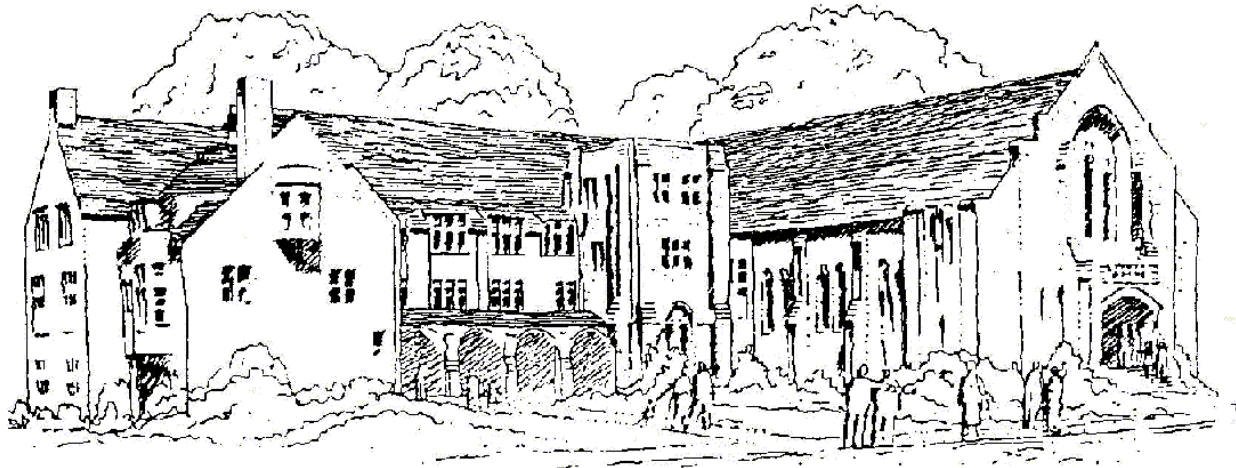


May 4, 2025



UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH

**Our Mission: to be a loving and inclusive community;
seeking faith, joy, action; nurtured by the Biblical tradition,
the teachings of Christ, and God's continuing revelation**



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Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God." Therefore, this place of sanctuary is free of violence in all its forms, including verbal violence and firearms. University Baptist Church is a member of the American Baptist Churches/USA, the Alliance of Baptists, the Association of Welcoming and Affirming Baptists, and the Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America. Our intention at University Baptist Church is to use inclusive language in our worship.

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University Baptist Church

May 4, 2025

Easter 3

10:00 am

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Madrigal

Guilmant

Welcome!

¡Bienvenido a la casa de Dios! Добро пожаловать! Dobro pozhalovat! 欢迎! Huānyíng!
「ようこそ!」 Youkoso! Willkommen!

*CALL TO WORSHIP/LLAMADA A LA ADORACIÓN

One: We gather together in the name of God who bids us come.

Many: **We gather together to hear the words of God who is Love.**

One: We gather together to sing praises to God who teaches peace.

All: **Come, let us worship!**

*(*Stand as you are willing and able)*

*OPENING HYMN
Blue Hymnal #359

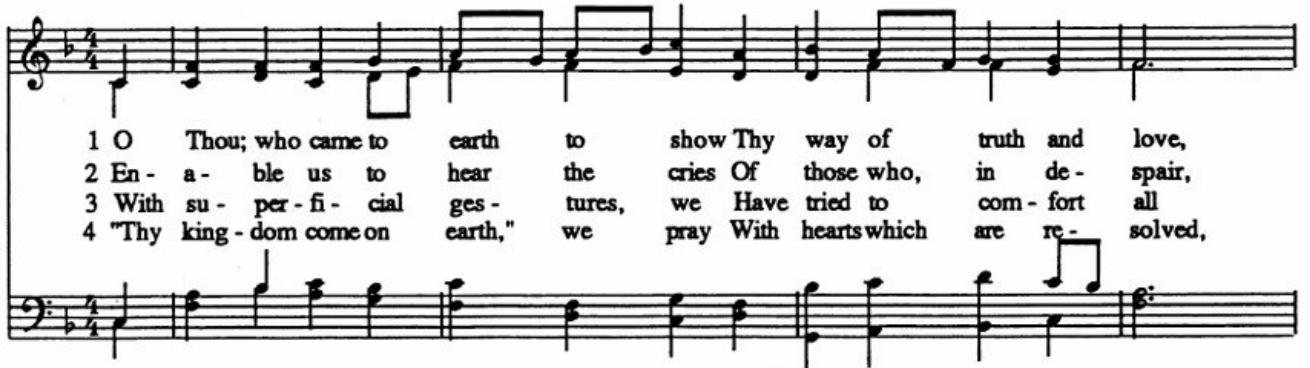
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FOREST GREEN

