



UBC NEWS

University Baptist Church
1219 University Ave SE
Minneapolis MN 55414

Established 1850 at St. Anthony Falls, MN

August 2023

From the Pastor

Teamwork



A few days ago, one of our renters, José, stopped by UBC with a big smile on his face. He pulled out from his bag a trophy, a plaque and a ribbon. These were won in Sacramento, California in early July by members of the soccer team that he coached. They participated in the Homeless World Cup.

The team is made up of homeless people, people seeking asylum, immigrants, and some people who are housing insecure. Five of his athletes qualified for the tournament, but only four (all girls) were able to make the trip. They played soccer in the UBC gym twice a week for most of the academic year.



We were so glad to be able to be a small part of their victory. It occurs to me that this victory is more than about soccer. It's also about teamwork. It's about commitment. It's about resilience. It's about triumphing over adversity. It's about a caring coach. It's even about a funky little church gym that offered space to work on these life skills.

Blessings and Peace,

Doug Donley

AUGUST WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sermons are from the grab bag. Services will be outdoors Aug 13-Sept. 10

Aug. 6

Preaching: Doug Donley

Worship Leader: TBD

Aug. 13

Preaching: Doug Donley

Worship Leader: Betty Shaw

Aug. 20

Preaching: Doug Donley

Worship Leader: Deidre Druk

Aug. 27

Preaching: Doug Donley

Worship Leader: Jean Lubke

Celebration of Life for Don Wester Sat., Aug. 26 at 10 a.m. at UBC

An informal lunch to follow in the
Adele Fadden Assembly Room
All are invited



Don fell on the sidewalk while walking with his family, likely related to balance issues from his Parkinson's. He died from the resulting brain hemorrhage on July 7.

Don was almost 90 years old; he and Sue were married for 60 of those years. Don has been a long-time member of UBC, always willing to lend a hand. We will miss him greatly.

ERTC Funds Received Early!

In late July, UBC received over \$73,000 in Employee Retention Tax Credit (ERTC) funds. We had hoped we would receive this before February, but received it on July 26!

Thank you to Denise Roy and Mindy Lee for making the application and attending to our finances!

While these funds give us some breathing room, the work going ahead is to replace this income with pledges and rental income. That means engaging new people and sharing how great it is to be a part of UBC.

HELP NEEDED

After the service on Aug. 6, a few volunteers are needed to help erect the tent on the front lawn. Please let Doug know if you can help, or just show up!

Calendar for August

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
			11 a.m. Handcraft Group	9 a.m. Garden Team 6:30 p.m. Caregiver Support Group		1 p.m. Belles Rehearsal
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
10 a.m. Worship Communion Joys & Concerns 11 a.m. Put up the tent	11:15 a.m. Meals on Wheels	7 p.m. Memoir Group	11:15 a.m. Meals on Wheels 2-4 p.m. Worship Team	9 a.m. Garden Team 11:15 a.m. Meals on Wheels		12:30 p.m. Book Group
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
10 a.m. Worship Joys & Concerns				9 a.m. Garden Team		1 p.m. Belles Rehearsal
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
10 a.m. Worship Joys & Concerns	7 p.m. Knitting Group	7 p.m. Memoir Group		9 a.m. Garden Team	<i>Newsletter deadline</i>	10 a.m. Service for Don Wester 2-5 p.m. Card Club
27	28	29	30	31		
10 a.m. Worship Joys & Concerns				9 a.m. Garden Team		



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 in the sanctuary and on Zoom.

ZOOM INFO: Meeting ID 839 4725 7444 passcode 257750

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



UBC-FCC Daytime Handcraft Group – Aug. 2 (1st Wed.) from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

at First Congregational Church (500 8th Ave. SE) in the Parlor. Bring your craft project and/or a contribution for a salad bar if you like, or your lunch.

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.

Garden Team – Thursdays at 9 a.m. (weather permitting) Come help beautify our church gardens! We have tools and gloves available and will mostly work on weeding, pruning, and watering. 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.



Also, the church has two used **rain barrels** to give away. These have a concave cover that allows for planting on top. If interested, contact Betsy or just show up on a Garden Team morning.



