



UBC NEWS

University Baptist Church

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From the Pastor

Owning White Supremacy

On September 12, about ten UBCers attended a presentation at Judson Memorial Baptist Church. In addition to reconnecting with our friends at Judson, we got to hear from Robert P. Jones, who has just come out with a new book entitled, *The Hidden Roots of White Supremacy and the Path to a Shared American Future*. It explores three stories known and unknown: the Tulsa Race Massacre of 1921, the 1955 murder of Emmett Till, and the 1920 lynching of three circus workers in Duluth.

Jones goes into great detail exploring not only the facts of the deaths, but also the context of each incident. He does what other writers do not do: he makes the connection of the racial strife in each town and the history of White Supremacy. He links U.S. racism to the [Doctrine of Discovery](#), a series of [papal bulls](#) that were enacted near the time that Columbus crossed the Atlantic. With him, Columbus brought holy rights to seize land and property and to enslave original inhabitants. This playbook has been used across the history of our country. Racism against our Black siblings had its roots in the "settlement" of the American continents and expulsion of the First Nations that tended this land.



The UBC Anti-racism Group may well be looking at this book in the coming months. And it accompanies our larger discussions as a congregation about our hopefully naive complicity in racism.

We know that ownership of our grand building is in part because of the Doctrine of Discovery. How do we disentangle ourselves from the worst parts of our history? That's the passion of many of us at UBC. We are exploring the written documents of our history and our present relationships with BIPOC communities in order to better understand our heritage and our responsibilities going forward.

I'm glad to be in a congregation that takes antiracism work seriously. As we make plans for our 175th anniversary two years from now, this is going to be a part of our continuing story.

Blessings and Peace,

Doug Donley

Photo: UBC garden and portico by Trista McGovern

OCTOBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Worship Theme: "Stay Awake"

Oct. 1

Preaching: Doug Donley

Sermon: "Wake Up, Jesus!"

Scripture: Matthew 8:23-27

Worship Leader: Gayla Marty

Oct. 8

Preaching: Paula Moyer

Sermon: "Our Sunday Best"

Scripture: 2 Kings 4:8-10 and John 4:8-19

Worship Leader: Carrie Lubke

Oct. 15

Preaching: Toya Richards

Sermon: "Standing in the Gap"

Scripture: Exodus 32: 1-14

Worship Leader: Deidre Druk

Oct. 22

Preaching: Doug Donley

Sermon: "Extremists: Christian Nationalists"

Scripture: Romans 13:1-7

Worship Leader: John Medeiros

Oct. 29

Preaching: Doug Donley

Sermon: "Extremists: Liberationists"

Scripture: Mark 5:1-20

Worship Leader: Megan Dahlberg



Rev. Dr. Sandy Hasenauer, executive minister of the American Baptist Churches of the Rochester/Genesee Region, was our guest preacher for this season's final outdoor service on Sept. 10.

Photo by Chris Follett



UBC sign. **Photo by Doug Donley.**

Calendar for October

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
10 a.m. Worship Communion Joys & Concerns 11 a.m. Coffee 11:30 a.m. Forum 1:30 p.m. Council	11:15 a.m. Meals on Wheels 5 p.m. Inter. Spanish 6:15 p.m. Beg. Spanish	11:15 a.m. Meals on Wheels 5:30 p.m. Sacred Harp 7 p.m. Antiracism Group	11 a.m. Handcraft Grp 11:15 a.m. Meals on Wheels 3 p.m. Worship Team 6 p.m. Choir 7:30 p.m. Bells	9 a.m. Garden Team 11:15 a.m. Meals on Wheels 6:30 p.m. Caregiver Support Group		9 a.m. Bible Study 11 a.m. Pumpkin Patch Outing
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
10 a.m. Worship Joys & Concerns 11 a.m. Coffee 11:30 a.m. Forum 6 p.m. Light meal 7 p.m. Rev. Dr. Richards lecture	5 p.m. Inter. Spanish 6:15 p.m. Beg. Spanish 7 p.m. Knitting Group	5:30 p.m. Sacred Harp	6 p.m. THRIVE webinar 6 p.m. Choir 7:30 p.m. Bells	9 a.m. Garden Team 4:30 p.m. Adv. Spanish Conversation 6 p.m. BPFNA webinar		9 a.m. Bible Study 1 p.m. Card Club 7 p.m. Roots Cellar Concert
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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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 live and on Zoom.