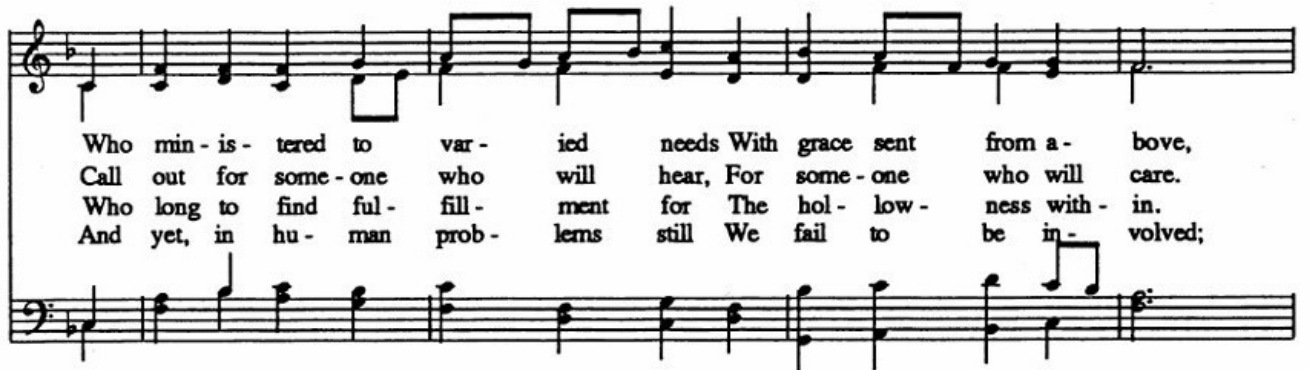
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Milburn Price, 1969, alt.

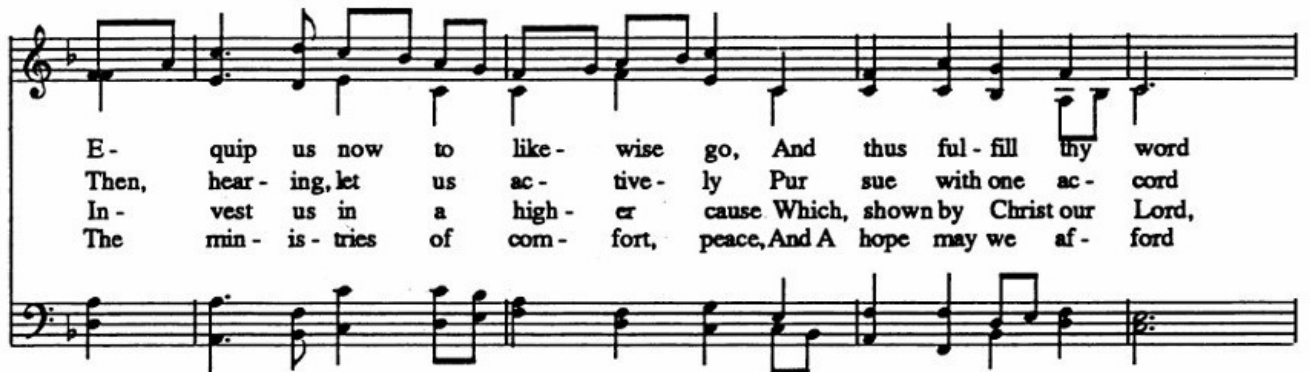
FOREST GREEN C.M.D.
Traditional English Melody
Arr., Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906.



