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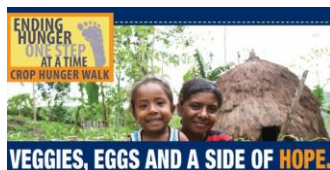
The United Baptist Church Vision is to develop the intentional Holy Spiritual attitudes of God, as in Jesus, that our lives demonstrate the transforming impact of such a Holy relationship on us, our society, and on our world.

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It is almost time for the in-person 2021 Annandale CROP Hunger Walk on **October 16** at Lake Accotink, both in person or virtually. Registration begins at 8 a.m. in the picnic area near the marina. Proceeds from the walk benefit ACCA as well as Church World Service. Please plan your giving now, and let Rev. Moyer know if you would like to walk or donate. To sponsor our UBC team (Pam and Sally, so far) for the CROP walk, please place in the labeled basket on the platform up front, or mail to The United Baptist Church, 7100 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA 22003, attn: CROP WALK. Checks MUST be made payable to **CWS/CROP** (not UBC or a person). If cash, we will issue a receipt for Tax Deductible purposes. Your donation will help the food insecure, poverty stricken refugees, and victims of devastating weather events.



The next **Young at Hearts Gadabouts** trip for **Senior Adults** will be **Tuesday, October 12th, 10:30 am to Thurmont, MD.** We will have lunch at Mountain Gate Buffet and shop at Catocin Orchard. It's apple season now, so it is by popular demand. Dutch treat. Thank you to Martha Lowe

for driving the bus, and to Phyllis Thompson for organizing our trips. Masks required. Please sign up on the 1st floor bulletin board near Fellowship Hall.

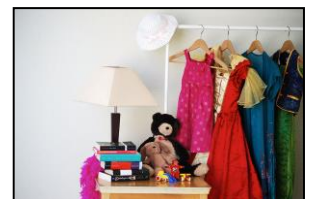
You are invited and encouraged to attend the **UBC Annual Membership Meeting on Sunday, October 24th at 12:00 pm** in the Sanctuary, immediately following the service. This is when we vote on our budget approval and committees and teams. We need your input!



The **UBC Friends & Family Breakfast** will be **Saturday, October 30th, 9:30 am** at the **Gainesville Diner**, 14674 Lee Hwy, Gainesville, VA. Please let Rev. Moyer know if you plan to come. Dutch treat, and please arrange your own transportation.

"Stuff the Bus" in Mason District Benefits ACCA Food Pantry - Buses will be accepting non-perishable food donations on **Saturday, October 9, 2021, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**, at the **George Mason Regional Library**, 7001 Little River Turnpike in Annandale, and at **Belvedere Elementary School**, 6540 Columbia Pike in Falls Church. Buses will park at 21 locations throughout Fairfax County and the City of Fairfax to collect food donations for individuals and families in need. For updates, including donation locations, most requested food items and more, visit the Fairfax County Neighborhood and Community Services website at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/neighborhood-community-services/stuff-the-bus. Questions? Contact Gwen Jones at 703-324-7137; TTY 711. Can't "Stuff the Bus" in person? Do it virtually! Visit www.volunteerfairfax.org/home/stuff-the-bus-virtual-food-drive/ to donate safely online.

October 9th, Annandale Women's Club Yard Sale is from **8 am-2 pm** in the Fellowship Hall! Please come out to support this group. They always have beautiful jewelry, household items and a few clothes. They will distance the workers, and we rarely have more than 10 people in the room at a time. Wear masks, please, for everyone's safety. Food will be grab-n-go.



Local Eyeglass Ministry

Do you recall that we collaborate with our local Falls Church - Annandale Lions Club to collect eyeglasses, sunglasses, and hearing aids to recycle for those who cannot afford them? We just emptied the box (for pickup) in the News N' Do's Bulletin Board Hallway, where you place them. Might you have an old hearing aid or pair of glasses to donate? This is an important international program, too!



Happy 100th Birthday to Hazel Ball!

On November 22nd. This is quite a milestone, and we will host (with her family) a small celebration at church on **Saturday November 27, drop in between 2 and 3:30 pm** here in the ventilated Fellowship Hall. RSVP to Sherry Garnett @757-373-6226 by November 20. No gifts, but cards are appreciated before her birthday on 11/22.

Kairos Moments ♥ ♥ ♥

(10/5/21) Reflections of Reverend Pamela Moyer

The last few months were challenging, and I wrote and preached about international, national, and local events that drove many of us to our knees in prayer, grief, and frustration. As the cliché goes, “we are not out of the woods, yet!” Wildfires are still a serious hazard, botanical, and financial loss. The Afghan refugees who escaped takeover are trying to unite with family, find resources, and settle in. Earthquake, volcano, and flooded areas are still in desolation and recovery.

