b5d7d23a33f">https://www.peacocktv.com/watch/playback/vod/GMO_00000000376322_01/315311b6-bbcf-3510-85bf-8b5d7d23a33f</a>
The Talk - Race in America (PBS)	<a href="https://www.pbs.org/video/talk-race-america-talk-race-america/">https://www.pbs.org/video/talk-race-america-talk-race-america/</a>
The Untold Story of Emmett Louis Till	<a href="https://tubitv.com/movies/499649/the_untold_story_of_emmett_louis_till?start=true">https://tubitv.com/movies/499649/the_untold_story_of_emmett_louis_till?start=true</a>
Two Black Men a Week	<a href="https://tubitv.com/movies/559828/two-black-men-a-week?start=true">https://tubitv.com/movies/559828/two-black-men-a-week?start=true</a>
Uprooted: The 1950's plan to erase Indian Country	<a href="https://www.mprnews.org/story/2019/11/04/uprooted-the-1950s-plan-to-erase-indian-country">https://www.mprnews.org/story/2019/11/04/uprooted-the-1950s-plan-to-erase-indian-country</a>
Warrior: The Life of Leonard Peltier	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RsyAYf_2WQU">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RsyAYf_2WQU</a>
We Are Still Here: Documentary about today's young Native Americans	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HnPKzZzSCIM">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HnPKzZzSCIM</a>
We Shall Remain: Documentary about 1973 Occupation of Wounded Knee	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DgkJ6UTRMJ4">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DgkJ6UTRMJ4</a>
Whispers of Angels: A Story of the Underground Railroad	<a href="https://tubitv.com/movies/507917/whispers-of-angels-a-story-of-the-underground-railroad?start=true">https://tubitv.com/movies/507917/whispers-of-angels-a-story-of-the-underground-railroad?start=true</a>
Whose Streets? An Unflinching Look at the Ferguson Uprising	www.kanopy.com (enter your library card info and set up a password for an account).
You Belong to Me: Sex, Race, and Murder in the South	<a href="https://tubitv.com/movies/495093/you-belong-to-me-sex-race-and-murder-in-the-south">https://tubitv.com/movies/495093/you-belong-to-me-sex-race-and-murder-in-the-south</a>

## Volunteer Opportunities

### **Homeless Ministries**

Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative is asking for volunteers for Beacon's *Rent is Due: Week of Action Kickoff* on **Feb. 14**. During this week, congregational teams will be meeting with legislators via Zoom to deliver the message, "We want Bring it Home, MN passed!" Information and registration for a training via Zoom at 8:30 am on Feb. 14 is available at [www.beaconinterfaith.org/event/action-2-14-22/](http://www.beaconinterfaith.org/event/action-2-14-22/).

### **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.). **Volunteers can sign up at** [volunteer@wearealight.org](mailto:volunteer@wearealight.org). If you have any questions, please contact either Teresa Janicke Devick (with Alight) at [trjdevick@yahoo.com](mailto:trjdevick@yahoo.com), or Trish Donley at [patricia.donley63@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:denise.roy@mitchellhamline.edu).

### **Meals on Wheels**

UBC has an opportunity to participate in Meals on Wheel on the first full week of the month (**Feb 7-10, Mar 7-10, etc.**) 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](mailto: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. We are also accepting the following donations for the pantry:

- Ramen noodles/instant soup (not canned)
- Bags of rice or beans
- Package mixes that only require water
- Tuna pouches
- Granola/breakfast bars and other snack foods
- Hand warmers
- Socks, hats, gloves

NOTE: We are not accepting liquids of any kind, canned goods or perishables.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Trish Donley, our Little Free Pantry coordinator, at [patricia.donley63@gmail.com](mailto:patricia.donley63@gmail.com).