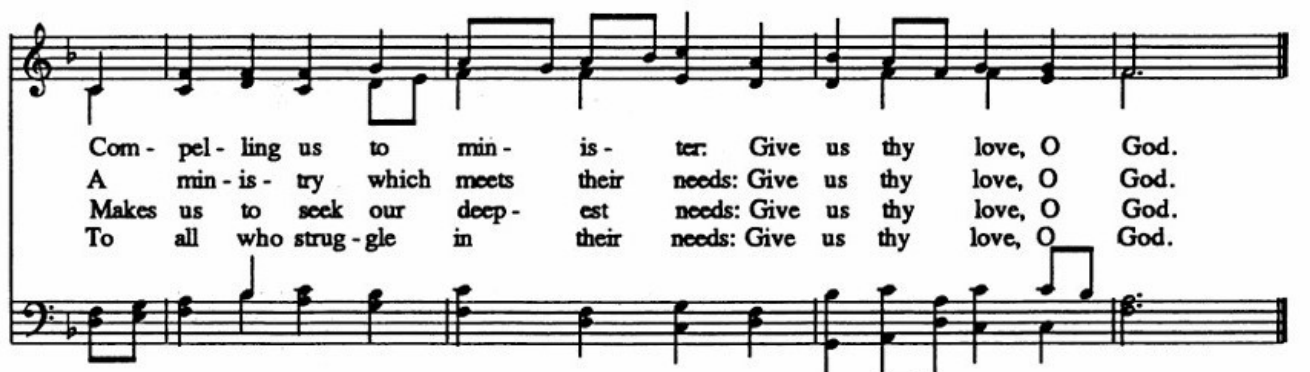
1 O Thou; who came to earth to show Thy way of truth and love,
2 En - a - ble us to hear the cries Of those who, in de - spair,
3 With su - per - fi - cial ges - tures, we Have tried to com - fort all
4 "Thy king - dom come on earth," we pray With hearts which are re - solved,



Who min - is - tered to var - ied needs With grace sent from a - bove,
Call out for some - one who will hear, For some - one who will care.
Who long to find ful - fill - ment for The hol - low - ness with - in.
And yet, in hu - man prob - lems still We fail to be in - volved;



E - quip us now to like - wise go, And thus ful - fill thy word
Then, hear - ing, let us ac - tive - ly Pur - sue with one ac - cord
In - vest us in a high - er cause Which, shown by Christ our Lord,
The min - is - tries of com - fort, peace, And A hope may we af - ford



Com - pel - ling us to min - is - ter: Give us thy love, O God.
A min - is - try which meets their needs: Give us thy love, O God.
Makes us to seek our deep - est needs: Give us thy love, O God.
To all who strug - gle in their needs: Give us thy love, O God.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Peace Be With You!

¡La paz sea contigo! Мир вам! Mir vam!
愿和平与你同在 yuàn hé píng yú nǐ tóng zài
「平和がありますように！」Heiwaga arimasu youni!

The musical score is written in 6/8 time. The first system consists of a vocal line and a bass line. The vocal line has lyrics: 'San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zón te a - do - ra! Mi Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My'. The second system continues the vocal line with lyrics: 'cor - a - zón te sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res Dios. heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, God.' The bass line provides harmonic support with chords F, C, Am, F, G7, and C.

PRAYING TOGETHER

MORNING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Use these words or whatever is familiar to you)

Our Father/Mother who art in heaven, hallowed be Padre/Madre nuestro, que estás en el cielo, santificado thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on sea tu nombre; venga a nosotros tu reino; hágase tu earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily voluntad en la tierra como en el cielo. Danos hoy nuestro bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our pan de cada día; perdona nuestras ofensas, como también debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden; no nos deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and dejes caer en la tentación, y líbranos del mal. Porque tuyo the power, and the glory forever. Amen. es el reino, el poder, y la gloria, por siempre. Amén.

CELEBRATING CHILDREN

GATHERING SONG

Welcome, Children, Welcome

Black hymnal #323 (Verse 2)

*Bienvenidos niños, Jesús los ama,
Jesús los abraza, Bienvenidos niños.*

CHILDREN'S TIME

ATTENDING TO THE WORD

SCRIPTURE

Micah 4:1-5 and Acts 20:7-12

Rev. Matty Strickler

*HYMN

O Day of God Draw Near

ST. MICHAEL

Black Hymnal #611

O Day of God, Draw Near

611

R. B. Y. Scott, 1937; alt.

Ps. 105:7; 2 Pet. 3:8-15

1 O Day of God, draw near in beau - ty and in power,
2 Bring to our trou - bled minds, un - cer - tain and a - fraid,
3 Bring jus - tice to our land, that all may dwell se - cure,
4 Bring to our world of strife your sov - ereign word of peace,
5 O Day of God, draw near as at cre - a - tion's birth;

Come with your time-less judg - ment now to match our pres - ent hour.
The qui - et of a stead-fast faith, calm of a call o - beyed.
And fine - ly build for days to come foun - da - tions that en - dure.
That war may haunt the earth no more and des - o - la - tion cease.
Let there be light a - gain, and let your reign be - gin on earth.

