

UBC NEWS



University Baptist Church

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From the Pastor

Be Ready

Be Ready. That's the Biblical injunction to attend to the tasks at hand. Sometimes we can predict the course of time. And sometimes, a health crisis or a shooting or an unplanned visitor comes along and our best laid plans go by the wayside.

There are two kinds of time in the Greek language. The first is Chronos. It's where we get chronological. It's the accumulation of hours and days and months and years. It's where we plan out our schedules. Like the budgeting process, we try to plan for what we expect to happen. Like the discernment process, we make two- to five-year plans. Nothing much happens during chronos time. Well, nothing and everything. We flip our calendar and we think we know what the future has in store for us.

The second kind of time is kairos. Kairos is God's time. It's interrupted time. It's when something falls in your lap. It's when something is revealed and we know we must act.

The killing of George Floyd was a kairos moment. God was revealed in the cries of the city and the passion to



pay attention to white supremacy and the ways its tentacles have infected us.

The anti-immigration stance of the last administration was a wake-up call, a kairos moment for how the US has treated our immigrant siblings. UBC responded by becoming a sanctuary congregation and housing asylees for over four years. But as

we looked deeper, we noticed that immigrants have been an easy scapegoat for many of our problems. We also realize that each administration has failed to fix a broken immigration system.

The pandemic was a kairos moment. We shifted our plans to keep each other safe and we recognized how constant vigilance was not only about the spread of the disease but also the spread of misinformation and meanness disguised as deadly self-interest.

Wars in Ukraine, Israel and Gaza are kairos moments when the challenge of peacemaking is so starkly revealed. Our voices and our actions are so desperately needed.

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I remember my mentor and friend George Williamson saying that sometimes there's a lull between kairos events in the life of the church. People get bored or restless, thinking that they need to manufacture the next kairos moment. But by definition, those kairos moments are not our doing. They are God's action in our midst. Our job is to stay awake. To pay attention. To pray. To prepare ourselves for the next kairos. For God will reveal God's heart to a hurting world.

The challenge for the church is to respond to the kairos moments. By definition, they interrupt our chronos plans. But that's also the good news. We have learned to adapt, respond, stay awake. And we always seek to respond with compassion, mercy and a passion for doing what's right.

The church at its best is the place/the community that nurtures the passionate zeal that typifies God's presence in the world. As we discern the present and the future, pay attention to and make room for the kairos of God to break through.

Blessed be this kairos community.

Doug Donley

Well, best laid plans...

I had a second stress test on February 22 in preparation for my neurosurgery and they found that something was off. I had an angiogram the next day and it confirmed three blocked arteries—one 99% blocked. No wonder I've been feeling chest pressure. So, the neurosurgery has been postponed for a few months.

On Friday, March 1, I will have three stents put in. Since I'll be on blood thinners for three months following the stents, I won't be able to have the pituitary surgery until the blood thinners are out of my system. The good news is that we caught this before I had a heart attack.

I will probably not be coming in to work for two weeks so I can have the best chance for healing. Rev. Anne Supplee is ready and willing to help out where needed. I thank everyone for their prayers, support and flexibility.

You can follow my progress at
<https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/dougdonley>.

-Doug Donley

MARCH WORSHIP SCHEDULE
Worship Theme: "Stay Awake"

March 3

Preaching: Anne Supplee

Sermon: "Turning the Tables: Righteous Indignation and Challenging the Status Quo"

Scripture: John 2:13-22; Psalm 19

Worship Leader: Francisco Díaz

March 10

Preaching: Anne Supplee

Sermon: "Darkness and Light: Living the Contradictions"

Scripture: John 3:14-21; Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

Worship Leader: Megan Dahlberg

March 17

Preaching: Paula Moyer

Sermon: "Staying Awake to the Priorities"

Scripture: Isaiah 60: 1-8, Luke 2:41-52, and Luke 10: 35-42

Worship Leader: Carrie Lubke

March 24 – Palm Sunday

Preaching: Cody Sanders

Sermon: "The Weak Force of Possibility"

Scripture: Mark 11:1-11

Worship Leader: Jean Lubke

March 31 – Easter

Preaching: Doug Donley

Sermon: "Awaken"

Scripture: Matthew 28:1-10

Worship Leader: Deidre Druk

**In recognition of
Women's History Month**

All of the organ music this month is by women composers.