Following Joys & Concerns – Coffee time in the lounge

11:30 a.m. – Forum in the lounge live and on Zoom

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Meals on Wheels – Oct. 2-5 (M-Th 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 any questions, please contact Marie LaFrance at marielafance46@gmail.com.

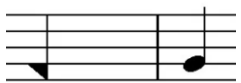
Spanish classes – Mondays (Intermediate 5-6 p.m., Beginners 6:15-7:15 p.m.) and Thursdays (Advanced Conversation 4:30-5:30 p.m.).

ESPAÑOL

The Beginning Class focuses on vocabulary development and verb conjugation. If you are comfortable with basic Spanish, the Intermediate Class would be a good fit for you, with a focus on reading, writing and discussing. The Advanced Class meets on Thursdays for conversation practice. If you have any questions, please contact Anielka Montiel at anymontiel22@gmail.com or 651-295-4590.

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fa sol

Sacred Harp Singing – Oct 3 & 17 (1st & 3rd Tues.), 5:30-7:30 p.m. and Oct. 8 & 22 (2nd & 4th Sun.), 4-6 p.m. in Room 303. No experience or talent necessary!

Anti-Racism Group – Tues., Oct. 3, 7 p.m.

Nine from UBC attended "The Hidden Roots of White Supremacy," a lecture by Robert Jones at Judson Baptist Church on Sept. 12. They are invited to share and discuss. We will also plan brainstorming sessions about our aims and schedule for the year ahead.



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More of What's Going On



UBC-FCC Daytime Handcraft Group – Oct. 4 (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 612-617-0017 or see Chris Follett for questions.

One Home, One Future public launch – Wed., Oct. 4, 6 p.m. A new, seven-year initiative of the interfaith group Blessed Tomorrow (of which the American Baptist Churches is a member), it is designed to more deeply engage congregations in the work of climate care and justice. For more information or to register for the one hour Zoom event, go to <https://www.onehomeonefuture.org/>



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



Garden Team – Thursdays, 9 a.m.-11:30 p.m. (weather permitting). Park in the Mormon lot or behind the church. Feel free to join us whenever you're available! If you have any questions, please contact Betsy Kerr at 763-529-7862 (landline) or bjkerr@umn.edu.



Caregivers Support Group – Oct. 5 (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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Bible Study – Oct. 7 & 21 (1st & 3rd Sat.), 9 a.m. On Oct. 7 we will discuss Romans 12-13 and on Oct. 21 we will discuss Romans 14-16. 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.



Why read the Bible? Because it's a plumb line.

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

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Pumpkin Patch Outing – Oct. 7, 11 a.m. UBC children and their families will meet at Pine Tree Apple Orchard in White Bear Lake. Anyone interested can email Carrie Lubke at carrieicl@gmail.com

More of What's Going On

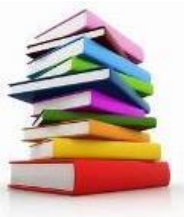


Memoir Writing Group – Oct. 10 & 24 (every other Tues.), 7 p.m. Prompts include *Baseball*, *Indigenous* and *Coming Out* or anything else you feel called to write about. If you have any questions, please contact Trish Donley at patricia.donley63@gmail.com.

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Every Meal – Oct. 13 (2nd Fri.), 11:15 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.



Grace in Contemporary Literature by Women Book Group – Oct. 14 (2nd Sat.), 1 p.m. The book this month is *Left on Tenth* by Delia Ephron. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Follett at chrisf2828@yahoo.com.

ZOOM INFO: meeting ID 815 2376 4072 passcode 525996

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WomanistCare & SisTheology: A Divine Movement by Black Women to Care for Themselves and Each Other in Community, Sun., Oct. 15, 7 p.m. at UBC. Rev. Dr.