R. B. Y. Scott was a theologian, Old Testament scholar, and social reformer who taught at McGill University, Montreal, and at Princeton University. A minister in the United Church of Canada, he wrote this text in 1937 for the Fellowship for a Christian Social Order.

Tune: ST. MICHAEL S.M.
Trente quatre Pseaumes, Geneva, 1551
Adapt. William Crotch, 1836

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING



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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Hope

Barbara Rosen (2009)

O Hope is the thing with feathers
That perches in the soul,
And sings the tune without the words,
And never stops at all.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Todos son hijos, y hijas de Dios.
No hay judío ni griego.
No hay esclavo ni libre.
No hay hombre y mujer.
Sino que todos somos uno solo en el espíritu.

**We are all children of God.
There is no Jew or Greek.
There is no slave or free.
There is no male and female.
For we are all one in the Spirit.**
(Galatians 3:26, 28, S. J. Patterson)

COMMEMORATING COMMUNION

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All are invited to partake in this symbolic meal. Please come forward down the center aisle and return by the side aisles. All juice is non-alcoholic, and the crackers are gluten-free. If you are not able to come forward, but would like to receive communion, please raise your hand and communion will be served to you where you sit.

COMMUNION MUSIC

If Thou But Let God Guide Thee

JS Bach

*CLOSING HYMN
Black Hymnal #581

Lead Us from Death to Life

WORLD PEACE PRAYER

Lead Us from Death to Life

2 John 1:3; Isa. 2:2-4

Refrain, Satish Kumar
Stanzas, Marty Haugen, 1985

Refrain C C7 F G C G/B Am

Lead us from death to life, from false-hood to truth, from de -

Dm7 G C Dm7 C7/E C7 Dm7

spair to hope, from fear to trust. Lead us from hate to

G C/E E7 Am Dm7 G

love, from war to peace; let peace fill our hearts, let

Em Am Dm7 C/E Dm/F C/G G7 C

peace fill our world, let peace fill our u - ni - verse.

to Stanzas

The musical score is written in 3/4 time. It consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The piano part is written in a grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The vocal line is in a single treble clef. Chords are indicated above the notes. The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

Dm7 G Em7 Am

1 Still all the an-gry cries, still all the an-gry guns, still now your
 2 So man - y lone-ly hearts, so man - y bro-ken lives, long-ing for
 3 Let jus-tice ev - er roll, let mer-cy fill the earth, let us be -

Dm7 G7 C Am Dm7

peo-ple die, earth's sons and daugh-ters. Let jus-tice roll, let
 love to break in - to their an - guish. Come, teach us love,
 gin to grow in - to your peo - ple. We can be love,

E7 Am F D7/F# C/G G7 C to Refrain

mer - cy pour down, come and teach us your way of com - pas-sion.
 come, teach us peace, come and teach us your way of com - pas-sion.
 we can bring peace, we can still be your way of com - pas-sion.

The text for the refrain of this hymn is known as the "World Peace Prayer." It is a paraphrase of a verse from the Upanishads, the most ancient scriptures of Hinduism. Since its introduction at a service in Westminster Abbey on Hiroshima Day, 1981, the prayer has been translated into numerous languages and circulated around the world. The musical setting and additional stanzas were composed by Marty Haugen, composer-in-residence at Mayflower United Church of Christ, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Tune: WORLD PEACE PRAYER
 12.11.9.10. with refrain
 Marty Haugen, 1985

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Jesus Christ, Our Savior

Walther

JOYS AND CONCERNS

After the livestream ends

SPECIAL OFFERING FOR MAY & JUNE

Each month we lift up one of our mission partners. If you want to earmark a donation to this mission, please indicate that on your payment (online or by check). Here's the information for this month's special mission offering:

Marginalized Communities

The Outreach mission focus for May and June will be for organizations that help marginalized communities in the Twin Cities. In the past, we have supported CAIR (Council on American-Islamic Relations), Indian Food Shelf, Queer Space, and Clare Housing. Thank you for your donations, which will help support the important work being done for these groups.