### **Coming Up:**

#### **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](mailto:steven.lee@thrivent.com).

### **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](mailto:johnthomasmedeiros@gmail.com).



## JANUARY AND FEBRUARY SPECIAL OFFERING

The special Outreach Offering for January and February is for **organizations providing supportive services to children** who are affected by poverty, racism and all the things we face in our society, but who lack a voice to make changes. Organizations like the Greater Minneapolis Crisis Nursery ([www.crisisnursery.org](http://www.crisisnursery.org)) and Every Meal ([www.everymeal.org](http://www.everymeal.org)) work to provide children with safe places to live and food to eat - basic human needs. We hope you will consider donating during these two months to help support important ministries and programs aimed at keeping children safe.

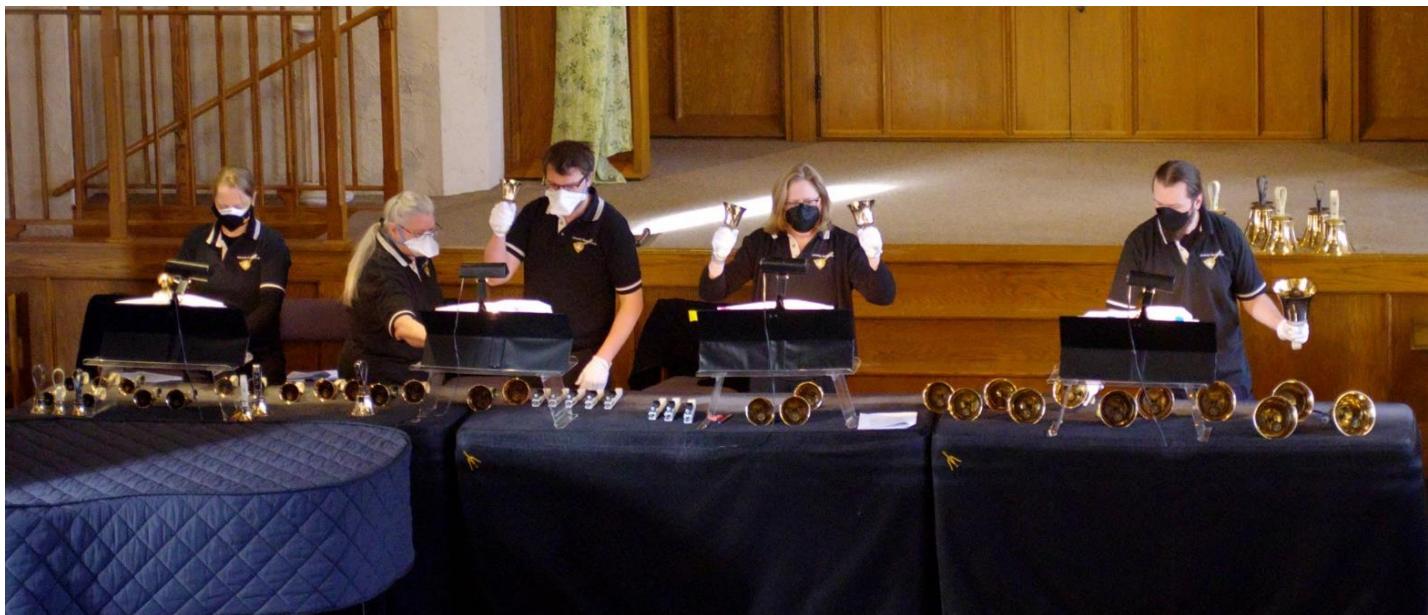
## Upcoming Special Offerings

**March & April – Peace Offerings** (which may include Baptist Peace Fellowship, Women Against Military Madness, Alliance of Baptists, National Council of Churches, CAIR-MN, etc.)