Toya Richards will share the outcomes of her research on the healing and care of Black women impacted by racialized trauma (A light meal will precede the talk.) The talk and discussion will explore how Black women claim and re-claim their place as wonderfully made creations of God by tapping into their divine power, and then combining it with a supportive sisterhood they establish for themselves. The discussion also will lift up how Black women are developing and prioritizing a counter-cultural set of beliefs and spiritual principles/practices to remain restored and connected to divine power for the rest of their lives.



Dr. Richards' conclusions stem from doctoral research centered on Black women specifically in South Minneapolis yet her findings are essential for communities throughout the United States and world. Learn more at www.gracemultimedia.org/sistheology.

This event is also available via [this livestream link](#).



UBC-FCC Knitting Group – Oct. 16 (3rd Mon.), 7 p.m. at Cynthia Hobbie'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.

More of What's Going On



Womanist Theology webinar, Wed., Oct. 18, 6 p.m. via Zoom. Alexis Tardy, an organizer and Womanist theologian, will offer an overview of prophetic preaching from the Womanist perspective. This is part of the Alliance of Baptists Thrive series. Click [here](#) to register.

Just Peace & the Holy Land webinar – Thurs., Oct. 19, 6 p.m. via Zoom. Rev. Allison Tanner, long-time Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America partner and National Organizer for the Apartheid-Free Communities initiative will help us better understand how Israeli apartheid functions and the ways both Christian and interfaith communities can work together for Palestinian liberation. Click [here](#) to register.



Card Club – Sat., Oct. 21, 1-4:30 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 lubk0001@umn.edu or 651-295-7525.

ROOTS CELLAR CONCERT – David Stoddard – Sat., Oct. 21, 7 p.m. at UBC.

David Stoddard is a composer, songwriter, producer, educator, and music theory lover based in Minnesota. He performs using piano, guitar, and accordion. He's also a successful songwriter. He's a Kerrville New Folk winner, and has taken top writing honors at the Minnesota Folk Festival, the South Florida Folk Festival, and the Tucson Folk Festival. For more info, see davidstoddardmusic.com. Tickets are \$20, available at the door or at <https://davidstoddard.bpt.me/>



Project Minnesota-León (PML) Fiesta, Sat., Oct. 28, 2-4 p.m. at Lake Harriet United Methodist Church, 4901 Chowen Ave. S., Mpls 55410. Join fellow PML supporters to welcome our special guest from Nicaragua, watch a video

from the community cooperative, socialize and share dessert and beverages with friends. A freewill offering will be taken for refreshments.

Our Upcoming 175th Anniversary!

Are you feeling our age? It may be because we are about to celebrate our **Terquasquicentennial!** – our 175th anniversary as a congregation! Very few congregations in Minnesota can claim that many continuous years of ministry and social justice work. So, in 2025, to celebrate our 175 years and tell our story to others who may be needing our type of ministry, we will have a celebration – dates and activities to be determined. But large celebrations need some foreplanning.

We will be creating a committee of folks who would like to help plan our celebration. If you are a great party planner, an historical buff, graphic designer, a social media communicator, and/or someone who wants to help tell our great story, please contact Jean Lubke or Pastor Doug. The committee will be organized later this year.

Meanwhile, be thinking of creative ways to celebrate who we were and who we are!

OCTOBER FORUMS

Forums are held 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Sundays after coffee time.

Oct. 1—ISAIAH listening session

Ben Whalen, the Minneapolis congregational organizer with ISAIAH, will join us for a conversation about wins at the state legislature this year—paid family leave, clean energy, expanded voting rights, expanding healthcare, funding childcare—and how to set the agenda for what gets done next.

How did these wins impact you and the people you love? What still needs to be done to support our communities? “Together we can decide what is still missing, what could be better, and ultimately what kind of future we want to live in,” writes Ben. “By joining this conversation, you can shape the priorities ISAIAH leads on next for our community. Thousands of our neighbors will be having similar conversations this summer and fall across the state, and I hope you can come!”

ISAIAH is a multiracial, statewide, nonpartisan coalition of faith communities and other community-based constituencies fighting for racial and economic justice in Minnesota. Learn more at isaiahmn.org

Oct. 8—Sermon talk-back with Paula Moyer

Join Paula for a conversation about her sermon on the stories of the Shunamite woman in II Kings and the woman at the well in the Gospel of John.



