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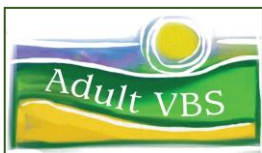
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We hope that you will join us for **Vacation Bible School for Adults!** **Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, August 16th, 17th and 18th** from 11 am – 2 pm (only 3 hours). Bible Study 11-12, Lite

Lunch & Fellowship 12-1, and a Fun Activity 1-2: recreation, health, arts, music, storytelling, puzzles, and games. Please call office to sign up or use the flyer in the building. Meet in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a friend! You can come for 1 or 2 days or all 3, at your convenience. This is an experiment for cool summer fun to build a template that we can offer to the neighborhood next year!

As you travel this summer, bring back **unused hotel soaps, shampoos and lotions** or pick up travel sizes of toothpaste, deodorant, and sanitizers, etc. at the Dollar or Drug Store, to create *Blessing Bags* to donate to Bailey's Shelter and others in need. A basket to place items in is on the table at the Church Office Entrance.



We also collect **clean pop tabs**, from soda cans, tuna, cat food, vegetable or soup lids in a little box in the church office. They add up in weight and provide funds for local Ronald McDonald House Charities® at Inova

Fairfax Hospital. This helps families stay close to their children in Critical Care.

Back to School!

Fairfax Co. Public Schools & Alexandria City Schools open **August 22nd**; Falls Church opens **August 29th**.

So, please, when driving, notice neighborhood school speed limit signs, bicycles, and buses loading and unloading children. Holy opportunities abound if we protect school children and ourselves from harm. May God bless all students (college too!) as they go "Back to School!"



FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES!

Young at Hearts Gadabouts Trip for Senior Adults is **Tuesday, August 9th leaving at 10:30 am**

from the church to Thurmont, MD. We will have lunch at the Mountain Gate Family Restaurant, 133 Frederick Rd, Thurmont, MD

21788 and go the Catoctin Mountain Orchard close by for peaches, apples, veggies, and more. It's also a great time to do early Christmas Gift Shopping. Sign up in the building or call the office to reserve a space. Dutch treat; we will carpool together.



The next UBC Friends & Family Breakfast will be **August 27th at 9:30 am** at **Cracker Barrel**, Manassas. 10801

Battleview Pkwy, Manassas, VA 20109 Dutch treat; prayer needs, praises, and devotional are shared. It is a fun way to start your Saturday; we usually have 8-10. Rides available, call the office. Sign-up sheet is on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board. No reservations, but it's nice to know who is coming.

Thank you to the **Hicks** family for the beautiful flowers from **Libby's Celebration of Life Service** July 25th. **Thank you** also to all our many helpers with food, greeting, and making their guests feel so welcomed.

Agnes Lewis' Celebration of Life service and light reception is **Saturday, August 13th at 11:00 am** in the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall. Please attend if you are able.

COVID-19 CHURCH UPDATE

We are currently still "**Masks Optional**". Our Parish Nurse monitors posted ratings every Thursday when the County updates the dashboard and will notify quickly if change is needed. We will also consult with Parish Nurse to review building requests. Please use hand sanitizer, 20-second handwashing, and good health hygiene (elbow bumps and covering coughs or sneezes to prevent spread). Extra cleaning and disinfecting are done. We respect your choice to wear or not wear a mask. We will remain flexible, vigilant, and responsive to public health requirements. Thank you for your cooperation!

Kairos Moments ♥ ♥ ♥

(8/2/22) Reflections of Reverend Pamela Moyer

This summer has gone too fast! I cannot believe it's already August, yet it is. School starts very soon; in fact, David Evans goes back to his school to prep on August 11th! I hope you have all had valuable and refreshing vacation time. For you retirees, it's still important to "get out of Dodge" occasionally! [Dodge City came from the 1950's radio serial called Gunsmoke, and then moved to TV, running until the mid-1970s. The fictional lawman on the series, Marshal Dillon, was known for telling bad men to move on, or get out of Dodge. It's a cliché, not that we must go!]. God rewards our "work" with Sabbath rest. If you did or will travel soon, our prayers go with you for enough pilots, crew, flights, and baggage handlers!