MARCH FORUMS

Forums are held 11:30–12:30 after coffee time in the lounge. We do our best to make them available to participants at home by Zoom using the same link as for Joys & Concerns.

March 3—Cradle-to-career support with the Northside Achievement Zone

The Northside Achievement Zone (NAZ), founded in 2009, has a mission to end multigenerational poverty in North Minneapolis by building a culture of achievement where all low-income children of color have the support they need to graduate high school and succeed in college, career, and life.

NAZ leads a collaborative of schools and nonprofits of North Minneapolis that offers comprehensive support to children of color and their families. It has received national funding and recognition. Jatón White, director of community wellness, will provide an introduction to NAZ and discuss a variety of ways to support its mission and goals. To learn more before the forum, see the NAZ website at <https://www.northsideachievement.org>.

March 10—The modern abolition movement—last in a series

Today's abolition movement envisions an end to imprisonment, policing, surveillance, and the reasons they exist. It was the focus of the Alliance of Baptists spring 2023 gathering, "To Set the Captives Free," attended by Lauren Thrift representing UBC. In previous forums, Lauren presented selected video clips to explore "Why abolition?" and "What is abolition?" In this forum, we will discuss examples of

"What does abolition look like?" Because we don't have time to watch all the videos together, please watch selected segments in advance:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/11e41nabK5xi3fpwqYZNRQtBFwT6l0EVjHKumLv5gXM/edit?usp=sharing>

Also, look for a link to additional video clips in the March 3 bulletin to prepare for discussion at the forum. To enrich the discussion, Lauren is seeking volunteers who have watched the videos to choose one they found meaningful and give a brief summary to the group. Email her at thrift.lauren@gmail.com to let her know which video you'd like to talk about.

(Note: You can access all the videos from the spring 2023 gathering at <https://allianceofbaptists.org/events/annualgathering2023/>.)

March 17—Discernment: Reflecting on the second session, March 9

This forum will provide an opportunity for all of us who attend the March 9 all-day workshop (the second of three) to share our thoughts, a chance for those who aren't able to attend to hear from those who did, and a time for all of us to prepare for the next workshop on May 11.

March 24—Palm Sunday—no forum

Brunch at 10 a.m.

March 31—Easter—no forum



Easter Flowers

Order deadline is Palm Sunday, March 24
\$15/ use the envelopes in the pew racks
or order through the UBC website,
www.ubcmn.org

Calendar for March

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
					1	2
						9 a.m. Bible Study
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 a.m. Worship Communion Joys & Concerns 11 a.m. Coffee 11:30 a.m. Forum/Journeys	11:15 a.m. Meals on Wheels	11:15 a.m. Meals on Wheels 5:30 p.m. Sacred Harp	11 a.m. Handcraft Grp 11:15 a.m. Meals on Wheels 6 p.m. Choir 7:30 p.m. Bells	11:15 a.m. Meals on Wheels 6:30 p.m. Caregiver Support Group		9 a.m.-5 p.m. Discernment Retreat Before bed: <i>Put your clocks ahead one hour!</i>
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
10 a.m. Worship Bells play 11 a.m. Coffee 11:30 a.m. Forum/Journeys 4 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 10 a.m. Card Club 1 p.m. Book Group
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10 a.m. Worship Joys & Concerns 11:30 a.m. Forum/Journeys 1:30 p.m. Council 5 p.m. Sanctuary Meal	7 p.m. Knitting Grp	5:30 p.m. Sacred Harp 7 p.m. Anti-Racism Work	6 p.m. Choir 7:30 p.m. Bells			11 a.m. Memorial Service for Lu Carman
24 – Palm Sunday	25	26	27	28	29	30
10 a.m. Brunch 11 a.m. Worship Joys & Concerns 4 p.m. Sacred Harp	<i>Newsletter deadline</i>	7 p.m. Memoir Group	6 p.m. Choir 7:30 p.m. Bells		Loaves & Fishes	10:30 a.m. Children’s Pancake Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt
31 – Easter						
10 a.m. Worship Joys & Concerns						



Daylight Saving Time – March 10. Don't forget to set your clocks AHEAD ONE HOUR.

