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The Senior Minister, in cooperation with CLCEB announces a **Called Special Membership Meeting on September 26th at 12 noon** immediately following the service for 2 time-sensitive agenda items: 1. A CLCEB Amendment to the

Zion Medical LLC church-approved motion, changing lease date from 10/1/21 to 12/1/21; and 2. A Personnel Committee motion to hire a highly qualified Administrative Assistant to serve 32.5 hours with the difference in compensation reallocated from former Student Minister's salary, that position to remain open. Full proposal and explanation will be available before the meeting for review.

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, September 14th, 10:30 am** to **Fredericksburg, VA**. We will have lunch and shop. Dutch treat. The first trip was so much fun! 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.



Also, our next **UBC Monthly Friends & Family Breakfast** will be **Saturday, September 25th, 9:30 am** at **Pan Am Family Restaurant**, 3051 Nutley St., Fairfax VA 22031. If you wish to join us, please call the office or let Rev. Moyer know. Dutch treat, and please arrange your own transportation. We can help. See you there!



Back to School!

Fairfax Co. Public Schools opened August 23rd, Alexandria City on August 24th, and Falls Church opened August 30th for in-person instruction and some options for virtual. Please pray for students, teachers, staff and parents as they transition after a year at home. Also, please, when driving, notice neighborhood school speed limit signs, bicycles or buses loading and unloading children. *Kairos Moments* happen if we slow down and pay attention to the Holy Spirit's leading. May God bless our UBC students, staff, and teachers as they go "Back to School!"



"**Stuff the Bus**" in Mason District Benefits ACCA Food Pantry - Buses will be accepting non-perishable food donations on **Saturday, September 11** (in observance of National Day of Service) and **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.

Kairos Moments ♥ ♥ ♥

(9/7/21) Reflections of Reverend Pamela Moyer

Thank you, church and friends, for the August birthday wishes, cards, notes, lunches, gifts, and calls! Re-reading your kind sentiments after the last few weeks is hopeful and heart-warming to see how God is at work in each of you. Our hearts are broken over the events in Afghanistan over the last several weeks. It has been hard to move forward in any vision-casting or budget preparation arena (on the calendar) when people are under such threats. We are praying, of course, and there are a number of organizations we already support who are mobilizing for Afghan refugees.

It is important for us also to pray and feel compassion for those in Haiti, Louisiana, Maryland, Philadelphia, New Jersey, New York City, and the western United States, not to mention concerns over increasing COVID-19 variant infections and deaths. Personal losses during this year seem heavier than ever in light of global news and our long list of prayer requests. And, hearing church news that Margarita will be leaving September 17th could produce more anxiety. True that we must express our grief, but “worry” is **not** helpful. Proverbs 12:25^{NLT} tells us that worry weighs a person down, and God, who often works through people and their encouraging words, is the one who comforts and reassures us in difficult times like these. I fondly recall Dolores Puckett’s positive Facebook posts; even in her pain, she was sure of her faith and shared it with others daily! We have hope in our hearts because of our salvation and relationship with Jesus! That hope may feel fleeting when so much is happening, so that is why we worship together, call on each other for encouraging words, and willingly work for the Lord (Colossians 3:23-24^{NLT}).

As I shared in a recent sermon, the world right now does not need “anxious” believers! As a church, we must be that **calm** and **non-anxious presence** to others in the fray of anxiety right now. We do that through the strength of the Holy Spirit, our personal connection with God, diligence in our studies, and of course prayer. Non-anxious presence matters—in your homes, local shops, neighborhoods, workplaces, organizations, etc. As any apostle or pioneer can understand, pioneering in today’s world will take the courage and adaptive leadership examples of Moses, Joshua, Jesus, and Paul to spread the Gospel in a hurting, unbelieving world. Paul’s unique call was to those unfamiliar with Christ or to those who reject Him. This is our call too, to gently lead by example and share our faith stories, especially now.

During a recent safe, masked “Hymn Sing”, we were fortified by instruments, lyrics, Scripture, and inspiring origin stories. Thank you to the Worship Team for collaborating with God to reassure, uplift, and heal our burdened souls. Take care of your own emotional health.

Important Announcement

With disappointment, yet heartfelt understanding, the Personnel Committee and Rev. Moyer have received a letter of resignation from Margarita Menjivar, our Administrative Assistant. She has enjoyed working here, the opportunities to grow, flexibility of working from home during the pandemic, and getting to know all of you! She willingly took on additional responsibilities and excelled at accomplishing them. Margarita will be spending the next academic year with her son, Matthew, to prepare him for entering school. Her family needs her focus and time at this particular stage. Her last day is September 17th. We wish Margarita and her family the best of everything; our prayers go with her. Please attend a special Called Membership Meeting **9/26/21** at 12 noon in the Sanctuary regarding this matter. Thank you

Parish Nurse’s “Touch”

By Debbie Caffrey



It’s just around the corner.