In July and August, we continue our parables study with the farmer scattering seed (the Sower), the wheat and weeds (tares in KJV), the Mustard Seed, and a Little Yeast (or leaven). This week is the Wedding Banquet and the following is the Good Samaritan. Because these are so familiar, it is easy to go a bit deeper in the meaning and application to our lives. I hope you've been enjoying the creative imagery Jesus used to instruct his disciples and perplex the crowds and religious leaders. The homework to re-read them, speak the words aloud, imagine the characters in a play, look at artwork (some used on bulletins), journal your thoughts, and use prayer tools to ponder them should help bring them to life! We are such an entertainment culture that simple Scripture reading may not excite us, so please try these options.

The other point of this series is to use such stories to help us "Listen for the Work" that Jesus is calling us to do. That reflection time is working because good things are happening all around our church and Mission Center. A new team has been beautifying the grounds at their own initiative (beyond the standard contract we have); we have had deep meaningful conversations at our social gatherings; we are seeing an occasional visitor (once again since pandemic); we have a new Mission Center partner in FACETS (see page 3); Zion Medical is growing and willing to collaborate in their health area; Amerikids is thriving; Gideons and Shepherd's Center Annandale-Springfield are back; and our relationship with New Beginning Missionary Baptist Church is deepening. The former metrics of people in the pews on Sunday do not apply to church "success" anymore. Metrics have changed as we transform through service, outreach, lives influenced, stories heard, stories told, hearts opened, opportunities for growth granted, disciples commissioned, and gifts given. These are new measurements we use to determine our church's "growth" or "success." We are trying to live like Jesus, and it is a process of engagement and transformation. Will you tell us a parable, or tell others your story? ♥

Parish Nurse's Touch

Debbie Caffrey

August Health Focus



With the weather getting even more extreme, here are some additional tips to make it more enjoyable:

- There are many seasonal fruits available now-if you are craving for something sweet, treat yourself to a sweet peach or strawberries and raspberries (with a chocolate drizzle-if allowed).
- If you are trying to drink more fluids each day but do not like drinking water, try watermelon-it is 92% water and tastes sweet too!
- Remember your vegetables- Green beans and sweet corn on the cob are just two of the many fresh veggies you can get today!
- On those triple digit temperature days, stay in air-conditioned areas as much as possible.
- Close your curtains or blinds,
- Use cold washcloths on your neck or wrists.
- Take cool showers or baths to help cool off.
- Limit the use of stoves or ovens, they will make you and your home hotter.
- Prevent food poisoning-do not leave food out of refrigeration for more than one hour if the temperature is above 90 degrees.
- Check on a friend or neighbor and have someone do the same for you.

Enjoy your summer!

~ Be Well! Debbie



Did you know that some congregants and *The Vision* readers receive their newsletter by email? In an effort to cut postage and improve communications, we would like to have your email address, if you use email. With your permission, we can email your copy of the monthly newsletter (you will get an early preview before it arrives by regular mail.) It also helps us be good environmental and financial stewards. Other time sensitive notifications are occasionally emailed to this list, so please consider sending your email address to us at: UBCOffice@unitedbaptchurch.org. Stay informed and connected! Thank you.



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

Name	Date
Sally Norris	4
Pam Moyer	5
Beatrice Lee	11
Debbie Caffrey	18
Alyce Malehorn	19
Wanda Harris	22
Joan (Sue) Korcel	28
Mary Bedwell	30
Mae Smith	30

August & September

Wednesday, August 3, 17

9:15 am – Sandwich Team, Fell. Hall

Sunday, August 7

12:15 pm – UBC Building & Grounds Mtg, Sanctuary

Tuesday, August 9

10:15 am – YAH Gadabouts Lunch, Thurmont, MD Orchard, Details on Page 1

Saturday, August 13

11:00 am – Agnes Lewis Celebration of Life, Sanct., F. Hall

Tuesday, August 16 – Thursday, August 18

11:00 am – 2:00 pm -- Vacation Bible School for Adults, Bible Study, light lunch, and fun activities: Art, Music, Health, Games in Air Cond. Fellowship Hall, see Page 1