Oct. 15—A call to South Africa

Rev. Toya Richards, who will preach in our morning worship, will talk in the forum about her call to full-time mission service with International Ministries, also known as the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society. She is endorsed to serve as a teacher and professor at Cape Town Baptist Seminary. Drawing on her career in print journalism and communications, she will teach English and research methodology and will be involved in emerging community initiatives. Rev. Richards is currently building her Mission Partnership Team and raising the funds needed to begin her ministry in South Africa.

Oct. 22—Working for racial justice at UBC

For more than three years, UBC has been engaged in learning and reflection about white supremacy, our congregational and individual histories along the color line, and how to be more effective agents of change. This has involved the THRIVE initiative through the Alliance of Baptists, a Tuesday night group that formed in the wake of George Floyd’s murder and met throughout the pandemic, and other activities with faith groups and organizations across the Twin Cities. In this forum, we’ll discuss recent experiences and also brainstorm our activities and meetings for the coming year.

Oct. 29—Ringing in Ireland, Part 2

Continuing where they left off after the Sept. 24 forum, six of our bell choir members will conclude their presentation about traveling to Ireland in June. They joined 50 other ringers from the U.S. and Canada and a bell choir from Estonia for a massed ringing concert tour, with concerts in cathedrals in Galway, Cobh, and Dublin between touring. Join them for the exciting conclusion of this presentation.

New Group? Road Trip?

I found myself quite inspired while attending Don Wester's memorial service at UBC. I did not know what an adventurer Don was until we heard the wonderful stories shared by his children, especially his desire to go "off the beaten track" when traveling somewhere.

With this in mind, I would like to propose a new group at UBC which would seek out new adventures and go to places we have heard about, wondered about, or are curious about. Maybe once per month, we can plan an "adventure" and go see or experience something.



In speaking with some other members after the service, we mentioned some possibilities such as visiting the Frank Lloyd Wright-designed gas station in Cloquet, visiting the new Bell Museum, taking a trip to visit historic Red Wing and more.

Are there some adventurers out there who would like to join me for a few hours every month to explore? I am proposing an activity for October (so we don't lose the opportunity to travel in nice weather) to drive up to Cloquet and visit the FLW gas station. We can have lunch in Cloquet or even Duluth then return home (with a stop at Tobie's in Hinckley along the way?). Maybe on Oct. 12 or 13? If you think you might be interested, let me know via phone, email or at church. I am planning to go and would love some company!!

By the way, I am affectionately referring to this group as the *DWA (Don Wester Adventurers)*.

Thanks!

Kim Donley

Special Offering for Sept./Oct. Nicaraguan Ministries and the Tai Shigaki Mission Travel Fund

The Outreach mission focus for Sept. and Oct. are our Nicaraguan partners and the Tai Shigaki Mission Travel Fund. In the past, these funds have included scholarships for students attending the church-sponsored school, the church in León, Project Minnesota-León and AMOS (a ministry of sharing). We are in need of further funds in the Tai Shigaki Mission Travel fund to help bring up a team from León next summer. Thank you for any assistance you can provide! As usual, your gifts are much appreciated. Thank you!

You can drop your offering in the donation box, 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.

Visit Planned from Sister Church August 2024

Our sister church in León has selected five people to come visit us in August 2024. We're excited for them! Now begins the elongated process of getting them permission to leave the country for ten days or so. Once they get their visas, we'll be buying airline tickets and getting ready for their visit. We'll also need to start raising some money. We anticipate needing to add \$6,500 to our Tai Shigaki Mission Travel Fund. Look for some fundraising initiatives and of course we'll be glad to direct any donations to the Shigaki Fund.

If giving online, donate to the September-October Special Mission Offering and include a note specifying Tai Shigaki Mission Travel Fund.

EVOLVING FROM VIOLENT LANGUAGE

Anna Taylor



INSTEAD OF

We're going to **pull the trigger**

I'll take a **stab at [it]**

Did we **jump the gun**?

