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Hi Easter!



I am so glad you are here. A season like no other and words are not enough to express the depth of my appreciation for what you did for me. You have given me the opportunity to know the greatest love the world would ever know. Now, I know that true love is proven with sacrifice. You are teaching me that I and others do not need to merit love to deserve it. That Love is not love until it is given away.

Now that I have found the greatest gift of all in this season which is salvation for my soul through the sacrifice of the Lord Christ Jesus who died for me on the cross of Calvary, I will do my best to keep it.

I promise to love God and others with all my heart, all my mind and all my strength.

My prayer is that I remember always that I can only give what I have and that is unconditional love.

Happy Easter! Christ is the reason for the season.

Gabriel Araba.



JOIN US ON MARCH 7, 2021 SUNDAY SERVICE VIA ZOOM PLATFORM AND IN-PERSON

Our Sunday services will continue every Sunday at 10.30am on the zoom platform and YouTube (Search for United Baptist Channel). We will have the in-person service when conditions permit.

All safety precautions are observed and we always have an awesome time. Please join online church services using the Zoom platform.

Zoom link details: **Meeting ID: 958 598 9328** and Passcode: **YmvCuoXa!**

Kathy Tumuharewe- Young Adult Representative on the Board of Management

We are excited to announce that Kathy has been appointed as the young adult representative on the Board of Management. Kathy has been actively involved in UBC since 2019, regularly attending church activities and volunteering on many committees. Kathy is happy to represent the young adults and share ideas on youth outreach and engagement in the city. Welcome, Kathy!



JOIN THE UBC MEDIA CREW

Are You Talented-Tech Savvy and Really Creative? Do you enjoy working with Photos, Videos, Computer software and making things happen? Do you like social Media things? Then, the UBC MEDIA CREW is the right place for you.

Email us at ubaptistchurch@shaw.ca

COMMUNION SUNDAY SERVICE IN APRIL 2021

Communion Sunday Service on April 4, 2021. Please don't miss it. Please prepare your own bread or biscuit and Juice/wine to share the Holy Communion together. We would have Pastor Gabriel will pray for the bread and wine. Please prepare your heart as well.



MUSIC COMMITTEE



The music team is growing! Nicole, Nicy and Kelly have recently volunteered for the music team. Thanks, ladies! We are happy to welcome back some of our musicians from the 2019 Afro praise-jiffin and KR. New member Ryan also plans to join in in the near future. We are looking to build a team of young adult and youth singers and musicians at the United Baptist Church. Contemporary inspirational music is a great way towards contributing to the revitalization of our church and a beautiful avenue for young people to use their talents for God. Please spread the word. Watch out for the new participation of talented young adults in our music team very soon.

MEN OF HONOUR-In-person meeting

We are glad to invite you to the “Men of Honour.” monthly breakfast meeting. Last month we enjoyed a great meal prepared by Brian and Dean. It was delicious.

“Men can cook too”.

Please join us for the next gathering as we share over breakfast and deliberate on projects that can move us forward. We each have a duty to take responsibility to build a productive, positive, loving and kind society where we all thrive.



Let's join hands to build and bear each other Up.

Venue: Lower hall at United Baptist Church.

Time: 9:00am -10:00am

Date: April 24, 2021

PRAISE & PRAYER ON ZOOM

Some great things about Prayers:

- It is the way Earth connects with heaven.
- It is communicating with our Heavenly Father
- Prayer is a force that moves mountains
- Prayers secures the future, resolves the past and maximizes the present.

We have learnt that Payers are effective and they make much power available.

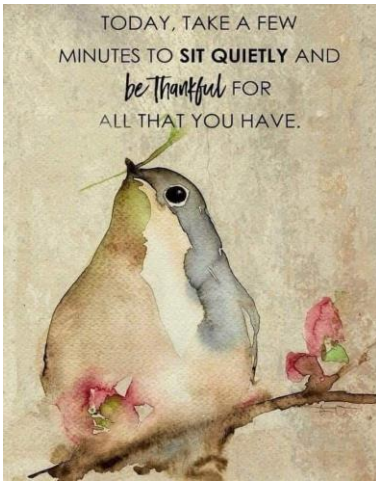


James 5:16 **“The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.”**

Please join us

MONTH OF APRIL	DAY	TIME
Saturday	April 10th	10:30 am
Saturday	April 24th	10:30 am
Please use the zoom link details: Meeting ID: Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9585989328?pwd=TG1FUElvc2tJcjJCZHMwTC84T2hDUT09	Meeting ID: 958 598 9328 Passcode: YmvCuoXa!	+12042727920,,9585989328# Canada +14388097799,,9585989328# Canada

In Other News, March, 2021



Spring has officially arrived, it is no longer dark at 4:00pm -or even 7:00pm, the snow is quickly melting with rains washing away winter's grime, the first robin has been seen, and the first dose of the vaccine has been administered to those 80+, with openings now available for the 75+ group.

Throughout it all, your Board of Deacons and Board of Management continue to meet faithfully, safely on the Zoom platform, regularly on the 2nd and 3rd Wednesday evenings of the month, beginning at 6:00pm.