Caregiver Support Group – Aug. 3 (1st Thurs.) at 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.

ZOOM INFO: Meeting ID 810 4075 0220 Passcode 251436

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81040750220?pwd=bn82eExWUC9EMy9Tb2tHYk0yb1d3UT09>

Meals on Wheels – Aug. 7-10. 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.



PHOTOS NEEDED!

If you have any recent photos of UBC activities, please send to Trista for the website.

More of What's Going On



Memoir Writing Group – Aug. 8 & 22 (every other Tues.) at 7 p.m.

Prompts include *Picnics*, *Music of our Lives*, or anything else you feel called to write about. If you have any questions, please contact Trish Donley at patricia.donley63@gmail.com.

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

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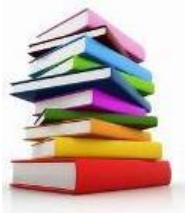
Worship Planning Team – Wed., Aug. 9 from 2-4 p.m. at UBC and via Zoom. Come and help plan our worship for the upcoming year. All are welcome!



We'll be working on the new worship year's focus: "Stay Awake". We'll consider what it means to be alert, pay attention, and make connections between the Gospel and systems of oppression. How has systemic racism, sexism, colonialism and even capitalism changed the Christian message? In what ways are we tempted to go back to sleep? What do we do once we have awakened? Lots to think about. We welcome your input! If you have any questions, please contact Karen Swenson at krswenson@gmail.com.

ZOOM INFO: Meeting ID: 846 1277 0858 Passcode: 423140

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84612770858?pwd=Q1RzN3M4dFdzd04yMTFtdFVWMzk4dz09>



Grace in Contemporary Literature by Women Book Group – Aug. 12 (2nd Sat.) at 12:30 p.m., in person at Kim Donley's. Bring a salad to share. The book this month is *While Justice Sleeps* by Stacey Abrams. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Follett at chrisf2828@yahoo.com.

ZOOM INFO: meeting ID 815 2376 4072 passcode 525996

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81523764072?pwd=Q1hlc2VFdnlOMEl1VWhXNzdKRDdjQT09>

UBC-FCC Knitting Group – Aug. 21 (3rd Mon.) at 7 p.m. at Jean Lubke's home. The group is made up of stitchers from UBC and First Congregational Church. All are welcome! If you have any questions, please contact Chris Follett at chrisf2828@yahoo.com.



Card Club – Sat., Aug. 26 from 2-5 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.

GROUPS ON HAITUS UNTIL SEPT:

- Forums
- Bible Study
- Choir
- Bells
- Spanish classes
- Climate Action Group
- Anti-Racism Group
- Coffee Time

Special Offering for August

August's mission focus will be for groups needing immediate assistance. This will include a group of Nicaraguans who were released from prison and sent to the US because they spoke out against their government (the Nicaraguan 222). Various groups have stepped up and are trying to help them but need resources. Other possible recipients may be groups responding to weather-related emergencies; a church in Minneapolis looking for help to rebuild an apartment building they run for the homeless which was damaged in a fire; etc. 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.

Thank you for your ongoing Outreach support!!

- Kim Donley and Deidre Druk, Outreach Co-Chairs

Want to Join the Bell Choir?

If you've been wanting to learn to play bells and you can read music, this is a great time to give bells a try! We rehearse Wednesday evenings beginning Sept. 13 and play for the service about once a month. If you are interested, please contact Jean Lubke, lubk0001@umn.edu or 651-295-7525.

From Minnesota Council of Churches

[Mediation and Restoration: Creating Safe and Peaceful Communities Together](#)

August 10, 8 a.m. – 6 p.m., Delta Hotels by Marriott, Minneapolis

Mediation Restorative Services and Conflict Resolution Minnesota aim to cultivate a community of practice to help us manage in a world where litigation and society are bogged down with disproportionate power dynamics in the court system, inequitable systems and policies, delayed outcomes due to limited resources, and limited control to change systems and policies. Here they make the [case for faith involvement](#).