**May & June –  
LGBTQ support and advocacy**  
(which may include PFLAG and AWAB).

The Majors playing the Postlude Jan 23. **Photo by Jim Ross**



Join the UBC Facebook Group to see more photos!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/82471051272/photos/>

## Pastor Doug's BPFNA Role

As you may know, (back in the fall) Doug Donley was elected Board President of BPFNA~Bautistas por la Paz, otherwise known as the Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America. This pan-Baptist organization equips, mobilizes and gathers peacemakers and justice seekers across the US, Canada, Mexico and Puerto Rico. You may remember that the summer conference of the BPFNA was held at St. Olaf College back in 2012 and 41 UBCers were in attendance. UBC has been a partner congregation of this great movement for many years. Tai Shigaki was a founding board member and Vicki Wilson also served on the Board over the years.

Doug's responsibilities include chairing meetings of the 13-member board who represent five countries and four time zones. He also serves on the Finance Committee, Executive Committee and Executive Director Search Team. All of the meetings are bilingual, testing Doug's Spanish skills. Several Board members now attend Anielka's Monday Spanish classes (Thanks, Ani!). In a non-pandemic era, quarterly meetings would be in-person as would the annual Summer Conference. Not so much in this era.

The BPFNA is presently searching for a new Executive Director and has made a commitment to being an actively anti-racist organization. This dovetails nicely with UBC's THRIVE Initiative. The annual summer conference (fondly known as Peace Camp) has been held virtually during COVID, but plans are in motion for an in-person conference in June of 2023, following the ABCUSA Biennial in Puerto Rico. The last in-person conference was the Global conference held in Cali, Colombia--attended by Jean Lubke, Jan Curtis, Jim Ketcham, Doug and hundreds of others from across the globe.

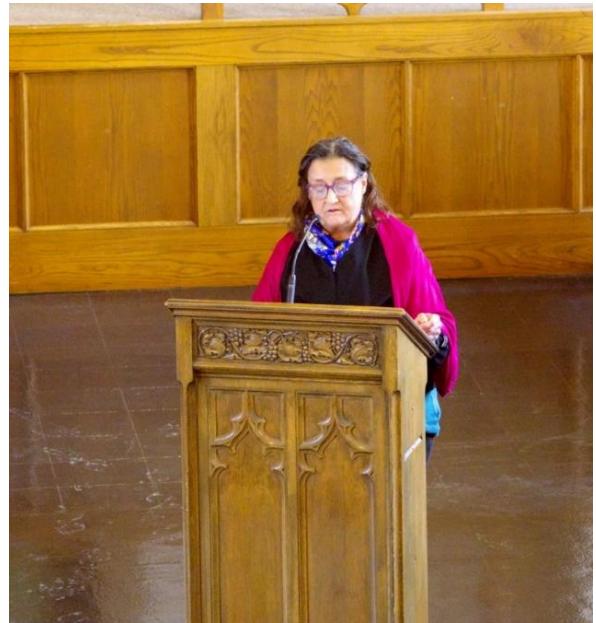
In taking on this responsibility, Doug has taken a break from his other leadership positions in the Marcy-Holmes Neighborhood Association, the Dinkytown Business Alliance, and the Ordination Review Committee of the ABCRGR. Doug's board appointment ends in 2024, but his presidency is slated to end in August of 2022.

You can find out more at [www.bpfna.org](http://www.bpfna.org).

## Fire in the Bones!

Paula Moyer was our guest preacher on Jan. 16.

**Photo by Jim Ross**



**Congratulations!**

Congratulations to our very own **John Medeiros**, whose memoir *Self, Divided*, was selected as a Finalist for the 2022 Minnesota Book Awards in the Memoir & Creative Nonfiction category. The winners will be announced at an awards ceremony in April.

