



# THE EVANGEL

*University Baptist Church*

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## From Our Pastor . . . The Ties That Bind

The season of Thanksgiving comes at a very appropriate time for me this year. Some years I have to ponder a bit to prompt my spirit of gratitude to come forth, but not this Thanksgiving. The outpouring of joy, generosity and appreciation you expressed during my recent twentieth anniversary as your pastor has filled my heart and mind with reasons to thank God.

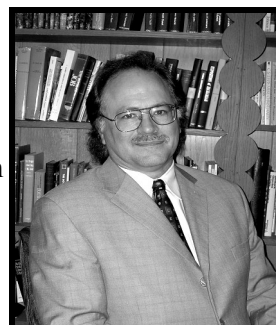
I hope I've sent cards of personal gratitude to all those who played major roles in planning, organizing and conducting this celebration. If I've overlooked someone, I beg forgiveness and claim incompetence. My intention is to say thank you to everyone who gave time, energy and money to the celebration.

I know the deacons led by Etienne Karekezi, Ingrid Boone, Bobbie Sullivan, Craig Warner and Anne Short provided the prime impetus for the celebration. They did a great job. In addition, the Administrative Commission led by Bev Rodgeron and aided significantly by Marcia Warner accomplished a miracle renovation of the Fellowship Hall and procured the computer and printer as a major part of my gift. Marcia also put in a lot of time along with Vicki McIntyre to put together the scrapbook of cards, photos, drawings and letters that I will always cherish. Emanuel and Iyabo Oke as well as Chris Apagwu led our members from Africa to give a beautiful set of apparel to Karen and me that honored us both deeply. (I will wear mine on World Communion Sunday which we are celebrating this year on November 6.) Carmella Jones and others came up with one of the most touching moments in the celebration for me, when 24 children brought yellow roses to thank me for being their pastor for most, if not all of their lives. The gifts that were given to Karen, Jacob and Joanna showed a keen perception that I could not pastor this church without the support and love of my family. Desa Foster, Pastor Mark, Kenny Swift, Carmella Jones and Terry Gilead, the finest church staff in the land, also went way beyond their job descriptions to communicate, facilitate and celebrate this anniversary. Their chief accomplishment might have been just keeping the details of the anniversary a secret.

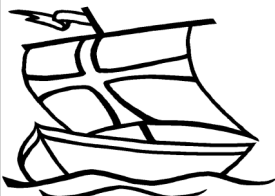
The worship service was very inspiring. Rev. Jean Robinson Casey's sermon was a rally call to follow the prompting of God. Vernon Hammett sang my favorite songs with a depth and love that touched my soul. My old friend Bill Blackwelder guided me to the center motivation of the Christian life as he reprised a song he brought to my installation service: Give Yourself to Love. The Recovering Angels began the celebration with a fitting blend of worship and praise. Jeanette provided just the right touch as worship leader. Geri Smith adorned the sanctuary with two breathtaking flower arrangements. The embroidered stole that was presented at the end of worship was truly a sacred gift.

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*November 2011*



**Rev. John P. Burns**  
Pastor



### Our Mission Statement:

We are seeking to be transformed by God's love so that we may continue the ministry of Jesus in our congregation, community and world.

Love God.  
Love Each Other.  
Serve the World.

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## Music and Christian Education Notes



**W. Mark McIntyre, Associate  
Pastor for Music and Education**

### World Communion Sunday

We are celebrating World Communion Sunday this year on the first Sunday of November, November 6, reminding us of our connections with our brothers and sisters in Christ around the world.

This year, flags from congregational members' countries of origin will include flags from Germany, Japan, Liberia, El Salvador, Greece, Bangladesh, Cameroon,

Guyana, Central African Republic, Taiwan, Great Britain, Puerto Rico, Zimbabwe, Kenya, Peru, Malaysia, Rwanda, Trinidad and Tobago, Italy, Nigeria, the United States and Haiti. In addition, the flags from Brazil and Thailand, the countries we

partner in missions, and South Korea's flag, the country of our brothers and sisters from the Nadulmok Community Church of Washington will hang as well.