You can drop it in the offering with a note on the check or envelope, send a check to the church, designate a gift directly from your bank, or use our online portal for giving on the UBC website, www.UBCmn.org. Thank you for your ongoing Outreach support!

—Kim Donley and Karole Graham, Outreach co-chairs

UBC ANNOUNCEMENTS

See our newsletter at ubcmn.org/newsletter for Zoom links and more info
UBC's Admin Assistant's in-office hours are Tuesdays 12-3, Wednesdays 12-4, and Fridays 12-5.
Note: Trista will be out of office May 5-10.

Today

We welcome back Rev. Matty Strickler to the UBC pulpit today. Doug Donley is visiting his mother in Cleveland, OH. He'll return on Friday, May 9th. While he's out of town, Rev. Jane McBride from First Congregational Church will be on call for pastoral emergencies. You can reach Jane at: 612-598-2432.

The nursery, Room 205, is available for children through age 10. Childcare is provided by U students Ely (they/them) and Sami (she/her) from 9:15 to 12:45.

How to Welcome a Seeing Eye Dog – One of our worshippers, Kevin Branting, has received a new Seeing Eye dog. So, here's a refresher/first course in how to make it a happy experience. First, remember that the dog is at work. Therefore, the best way to welcome the dog is to ignore the dog! So hard but so necessary. Avoid petting, talking to, or otherwise interacting with the dog. This includes eye contact. For more information, visit: <https://seeingeye.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/etiquette-5-tips-for-when-2.pdf>

Forum – Sacred land beneath us: acknowledging Indigenous homelands. This forum will provide space to talk about the practice of giving land acknowledgments—recognition that the land on which our church is built was once the land of Minnesota's Indigenous people. A few years ago, worship leaders began to include land acknowledgments at the opening of services. Conversation about the pros and cons of doing this continue. Is it performative rather than substantive if we are not engaged in meaningful action of restorative justice? Repair and reparations were identified for exploration as part of our discernment process.

Last year, discussions about acknowledging Indigenous homelands beneath us led to Sacred Reckonings, a local organization that widely serves congregations at work on land acknowledgments, reparations, and making statements on the Doctrine of Discovery. Forums in September, January, and March have brought us Sacred Reckonings resources. Please attend to listen, learn, question, and express your views.

Journeys, a Bible Study for adults – 11:30am in the Char Follett library following worship. Journeys will meet Sunday mornings in May, will be on break for the summer, and will resume in September.

It's an opportunity to read Scripture together, to learn something new, to ask questions, and to talk about your faith. The lessons themselves are written by clergy and members of American Baptist Churches across the country, providing a wide range of expertise and perspectives about Scripture and its meaning for contemporary Christians. They bring new voices to the faith conversation. Journeys is an informal group. No preparation is required. Please feel free to come once or regularly. See Nancy Myers or Diane Ehr for more information.

May 4 BREAKFAST: John 21:1-19

May 11 RESTORER: Psalm 23

May 18 CLEAN: Acts 11:1-18

May 25 CONQUEROR: Revelation 21:10, 22-27; 22:1-5

This week

Sacred Harp Singing – Every 2nd and 4th Sundays, 4-6pm, and Tuesdays, 5:30-7:30pm at UBC in Room 303. No experience or talent necessary!

Bells and Choir Rehearsals – Wednesday evenings in the sanctuary or lounge. Choir 6pm. Bells 7:30pm.

Meals on Wheels – May 6–9 (Tuesday–Friday the first full week of the month). Meals are picked up around 11:15 am 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 marielafrence46@gmail.com.

UBC-FCC Daytime Handcraft Group – May 7 (1st Wednesday), 11am. If you are interested and want to be on a distribution list, please let Marilyn Burns (from FCC) know at mbsnoobear@mac.com.

Every Meal – May 9 (2nd Friday), 11am -1pm at Marcy Open School in SE Minneapolis. Volunteers are needed to deliver meal bags to student backpacks during the school day. If you are interested, please contact Kim Donley, Chris Follett or Denise Roy at denise.roy@mitchellhamline.edu

Grace in Contemporary Literature by Women Book Group – May 10 (2nd Saturday), 1pm. Via Zoom. If you have questions, please contact Chris Follett at chrisf2828@yahoo.com.