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

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

Following Joys & Concerns – Coffee time in the lounge

11:30 a.m. – Forum in the lounge (also on Zoom)

11:30 a.m. – Bible Study in the library

ZOOM INFO: Meeting ID 839 4725 7444 passcode 257750

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



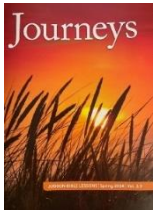
Choir and Bell Rehearsal – Wednesday evenings in the church sanctuary. Please see the calendar on page 4 for specific times.

Bible Study – March 2 & 16 (1st & 3rd Sat.), 9 a.m. On March 2 we will discuss 1 Timothy chapters 1 & 2 and on March 16, 1 Timothy chapters 3 & 4. New and occasional members are always welcome. No special background, skill, or preparation is required. If you have any questions, please contact Diane Ehr at DianeEhr@q.com.

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

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

**Why read the Bible?
Because it's soul food.**



"Journeys" Bible Study – Sundays, 11:30 a.m. in the Char Follett Library.

March 3: Salvation (I Corinthians 1:18-25)

March 10: Focus (Numbers 21:4-9)

March 17: Blessing (Hebrews 5:5-10)

No meeting on March 24 or 31.

If you have any questions or would like a book, please contact Nancy Myers or Diane Ehr.

"Harboring Hope: Our Role in the Journey of Migrants and Refugees,"
Sun., March 3, 2024, 3 p.m. at St. Frances Cabrini Catholic, 1500 SE Franklin, Minneapolis. A Tegeder Talk by Sarah Brenes, Executive Director of the Binger Center for New Americans at the University of Minnesota Law School. Donations appreciated.
www.cabrinimn.org/tegeder-talks



More of What's Going On



Meals on Wheels March 4-7. 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 any questions, please contact Marie LaFrance at marielafrance46@gmail.com.

Sacred Harp Singing – March 5 & 19 (1st & 3rd Tues.), 5:30-7:30 p.m. and March 10 & 24 (2nd & 4th Sun.), 4-6 p.m. at UBC in Room 303. No experience or talent necessary!



UBC-FCC Daytime Handcraft Group – March 6 (1st Wed.), 11 a.m. at First Congregational Church (500 8th Ave. SE) in the Parlor. Bring your craft project and lunch if you like. If you are interested and want to be on a distribution list, please let Marilyn Burns (from FCC) know at mbsnoobear@mac.com or see Chris Follett for questions.

Caregivers Support Group – March 7 (1st Thurs.), 6:30 p.m. 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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Discernment Retreat (#2 of 3) – March 9, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at University Lutheran Church of Hope (601 13th Ave. SE). We will be creating our practical vision, looking at our opportunities, identifying the barriers that could keep us from achieving our vision, and creating strategies to remove those barriers. Morning and afternoon snacks, lunch, and child care are provided. If you have not already registered, but would like to come, please contact Jean Lubke at lubk0001@umn.edu.

Memoir Writing Group – March 12 & 26 (every other Tues.), 7 p.m. Prompts include *First Birds & Bees Talk*, *Presidents* and *Medical Procedures* or anything else you feel called to write about. If you have any questions, please contact Trish Donley at patricia.donley63@gmail.com.

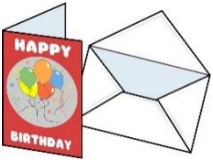


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Every Meal – March 15 (2nd Fri. usually – this month it is the 3rd Fri.), 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Marcy Open School in SE Mpls. Volunteers are needed to deliver meal bags to student backpacks in their lockers during the school day. If you are interested, please contact Denise Roy at denise.roy@mitchellhamline.edu.

