



The Most Important People we will never forget...



Life they say is short and we want to make the most of it by spending our time with the most important people in our lives.

If you had the opportunity to choose five most important people in the entire universe, who will these people be?

Well, don't think too far, let me help you with a couple of options; wouldn't it be nice to have the richest person in world on your list, or the most successful Prime Minister, how about the most beautiful person in world or just face it, we all need to know a celebrity or two, the funniest comedian will not be bad, after all we all can use a bit of laughter.

Let us now think about people who have actually touched our lives in one way or another; let me see, could that be your Mom or Dad, school teacher who taught you a life lesson that stayed with you, friends who stood by you and never gave up? It is amazing to see how we do not need titles, academic degrees or celebrity status to make a difference in someone's life. The most unforgettable people are those who showed us kindness, Love, perseverance, were non-judgemental, gave smiles instead of frowns, forgave even when it was most difficult.

Galatians 5:22 spells it all out in the fruits of the Spirit;

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness...”

My question today is where and to whom are you making an unforgettable impact?

Be intentional today, just love and care the most for the right reasons. Selah.

God bless you immensely.
With love and care from,

Pastor Gabriel Araba.

SUNDAY SERVICE VIA ZOOM PLATFORM. NO IN-PERSON UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Our Sunday services will continue every Sunday at 10.30am and Bible Study every Thursday at 6.30pm on the zoom platform. Due to current provincial restrictions, in person services will resume as soon as we get more directions from healthcare authorities. Please watch the recording later on YouTube - Search United Baptist Channel.

All safety precautions will continue to be observed and we can look forward to an awesome time, every Sunday.

Please join online church services using the Zoom link below. Zoom link details:



Meeting ID: 958 598 9328 and Passcode: YmvCuoXa!

UBC YOUNG ADULTS - Training – God is interested in your career too.



This month June 26, 2021 on Saturday 7:00pm-8:00pm the UBC youth and young adults network presents a short presentation via zoom on harnessing biblical truth to:

- Identify your career potential
- Discover your dominant skills and likely career path
- Preparing for interviews
- Step by step guide to advancing your career

Dr. Teni Araba will facilitate the session along with her Human Resource Colleague Jackie Dempster. Please invite your friends.

It is going to be amazing and worth your while.

Please contact teniaraba@gmail.com for further questions and clarification

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

We would like to thank Rod and Roger for their hard work and dedication setting up the audio-visual department and equipment.

We are immensely grateful!



COMMUNION SUNDAY SERVICE - JUNE 2021

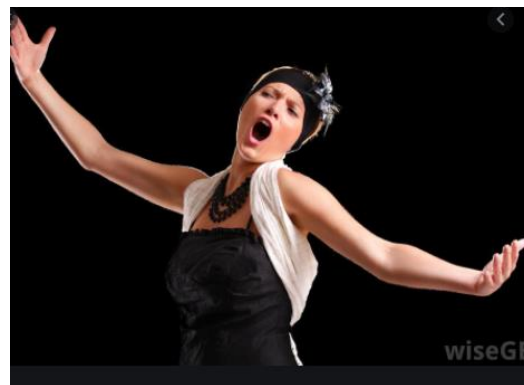


Communion Sunday Service on June 6, 2021. Please don't miss it. Please prepare your own bread or biscuit and Juice/wine to share the Holy Communion together. We would have Pastor Gabriel pray for the bread and wine. Please prepare your heart as well.

MUSIC COMMITTEE

We would like to thank everyone for the continued support and understanding so far. We have had to record our praise and worship session for most of the month of May 2021 and going into June 2021 due to the lockdown and the need for some of our members to travel out of the city.

We want to use this opportunity to say a big “Thanks” to Lorraine Smith for her commitment and hard work. We do appreciate members such as Mary Ellen Johns, Sandra Lyons, Nicole Rahaman, Teni Araba and we really look forward to seeing more young adults participate. Singers and musicians are welcome. Please contact us via 705-20605354 or email ubaptistchurch@shaw.ca. Looking forward to hearing from you. Blessings.



PRAISE & PRAYER ON ZOOM

More than ever before our world needs prayers and so does our church family. Please join us in a much more intentional Praise and Prayer session as scheduled via zoom and in-person if the safety protocols permit. Remember; 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.

MONTH OF JUNE	DAY	TIME
Saturday	June 12th	10:30 am
Saturday	June 26th	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

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.

