

UBC NEWS

University Baptist Church

1219 University Ave SE

Minneapolis MN 55414

Established 1850 at St. Anthony Falls, MN

November 2022

From the Pastor

Be An Ally

We are in the second year of the Alliance of Baptist's Thrive Initiative for Racial Justice. Several of us recently attended a webinar run by Biblical scholar and activist Dr. Susan Shaw. She gave us a lot to think about, including 10 things that make for good allies.



There was a lot more to her presentation, but this gives you an idea of the depth of our conversations. One of the things I remember from our movie discussions from two years ago was that someone challenged us to not be simply allies, but accomplices in the work of racial justice.

Here's my paraphrase of her analysis:

1. *Being an ally is about listening.*
2. *Stop thinking about ally as a noun, and start thinking of it as a verb—something we do.*
3. *Being an ally is not a self-proclaimed identity.*
4. *Allies don't get to take breaks.*
5. *Allies educate themselves constantly.*
6. *You can't be an ally in isolation.*
7. *Allies don't need to be in the spotlight.*
8. *Allies focus on those who share their identity.*
9. *When criticized or called out allies listen, apologize, act accountably, and act differently going forward.*
10. *Allies never monopolize the emotional energy.*

Eight of us will be traveling to Montgomery, Alabama on the second weekend of November. The Alliance's fall gathering is entitled, "Excavating our Roots: Baptist History and the Origins of White Supremacy in the US." I'll be preaching about this event on November 13th and the crew from the trip will talk further about it during the Forum on November 20th.

I'm so glad we are doing this important work. As Dr. Shaw encouraged us, "Get comfortable with being uncomfortable." It's good, important work that we're taking on. It's good to do it together.

Blessings and Peace,

Doug Donley

NOVEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

*Beyond Atonement:
Reclaiming Paradise and Liberation*

Nov. 6

Preaching: Doug Donley
Sermon: "A Cloud of Witnesses"
Scripture: Hebrews 12:1-13
Worship Leader: Betty Shaw

Nov. 13

Preaching: Doug Donley
Sermon: "Take on the Cross"
Scripture: Mark 8:34-38
Worship Leader: Paula Moyer

Nov. 20

Preaching: Doug Donley
Sermon: "Harvest"
Scripture: Philippians 1:3-11
Worship Leader: John Medeiros

Nov. 27

Preaching: Doug Donley
Sermon: "Prepare"
Scripture: Matthew 27:45-52
Worship Leader: Deidre Druk



NOTE: Anielka Montiel has a new email address! It is anymontiel33@gmail.com



November Birthdays

1	Stella Wright	9	Jin Lee
3	Marcus Roselius	20	Cliff Dahlberg
4	Megan Gunnar Dahlberg	27	Ruby Rott
6	Keith Gray	30	Don Dresser,
7	Becca Donley		Kymberly Wilbrecht

November Anniversary

26 Christiane Frey & David Martyn

Calendar for November

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
		6 p.m. Anti-Racism Group	6 p.m. Choir 7:30 p.m. Bells	10 a.m. Garden Team 4:30 p.m. Adv Spanish Conversation 6:30 p.m. Caregiver Support Group		9 a.m. Bible Study 7 p.m. Roots Cellar
6 <i>All Saints</i>	7	8 <i>Election Day</i>	9	10	11	12
10 a.m. Worship Joys & Concerns 11 a.m. Extended Coffee time 12 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 7 p.m. Memoir Group	10 a.m. Garden Team 11:15 a.m. Meals on Wheels 6 p.m. Choir 7:30 p.m. Bells	11:15 a.m. Meals on Wheels 4:30 p.m. Adv Spanish Conversation		1 p.m. Book Group
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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 in the sanctuary and on Zoom.

Following Joys & Concerns – Coffee time in the lounge

11:30 a.m. – Forum in the lounge

ZOOM INFO: Meeting ID 839 4725 7444 passcode 257750

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



Anti-Racism Group – Nov. 1, 15 & 29

See description of the group's activities on page 8.

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83145841908?pwd=djhuSmMwZ1NESXZ5SExNOURXa2FNQT09>

Bells and Choir Rehearsal – Wednesday evenings in the church sanctuary.

Please see the calendar for specific times.



Garden Team – Thurs., Nov. 3, Wed. Nov. 9 and subsequent Wednesdays at 10 a.m.

As weather permits, gardening will take place Thurs. Nov. 3 and then return to its normal Wednesday schedule starting Nov. 9. Volunteers are welcome to "put the gardens to bed" as long as the weather cooperates! Contact Trish Donley (612-386-2856/ patricia.donley63@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

This year, you may notice leaves left on the ground or some plants not cut back. This is intentional, as insects (including bees) need places to burrow and hibernate. Plus, the plants add winter interest as the snow falls on them. This means there will be opportunities for help in the spring (once we've had sustained 50-degree nighttime temps) to cut things back and regroup.