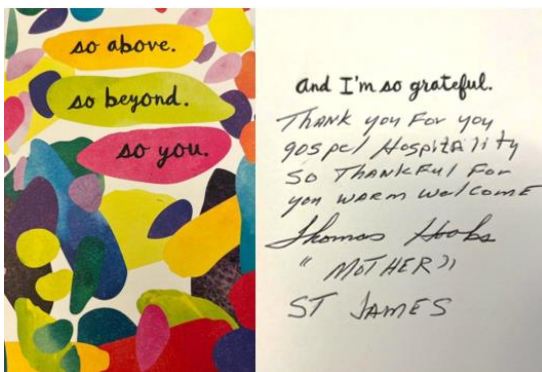
UBC front lawn sign.
Photo by Doug Donley

Mother St. James AME congregation celebrated their 160th anniversary at UBC on July 15

Mother St. James African Methodist Episcopal Church, the oldest Black congregation in Minnesota, founded in old St. Anthony in 1863 and now at 3600 Snelling Avenue in south Minneapolis, celebrated its 160th anniversary with an all-day event at UBC including an evening promenade (some via horse-drawn carriage) to Mother St. James's original site at 6th Avenue and SE 2nd Street, just two blocks from the Stone Arch Bridge.



Photos by Deidre Druk



Portion of a thank you letter from Mother St. James AME Church:

Dear Pastor Doug,

Thank you for delivering the Greeting from University Baptist Church last week during Mother St. James 160 Anniversary Banquet Program at UBC.

When you were speaking, I learned a new term from you: "Kairos Moment" I believe your perception is spot on when you described the above and it being like a "homecoming for MSJ."

Your hospitality was amazing from the big to the small: having the piano tuned up; the pots of purple and white flowers placed at the front door; helping us Usher and Greet; Becca's stage management; allowing us to hang our posters everywhere; Pat coordinating the space for us, making the venue affordable, and available; working out the Parking; Gayla's prayers and coordinating the Ushers and Greeters.

Thank you so much for everything that I know you did, and those things that I do not know you did to make the 160th Banquet Program Successful.

Pastor Doug, not only did you allow us To Tell Our Story and Give God the Glory, you participated and were a significant part of the celebration!

Thank you again,

Sis. Joy



I spent the end of June at the Summer Conference of the Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America. It was really powerful to be among Puerto Rican peacemakers and justice seekers. I look forward to next summer's conference in Charlotte, NC in the middle of July 2024.

- Doug Donley

Photo by Doug Donley

Kim and Doug were coffee time hosts when First Congregational Church joined us for worship on July 16. We enjoyed root beer floats, leftover cake from Mother St. James and watermelon!! Bonus that the weather cooperated and we could visit outdoors.

Photos by Chris Follett



COFFEE HOSTS NEEDED

Starting in September, we will have coffee time again and need hosts. Please sign up in the lounge. Thanks!

LET FREEDOM RING
Commemorative Procession & Concert

60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MARCH ON WASHINGTON FOR JOBS AND FREEDOM

AUGUST 28, 2023

Experience beloved community and the enduring legacy of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. as Minnesota honors the 60th anniversary of the March on Washington for Jobs & Freedom.

Curated by G. Phillip Shultz, III and featuring Jovonta Patton, Joe Davis & The Poetic Diaspora, Threads Dance Project, and members of the Twin Cities Choral Consortium.

Presented by the University of Minnesota College of Liberal Arts, Northrop, and VocalEssence

Free event, registration required
z.umn.edu/LetFreedomRing

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA VOCAL ESSENCE

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On August 28 the College of Liberal Arts, Northrop Auditorium, and VocalEssence will present, “[Let Freedom Ring: The 60th Anniversary of the March on Washington.](#)”. This concert is part of a larger effort called the Dream Initiative, based in the College of Liberal Arts, that invites Twin Cities organizations and communities to engage in opportunities that commemorate, foster reflection, educate and amplify our shared, social justice aspirations and actions for change.

The concert will be held at Northrop on the University’s East Bank campus, and is free and open to the public although registration is required; admission tickets are available through [Northrop’s Ticket Office](#). Prior to the concert, starting at 5:30pm, a procession will march from Coffman Union Plaza to the steps of Northrop.