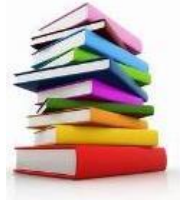
More of What's Going



Card Club – Sat., March 16, 10 a.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 lubk0001@umn.edu or 651-295-7525.

Grace in Contemporary Literature by Women Book Group – March 16 (3rd Sat.), 1

p.m. The book this month is *Siracusa* by Delia Ephron. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Follett at chrisf2828@yahoo.com. NOTE: For February through May only, due to scheduling conflicts with the discernment retreats, we will meet on the 3rd Saturday instead of the 2nd Saturday of the month.



ZOOM INFO: meeting ID 862 1724 5904 passcode 651444

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86217245904?pwd=UnVucUtSRlp1Mmc3Vkhra1BuYmxVQT09>



University Area Sanctuary Coalition (UASC) Potluck – Sun. March 17, 5 p.m.

at St. Francis Cabrini Church (1500 Franklin Ave SE, Minneapolis 55414). Come join the churches that are helping out sanctuary/asylum-seeking guests.

UBC-FCC Knitting Group – March 18 (3rd Mon.), 7 p.m. at Chris Follett's home. The group is made up of stitchers from UBC and First Congregational Church. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Follett at chrisf2828@yahoo.com.

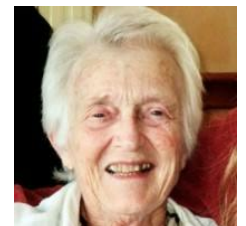


UBC Anti-Racism Work – Tues., March 19, 7 p.m. We are reading and will discuss the Mississippi section in *The Hidden Roots of White Supremacy*, by Robert P. Jones. We are also planning activities for the coming month. Subsequent meetings are scheduled for April 16 and May 14 via Zoom. All are welcome!

ZOOM INFO: Meeting ID: 517 697 6753 Passcode: 602794

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5176976753?pwd=NG15ZINlbnRlcUJlZlZlZWZmLzRyZm50QT09>

Memorial Service for Lu Carman – Sat., March 23, 11 a.m. in the UBC sanctuary. A luncheon will follow in the Adele Fadden Assembly Room. Memorials to the Vellore CMC Foundation. Here is the link for the livestream: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B3Ex-8lBgp8>



UBC members are asked to provide cookies and bars. If you can contribute, please contact Betty Shaw, bettyshawmn@yahoo.com or sign up in the lounge.

More of What's Going



Palm Sunday Brunch – March 24, 10 a.m. Bring your family and your appetite as we gather for our traditional Palm Sunday brunch. We will meet in the Adele Fadden Assembly Hall for a potluck of egg dishes, fruit, pastries and other sundry food items. The service will start downstairs and then will process with palms and flowers in hand singing as we go outside and then into the sanctuary for the remainder of the service.

Sign up sheets are in the lounge for food contribution and set-up and clean-up help. If you have any questions, please contact Betty Shaw at bettyshawmn@yahoo.com.

Loaves & Fishes – Fri., March 29, 2-7 p.m., 1816 Portland Ave. S., Minneapolis 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 p.m., about six people for preparing to-go containers from 4:30-6 p.m., and a couple people to help with clean-up until about 7 p.m. Let Steve Lee know if you can help at steven.lee@thrivent.com or 612-844-8194 or 763-645-9499. *Next date: May 31.*



2nd Annual Children's Pancake Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt – Sat., March 30, 10:30 a.m. in the UBC lounge. All our children up to age 12 are invited with their families to a pancake breakfast followed by an Easter egg hunt on the lawn – rain, snow, or shine! Please join us! If you have questions, please contact Betty Shaw at bettyshawmn@yahoo.com

DAILY BIBLE READINGS DURING LENT

God of our Lenten journeys, we long to know your ways. As we read and reflect on Scripture, open our eyes to your truth. Help us to walk daily in the path you set before us. Amen

