

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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CONSOLIDATED MISSION OFFERING BEING TAKEN

- Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions
- World Hunger through Baptist World Aid
- NorthStar Church Network Missions
- CBF Global Missions Offering

All money given to this Consolidated Missions Offering will be divided equally between these four mission causes. You will still be able to designate your offering to be divided some other way, but you will need to clearly mark that on the envelope. Envelopes for this offering have now been mailed and are available in the pew envelope racks.

NorthStar Church Network stated purpose is *equipping member churches to maximize their mission, ministry capabilities and potential.* As NorthStar Executive Director says, "You (NorthStar churches) are our mission."

RECEIVED TO DATE:

Alma Hunt Virginia Mission	\$638.25
World Hunger - Baptist World Aid	921.25
NorthStar Church Network Missions	516.25
CBF Global Missions Offering	516.25
TOTAL RECEIVED TO DATE:	\$2,592.00

CHURCH-WIDE THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON THIS SUNDAY

Can you believe our annual Thanksgiving Luncheon is here? It's time to start planning. Everyone is invited to share a Thanksgiving meal on Sunday, November 22 at 12:15 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the worship service. The church will provide Turkey with Stuffing and Gravy, Ham, and Beverage.

Each single individual should bring one menu item; a family is asked to provide two items:

- Potatoes (white or sweet, casserole or plain)*
- Vegetables
- Salad (including cranberries)
- Dessert

(*We need 2-3 people to bring a crock-pot of mashed potatoes (about 5 pounds per pot).

Help is needed for the following tasks:

1. Set up on Saturday, November 21 at 12:30 p.m.
(*Note change of time*)
2. Set up beverages and accept food at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday morning, November 22.
3. Serving & assisting with meal.
4. Clean-up after meal.
5. Dishwashing.

Contact Gerry Sue Young if you will help

*Reservations are not required, but are requested.
Sign up sheets in Sunday morning bulletins.*

Unravelings...Wayne Yawn

During worship we have spent the past eleven months in what I want to call a “gestation period,” feeding our minds and souls with the truth, as best we could discern it, through Biblical stories and texts that would cause us to discern what New Testament scholar John Crossan calls the “radicality of the Kingdom order of God.” Over against the “normalcy of civilization” surrounding us and wanting to control us every day. In short, we’ve been defining how different Jesus’ order of life is from the world’s normal order of life. (What you’ve heard me call the “playground order of life.”)

Now, beginning November 29th, the first day of the Christian season of Advent, we begin the time of “labor pains” that are inevitable if the birth of Jesus, as the Christ, is to occur within us, and through us, to give shape to our personal relationships and to shape our world with justice and mercy. The birth of God’s radical wants, dreams and behavior is inevitably painful because the old dreams of normalcy do not give up easily. Rejecting those as inferior is painful to our dreams, behavior and wants shaped by how we are raised to think, dream and behave. Observed this way, Advent will feel like creating chaos and disaster in the “normal” values and order of society.

If you attend worship the Scripture for the first Sunday in Advent will speak of **natural** disasters/chaos as the birth pains of your old wants, dreams and behavior for individual and social order reluctantly gives up control, so that the radical new wants and behavior of God’s Kingdom order can be born in you to handle the natural world.

If you attend worship the Scripture for the second Sunday in Advent will speak of **institutional** disasters/chaos as the birth pains of your old wants, dreams and behavior reluctantly give up control, so that the radical new order of God’s Kingdom wants and behavior can be born in you to handle institutions of your life.

If you attend worship the Scripture for the third Sunday in Advent will speak of the disaster/chaos created by your normal **tribal** wants and behavior as the birth pains of those old wants and behavior reluctantly giving up control, so that the radical new wants and behavior of God’s Kingdom can find “room” to take control and you can be born again by changing your tribal attitudes by which you live.

If you attend worship the Scripture for the fourth Sunday in Advent will speak of the birth pains felt as the disasters/chaos of the old wants and behavior of **social status mores** of society that you let go reluctantly, so that the radical new wants and behavior of God’s Kingdom can be born in how you think about social status.

Going through the pain of giving up the normalcy of civilization by which we relate to **nature, institutions, tribalism and social mores** are things Jesus talked about needing to be abandoned, if his vastly superior, more powerful and radical way of life was to have room to be born within us. Come during Advent and let us hold one another’s hands and help one another breathe deeply, rhythmically during the pain of letting the old ways of life go to make room for the new Jesus way, truth and life. Will you help me with my labor pain? Well?

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Worship Service – 10:55 a.m.