I'll **bite the bullet**

That'll **kill** two birds with one stone

What's the **deadline**?

We have to pick our **battles**

Can you **shoot me** an email?

That was **overkill**

I **bombed** the presentation

Let's just **roll with the punches**

We can **soften the blow** by...

I'm going to **take a shot in the dark**

That's not a **bad idea**

Let's not **beat a dead horse**

I was **blown away** by her presentation

I was **kicking** around an idea

He's a **straight shooter** in meetings



SAY THIS

We're **going to launch**

I'll take the **first pass at [it]**

Did we **start too soon**?

I won't **avoid it any longer**

That'll **feed** two birds with one scone

What's the **due date**?

We have to choose our **opportunities**

Can you **send me** an email?

That was a **bit excessive**

I didn't **do my best**

Let's just **move forward**

We can **make it a little easier** by...

I'm going to **take a guess**

That's a **good idea**

Let's not **focus on that anymore**

I was **impressed** by her presentation

I was **thinking** through an idea

He's **pretty direct** in meetings

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 (**Oct. 2-5**). 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 marielafrence46@gmail.com.

Little Free Pantry

We are looking for individuals who might be willing to stop by the church at least once a week 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 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 **second Friday of each month (Oct. 13)**, 11:15 a.m. to about 1 p.m. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Denise Roy at denise.roy@mitchellhamline.edu

Looking for Volunteers

- Coffee hosts** – Sign up in the lounge
- Communion prep** – Contact Terri Wottrich
- Garden Team** – Contact Betsy Kerr
- Ushers** – Contact Chris Follett
- Worship Leaders** – Contact Deidre Druk

UBC HISTORY RESEARCH: CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!

At the Minnesota History Center, UBC has 19 boxes of files and other materials. There is a lot of sleuthing to do!

We are able to schedule appointments and reserve a table on Wednesdays through Saturdays, 10-1 and 1-4.

If you would like to join a team going over to the History Center some time, please contact Gayla to let her know of your interest and availability at gaylamarty@gmail.com or 612-845-8417.

Sunday school begins— teachers needed!

Beginning Sept. 24, Megan Dahlberg is teaching a brief Sunday-school lesson in the nursery near the close of the service. This lesson introduces the preschoolers, notably Finn, Otto, and Andrew, to the idea of circle time, a story, and songs reinforcing lessons of love, sharing, and caring. Volunteers to lead this circle time are needed for Sundays when Megan is worship leader.

The parents have decided that they would like to have Sunday school during forum time for the early elementary children—currently Peter and Jackson—on the first Sunday of the month, beginning Nov. 5. A Unitarian/Universalist curriculum will be used.

Teacher volunteers are needed! If you are interested, please contact Megan Dahlberg.

Contribution from the UBC Memoir Group

Reconciling My Faith with the White Christian Church

By Betty Shaw

How do I reconcile my Christian faith with the fact that the white Christian church to which I belong has, for thousands of years, sponsored wars, supported slavery and genocide and caused multiple harms to countless people and is still causing harm to many to this very day? My brother, an atheist, an active, militant atheist, asked me this question many times.

I start my answer by making a distinction between the white Christian Church and my Christian faith. I have always appreciated Gandhi's insight, "I could become a Christian except for the Christians." I became a Christian, was baptized and became a member of the church when I was nine years old. My faith was the simple faith of a child. "Jesus loves me this I know for the Bible tells me so."

John 3:16. God made me (and the world) and loved me (and all people of the world) enough to send Jesus to show us how to live and to save us from an unhappy life of sin. "Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world red and yellow black and white all are precious in his sight." As my faith grew, I believed that God loved me and everyone, even though we are sinners and estranged from Him. ("God shows His love for us

in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us." Rom. 5:8) Jesus taught us how to love God and our neighbors through stories (parables) and example. He fought against the human institutions (including religious institutions) that oppress people; that favor the rich and powerful, sustain inequality and injustice. Jesus loved me enough to die fighting against those oppressing institutions. Jesus' resurrection gives me hope that even though human institutions succumb to sinful ways, God's love is ultimately not defeated. The arc of history bends toward justice, however slowly.