COVID-19 variants surged as hospitals found themselves in crisis mode again. And we recognized the 20th “Anniversary” of 9/11: losses and long-term illnesses of first responders. We have been praying for others even with our own concerns. And that is what we Christians are called to do. We draw near to Christ for comfort, yes, and also for direction.

Some have asked how can we help with so big a need? Paul tells us in his letter to the Galatians, to “ 2 Share each other’s burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ . . . 8 Those who live only to satisfy their own sinful nature will harvest decay and death . . . But those who live to please the Spirit will harvest everlasting life from the Spirit. 9 So let’s not get tired of doing what is good . . . we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don’t give up. 10 Therefore, whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone . . . (6:2, 8-10 NLT).”

And so we should share burdens. Budgeted Missions accounts do support groups who are helping in these big issues: ACCA, BWA, BGAV, CBF, and even the CROP/CWS walk will distribute resources to those above. We shared Dolores Puckett’s life at an uplifting service with family, friends and neighbors, hearing stories of her generosity and “critters!” She donated many to us to foster until adoption. Amerikids preschool was a recipient; we saved a few for our Christmas Choir celebrations; and Pastor Ed Young’s son-in-law’s Motorcycle Club collects toys for children in need at Christmas. They are delighted to share them!

Resilience and flexibility are still needed as we slowly schedule activities. Young at Heart Gadabouts had two safe trips so far, and our Friends and Family Breakfasts are back on schedule. Advent and Christmas will be special music this year; concerts are cancelled until better immunity prevails. We are praying for our school teachers (David & Melissa) as they navigate strenuous schedules and COVID-19 exposure. Our church demonstrates healthy compliance, hope, and faith as we re-gather together. As we look to the future, we are committed to our relationships with Jesus Christ and to one another as our covenant states. Will you renew your commitment to pray together at noon, wherever you are?

Community Health News

Compiled by Rev. Moyer

COVID-19 news:

On Friday, Oct. 8, a Community Vaccination Center (CVC) — a large-scale COVID-19 vaccination clinic — will reopen in **Fairfax County**. This site is being re-established to increase the number of high-throughput locations administering the COVID-19 vaccine across Virginia. The location is in the former Lord & Taylor store at Tysons, 7950 Tysons Corner Center, in Tysons Corner.

This location will offer:

First and second doses of both Pfizer and Moderna vaccines. Booster doses of Pfizer vaccine to individuals seeking the Pfizer booster if 6 months have passed since their last Pfizer dose and they are eligible to receive vaccine. An additional dose of Pfizer or Moderna vaccines for individuals who are immunocompromised.

The Fairfax CVC is organized by the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) in cooperation with the Fairfax County Health Department and the Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management. The site will be operated by Ashbritt/IEM, under contract with VDH.

CVC sites are intended to **augment** opportunities for vaccination. Appointments are encouraged; Walk-ins welcome. To find an appointment, visit vaccinate.virginia.gov or call 877-VAX-IN-VA (877-829-4682), TTY (711). Assistance is available in English, Spanish and more than 100 other languages. Have vaccine questions or need help scheduling? Contact the Fairfax County COVID Help Center at 703-324-7404. Find up to date COVID-19 Vaccine information in Fairfax County.

October 3-9, 2021, is Fire Prevention Week!

This year’s Fire Prevention Week theme is “Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety!” During this week, help everyone learn the different sounds the smoke and carbon monoxide alarms make. Knowing what to do when you hear the alarm will keep you and your family safe. When an alarm makes noises – a beeping sound or a chirping sound – you must take action! Keep these topics in your mind each day this week!

- Seconds Save Lives – do you have an escape plan?
- Do You Know the Difference between Smoke & Carbon Monoxide alarms in your home? Learn the sounds.
- Focus on Smoke Alarms – have one on each level and push test the button once a month. Change batteries when clocks change. If it goes off, exit the house and dial 9-1-1!
- Learn more about Carbon Monoxide Detectors as heating season approaches.
- If you have children, grands or greats, do a Fire Safety Storytime or coloring book at <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fire-ems/sites/fire-ems/files/assets/documents/pdf/firesafetycoloringbook2004.pdf>

The church is up to date with its Fire Safety Plan, extinguishers and alarms. Thank you to Aubrey Jones, Fireline, Caribbean Services, and Fairfax Co. inspectors for their compliance help!