November

- 18 9:00 a.m. Sandwich Ministry
- 10:30 a.m. Instrumentalists’s Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 5:45 p.m. Begin Serving Dinner
- 6:30 p.m. Discipleship Study
- 7:35 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 19 1:00 p.m. Women’s Bible Study (Conference Room)
- 2:30 p.m. Mended Hearts Ministry
- 21 10:00 a.m. Bonus Choir Rehearsal
- 12:30 p.m. Setup for Thanksgiving Dinner
- 22 8:30 a.m. Prayer Group (Conference Room)
- 12:15 p.m. Churchwide Thanksgiving Luncheon
- 23 10:30 a.m. NorthStar Senior Adult Thanksgiving
Worship, Manassas Baptist Church
- 11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 24 6:00 p.m. Youth Thanksgiving Mission Project
- 25 9:00 a.m. Sandwich Ministry
- 10:30 a.m. Instrumentalist’s Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- NO Evening Activities

NEWS FROM ACCA

Furniture Needed – The ACCA furniture ministry is in dire need of good, used furniture. The number of requests for furniture in recent weeks has outstripped the calls from people willing to donate furniture. The warehouse is empty and there are people waiting. All types of usable furniture are needed, but there is a special need for bedding, sofas, tables, and chairs. (NO cribs, appliances, or bed frames!) Donors can call Don or Mary Lee DiSpirito at 703-256-9513 for a pick-up on a Saturday morning. Thank you for your help. God bless,

Norman Hicks, ACCA President

Victorian Christmas Bazaar – St. Alban’s Episcopal Church, located at 6800 Columbia Pike, will hold a Victorian Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, November 21, from 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. There will be a variety of items for sale, including books, baked goods, handmades, high class white elephants, toys and games, pressed flower art, candy, jewelry, and much more. Lunch items will be sold and “Santa Claus” will be visiting with the children. Call 703-256-2966 for more information.

Order Christmas Poinsettias for Sanctuary

In Honor or Memory of Folks Special to You

\$7 / Plant

Mail your check with honoree/memorial names

Or, Use a Pew Envelope on Sundays writing
honoree/memorial names

Or, stop by the Church Office with the same

Youth News... Twyla Turner

There will be **Youth Missions** on Nov. 18 to work on our Thanksgiving mission project. Call or email Twyla by Wednesday, at noon, if you need a ride. I'm looking forward to seeing you there.

Join us this Sunday in **Youth Sunday School** as we start on this new part of our Bible study. Your input is very important. Come with ideas of topics to discuss as we look at how God's word can help us find answers to daily living.

Make plans to attend our **church-wide Thanksgiving Dinner** on Sunday, Nov. 22 following the worship service. Helpers are needed on Saturday at 12:30 for preparation for this time that we will enjoy in thanks and fellowship.

Remember our annual Thanksgiving weekend lock-in. Traditionally, we **lock-in** on Friday night and help to **"Deck the Worship Hall"** on Saturday for the Advent and Christmas seasons. This year we will be unveiling some new chrismons that we have made throughout the year to replace some of the older chrismons that have begun to break and fall apart. Put this date on your calendar so that you can join in the fun of decorating for this special time of the year.

Our next **Kid's Club** event will be on Nov. 29 after church. Put it on your calendar so you can join in the fun. We will have pizza for lunch and make some special things to help us celebrate the holiday season. Make sure to be present to celebrate Christmas.

Christmas Card delivery is coming, The Youth will once again be delivering your Christmas greetings to other church members during this holiday season. We will begin the first Sunday of Advent and continue to deliver greeting through Christmastime. We will **attempt** to deliver all cards in person, if possible. The youth accept donations for this service which they will use for a Christmas project to be announced. Make some plans to spend some of your Christmas break from school with some of the special activities we will have planned for the week after Christmas.

A day in NYC, Youth Paintball and Kid's Club will all be happening the week after Christmas!! Watch here for more details.

Major Fall Student Ministry Events---

Mark these events on your calendar now so that you can participate

- November 24—Thanksgiving Mission Project
- November 27-28--Youth Lock-in/Deck the Worship Hall
- November 29—Children's Faith & Fun Day (Kid's Club)
& Evening Special Music Program
- Dec. Christmas Mission Project
- Dec. 20—Youth Christmas Event
- Dec. 24—Christmas Eve Service -4:45 p.m.
- Dec. 27—Kid's Club
- After Dec. 25—a day in NYC!!
- After Dec. 25—Youth Paintball

UBC CONCERT SERIES

Sunday, November 29, 6:00 p.m.
UBC Sanctuary

Isora Heckel

(accompanied by Charles Potter and a yet-to-be-named instrumentalist)

Ms. Heckel, a long-time friend of Phil Carpenter, has shared her gifts with us as a member of the choir for cantatas and as a soloist in worship services. She has always been a blessing. Now we can show her our appreciation by supporting her in this concert – and be blessed once again.

Northern Virginia Chorale
(which includes our own Phil Carpenter)

HOLIDAY CONCERT: "REJOICE!"

Saturday, December 5, 7:00 p.m.
St. Mark's Lutheran Church
Advance ticket purchases are half-priced (\$10 each) and can be purchased from Phil Carpenter at 703-867-0856 or pfcarpent@yahoo.com.

ACCA CHALLENGE GRANT

The Washington Forrest Foundation has challenged ACCA to raise \$17,500, and two anonymous donors have added \$7,500.00 to the Foundation's challenge – making our 2009-2010 Challenge Grant a total of \$25,000. To maintain ACCA's level of response to requests for assistance from our neighbors, our goal is to raise \$5.00 for each \$1.00 of challenge. The Challenge Grant campaign started on October 1 and ends on January 31, 2010. We need everyone's help to reach our goal.

Donations for the Challenge Grant may be sent to ACCA, Inc. at 7200 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA 22003. On the check's memo line, note "Challenge Grant." Help ACCA continue to provide a safety net for our needy neighbors in this time of economic recession.