The question of why I remain a member of the White Christian Church is much harder to answer. The church, as all other human institutions, is plagued by human sin. I want to believe, and do believe, that my small congregation is trying to do God's work in the world. We

are far from perfect but are trying to individually and collectively examine ourselves. The fellowship of other people who struggle with the same issues inspires me, energizes me, and helps me from falling into despair. It helps me find ways to be of service. Its members support me during the hard times in my life and rejoices with me when good things happen. It is a place where I can sing God's praises and express my love for God and other people.



Save the Date:
The summer conference of the Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America~Bautistas Por La Paz (AKA Peace Camp) will take place **July 15-20, 2024** at Mars Hill College outside of Asheville, NC. Let's have a good showing from UBC this year!

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Most of our income (57%) comes from pledges made by members. We are ahead of where we would expect due to some pre-paid pledges.



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

Expected annual rental income is 21% of our budget. Patrick does a great job renting out spaces that don't have a regular tenant. Receipts are as expected.

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	\$46,985	56,841	9,856
Rental Income	21	\$70,000	\$17,500	17,045	-455
Misc income*	5	<u>\$15,000</u>	\$3,750	6,295	<u>2,545</u>
Subtotal		\$272,940	\$68,235	\$80,181	11,946
Carry-forward from 2022-23	0				
Foundation	17	<u>\$54,066</u>			
Total Operating Income	100	\$327,006			
Justice & Outreach		<u>\$15,000</u>		4,955	
Total Budget		\$342,006			

*individual gifts, loose offering & miscellaneous income

The dedicated offering for Aug. was for emergency needs and we have received \$950 to date. The dedicated offering for Sept/Oct is for Nicaraguan Ministries and we have received \$1,565 to date (of that total, \$560 was designated for scholarships and \$500 for the Tai Shigaki Travel Fund.)

Chris Follett, Financial Secretary

Gift to UBC

We recently received a generous donation from Margaret Landry's estate. [Margaret](#), who died in 2019, was a member of UBC for many years and was active in the choir. Thank you to the UBC Foundation and the work of Ty Wottrich to finalize the process.

Memorial donations (unless otherwise indicated by the donor) go into the UBC Foundation, an endowment fund which helps support the work of UBC. If you would like to consider including UBC in your will, please talk to Pastor Doug, Denise Roy (UBC Treasurer) or Claire Mavity (Foundation Treasurer).



You can scan this QR code to be directed to our webpage where there are a variety of causes to donate to.

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. Update blue hymnal.



October Birthdays

- 5 Heather Kurtz
- 8 Melissa Walton
- 14 Anna Lovat
- 19 Lilly Wright
- 21 Clara Meinerts
- 23 Anne Supplee
- 24 Beth Wilson, Morgan Gray
- 26 Don Follett
- 27 Carrie Lubke
- 28 Atherton Wiseman

October Anniversaries

- 15 John & Jinsil Lee
- 23 Lucas Moravek & Pete Dawson
- 26 Mindy & Steve Lee

Clutter Bug

Last month, Trish Donley began a process of decluttering and reorganizing her possessions. She's been doing lots of research by watching YouTube videos about this, and came across a YouTube channel called Andrea Jean Cleaning.

In one of Andrea's videos, she mentioned that if anyone lived in the Minneapolis area and was interested in a home refresh, to contact her.

Well, Trish did just that, and Andrea and her husband came to her apartment, took pictures and measurements, then tasked her with "touching everything" and deciding what to keep and what to get rid of. Then they came back in a few weeks and did a "refresh" of several areas, and made the following video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q7vEbKtnfWY&t=3s>

(If you watch it, be sure to give it a thumbs up!)

THEY FIXED UP MARCY PARK. REAL NICE. LET'S CELEBRATE!



SATURDAY, OCT 14, 2023, 1-3pm
MARCY PARK, IN DINKYTOWN
11th AVE SE + 7th ST SE

Stop by for free Raising Cane's, free Marcy-Holmes + Dinkytown merch, learn about the neighborhood + how to get involved with the neighborhood association, including changing the name of this park.

www.marcy-holmes.org/marcy_park

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