Rod’s Article (Page 5) Tells it like it is!
Don’t miss it.

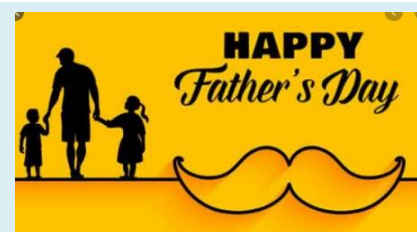
FATHER’S DAY- June 20-2021

Please celebrate Father’s day with UBC Men’s group.

The best way to appreciate the Men and Fathers in our lives is by honouring them. Please find the simplest way possible to show them you that you care and love them.

This is to let the men of honour of the United Baptist church know that they are not forgotten and we will resume the breakfast meetings as soon as the covid restrictions are relaxed.

In the meantime, please be strong in the Lord and in the power of His Might. From Brian Lees and Pastor Gabriel.





In Other News May, 2021 ...

No doubt, since March of 2020, some, or perhaps, many of us, may have - at some point - felt just like this gate. We have been challenged in ways we could never have even

begun to imagine - *a relatively short time in the whole scheme of things-* and yet it often seems like forever and ever ago at the same time.

And, in just recent weeks, here we are - everywhere you look, a myriad of vibrant colourful tulips dotting the landscape - tall and stately gently swaying in the breeze, the so delicate and elegant bleeding hearts branches - their graceful arches makes your heart skip a beat, the intoxicating aroma of lilacs evokes remembrance of the beautiful bouquets in the sanctuary each spring - Wilma Stone sharing with the church family from the trees in her yard, the grass even greener after each spring rainfall and the oh so vital dandelions - more numerous and resilient than ever!

Slowly, but surely with Covid numbers becoming more manageable, plans have been announced for the long awaited gradual reopening of the province. And, consistently, your Board of Deacons and Board of Management have held their monthly meetings to ensure the continually evolving and smooth functioning of the church via the safety of Zoom.

God is Good! All the time!

- Staff recruitment is ongoing for a part-time church secretary, bookkeeper, and Outreach Project Coordinator with delays the result of the COVID lockdown.
- **Northern Association's Spring Assembly** will take place via Zoom on Saturday, May 29th with Rod Stone and Steph Hattie as UBC's **voting** delegates. **All are welcome and encouraged** to participate - *no cost involved* - it's a rare opportunity to meet with others with whom we share our faith- all from the safety of our homes and no travelling required **A link will be provided to join in.**
- **Church Barbeque / Annual Meeting** is planned for September with more information to follow as we are permitted under provincial guidelines to meet in person again.
- An e-mail was received from **Samaritan's Purse** asking for prayers for India that is experiencing a devastating second wave for COVID - *with the death toll surpassing 300,000.*
- We are looking forward to the **Youth** taking a Sunday Service while Pastor Gabriel is on vacation.
- While envelope receipts are up by approximately 7.9% over last year, the Treasurer reported a year-to-date deficit of -\$10,262.08 (April 30, 2021 Financial Statement). However, due to funds carried forward from 2020 for Audio-Visual equipment and the Website, the overall deficit is -\$3,477.86. Of note, the Insurance Invoice for 2021 was paid early in the year (amount just under \$6,000).
- **Rod Stone** presented a very comprehensive and detailed update - showcasing the progress, processes, frustrations and successes encountered in putting into place the above noted Audiovisual equipment and Website. Our **heartfelt thanks** to both **Rod** and **Roger Johns**, who have spent **countless hours-** researching what is needed, where and which options are best to purchase, making those purchases, and **then installing it all!** The end goal - upon completion down the road - a quality system that will enable UBC to provide much needed and reliable up-to date outreach, not only for the benefit of our Church Family, but into our community and beyond.

Their skills and dedication are treasures beyond measure.

Taking the Temperature of our Church

-submitted by **Rod Stone, Deacons' Board Chair**

This is the first in which I will discuss 15 questions proposed by the Canadian Baptists of Ontario and Quebec (CBOQ) in the topic "**Taking the Temperature of your church**", part of the series "**Revitalizing Small Churches**".

Your church leadership has joined this exciting initiative - a three year programme to improve Church life. UBC is one of six CBOQ churches that has made this commitment and the only one from Northern Ontario. We have witnessed what is happening in this church, are encouraged by the leading of the Holy Spirit and look forward with anticipation to what God has planned for us.

