

The Vision

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Youth Ministry to Recognize Youth Graduates

On behalf of the congregation, the church staff will recognize members of the UBC youth ministry who will be graduating from high school or college. They and their families are invited to a **Recognition Banquet on Saturday, June 26 at 7:00 p.m.** in the fellowship hall.

The evening will be the first of an annual time for our graduating youth. There will be dinner, a time of sharing, and recognition of the graduates. If you plan to attend this special evening, *please RSVP by June 22 to either the church office or Twyla Turner.*

Congregation Approves Both Motions at Called Business Meeting

At the called business meeting last Sunday, the congregation approved the recommendation from the Renovation Committee to approve the basic concept for renovating the sanctuary and to authorize the architects to move to the next step (Task 2) in order to provide more detailed information for making an informed decision on whether or not to move forward with sanctuary renovation. Also approved was the recommendation from the Finance Committee to delay for one year requiring principal repayment on the loan to the John Leland Center. All other terms of the loan remain in effect and we continue to receive 6% interest paid monthly.

UBC Spring Yard Sale Saturday, June 12 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Proceeds will go to HopeTree Family Services (formerly Virginia Baptist Children's Home) for the construction in Northern Virginia of a new facility for special needs adults.

SET UP HELP NEEDED AT 7:30AM

With The End of the School Year Nearing...

It is the time when we want to recognize those of the United Baptist Church extended family who will be *graduating*. We want to join in celebrating their achievements! Please provide us with the names, schools, and degrees (if applicable) for the graduates in your family so we can include them in an upcoming issue of *The Vision*. Please phone the church office as soon as possible. We do not want to leave anyone out!

PONDERINGS ... Gerald L. Young

I played my first season of organized baseball when I was nine-years-old. When I went to my first try-out, I asked my Dad what position I should try out for. He said, "Anything but catcher." But then he sent me with a full set of catcher's equipment that a family friend had given me. Guess what? From then through college, I was a catcher. And I enjoyed it. That first year, I caught a pitcher who threw five no-hitters plus one perfect game. I didn't know how rare that was, but I never came close to catching a perfect game again. In all of the history of major league baseball there have only been 20 perfect games. Armando Galarraga of the Detroit Tigers briefly had #21 last week. The first 26 batters had made outs, and the last hitter grounded to the first baseman. His throw to Galarraga covering first base beat the runner by at least a full stride. A perfect game! Except first base umpire Jim Joyce signaled the runner safe. Replays clearly showed the runner was out, but baseball doesn't use replay for such plays. The Tigers and their fans were furious. They stormed at the umpire, who let them have their say. He would later say that he was convinced he had the call right. Galarraga simply smiled and retired the next batter for the one-hit shutout.

After the game, Jim Joyce looked at the replay and saw what everyone else had already seen. He had blown the call, and by so doing had cost Galarraga baseball immortality. Joyce has been voted by the players as one of the best umpires in the major leagues. He has now shown himself to be an even better human being. After seeing the replay, he went looking for Galarraga and apologized to him for the blown call. He went before television cameras and admitted that he had missed the call. He further expressed his sense of personal failure and noted what he had cost the player in terms of history. He couldn't "make it right," but he could – and did – own up to his failure. Galarraga was equally gracious.

The next day, Galarraga was sent out to present the Tigers' lineup card to the plate umpire – who was Jim Joyce. Because of the way Joyce had responded the night before, he was cheered by the Tigers crowd. Joyce and Galarraga gave each other a slap on the back. Signs of respect for how each had handled a very difficult situation. Everybody in this story behaved admirably. The call still cost Galarraga a perfect game. No fairy tale ending where "they all live happily ever after." But each exemplary act produced an exemplary act by another participant. When one person acts in such ways, it gives others the courage to do the same. Now if we can only make this tape required viewing for every politician or corporate CEO or religious leader who has done something much worse than make a bad call in a game! Maybe you and I can ever remember the same thing.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday Bible Study – 9:30 a.m.

Worship Service – 10:55 a.m.