Caregivers Support Group – Nov. 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 822 6832 6290 Passcode 881907

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82268326290?pwd=SGMrZldnUmsxR0Z2aktyTWISUEpudz09>



More of What's Going On



Bible Study – Nov. 5 & 19 (every other Sat.) at 9 a.m. On the 5th we'll focus on II Corinthians 4:13 – 6:10, on the 19th, II Corinthians 6:11 – 7:16. New and occasional members are always welcome. 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=dnozWEYzQUh1RU5HUTFWcVd3ZFZFY1Zz09>

ROOTS CELLAR CONCERT – Bob Bovee – Sat., Nov. 5 at 7 p.m. at UBC. Since 1971 Bob has traveled the country taking old time music to audiences of all ages at festivals, fairs, concerts, dances, schools, libraries, music camps, radio and TV programs. This is rural music as played in homes, at dances and for earlier entertainments such as minstrel shows and country radio.

Along with a repertoire including dance tunes, ballads, cowboy songs, humorous and sentimental numbers, blues and rags, he spices their shows with stories, history and folklore. Bob sings (yodels, too) and plays guitar, harmonica, banjo and autoharp. Tickets are \$20, available at the door or at brownpapertickets.com.



Meals on Wheels – Nov. 7-10 (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.).

If you are new to Spanish or not yet ready for conversation, the Beginning Class is a great option for you, with focus on vocabulary development and verb conjugation. If you are comfortable with basic Spanish, the Intermediate Class would be a good fit for you. The focus is on reading, writing and discussing. The Advanced Class meets on Thursdays. If you have any questions, please contact Anielka Montiel at anymontiel33@gmail.com (NOTE NEW EMAIL) or 651-295-4590.

ESPAÑOL

NEW LINK FOR MONDAY CLASSES

ZOOM INFO: Meeting ID: 869 8255 1038 Passcode: 275343

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86982551038?pwd=RnJOWEIEYk13YXhwZjFzN1dPK1Nndz09>

THURSDAY LINK (SAME AS BEFORE)

ZOOM INFO: Meeting ID: 870 8785 1406 Passcode: 634591

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87087851406?pwd=K2VPL1NrNWJMSDN3Wm5CeXRZYUNwUT09>

More of What's Going On



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

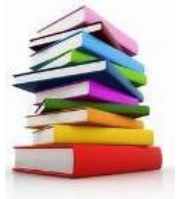
Prompts include *Saints*, *The First Time I Voted*, and *Election Stories* or anything else you feel called to write about. If you have any questions, please contact Trish Donley at patricia.donley63@gmail.com.

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83145841908?pwd=djhuSmBwZ1NESXZ5SExNOURXa2FNQT09>

UBC Grace in Contemporary Literature by Women Book Group – Nov. 12 (2nd Sat.)

at 1 p.m. The book this month is *Homegoing* by Yaa Gyasi. 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=Q1hlc2VFdnIOMEI1VWVhXNzdKRDdjQT09>



Card Club – Sat., Nov. 19, 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. All participants must be fully vaccinated. If you are interested, please contact Jean at 651-295-7525 or lubk0001@umn.edu.

UBC-FCC Knitting Group – Nov. 21 (3rd Mon.) at 7 p.m. at Kris Felbeck'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.



Drop-In Choir – Nov. 27 (4th Sun.) at 9:15 a.m. If you are interested in participating in the choir but are challenged by the rehearsal and performance schedule, feel free to "drop in" to a 30-minute rehearsal and singing that Sunday. Everyone is welcome! Please contact David Lesniaski, Music Director, for more details.

**Don't forget to set your clocks
BACK one hour on Sat. night, Nov. 5**



Mark Your Calendar

Dec. 3 – Roots Cellar "The Eclectics"
Dec. 16 – Lubke Caroling Party
Dec. 18 – Decorate the Sanctuary
Jan. 8 – Undecorate the Sanctuary

Coffee Time is Back Indoors!



We have resumed coffee time after the service in the lounge. Here is a recent spread that Anne Johnson prepared. We are looking for people to sign up (in the lounge) to host future coffee times. **YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE AS ELABORATE AS ANNE!** If you have questions about coffee time, please speak with Betty Shaw. Thank you! **Photo by Jim Ross**

Join the UBC Facebook Group and see more photos!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/82471051272/media/albums>

NOVEMBER FORUMS

Forums meet from 11:30-12:30 p.m. after coffee time. Please join us in person in the lounge or on Zoom, same link as Joys and Concerns.