March 1, Friday	Exodus 19:9b-15	March 17, Sunday	Hebrews 5:5-10
March 2, Saturday	Exodus 19:16-25	March 18	Psalms 119:9-16
March 3, Sunday	1 Corinthians 1:18-25	March 19	Jeremiah 31:31-34
March 4	Psalms 84	March 20	Deuteronomy 16:1-8
March 5	Exodus 20:1-17	March 21	John 12:20-33
March 6	Psalms 19	March 22	John 12:34-50
March 7	John 2: 13-22	March 23	Philippians 2:1-11
March 8	Mark 11:15-19	March 24, Sunday	Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29
March 9	John 3:1-13	March 25	Isaiah 42:1-9
March 10, Sunday	Numbers 21:4-9	March 26	Psalms 71:1-14
March 11	Psalms 107:1-16	March 27	Isaiah 50: 4-9a
March 12	John 3:14-21	March 28	John 13:1-17, 31b-35
March 13	Ephesians 2:1-10	March 29	John 18:1-19:42
March 14	Hebrews 3:1-6	March 30	Matthew 27:57-66
March 15	Psalms 51:1-12	March 31, Easter	Mark 16:1-8
March 16	John 12:1-11		

Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendar!

April 20 – Roots Cellar – Charlie Maguire
May 11 – Discernment Retreat #3
Combined summer services with First Congregational Church: **July 7 & 14 at FCC; July 21 & 28 at UBC**
August 16-26 – Nicaraguan sister church visit

Upcoming Bell Concerts

University Baptist Church Carillon Choir and Grove United Methodist Church Steeple Bells will be performing two joint bell concerts in April:

- **Sunday, April 21, 3 p.m.** at UBC
- **Sunday, April 28, 3 p.m.** at Grove UMC, 7465 Steepleview Rd., Woodbury, 55125

Freewill offerings will be taken.

Jean Lubke is the director for both choirs and Jill Easton plays in both groups.

Women's Retreat April 4-6, 2025 An Invitation

The women of Hope Lutheran Church have invited the women of UBC and First Congregational Church to join them in a retreat next year. The retreat will be held at a retreat center north of Stillwater from Friday at 4:30 p.m. until 11:30 a.m. Sunday. The tentative topic is Wonder and Awe. The expected cost is \$300 with limited scholarships available. It is possible to go for Saturday day only for a reduced cost.

The planners need to know **ASAP** if there is enough interest to make this retreat possible. They need 25-30 attendees to break even. If you are interested, please contact Betty Shaw (612-223-0002) or the retreat planner Ann Beane at spirit.beane@gmail.com.

"The F Word: Stories of Forgiveness" on display at UBC April 14-22

The Forgiveness Project collects and shares stories from both victims/survivors and perpetrators of crime and conflict who have rebuilt their lives following hurt and trauma.

[The F Word: Stories of Forgiveness](#) exhibition is a thought-provoking collection of arresting images and personal narratives exploring forgiveness in the face of atrocity. Drawing together voices from South Africa, America, Israel, Palestine, Northern Ireland and England, the exhibition examines forgiveness as a healing process, a path out of victimhood and, ultimately, a journey of hope.

In addition, on **Sunday, April 21**, the worship service and forum will feature guest speakers from this wonderful project.



TO: _____
FROM: _____

BEE MINE!

Join me for the Earth Day
5K Bee Run/Walk/River Cleanup
on Saturday, April 20, 2024
Register online at: register.chronotrack.com/r/75196
Save \$5 with Beemine24 Code!

Registration:

<https://register.chronotrack.com/r/75196>
(No charge for river cleanup, just for the 5K)

For more information, visit:

www.greatrivercoalition.com/2024-beerunwalkcleanup

The Anti-Racism Group is looking for people who might be interested in representing UBC at exciting gatherings this coming spring and summer:

- **April 12-14** in Charlotte NC—[Alliance of Baptists Annual Gathering, Decolonizing the Great Commission](#)
- **July 15-20** at Mars Hill University near Asheville, NC—[Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America Peace Camp](#)

We hope to send one person to each gathering. Pastor Doug will also attend. Please contact Pastor Doug or Denise Roy if you might be interested in attending one of these.