There were **two questions** that were part of "Taking the Temperature of Your church" that were discussed as the May Deacons' Board meeting. They are:

- 1. My church specifically prays for non-Christians to become followers of Christ.**
- 2. Before we attempt any effort in my church, we cover it in prayer.**

I would like you to take note of the words "**my church**" in both questions.

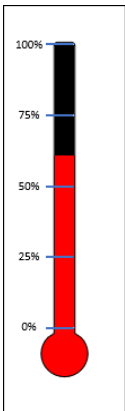
Does UBC pray for non-Christians to become followers of Christ?

Does UBC pray before we attempt any effort?

These questions do not focus on what we do as individuals, but what we do **corporately**.

Corporate prayer is the term used to describe **praying together with other people**, - in small groups or larger gatherings of people. *Corporate prayer is an important part of the life of the church . (from Lakeside Prayer Ministries)*

Corporate prayer **unifies us with our purpose** (Acts 2:42) Yet, you may ask, "**Why can't I just pray by myself?**" **You can.** There is nothing in the Bible that says that corporate prayer has more power than individual prayer. But, when we **unite to pray** for specific requests, we are raising our prayers to God **in a voice of many** So it does not come down to "either", "or", rather, **pray without ceasing - corporately and individually.**



We know that God hears our prayers. In his article "**Praying the Price**, Rev. Dr. Stuart Robinson outlines that throughout the history of the church, there has been a **direct correlation** between times of revival (**and God doing extraordinary things**), and prayer meetings where groups of people gathered together to pray- **God moved!** (*from Lakeside Prayer Ministry*)

With the preceding as our guide, the Deacons' Board and the Board of Management, have prepared *and support* "**United Baptist Church-Prayer Points**". We ask that you **pray individually, as a family, in the twice monthly Praise and Prayer meetings, and with your United Baptist Church family** for these Prayer Points.

We would also ask that you provide Pastor Gabriel with the **first name** of someone you would like us to pray for **to become a follower of Jesus Christ, or to return to the faith they have misplaced.**

I pray that lifting our prayers to God for these individuals will produce results.

*Rejoice always, **pray without ceasing**, give thanks in all circumstances for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.*
-1Thessalonians 5:16-18 (ESV)

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Helping Hands is a **Gore Street storefront** providing clothing and household items to low- income families and the homeless. Founded in April 2014, Helping Hands **recently received a charitable number- which allows them to give income tax receipts.** The organization does not receive ongoing financial support from outside organizations or governments, but is reliant on donations to cover expenses such as rent, public utilities and insurance. Items in the store are donated by members of the community with periodic announcements that the store is open to new donations (*space constraints limit when they open up to new donations*). Shoppers can make a donation for their purchases **but items are free to those who cannot afford to pay.** Helping Hands has not only provided warm clothing and footwear to those who have none but has also been instrumental in helping a number of homeless find housing.

On May 19th, **Wendy Gutcher** from Helping Hands was a guest speaker at the **Currie McPhail Women’s Mission Circle Meeting.** Our Mission Circle supports International, National and Local Missions. In 2020, a portion of the proceeds from our Fall Sale went to **Helping Hands** to assist them in covering expenses.



UBC’s Mission Circle members are encouraged to target Helping Hands for their June 2021 offering.

Wendy noted that **as of May 25th**, her organization would once again, be accepting donations of household items and clothing. Please consider taking **good quality** used items to Helping Hands as they continue to support the vulnerable in our community.

Hours of operation are Monday to Thursday, 10:00 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.

Wendy and her volunteers are exemplary of persons caring for others in our community.

“Love your neighbour as yourself.” - Luke 10: 27

Next Currie McPhail meeting date - Tuesday, June 15th, 1:30pm - via Zoom Guest speaker - Diane Marshall.

---Susan Van Atte

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It has been brought to our attention, that numerous members of our Church Family are now choosing to take advantage of the opportunity to submit their regular tithes and offerings via the easily accessible and safe **e -Transfer** method rather than our traditional numbered paper envelopes.



In our goal to be environmentally responsible, **please inform the church office (705-253-8073) or ubaptistchurch@shaw.ca** if it is your preference not to have offering envelopes ordered for you for the coming year. **Thanks!**

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.
2 Corinthians 9:7