Nov. 6— No forum

Extended coffee hour

Nov. 13—Post-Election Analysis: Impact on Housing (and more) in 2023

Minnesota Housing Partnership executive director Anne Mavity will be our guest. She will talk about how the Nov. 8 election results will affect the Minnesota Legislature's housing priorities and more in the 2023 session. An astute observer of local, state, and national politics and an expert on affordable housing, she welcomes discussion on a variety of topics and would love to hear from us.

Nov. 20— Report from Montgomery

We will hear from UBC members attending the Alliance of Baptists fall gathering in Montgomery, Alabama, Nov. 10–12 about their experience and what they learned as part of our ongoing efforts to become an antiracist congregation. The theme of the fall gathering is “Excavating Our Roots: Baptist History and the Origins of White Supremacy in the United States.”

Nov. 27—Becoming a Dementia-Friendly Faith Community

Betty Shaw will share what she learned from attending a one-day conference on this topic in Roseville in October, sponsored by Lyngblomsten, a nonprofit organization providing health care, housing, and community-based services for older adults.

Anti-Racism Group Activities (all are welcome!)

Nov. 1, 6 p.m., online

"Knowing Your Church's Past—Bringing Justice" will be presented by the Alliance of Baptists THRIVE initiative in the Prophetic Imagination series. Two THRIVE congregations will tell their stories: First Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alberta, whose ministry is being transformed by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada, and Ravensworth Baptist Church in Annandale, Virginia, whose cultural history includes the history of the oldest African American congregation in their county. This program will dovetail with the fall gathering to be held in Montgomery, Alabama, the following week. **Registration is required.**

<https://allianceofbaptists.org/events/prophetic-imagination/>

Nov. 5. 9:30 a.m.–3 p.m., Westminster Presbyterian Church

"White Church Truths" will address truths hidden in white Christian beliefs and open our eyes to the future and white Christians' role in it. Keynote by UNC-Chapel Hill sociology professor Michael Emerson, author of *Blacks and Whites in Christian America*; panelists Hennepin County diversity/equity/inclusion consultant Felecia Boone, Native theologian Rev. Kelly Sherman-Conroy (Lakota), and Plymouth Congregational Church lead pastor Rev. Dr. DeWayne Davis. Sponsored by the Minnesota Council of Churches. **Free but registration required.**

<http://www.mnchurches.org/what-we-do/truth-and-reparations/white-church-truths-minneapolis>

Nov. 10-12

Several UBC members will attend the Alliance of Baptists fall gathering in Montgomery, Alabama, "Excavating Our Roots: Baptist History and the Origins of White Supremacy in the United States."

Nov. 15, 7 p. m., on Zoom

The UBC Anti-Racism Discussion and Action Group will meet and talk about the fall gathering and implications for our work at UBC.

Nov. 20, 11:30-12:30 p.m., forum at UBC

See forum description on page 7.

Nov. 29, TBD

We don't have details yet, but the Nov. 1 webinar was originally billed as part one of a two-part series to be concluded Nov. 29. If that has changed, the group will meet at its original time of 7 p.m. on Zoom.

Readying your garden /lawn for winter



Here is an article about why NOT to cut back plants over the winter and how to do it in the spring (as alluded to in the Garden Team blurb.)

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1PUNONY2PliLyhVfCO3P_UfvDiy1jhE9M/view

And another article about winter seeding bee-friendly lawns that uses the moisture from snow instead of twice daily watering to establish a lawn! Talk about a zero-waste solution! It suggests doing this in early to mid November.

<https://extension.umn.edu/yard-and-garden-news/dormant-seeding-bee-lawns>.

- Trish Donley

Pastor Doug Recognized for 20 Years at UBC

Text below from Paula Moyer's presentation during the service on Oct. 16 of the needlework she made in honor of Doug Donley's 20th anniversary at UBC.

"Doug's 20th anniversary came and went in March, 2021. But, you know, pandemic, and life gets lifey sometimes. So, the occasion we're acknowledging today is 21+ years with us, welcome back from your sabbatical, and thank you for the way these times have given a whole new meaning to pastoral care.

When you are close enough, you can see several aspects of that scriptural passage: the earth without form and void, the darkness covering face of the deep, and God moving over the waters, and, of course, "Let There Be Light." In the corners, you can see, there are Alphas and Omegas.

This was stitched on a 12-mesh canvas, meaning 12 stitches to a linear inch, so 144 stitches to the square inch on a 16" by 16" design. So there are about 36,000 stitches and it kept me busy from getting into trouble for about 3 months.



Paula Moyer, Pastor Doug Donley & President Denise Roy. **Photos by Chris Follett**

So, we did a thing.

Denise Roy collaborated with others to commission me to do this needlepoint we're giving you today.