Anti-Racism Giving Opportunity

Folks who want to donate to anti-racism and community support efforts at George Floyd Square may make out a check to George Floyd Global Memorial Fund and specify *Outdoor Caretaking* in the memo line. Send to:

George Floyd Global Memorial Fund
Outdoor Caretaking
3501 Chicago Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55407

Sacred Sites Tour

The Antiracism Group is planning a Sacred Sites tour in the spring/summer led by Jim Bear Jacobs from the Minnesota Council of Churches. We are forming a group with representatives from UBC, First Congregational Church and University Lutheran Church of Hope. For more information, contact Denise Roy.

Curious about membership at UBC?

Join Congregational President Jean Lubke in a one-hour discussion to learn - what does it mean to be a Baptist, what does membership involve at UBC, what are the criteria for membership, what are opportunities and expectations of members here?

Join one of these Zoom options:

Sunday, March 3, 2-3 p.m.

Meeting ID 870 5730 4951 passcode 490576

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87057304951?pwd=Zm9Kano0bTd6M0taK0Nxejc1bzQxZz09>

OR

Monday, March 4, 7-8 p.m.

Meeting ID 824 8367 3429 passcode 149223

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483673429?pwd=dVExZnUzWm1HS0dkMWVGZVlDeVlkUT09>

If you are interested, but if neither date works for you, please contact Jean Lubke (lubk0001@umn.edu) to find an alternative time.

February 11 Forum Learning about Our Nicaraguan Family and Farewell for Anielka and Cairo



Jean Lubke (far left) explains the visa process to a packed lounge at the forum on Feb. 11. Next to Jean is Cairo (Francisco's father), Francisco holding Valeria, Anielka (Francisco's wife) and Belén (Francisco's sister).

The coffee time and forum were part of the farewell for Anielka and Cairo.

Anielka spoke of her time (5 years) in Minnesota and expressed her gratitude to Jean and the rest of UBC, for support – both financial

and emotional. Francisco explained his new job and the interview process and Belén talked about her new job as a medical technician (starting first as a phlebotomist until the employer receives a copy of her diploma.)

Anielka, Valeria and Cairo returned to Nicaragua on Feb. 14. **Photo by Trish Donley.**

Getting to Know Our Child Care Workers



Hello UBC! My name is Ely (pronounced like Eli), I use they/them pronouns, and I am usually providing childcare on Sunday mornings. I am currently in my final year of school at the University of Minnesota studying developmental psychology; so working with children is a general passion of mine! During the week I work with the youth of a Twin Cities DV shelter. Outside of working with children, I enjoy K-pop (the image is a picture of me and my siblings at a K-pop convention), watching video essays, and doing new and fun things with my hair. Thank you for reading and I hope to meet you all soon :)

Samantha, a junior studying Industrial and Systems Engineering at the University of Minnesota, contributes to UBC as one of our Childcare Workers. She is originally from Madison, Wisconsin, and beyond her academic pursuits, she enjoys activities like running and reading.



FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Most of our income (57%) comes from pledges made by members. Pledges are slightly ahead as some people prepaid their annual pledge.



Expected annual rental income is 21% of our budget. Property Manager Patrick Mavity does a great job renting out spaces that don't have a regular tenant. Due to timing of this newsletter, some rent for February has not yet been received.

Other gifts and miscellaneous income provide 5% of our budget. We have had some generous donations of late.

The Foundation distribution is 17%, which includes \$33,399 for the property manager position. The Foundation funds are transferred to the UBC checking account as needed by the treasurer.

Operating Income 2023-24	%	Budget	Expected	Received	Over (short)
Pledge Income	57	\$187,940	\$125,293	\$131,805	\$6,511
Rental Income	21	\$70,000	\$46,667	\$45,717	(\$949)
Misc income*	5	<u>\$15,000</u>	\$10,000	\$20,600	\$10,600
Subtotal		\$272,940	\$181,960	\$198,122	\$16,162
Foundation Contribution	17	<u>\$54,066</u>		-	
Total Operating Income	100	\$327,006			
Justice & Outreach		<u>\$15,000</u>		\$9,685	

*individual gifts, loose offering & miscellaneous income

The dedicated offering for March/April is for children's health and hunger programs.