## A Note from Jim and Jan Ketcham

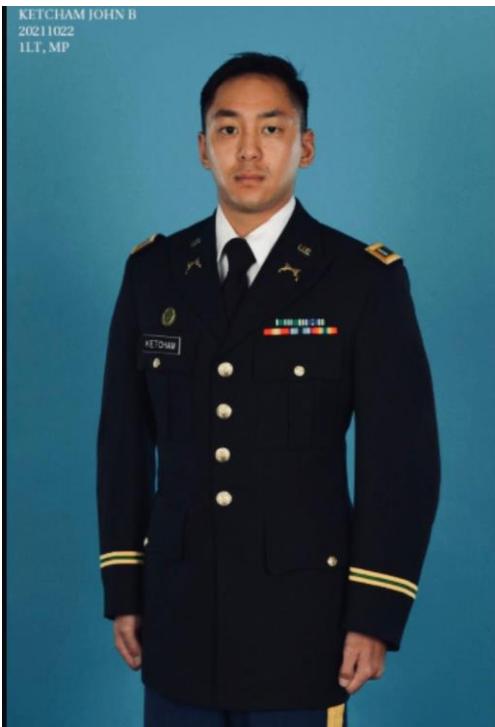
Hello and Happy New Year to you. My wife and I are former members of UBC and I was Interim Minister (30+ years ago). I think this photo (on the right) will be of interest to "old timers" at UBC.

This is First Lieutenant John Ketcham, son of Jim Ketcham and Jan Curtis. He was dedicated as an infant at UBC in August of 1996 and graduated from Iowa State University (majoring in cultural anthropology) on December 18th of 2019.

That same evening, he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant, having successfully completed ROTC training. He commands a platoon of US Army Military Police in Kaiserslautern, Germany.

John recently finished a year with his headquarters brigade, coordinating the field maneuvers of thousands of US and international troops throughout Europe. For this, his very first assignment, he received commendations from both a 2-star and a 4-star general.

Jan and I send greetings to our many friends at UBC, with thanks for their support and friendship over the years.



### February Birthdays

- 1** Ben Justin
- 2** Anielka Picado Montiel
- 5** Gayla Marty
- 8** Chris Follett, Harriet Johnson
- 9** Kit Martin
- 11** Mel Roy
- 12** Jonathan Lubke, Susie Sanchez
- 18** Trish Donley
- 19** Drew Cramer
- 20** Michael Lubke
- 24** Anne Johnson
- 25** Kathleen Tice
- 26** Karole Graham



**As you may know, our friend Kevin Branting recently** received a new Seeing Eye dog, whose name is Spenser. Kevin wanted to share the following excerpt from a letter he received from The Seeing Eye program regarding your role as it pertains to his new dog. If you have ANY questions about how to interact with Spenser, please speak with Kevin.

*Dear Friends,*

We are writing to you because you play a significant role in the success of the new working partnership. We cannot overemphasize to you enough the importance of the first few weeks at home in the development of the relationship between them. In that time, the success of the two as a working team will be determined. Good teamwork develops when the owner follows three rules in dog handling: Consistency, praise when earned and correction when necessary.

Family, friends and co-workers can help by observing a few simple rules of their own:

- When owner and dog arrive, greet them in a relaxed manner, do not rush up to them.
- Let the dog make the first advance to greet you. Don't stare at the dog; it's unnerving.
- **NEVER** follow the team when it is working. The dog will recognize you and look back at you rather than paying attention to its work. This is a serious distraction and will prevent the team from working safely and effectively.
- **NEVER** touch or talk to a Seeing Eye dog when in harness.
- The owner has been taught to correct the dog by using the leash. A leash correction does not hurt the dog; coupled with affection, it results in efficient guide work and good behavior.
- The owner has learned how to groom and care for the dog completely. It is the owner's responsibility to feed, groom and take the dog out three or four times a day to meet its needs. Do not give the dog food.
- A Seeing Eye dog is not a pet, but friends need not ignore it. Always ask the owner before interacting with the dog. The important thing to remember is that the greatest amount of affection and care must come from its owner.
- Even though the owner has a wealth of experience gained from working and living with a previous dog, a new dog means a new relationship. The owner needs to help the dog adjust to new working conditions away from The Seeing Eye and the instructor. Each dog has a unique personality and will be quite different from the owner's previous dog.

