

# The Vision

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*The United Baptist Church Vision is "to develop an intentional relationship with God, as in Jesus, so that our lives demonstrate the transforming effect and supreme importance of such a relationship for us, our society, and our world."*

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UBC Concert Series Presents

## "Women as One"

**This Sunday, March 21 at 3:00 p.m.**  
**(Note the change in the usual time!)**

This small ensemble of women's voices, based out of the First Baptist Church of Woodbridge, is committed to sharing the love of Christ through song. They enjoy singing a wide variety of songs from cherished hymns to popular contemporary praise songs. Join us and invite your friends.

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**The Northern Virginia Chorale and  
The NVCC Annandale Chorale  
present**

*The Nelson Mass – Haydn  
Zadok the Priest – Handel*

**Saturday, March 20, 2010  
7:00 p.m.**

**St. Mark's Lutheran Church  
5800 Backlick Rd, Springfield VA 22150  
Tickets: \$10 in advance, \$20 at the door  
and are available through Phil  
Carpenter**

## Holy Week Schedule

**Sunday, March 28** *Palm Sunday*  
Choir Presents Easter Cantata 10:55 a.m.  
*Living through Faith – The Easter Story Compilation*

**Wednesday, March 31** NO Evening Activities

**Friday, April 2** 7:30 p.m.  
Good Friday Service  
(NO Maundy Thursday Service this year)

**Sunday, April 4** *Easter Sunday*  
Sunrise Service 7:30 a.m.  
Youth Serve Breakfast for All 8:30 a.m.  
Bible Study 9:30 a.m.  
Easter Worship Service 10:50 a.m.  
(NO after-worship fellowship)

### Haiti Relief Funds to Be Matched Will Be Sent the End of March

If you wish to give relief funds for Haiti through Baptist World Aid and have those funds matched by UBC as approved in January's quarterly business meeting, those funds need to be received by March 28. After that we will be adding the matching funds and writing the check to BWA. Please clearly mark your check and envelope for Haiti Relief.

## **PONDERINGS ... Gerald L. Young**

In the 45+ years that Gerry Sue and I have been married, there have been one or two times when I did something that demanded an apology. Okay. Maybe the actual number is two or three thousand. Or million. (Whatever the actual number, you can probably add one to it when she reads this.) Sometimes an observation is made that I have made previous apologies for this same behavior. Which, I guess, pretty much blows the idea of only one or two apologies. In that event, the sincerity of my apology can be questioned. The only thing I have to offer at that point is that my future behavior will demonstrate the sincerity of my words. Tiger Woods made that same point in his recent public apology, saying that his wife had pointed out to him that the sincerity of his apology would be proved or disproved by his behavior in the years ahead. Words and promises of change are easy. Changing behavior is tough, and therefore meaningful.

When we move to the spiritual side of life, we change the words. Instead of admit and apology, we confess and repent. I've been thinking a lot lately about that word, *repent*. For most of my life, it has meant great sorrow for sin resulting in "going and sinning no more." But recently I have done some reading which has pointed out that the Greek word's literal primary meaning is "to change one's mind." That leads me to the conclusion that when Jesus or Paul talked about the need for repentance, he was saying that there was a need to change the way you think. If you change the way you think, you will change the way you act. I'm told that husbands sometimes apologize without really believing they did anything wrong. Not likely that any changed behavior will follow. But if a husband begins to think in the same way his wife thinks (which we all know is not possible in the real world), his actions will also become much more in line with her desires. So Jesus and Paul are telling us we need to change the way we think. Spiritual cognitive therapy. Stop thinking of God as avenger and begin to think of him as father. Stop thinking of destroying your enemies and think how you can forgive and even love them. Stop thinking it's all about you and what you can get and start thinking of others and how you can serve. Stop thinking about God as your rescuer and start thinking of God as your companion in growing into who he made you to be. It's not easy because the culture keeps telling us it is about Me and what I want. So Paul wrote to the Roman church, *Do not be conformed to the world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds (Rom. 12:2)*. Don't be shaped by the thinking of the world, but be transformed by changing the way you think. That's repentance, and it results in changed lives. Always.

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Sunday Bible Study – 9:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

Worship Service – 10:55 a.m.