The dedicated offering for January/February was for ABC Ministries and we have received \$2,510 to date.

Chris Follett, Financial Secretary



You can scan this QR code on your phone to be directed to our web page where there are a variety of causes to donate to.

UBC Wish List for 2023-24

These are items that don't fit in the budget but would be really nice to have.

1. A new church sign on University Ave. that faces oncoming traffic.
2. A big welcoming banner on the west side of the building visible to people driving or walking on University Ave.
3. Funds for a marketing communications consultant and/or graphic designer.
4. Funds for assistance migrating financial records from Money 2005 to QuickBooks Online.
5. Upgrade or replacement of our playground equipment.
6. Upgrade of our blue hymnal.
7. New furnishings for the nursery.

Volunteer Opportunities

Meals on Wheels

UBC has an opportunity to participate in Meals on Wheels on M-Th of the first full week of the month (**March 4-7**). Meals are picked up around 11:15 a.m. and the route usually takes 1-2 hours. If you have any questions or would like to schedule a ride-along, please contact Marie LaFrance at marielafance46@gmail.com.

Little Free Pantry

We are looking for individuals to stock the pantry, as well as your donations of money and/or items such as:

- 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, mac & cheese
- Rice/pasta/quinoa/
- Tuna packets

If you would like to help, please contact Kim Donley or Deidre Druk, Outreach co-chairs.

Every Meal

UBC participates in *Every Meal*, a program that distributes bagged food for families of children at Marcy Open School who receive free and reduced-cost meals. UBC is scheduled on **March 15**, 11 a.m. to about 1 p.m. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Denise Roy at denise.roy@mitchellhamline.edu

UBC History Research

At the Minnesota History Center, UBC has 19 boxes of files and other materials. If you would like to join a team going over to the History Center sometime Wed-Sat, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 1-4 p.m., please contact Gayla Marty at gaylamarty@gmail.com.

Looking for Volunteers

Coffee hosts – Sign up in the lounge

Communion prep – Contact Terri Wottrich

Sunday school teachers - Contact Megan Dahlberg

Ushers – Contact Chris Follett

Worship leaders – Contact Deidre Druk

Special Offering for March and April Childhood Health & Hunger Programs

The Outreach mission focus for March and April will be for organizations combatting childhood hunger and supporting children's health. Groups who have received funding in the past include: the Minneapolis Crisis Nursery, Avenues for Youth, Every Meal and the Northside Achievement Zone. Thank you for any donations you can make to support programs that help our children and youth.

You can drop your 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 Deidre Druk,
Outreach Co-Chairs*

What a Spread! UBC Kids Host Coffee Time

The UBC kids (and parents) hosted the coffee hour on February 21.

Right: Ely (holding Elyas), Peter, Andrew, Jackson, Clara and Finn.

In addition, Peter and Andrew wrote valentines for everyone in the church! (see middle photo).

Below right: Megan Dahlberg teaches the Sunday School lesson.

Photo below by Gayla Marty.
All others by Laura Justin





March Birthdays

- 6 Nadean Bishop, Teresa Snyder
- 9 Paula Moyer
- 15 Steve Lee
- 17 Steven Schmidgall
- 21 Karen Swenson
- 24 Terri Wottrich
- 26 Diane Ehr
- 31 Mindy Lee

March Anniversaries

- 9 Ginny Gray & Jim Williams
- 14 Megan & Dan Dahlberg

The UBC apartment is getting a makeover!



Thanks to funding from the University Area Sanctuary Coalition (UASC), painters and carpenters are busy making the apartment ready for new guests.

Currently, Minneapolis is seeing an influx of people from Ecuador and other countries seeking temporary safe places to stay. In particular, it seems that buses have been recently arriving full of migrants from New York or Chicago. These migrants have been bused from Florida and Texas, meaning Minneapolis might be their third stop. We are honored to imagine, along with our UASC partners, what radical hospitality looks like.



Mindy Lee holds a sleeping Valeria during the forum on February. 11.

Photo by Gayla Marty



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