Wild Church Gathering – May 10 (2nd Saturday), 2pm, at the Peace statue by Nicollet Island Pavillion. We will join together with friends from ULCH and FCC. During our time together, we will ground ourselves in scripture, poetry, and song before embarking on a time of wandering. We will close with a time of reflection and sharing. The Wild Church movement invites us to reshape our relationship with creation through outdoor worship. See more info here: <https://www.wildchurchnetwork.com/>

Looking Ahead

Memoir Writing Group – May 13 (every other Tuesday), 7pm via Zoom. All are welcome! Prompts include Memories of UBC, or whatever else you feel called to write about. Contact Trish Donley if you have any questions. Please note: There will be no meeting on Tuesday, May 27th; the next meeting is June 10th.

Bible Study – May 17 (1st & 3rd Sat.), 9am. We're studying Luke 10. New and occasional members are always welcome. No special background, skill, or preparation is required. If you have any questions, please contact Diane at diancehr82@gmail.com.

UBC-FCC Knitting Group – May 19 (3rd Monday), 7pm at Deb Wensman's home. The group is made up of stitchers from UBC and First Congregational Church. If you have questions, please contact Chris Follett at chrisf2828@yahoo.com.

Card Club – May 24, 1pm. 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 Lubke at 651-295-7525 or jeanlubke01@gmail.com

Spanish Conversation Group – May 24 (4th Saturday), 10am-12pm at Curioso Coffee Shop, 1712 Marshall St NE, Minneapolis. Join folks from UBC and First Congregational Church to practice your Spanish. If you have any questions, please contact Deidre Druk.

UBC Anti-Racism Work – May 27, 7 p.m. We will continue discussing antidotes to White supremacy culture from the Tema Okun essay. Everyone is welcome to join this monthly gathering. Contact Denise Roy if you would like to come or to get more information.

Loaves & Fishes – Our next chance to serve Loaves & Fishes. is Friday, May 30. We'll be at Peace House Community, 1816 Portland Avenue South in Minneapolis 55404. Parking is available on the street or in a small lot off the alley to the west side of the building. Enter the building from either the Portland Avenue side or the west side. We expect to have about 300 guests come to pick up meals. We'll be preparing the food from 2:00 to 5:00, making to-go boxes from 4:30 to 6:15, and cleaning up until about 7:00. We'd like to have about four people volunteer for preparation, about six for making the to-go boxes, and a couple for clean-up. There won't be any dining at Peace House for now, all carry out. Let Steve Lee know if you'd like to help out by emailing steven.lee@thrivent.com or calling him at 612-844-8194 or 763-645-9499.

Caregiver Support Group – June 5 (1st Thursday), 6:30pm. UBCers who take care of a parent, family member, or friend meet for support. If you have any questions, please contact Jean Lubke at jeanlubke01@gmail.com

Other Volunteer Opportunities

UBC history research – 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 group going over to the History Center sometime, please contact Gayla Marty at gaylamarty@gmail.com or 612-845-8417.

UBC / FCC Collaboration Task Force – UBC and First Congregational Church are exploring ways to collaborate in ministry. Pastor Donley and Jean Lubke are looking for 2-3 additional open-minded individuals willing to explore possibilities to join the task force. We have been meeting once a month. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, May 14, noon at UBC. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Doug or Jean Lubke.

Save the Dates!

Annual Meeting – Sunday, June 8, after morning worship. Bring sandwiches or a dish to share.

Project Minnesota Leon Summer Picnic – Saturday, June 28th, Noon–2pm at Silverwood Park Island Picnic Shelter (2500 County Rd E., Saint Anthony, MN 5542). Theme: Courage in the Face of Uncertainty. Food by Qdoba. We look forward to seeing you! Please join us!

UBC Founding Day – Sunday, July 13 – will kick off our 175th anniversary observance and celebration year. First Congregational Church (founded a year later in 1851) will be at UBC for a joint worship service that day, and an ice cream social on the lawn is in the planning stages. The anniversary planning committee is meeting regularly and seeking volunteers to be part of activities including the July 13 event, a block party in the fall, history research and writing, and more. Contact chair Gayla Marty at gaylamarty@gmail.com or 612-845-8417 if you'd like to volunteer or get more information.