### **March**

- 17 9:00 a.m. Sandwich Ministry
- 10:30 a.m. Instrumentalists' Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 5:45 p.m. Potluck Dinner
- 6:15 p.m. Youth Missions (Twyla's Office)
- 6:30 p.m. Discipleship Study
- 7:35 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 18 1:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study (Conference Room)
- 2:30 p.m. Mended Hearts Ministry
- 21 8:30 a.m. Prayer Group (Conference Room)
- 12:30 p.m. Renovation Committee
- 3:00 p.m. UBC Concert Series: *Women as One*
- 22 10:00 a.m. AARP Safe Driving Seminar
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- 24 9:00 a.m. Sandwich Ministry
- 10:30 a.m. Instrumentalists' Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 3:30 p.m. Knit & Crochet Club (Parlor)
- 5:45 p.m. Begin Serving Dinner
- 6:15 p.m. Youth Missions (Twyla's Office)
- 6:30 p.m. Discipleship Study
- 7:35 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

**REMEMBER THAT MARCH 17  
(TONIGHT!) IS A POTLUCK  
DINNER INSTEAD OF A  
PREPARED MEAL**

**PLEASE HAVE YOUR FOOD AT  
CHURCH IN TIME TO BEGIN  
SERVING AT 5:45 P.M.**

**WE WILL ALSO BE TAKING  
BIRTHDAY OFFERINGS FOR THE  
INEZ FLETCHER FUND TONIGHT.**

**Next AARP Safe Driving Class  
Monday & Tuesday, March 22 & 23  
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
Led by Tom Gehr  
Sign Up on the Bulletin Board in the  
News n Do's Hallway or Call the  
Church Office**

# Youth News ...Twyla Turner

There will be **Youth Missions** on Mar. 17. We will meet in Twyla's office at 6:30 for our project.

## Sunday School

I hope to see some of you in Sunday School this Sunday. We will complete our current "hot topic" study and decide on the next topic we will study. Please make sure to bring your Bible and arrive at 9:45 for snacks and fellowship.

## You are needed...

Youth and Youth parents are asked to meet on Sunday, March 21 after worship to plan our annual Easter Breakfast. We need your input on the menu, decorations and how you will be able to help out. We are getting a late start this year so we will need everyone's help. Please arrive promptly so that we can conclude quickly. Thank you for your help.

## Mission Madness in Richmond VA—

If you and your friends are in need of *community service hours for the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> quarter*, join me for **Mission Madness Weekend** in Richmond Virginia on April 9-11. You will work hard and have a lot of fun at this first time event in Virginia. Grab a friend and come join in. Knock out your community service hours in one day. I hope to see you and a friend there. Cost is \$44.00 per person for the weekend and a t-shirt.

## CALLING ALL STUDENTS...

### For SUMMER CAMP

It's that time of year already, when we need to make our summer camp plans. We will return to Student Life Camp at Tuscarora on the Delaware River this year. The dates of camp are Aug 3-7 and the cost will be \$200.00 per camper. A deposit of \$50.00 will be due by April 4 if you would like to attend camp. The theme this year is Re and the theme verse is Micah 6:8 - The Lord has told us what is good. What he requires of us is this: to do what is just, to show constant love, and to live in humble fellowship with our God. (GNB)

## Children...

Please be present for worship this Sunday so that you can hear about our Easter celebration and party plans.

# From Your Mission Support Team

The Mission Support Team wants you to be aware that we will again be using a **Consolidated Mission Offering** for 2010. Consolidated Missions Offering Envelopes will be available soon in the pews and will remain available throughout the year. (The first envelopes will say "2009,"but they will be for 2010.) We will again have periodic emphases on our mission partners as we did in 2009: Virginia Missions Offering in October, NorthStar Church Network offering in October, World Hunger in November, and CBF Global Missions Offering in December.

With the decision to move mission emphases to Sundays in order to broaden the impact of those programs, we also need to do something about the **Inez Fletcher Fund** offering which we have been receiving on Wednesday mission nights. In April, we will begin using one Sunday a month for this offering, which provides scholarships for members of NorthStar Church Network churches who are preparing for vocational Christian ministry. We encourage those with birthdays or anniversaries that month to give to the fund. You can use a Pew Envelope for this purpose.

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## ORDER SPRING FLOWERS FOR EASTER SUNDAY

The Sanctuary Decorating Committee will be adorning the sanctuary with Tulips and Hyacinths *for Easter Sunday only* this year. Available flowers are tulips, hyacinths, and lilies. **Clearly mark envelope & check: "Spring Flowers."**

Person ordering: \_\_\_\_\_

# of Hyacinths (\$7 ea.) \_\_\_\_\_

# of Tulips (\$7 ea.) \_\_\_\_\_

# of Lilies (\$7 ea.) \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

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