The March on Washington was a massive protest march that occurred in August 1963, when some 250,000 people gathered in front of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. Also known as the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, the event aimed to draw attention to continuing challenges and inequalities faced by African Americans a century after emancipation. It was also the occasion of Martin Luther King Jr.’s now-iconic “I Have a Dream” speech.

From history.com

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 (**Aug. 7-10**). 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 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 (Sept. 8)** from 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

Communion prep – Contact Terri Wottrich
Garden Team – Contact Betsy Kerr
Ushers – Contact Chris Follett
Worship Leaders – Contact Deidre Druk
Worship Technology Support - Contact Personnel Committee
Coffee hosts – sign up in the lounge

UBC HISTORY RESEARCH: CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!

At the Minnesota History Center, UBC has 19 boxes of files and other materials. Recently Betsy Kerr and Gayla Marty spent several hours there and found primary sources documenting our congregation's interaction with what we believe to have been the St. James AME congregation.

There is a lot more sleuthing to do! For example, the 175th anniversary of our congregation is coming up in 2025.

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.

Update on the UBC Sanctuary Family

Our asylum-seeking guests Santos and Yonathan have moved into a new apartment after nearly four years in the UBC apartment. It has been an honor to walk alongside them in their journey so far. We continue to be in touch with them, but not so much on a day-to-day basis.

The UBC Sanctuary Team has decided to take a breath before making the apartment available to another guest. We need to assess what we have learned and make sure we have everything lined up for our future guests.

The apartment needs some TLC, a new stove and a paint job. **If you want to help with the apartment, please contact Patrick Mavity at property@ubcmn.org**

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

We are only one month into the 2023-24 fiscal year so surpluses and deficits don't mean much at this point. Some good news - at the end of July, we received over \$73K in Employee Retention Tax Credit funds from the IRS (we hadn't expected those until 2024). The Church Council will discuss how to handle these funds (likely a majority will go towards the deficit) and a revised financial report will be published here next month.



Other gifts and miscellaneous income provide 5% of our budget. These are mostly gifts made by pledgers beyond their pledge or from people who did not pledge.

Our budgeted income is lower this fiscal year than last due to the reduced performance of the UBC Foundation on which the allocation formula is based as well as there was no surplus to carry over. Most of our income (57%) comes from the pledges made by members. Expected annual rental income is \$70,000 (21% of our budget.)

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.

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



Operating Income 2023-24	%	Budget	Expected	Received	Over (short)
Pledge Income	57	\$187,940	\$15,662	12,770	-2,892
Rental Income	21	\$70,000	\$5,833	5,076	-757
Misc income*	5	<u>\$15,000</u>	\$1,250	834	<u>-416</u>
Subtotal		\$272,940	\$22,745	\$18,680	-4,065
Carry-forward from 2022-23	0				
Foundation	17	<u>\$54,066</u>		-	
Total Operating Income	100	\$327,006			
Justice & Outreach		<u>\$15,000</u>		490	
Total Budget		\$342,006			

*individual gifts, loose offering & miscellaneous income

The dedicated offering for July was for SE Mpls Ministries and we have received \$440 to date.

*Chris Follett,
Financial Secretary*

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.

Please contact Chris Follett if you would like to donate toward these items.



August Birthdays

- 1 Estelle Bienhoff Batal
- 10 Bev Bullard
- 13 Nancy Myers, William Mavity
- 15 Margie Garmers
- 16 Leona Juergens
- 17 Alan Ehr, Claire Mavity
- 18 Alexander Wilbrecht
- 19 Amanda Donley
- 21 Holly Hanson
- 22 Laura Justin
- 26 Roger Johnson
- 27 Donna Smith

August Anniversaries

- 2 Lynnette & Elwyn Fraser
- 4 Terri & Ty Wottrich
- 7 Kim & Doug Donley
- 8 Chundra & Melissa Walton
- 22 Gayla Marty & Pat Mavity
- 30 Lu & Bob Carman



Mama Anielka cradles baby Valeria. Her shirt says "The Future is Female".
Photo by Doug Donley



The empty nest picture represents our home as Becca goes off to Napier University in Scotland on August 23rd to begin a two-year graduate program in theater directing. The program ends with a production that she directs/produces at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival August of 2025.

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