We hope this information will help you become more familiar with The Seeing Eye program and more confident in your role of helping to strengthen a wonderful working partnership. Click on the link to view a video about more coming home tips: [www.seeingeye.org/graduates/coming-home-video.html](http://www.seeingeye.org/graduates/coming-home-video.html)

**Contribution from the UBC Memoir Group****Winter**

By Betty Shaw

**W**inter for a Florida girl born and bred did not bring a big change of scenery. Winter meant Yankees coming down from the north to escape the cold and snow. For us Santa did not come down the chimney because our house had no fireplace and all those winter wonderland Christmas songs were just movies and postcards to me.

But then in my junior year of college, I moved to Chapel Hill to attend the University of North Carolina. For the first time I bought a wool dress and wool skirts and sweaters to wear to class in the winter. Then two weeks before my twentieth birthday I saw snow for the very first time. It was magical. It was light and fluffy. I laughed as the big wet flakes melted on my tongue, nose and eyelids. School closed for the day and I made a snowman and had a snow ball fight with other students. We had a whole two inches of snow that day!

Three years later Earl and I moved to Minnesota! During our first winter here, I understood why the Yankees came flooding to Florida in January. I was terrified to drive in the snow and didn't get my Minnesota license until the following spring. Fortunately, I could walk the five blocks to the University to teach my classes. As I walked by the storefront windows in Dinkytown and saw my reflection, I looked like a Russian peasant woman bundled up for a Siberian winter. When I got to the University it took me a full five minutes to remove my hat, two scarves, mittens over my gloves, my winter coat, boots with extra warm socks and get ready for my class.

Winter seemed endless but there were compensations. The snow was truly beautiful. When I woke up in the morning, I saw a pure white blanket covering the long wide lawn of our townhouses. The tree branches sagged with heavy piles of snow sparkling in the sunlight on their luxurious beds of green needles.

Neighbors helped out neighbors as we shoveled walks and parking spaces and brushed off our cars and scraped our windshields. The piles of snow got higher and higher, sometimes making it hard to see around corners. I was amazed at how people moved around after snowstorms; a foot of snow didn't seem to slow anyone down. Streets were plowed and sidewalks cleared.

We went to Christmas and New Year's Eve parties, plays and hockey games despite subzero temperatures and mountains of snow. We drank hot cocoa and enjoyed the smell of the mulled cider heating on the stove.



It was a long time, however, before I really tried to embrace Minnesota winters. Eventually I bundled up my babies and pulled them on a sled through the neighborhood. I bought some second-hand ice skates and awkwardly tried to learn to ice skate in the neighborhood park rink. I went snow tubing in Theodore Wirth Park. I bought cross country skis and after a frustrating, comical and embarrassing effort, gave up on my quite unsuccessful attempts to learn to ski. For me skiing is best done on the water.

Now after 55 winters in Minnesota I think it is time for me to join those Yankees fleeing to Florida for the winter.

## From the President

### Pastor on Sabbatical for the Summer

**A**s you may be aware, Pastor Doug will be away for an extended period of time this summer. First, he will be on tour with the Bell Choir in Scandinavia for three weeks, then he will be on a well-deserved and long overdue sabbatical for another 12 weeks. The 15-week sojourn starts June 6 and goes through Sept 17.



In discussions with UBCers about how the church might use this time, including a very helpful forum, the Council learned that community goals include keeping the sanctuary doors open on Sunday morning for any who might want to join in worship, providing consistent support and guidance for staff, and making sure pastoral care is always available and easy to access. Therefore, the Council threw out its creative but more complicated ideas and decided to hire an interim minister to serve while Doug is away.

The Council has formed a committee to help identify and select interim pastor candidates. It is made up of representatives from the Council, the Personnel Committee, and the Pastoral Relations Committee, including Bill Allen, Megan Gunnar, Paula Moyer, and myself. Pastor Doug will also be very involved. If you are interested in joining the team, please let me know. We would very much like to include newer community members.