Sunday, August 21

12:15 pm – UBC CLCEB Meeting, Sanctuary

Saturday, August 27

9:30 am – UBC Friends & Family Breakfast. Cracker Barrel, Manassas. Details on Page 1

Sunday, September 4

12:15 pm – UBC Building & Grounds Mtg, Sanctuary

Monday, September 5 – Office Closed for Labor Day

Wednesday, September 7, 21

9:15 am – Sandwich Team, Fell. Hall

Tuesday, September 13

11:30 am – YAH Gadabouts Lunch, Details to follow

Sunday, September 18

12:15 pm – UBC CLCEB Meeting, Sanctuary

Saturday, September 24

9:30 am – UBC Friends & Family Breakfast. Details to foll.



Contributions

July 2022 (thru 7/10)	Required	Received
Tithes & Offerings	\$5,000.00	\$ 2,880.00
Building Usage	8,633.33	7,350.00
Mortgage Loan (int)	712.33	0.00
Other (Env, B-Thrifty, Flwrs)	0.00	138.10
Monthly	\$14,345.66	\$ 10,368.10
Total YTD (Jan-July)	\$100,419.62	\$ 82,524.17
Above/(Below)		\$ (17,895.45)*

Benevolence Funds Rec'd. \$ 20.00

* Budgeted Investment Transfers are **not** included in the "Required" or "Received"; one (\$48,240) was made June 27, 2022. Other donations are not budgeted, but are gratefully received (BThrifty, Gas, Envelopes Init. Offrg, Flowers). Questions, call Rev. Moyer.

Thank you for your stewardship and prayers! 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 the office or cash/checks brought on any Sunday. Thank you.

The UBC Mission Center at Work



Diapers & More Diapers

We are now engaged with a Fairfax

County Community Partner called **FACETS**. Opportunity Neighborhood–Annandale’s Strategy Director, Terry Angelotti (pictured here), contacted us through a friend’s referral from Ravensworth Baptist. They asked for storage space for multiple sizes of diapers with 2 deliveries and pickups per month. One goal of their Diaper Distribution program is to meet the needs of young low-income mothers in Annandale who must choose between food, medicine, and diapers for their children. This organization receives grants and donations from the DC Diaper Bank and corporations to help fill the enormous need. They will focus on one apartment community out of two to begin gently engaging these parents (often single) in conversation, education, and assistance during the distributions. Do you know how expensive disposable diapers are? Between \$40-\$100/month. The church held a Special Called Meeting to unanimously approve one lockable storage room be appropriated for this cause. They are properly insured. This is the type of community outreach we have been listening for and praying about. I hope you will specifically now pray for this organization’s fine work in Annandale.

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Return Service Requested

Certain Prayer Requests have been removed to protect the health privacy of individuals.

CONDOLENCES

We continue to pray with **Delores Lewis-Dunbar** as she prepares for a Celebration of Life Service & Reception for **Agnes Lewis**. It will be held here at the Church on **Saturday, August 13th at 11:00 am**. We do need to know if you plan to attend for food preparation. Thank you.

COMMUNITY & GLOBAL PRAYER

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

- ACCA Food Pantry for Volunteers, Funding & Non-Perishables
- The Shepherd Center of Annandale-Springfield for volunteers and office Director
- Those experiencing grief over loss, homelessness, unemployment, or poverty
- Local and Global health issues & vaccination where appropriate
- Mission Center Leaders and Groups we support & new relationships
- All affected by weather, disaster & violence: refugees; all families and victims of mass violence.
- California area wildfires
- Eastern Kentucky's flooding, loss of life & property damage
- Safety of all police officers and personnel during violent times
- Children, teachers, responders & community of Buffalo, NY & Uvalde, TX
- For Highland Park, IL & other cities' mass shootings
- For our country's Leadership & decision making domestically & internationally
- Pray for protection of all women who are under threat for trafficking
- Pray for peace and comfort for Ukrainians who have left loved ones behind
- Pray that the global church will not forget the people of Ukraine
- Pray for the war to end and for just peace to prevail