June

- 9 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
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Missions
- 6:30 p.m. Discipleship Study
- 7:35 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 10 11:00 a.m. Pat LaRue Memorial Service (Sanctuary)
- 12 9:00 a.m - 1:00 p.m. Yard Sale for HopeTree
- 13 8:30 a.m. Prayer Group (Conference Room)
- 12:30 p.m. Church Leadership Council
- 16 9:00 a.m. Sandwich Ministry
- 10:30 a.m. Instrumentalists' Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 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

FATHER'S DAY

SUNDAY, JUNE 20TH

We will give thanks for them during worship!
We will have a special gift for each man present!

Memorial Service for Pat LaRue

You are invited to join with her other
friends to celebrate Pat's life at a Memorial
Service to be held

**Thursday, June 10
11:00 a.m.**

In the sanctuary of
The United Baptist Church
7100 Columbia Pike
Annandale, Virginia
for more information call
703-256-5900

Youth News...Twyla Turner

Youth Missions

There will be **Youth Missions** in Twyla's office on June 9 at 6:15 pm. We will work on some items to prepare for VBS. If you are available your help is needed. This preparation is for outreach to the community, so your help can count for those 4th quarter community service hours. Come and join us and help as we prepare to change lives. I look forward to seeing YOU there!

Sunday School

We have resumed Youth Sunday School after Twyla's vacation, so try to be present this Sunday June 13th, as we meet at 9:45 a.m. for fellowship and Bible study at 10 a.m.

We will continue to look at *Parables from the Back Side*. Thanks to **James Sturges** for his special leadership role in Children's Church on Sunday morning.

Opportunity for Service—

All Youth are invited and encouraged to help with this year's UBC Yard Sale, this Saturday, June 12. It will benefit the Hope Tree Family Services. We will need to be at the church early—at 7 am—to help set-up. This is a very worthy cause and a good opportunity for you to help other students who are not as fortunate as you are. Please join me as we do our best to help serve others in the name of Christ. This is probably our last big service opportunity before the end of the school year. If you need community service hours, please be present on Saturday. Letters will be available on Saturday for your service hours.

Kid's Club

Due to Father's Day in June, our next Kid's Club event will be on **Saturday, June 19th**. We will meet at the church at 2 p.m for an afternoon of fun and a special project. Please eat lunch before you come to the church. We will have a snack during our time together. We will conclude our activity by 6 p.m.

Keep these dates available on your calendar---

June 12—Church-wide Yard Sale for Hope Tree—youth volunteers needed (youth service opportunity)

June 19—Kid's Club 2-6 p.m.

June 24—Beach Day Trip-6 a.m. departure

June 26—Graduate Recognition Dinner-7 p.m.

June 27—Summer Kick-off Pool Party for Youth

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL...

is coming in July. This summer we will be visiting the **SonQuest Rainforest** to learn about God. This looks to be a fantastic Bible School and your help is needed in many ways. The most important way that you can help this year is by helping to identify children that we can invite to attend our Bible School. I would like to challenge our congregation to identify and register **35** children to participate this year. We will be focusing on students ages **5-11** this year.

Let us Give Thanks!

Let us give thanks to Gerry Sue Young for taking responsibility to bake a cake and conduct the Birthday recognitions for all members whose birthdays occur during the month. This is done on the second Sunday following worship and during the After Worship Fellowship. This was her idea and her "calling" to "build up" the church family.

Let us give thanks to Phyllis Thompson and Ruby Kingsbury for coordinating the scheduling of folks for the After Worship Fellowships and hosting them when no other host volunteers. They are fervent about this enriching our church family life.

Let us give thanks to Dolores Puckett for recruiting three persons each Sunday to lead in worship with two prayers and Scripture reading. This helps assure that worship is not just an event led by the clergy, but is an event of community-wide event.

Let us give thanks to John Lewis for scheduling ushers for each worship and for assuring the worship room is prepared with candles, etc.

Vacation Bible School

We are planning something different for Vacation Bible School this year. It will be held on five consecutive Sunday mornings,

**July 18 through August 15
from 10 a.m. to 12 noon**

Children ages 5-11 years welcome

Keep these dates in mind, and if you can help please contact Twyla