Some Highlights of the both Board meetings:

- Recruitment continues to fill the part-time Secretarial position-an ad has been posted on our Face Book page. Please share with anyone you know who may be qualified and interested.
- Due to the COVID pandemic, a delayed start date for the Outreach Project is proposed and a request for approval has been submitted to CBOQ.
- Members have been recruited for the Audio Visual (AV) Media Committee. They are: Pastor Gabriel, Roger Johns, KT Akinola, Vladimir Webb, Romi Araba, Jifin Johnson and Annet Joseph.
- Kathryn Tumuhairwe has agreed to represent the Young Adult Group at Board of Management meetings with a request to also have a 2nd youth participate.
- Tentatively, a September Church BBQ is in the planning stage.
- Alfi Johnson and Deni Ayanbamiji are assisting Sandra Lyons with teaching Sunday School lessons.
- Linda Mador has agreed to be Assistant Treasurer. OUR THANKS!
- The sub-committee updating our Constitution has met numerous times, via Zoom, completing a comprehensive, all-encompassing review and updating, ready to be presented for discussion at an Annual Meeting - whenever that is deemed feasible.
- Website development continues with submissions requested from the Church Family - particularly, pictures of past events and of historical significance -contact Pastor Gabriel.
- The Men's Group reconvened for breakfast on Saturday, March 20th.
- Approved was an expenditure to purchase welcoming gift items for newcomers with *the church's new logo* (one possible option - ballpoint pens).
- United Baptist Church ended 2020 with a deficit of \$10,932.39; much less than predicted as per the 2020 budget. The 2020 envelope receipts were almost 24% higher than for 2019.

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In **2019** we finished our fiscal year on total revenue of \$104,212.33 with a surplus of \$12,306.05. In that year we had the last two (2) months with our full-time interim pastor, Gabriel Araba. We knew going into 2020, *or at least we should have*, that twelve (12) months with a full-time interim pastor that we would have a deficit.

As of December 31, 2020, our total revenue was \$106,043.90. We did indeed have a deficit of (\$10,932.39). There is some important take away to consider from our finances:



- Our total revenue was up 1.75% in 2020 from 2019
- The envelope offering in 2020 was up 26.87% to \$92,493.40 from \$72,904.00 the previous year. *Thank you for your generous support.*
- Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas offerings were down \$1,919.85 from 2019 – 95.29%
- Mission offering was down 44% from \$5,375.00 in 2019 to \$3,011.00 in 2020
- Miscellaneous revenue was down \$12,532.23 from 2019. In part this is easy to explain when the pandemic caused many of the groups that donate to our church for use of the hall, were staying away due to the restrictions and protocol surrounding the coronavirus.
- Our total expenditures were up \$25,070.01 from 2019 yet the costs for our interim pastor were \$44,050.00 more than the previous year -*2019 was for 2 months only.*
This is positive.
- We received a grant from CBOQ, which was approved in May 2020 for website and online presence, in the amount of \$10,000.00. Half or \$5,000 was received in 2020 -however, we had expenses of only \$450 against this. Because of that we have carried forward revenue of \$4,550.00 to 2021, and this amount is not included in the 2020 total revenue.
- We received a grant from CBOQ which was approved and received in December 2020 for \$1,000 for communication enhancement (audio-visual). We did not have any expenditures against this grant in 2020, therefore we have carried forward the \$1,000 to 2021, and this amount is not included in the 2020 total revenue.
- We received individual contributions towards the audio-visual system in 2020 in the amount of \$5,930.00. The expenditures for audio-visual were only \$430.00 in 2020. Therefore, we have carried forward revenue of \$5,500.00 to 2021. The \$5,500 is not included in the 2020 total revenue.
- To clarify, the above givings that have been carried forward are because CBOQ and individuals gave for a specific purpose which therefore cannot be used to reduce our deficit, but must be retained for the use intended.
- We have made a decision as a church to go forward with a full-time pastor and this has blessed us and rewarded us. *But it does come with a financial commitment which we must bear.*
- **Consider that the deficit in 2020 was 10.3% of revenue. If every giver* tithed ten (10%) more than they did last year, our deficit would have been a manageable amount under \$700.00.** (*" every giver" takes into consideration envelopes, loose, Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and capital).

If you gave \$100 per month that would be \$10 more.
If you gave \$250 per month that would be \$25 more.
If you gave \$500 per month that would be \$50 more.
If you gave \$1,000 per month that would be \$100 more.

If you did not give at all in 2020, what held you back? Consider giving \$50 per month to begin.

You will not miss it! I can attest to this. My father taught me while I was a young man to tithe 10% of my earnings. In doing so, I have not missed one dollar of it and the Lord has blessed me. In 2 Corinthians 9:6 – 7 it says *“Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”*

- Rod Stone, Chair of Finance

Currie McPhail Mission Report - Verna Scott . . .

Anyone who wants to get the CBWOQ magazine **LIVE** this year, please put \$20.⁰⁰ in an envelope with **both** your name and address and my name on the envelope before April 20th.

Use the mail slot at the church or drop in the box marked Currie McPhail Mission Circle on the Narthex table. Similarly, for your Mission's offering, but putting Shirlianne's name on the envelope instead.

Baptist Women's Spring 2021 Conference

Tues. Apr. 20 – Fri. Apr. 23

Encourage Love Inspire Good

acting on God's promises together

Registration is **free**, with an invitation to make a donation to the work of Baptist Women.

Full details are available on page 20 in the March-April edition of LIVE magazine.

The link to join will be released the night before on their web site.

Traditionally our April meeting is a much anticipated and always enjoyable noon hour get-together, graciously hosted by Wenda Honsberger *where a lovely lunch is always served.*

We uplift Wenda in prayer as she recovers from surgery and will instead meet:

via Zoom - Tuesday, April 21st at 1:30pm