***Happy Birthday to
Our Friends Born in October!***

Name	Date
Kayla Straub	1
Mary Holt	3
Douglas Grimsley	5
Helen Bromley	7
Sonia Duran	10
Elizabeth (Libby) Hicks	12
Gerald Young	15
Diane Yawn	22
Kyle Jones, Jr.	24
Rob Banks	25
James Sturges	25
Irene Mills	29
Kaitlin Martindale	29

COVID-19 Updates

1. Masks are required and available at entrance.
2. Worship is now at **11:00 am** in the Sanctuary. Assembly and Sunday School/Bible Study begin at **9:30 am** in the Fellowship Hall.
3. Agape Fellowships have been suspended, but you are invited to join a small group for lunch after the service. Please let Phyllis Thompson or Dot Jones know if you can go.
4. Front Door will remain locked during the week and after 11:10 am on Sundays for both infection control and security.
5. Signage has been adjusted: “No Entry If Sick,” “Masks Required” and “Ring Bell for entrance”.
6. Hymnals and Pew Bibles have been cleaned and put back in place, with no threat. Church is being cleaned and fogged.
7. Congregational singing has resumed with masks, individual precautions, and distancing. Choir has begun to meet Thursday nights, at 7:30 pm in the Choir Room. If you can sing, please join us and call the church office.
8. Other events will be carefully assessed by Sr. Minister and will be calendared in CLCEB meetings.

Contributions

August 2021 (final)	Required	Received
Tithes & Offerings	\$6,250.00	\$ 5,269.00
Building Usage	7,400.00	5,400.00
Mortgage Loan (int)	712.37	712.37
Other (Env, B-Thrifty, Flwrs)	<u>0.00</u>	<u>89.50</u>
Monthly	\$14,362.37	\$ 11,381.37
Total YTD (Jan-Aug)	\$114,898.96	\$ 93,065.23
Above/(Below)		\$ (21,833.73)*
Benevolence Funds Rec'd.		\$ 97.00
September 2021 (final)	Required	Received
Tithes & Offerings	\$6,250.00	\$ 3,640.00
Building Usage	7,400.00	5,650.00
Mortgage Loan (int)	712.37	712.37
Other (Env, B-Thrifty, Flwrs)	<u>0.00</u>	<u>105.30</u>
Monthly	\$14,362.37	\$ 10,107.37
Total YTD (Jan-Sep)	\$129,261.33	\$ 103,172.60
Above/(Below)		\$ (26,088.73)*
Benevolence Funds Rec'd.		\$ 65.00

* Budgeted Investment Transfers are not included in the “Required.”
2 Bus un-budgeted payments were made of \$1,000.00 from NBMBC on time as agreed, but not included. VDOT transaction is included; grants are not. Amerikids toy gifts were \$144.00 cash-not above.

Thank you for your continued giving and prayers.
Sacrificial or catch-up offerings may be mailed to the office at 7100 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA 22003. Mail is safely and securely processed daily. Our ministries, contractors and staff are working at full capacity and thank you for your generosity. Benevolence offerings by check, clearly marked “Benevolence,” may be mailed to office or cash/checks brought on Sunday.

**October Church
Calendar**

Wednesdays, October 6 & 20,
9:30 am -- Sandwich Team,
Fellowship Hall (masks required).

Monday, October 11, Offices Closed for Indigenous Peoples' Day (formerly Columbus Day), per Personnel Policy.

Tuesday, October 12, 10:30 am – Young at Heart Gadabouts Trip to Thurmont, MD. See front page.

Sunday, October 17, 12:30 pm – The next Church Leadership Council Executive Board (CLCEB) meeting will be on **Zoom** and in person.

Sunday, October 24, 12:00 pm – The UBC Annual Membership Meeting will be held in the Sanctuary. Please plan to attend to approve a Vision/Mission Operational Budget plan, teams and committees.

Saturday, October 30, 9:30 am – **UBC Friends & Family Breakfast**, Gainesville Diner. See front page.



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Return Service Requested

Personal prayer requests have been removed for Privacy.

COMMUNITY & GLOBAL PRAYER

Serving others in prayer is a needed social and safe action to show your love in these times!

- Americans and Allies still in Afghanistan
- ACCA Food Pantry for Volunteers, Funding & Non-perishables
- Those experiencing grief over loss, homelessness, unemployment, poverty and/or violence
- Global health, pandemic recovery, variant strains, vaccine distribution & compliance
- Mission Center, Leaders and Groups we support, financial sustenance
- All Students, Teachers & Sr. Adults – proper rest, patience with all the adjustments, emotional, & spiritual health
- All affected by weather, disaster & violence: India, Afghanistan, Western U.S. Wildfires, Haiti, Flooding & Refugees