The committee has an excellent head start thanks to faithful record-keeping by past sabbatical committees. That is no surprise given that past sabbatical planning has been led by the inimitable Jean Lubke. Among other things, we have a job description that Jean has already updated, solicitation letters, information about where to recruit, interview questions, and process timetables. Therefore, I anticipate that the work of the committee will focus on fine-tuning the job description, screening and interviewing candidates, and making hiring recommendations to the Council.

We aim to have the work done by early April, before Holy Week. That will allow us to focus our attention and energy on Holy Week in April and have someone in place to do transition work with Doug in May.

Also, over the summer, we hope to be able to return to shared services with First Congregational Church, and we will as always welcome to the pulpit those with "fire in the bones" for preaching. We enjoyed excellent sermons in Jan. from Matty Strickler, Paula Moyer, and Karen Swenson, which has whetted our appetite for more.

Please let me know if you have any questions about sabbatical plans, if you have ideas for outreach to find an interim minister, or if you're interested in helping the search team.

-Denise Roy



"The only way to make sense out of change is to plunge into it, move with it, and join the dance."

Alan Watts (1915-1973), philosopher, speaker,  
and interpreter of Eastern philosophy

## FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT



We reached the mid-point of our fiscal year very strong income, with a surplus of \$44,006 as of Dec. 31, 2021 (see chart on the right).

Starting the new calendar year, operating income continues to be strong (see chart below). Pledges, special and miscellaneous gifts and rents total \$181,513, which is \$35,680 more than the pro-rata expectation.

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.

Most of our income (54%) comes from the pledges made by members. On a pro-rata basis, we'd expect \$105,000 at the end of seven months. We are running ahead on pledges received to date by over \$11,000 as many people paid their entire pledge before the calendar year end.

<b>Operating Income 2021-22 <i>as of 12.31.21</i></b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Expected</b>	<b>Received</b>	<b>Over (short)</b>
Pledge Income	54	\$180,000	\$90,000	\$110,691.30	\$20,691.30
Rental Income	18	\$60,000	\$30,000	\$37,638.34	\$7,638.34
Other income*	3	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$20,676.31	\$15,676.31
Subtotal		\$250,000	\$125,000	\$169,005.95	\$44,005.95
Carry-forward	8	\$25,355			
Foundation	17	\$54,739		-	
Total Operating	100	\$330,094			
Justice & Outreach		\$15,000		\$7,293.57	
Total Budget		\$345,094			

\*individual gifts, loose offering & miscellaneous income

Expected annual rental income of \$60,000 is 18% of our budget. This category has a surplus of over \$7,800 due to some late rent from last fiscal year and ad hoc rentals.

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.

Based on past years, we 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 \$16,000 in this category.

<b>Operating Income 2021-22 <i>As of 1.30.22</i></b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Expected</b>	<b>Received</b>	<b>Over (short)</b>
Pledge Income	55%	\$180,000	\$105,000	\$116,546.30	\$11,546.30
Rental Income	18%	\$60,000	\$35,000	\$42,807.34	\$7,807.34
Other income*	3%	\$10,000	\$5,833	\$22,159.81	\$16,326.48
Subtotal		\$250,000	\$145,833	\$181,513.45	\$35,680.12
Carry-forward	8%	\$25,355			
Foundation	17%	\$54,739			
Total Operating	100%	\$330,094			
Justice & Outreach		\$15,000		\$7,443.57	
Total Budget		\$345,094			

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*Financial report - continued*

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

Our budget anticipates \$15,000 in designated Justice & Outreach programs over the course of the year. However, we will donate only as much is raised from monthly special offerings. Currently we have received \$7,444 for all special offerings.

The dedicated offering for Nov. and Dec. supported our ABC missions (America for Christ, Retired Ministers & Missionaries, One Great Hour of Sharing, and World Mission). We have received \$3,175 for this cause.

The dedicated offering for Jan. and Feb. is for organizations providing supportive services to children. We have received \$260 for this cause to date.

*Chris Follett, Financial Secretary*

## 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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