Cooler temperatures and autumn colors. It’s the favorite time of year for many and there are ways we can get ready for the shift in seasons. Planning for colder temperatures is especially important if you live alone as autumn also means an increase in illnesses. We want healthy folks this fall!

Along with getting outside and enjoying the crisp autumn air that will soon be here. Here are some health tips to keep us healthy.

- Take your time when you walk outdoors and be mindful of slippery leaves and other areas.
- Cold and flu season starts in the fall—so get your flu vaccine. Also ask your doctor about the pneumonia vaccine if you are prone to respiratory infections or have asthma or any other breathing problems.
- This is the time of year to go to bed earlier and get plenty of sleep. The days are starting to shorten and with the earlier sunset and darker evenings, most of us go indoors in the evening.
- Eat healthy and savor the flavors of the season—brussels sprouts, butternut squash, crab apples, cranberries and turnips.
- Drink plenty of water—you can lose as much fluid in the cold as you do in summer
- Get enough vitamin D—daylight is less available in the fall. Be like a cat, sit in the sunlight of your window. Other options are tuna, salmon and milk.
- Dressing in layers is your best bet in the fall when the temperature can drop quickly or just as easily warm up.

And most importantly, fall is the season of thanks, so it’s a great opportunity to take some time to be grateful for the people in your life.

~ Debbie Caffrey



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

Name	Date
Wayne Shoemaker	1
Linda Clarke	4
Wayne Yawn	4
Ashley Lozano	9
David Evans	14
Randy Clarke	19
Michael Grimsley	23
Patsy Small	26
Bonnie Hester	27
Charlotte Garris-Jerdak	30

Re-Opening Details

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. Front Door will remain locked during the week and after 11:10 am on Sundays for both infection control and security.
4. Signage has been adjusted: "No Entry If Sick," "Masks Required" and "Ring Bell for entrance".
5. Hymnals and Pew Bibles have been cleaned and put back in place, with no threat. Church is being cleaned and fogged.
6. Congregational singing has resumed with masks, individual precautions, and distancing. Choir has not yet begun, but if interested, please call church office.
7. Other events will be carefully assessed by Sr. Minister and will be calendared in CLCEB meetings.



Budget Preparation
Account reviews are available with budget request figures due **now**. Use the bright green sheets in the mailbox or on the table for your committee; and place in Rev. Moyer's box. Please be praying about 2022 ministry, mission, and vision opportunities. Any questions see Rev. Moyer.

Contributions

July 2021 (final)	Required	Received
Tithes & Offerings	\$6,250.00	\$ 3,730.00
Building Usage	7,400.00	5,500.00
Mortgage Loan (int)	712.37	712.37
Other (Env, B-Thrifty, Flwrs)	0.00	36.90
Monthly	\$14,362.37	\$ 9,979.27
Total YTD (Jan-Jul)	\$100,536.59	\$ 81,683.86
Above/(Below)		\$ (18,852.73)*
Benevolence Funds Rec'd		\$ 83.00
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)	0.00	89.50
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

* Budgeted Investment Transfers are not included in the "Required."
1 Transfer was made July 1. YTD includes un-budgeted \$7,600.00 from VDOT transaction. 2 grants for HVAC repairs are not included in these figures. Unbudgeted bus sale is not included above.

Thank you for your continued prayers and faithful Stewardship. 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.

**September Church
Calendar**



Wednesdays, September 1 & 15, 9:30 am -- Sandwich Team, Fellowship Hall (masks required).

Sunday, September 5, 12:30 pm – Building & Grounds meeting was held on Zoom.

Monday, September 6, Labor Day – Offices Closed.

Sunday, September 12, 12:00 pm – The United Baptist Foundation Board Quarterly Meeting will be held in the Sanctuary right after worship. Please plan to attend if you are on the U.B. Foundation Board.

Tuesday, September 14, 10:00 am – Young at Heart Gadabouts Trip to Fredericksburg, VA. See front page.

Sunday, September 19, 12:30 pm – The next Church Leadership Council Executive Board (CLCEB) meeting will be on Zoom and in person.

Saturday, September 25, 9:30 am – UBC Friends & Family Breakfast, Pan Am Fam. Rest. See front page.

Sunday, September 26th at 12 noon – Special Called Membership Meeting. See front page for details.

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Return Service Requested

Private Prayer Requests Have Been Removed.

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; the families of the 13 military personnel and more residents lost during violent attacks
- 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 – physical rest, school prep., emotional, & spiritual health
- All affected by & responding to weather, disaster & violence: India, Western U.S. Wildfires, Germany & China Flood recovery, Haiti's earthquake recovery, Miami building collapse survivors & grieving families, Tennessee, Louisiana, Mississippi, NY, NJ, MD, & Philadelphia extreme flood losses & recovery, seasonal tornados and hurricanes