The title is "Day One: Light." It's the 1st of a series of panels by the British needlepoint designer Alex Beattie on the Genesis story of the 6 days of Creation.



So this is yours, Doug. Because you have been a light to us, to celebrate your time with us and to welcome you back."

Celebrating Doug Roy

The UBC sanctuary was filled with family and friends of Doug Roy and family at his celebration of life service on Oct. 22.



Daughter Lisa Roy and grandson Edmund played the processional, accompanied by Music Director David Lesniaski.

Photos by Jim Ross

Photo boards, flowers and even Doug's canoe decorated the front of the sanctuary.



A reception with light refreshments was held in the Adele Fadden Assembly Hall.

Volunteer Opportunities

Meals on Wheels

UBC has an opportunity to participate in Meals on Wheels on the first full week of the month (**Nov. 7-10**). We have four drivers currently and would love to add one or more to rotate in. Meals are picked up around 11:15 a.m. and the route usually takes 1-2 hours. If you have any questions, please contact Marie LaFrance at marielafrance46@gmail.com.

Refugee Resettlement

Alight continues to assist newly-arrived Afghan families. Home set-ups are complete. Current volunteer opportunities include assisting with computer set-up, assisting with sorting donations in the warehouse, and assisting new families to "shop" at the warehouse. If you are interested in any of these opportunities, contact Volunteer@wearealight.org. If you have any questions, contact Trish Donley (patricia.donley63@gmail.com/612-386-2856)

Loaves and Fishes

UBC will host Loaves and Fishes next on **Friday, Dec 30**. If you would like to participate, please contact Steve Lee at steven.lee@thrivent.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
- Rice/pasta/quinoa
- Canned items with pop tops
- Boxed mac & cheese
- Tuna packets

If you would like to help, please contact Trish Donley, our Little Free Pantry coordinator, at patricia.donley63@gmail.com or put money in the offering plate designated for the Little Free Pantry.

****If anyone is available to take Trish shopping to stock the pantry, that would be greatly appreciated.****

ATTENTION

Volunteers urgently needed to serve as President (or Co-President with Denise Roy) and Treasurer (or possibly Co-Treasurer). Volunteers will receive ample training, support, and encouragement, as well as endless appreciation.

Volunteers Needed

Communion prep – Contact Terri Wottrich
Sunday School Coordinator – Contact Gayla Marty
Ushers – Contact Chris Follett
Worship Leaders – Contact Jean Lubke
Worship Technology Support - Contact Personnel Committee (Megan Gunnar, Jean Lubke, Gene Velasco)

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

UBC's budgeted operating income for 2022-23 is \$365,885. This includes the final adjusted amount of \$22,875 carry-forward from 2021-22 fiscal year and the Foundation distribution of \$64,720.



Most of our income (52%) comes from the pledges made by members. Pledges received to date are slightly behind expected.

Expected annual rental income for 2022-23 of \$74,000 is 20% of our budget. This is a large increase over last year's \$60,000. This item has a surplus as our largest renter received a grant and has pre-paid some rent.

Other gifts and miscellaneous income provide 4% of our budget. These are mostly gifts made by pledgers beyond their pledge or from people who did not pledge.

The Foundation distribution is 18%, which includes 9% (\$32,053) 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 2022-23	%	Budget	Expected	Received	Over (short)
Pledge Income	52	\$189,290	\$63,097	57,577	-5,520
Rental Income	20	\$74,000	\$24,667	32,987	8,320
Misc income*	4	<u>\$15,000</u>	\$5,000	6,775	<u>1,775</u>
Subtotal		\$278,290	\$92,763	\$97,339	4,575
Carry-forward from 2021-22	6	\$22,875			
Foundation	18	<u>\$64,720</u>		-	
Total Operating Income	100	\$365,885			
Justice & Outreach		<u>\$15,000</u>		2,631	
Total Budget		\$380,885			

*individual gifts, loose offering & miscellaneous income

The dedicated offering for Sept/Oct. was for racial justice programs. We have received \$781 to date.

Chris Follett, Financial Secretary



Mike Lubke was on the cover of the Minnesota Alumni magazine last month. Here is a more in-depth article.

<https://www.minnesotaalumni.org/stories/man-at-arms>

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Special Offering for November/December

Ministries of the American Baptist Churches

Our November/December mission giving focus is for ministries of American Baptist Churches, USA. Some of the programs we have supported in the past include: America for Christ, Retired Ministers and Missionaries Fund, One Great Hour of Sharing (emergency support during natural disasters) and the World Mission Offering. Your mission dollars will help support these important programs.

As usual, 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 on-line 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



The first Roots Cellar Concert of the season on Oct. 28 featured *The Hampden Rounders* with Adam Grainger, Pop Wagner, and Anni Spring.