Music sung and heard will be from Zimbabwe, Great Britain, South Africa, the United States and Korea. Cheryl Jones, a wonderful jazz artist in the Metropolitan area, is our guest soloist!

Come, celebrate communion on NOVEMBER 6 with Christians from 25 countries around the world as we remember our brothers and sisters in Christ everywhere!

### **Handbell Choir Resumes**

The **Handbell Choir** rings two-and-a-half octaves of Malmark Handbells. Ringing a variety of music, this group enjoys such favorites as Handel's "Allegro" and the popular "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High." If you are interested in ringing handbells for the Advent/Christmas season, please contact Mark McIntyre ASAP! The ability to read music is welcome, but not required. Rehearsals resume Monday, November 7th!

### **Musicians for Sundays, November 13 and 20**

We are privileged to have as our guests for these two Sundays, Shannon Miller Cron, Karen Henricson and Wayne Morrison. Shannon, the daughter-in-law of Michael and Carol Cron, is soloist for Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup>. She is a music teacher and in musical theater, has sung for NBC and is cantor at St. Andrew's Catholic Church in Wheaton. Karen returns with her beautiful lyric soprano voice on the 20<sup>th</sup> as soloist in the gospel anthem "My Eternal King" and Mack Wilberg's arrangement of "Amazing Grace." Also on the 20<sup>th</sup>, Wayne comes with bagpipes and shuttle pipes (a smaller bagpipe). He is the son of former members, Jim and Jane Morrison, and along with his wife, Jo (on Celtic harp), specializes in Scottish music. Ben Warner, one of UBC's great percussionists, will be on snare drum and drum set.

### **Advent Begins November 27th**

Remember, some of the Advent wreath candles have turned blue! Traditionally, the candles of the Advent wreath are purple, pink and white. Again this year, the three purple candles have been replaced with blue candles. Why? We use the color purple for both the Advent and Lent seasons. To help distinguish the two seasons of the church year, many churches are using the traditional purple during the season of Lent and blue for the season of Advent. Deep blue is associated with Mary and reminds us that we wait for Jesus' birth during Advent just as Mary waited on the birth of Jesus. The pink candle and the white Christ candle remain the same.

### November Birthdays

- 3 Lasheema Watson
- 5 Cristian Thomas Guirola
- 6 Grace Lynn Collins
- 7 Jim Morrison
- 8 Hetty Shear
- 15 Alyssa Heintzelman
- 18 Jerry Buckner  
Philomene Koya
- 19 Stephen Toward
- 21 Jonah Ramsey-Lucas
- 22 Judy Shadrick  
Bobbie Sullivan
- 23 Benjamin Warner
- 26 Jeanette Holt  
Gerry Smith  
Liz Young
- 28 Jean-Jacques Endene
- 29 Julia Franchi  
Bev Rodgerson  
Ayo Ogunmola

### December Birthdays

- 1 Tracey Taylor  
Sharon Scott  
Patrick Collins
- 2 Charles Mulchi
- 3 Cecelia Whettstone  
Etienne Karekezi
- 4 Joanna Burns  
Crystal Mitchell
- 6 Gail Salgado
- 7 Joanne Matthews  
Beth Anne Coon
- 8 Joan Mulligan
- 9 Alton Beard  
Abiodun Ogunmola
- 13 Carly Guirola  
Chris Dolan  
Rebecca Daley
- 17 Alexander John Casey (03)
- 24 Emmanuel Oke
- 29 Nancy Davis  
Magee Patch  
Taylor Tarter
- 31 David Parsons

### Prayer Requests

**Births:** Sophia Giselle Motley  
**Death:** Ellie Johnson's Father,  
**Sickness, Surgery and Recovery: (members):** Churchill Cowell, Hetty Shear, Genevieve Parreco, Magee Patch, Basmat Parsad, David Jenkins, Richard Anderson, Carolyn Scipio, Tracy Chewing, Georgia Watson, Rick Spencer, Connie Smith, Nan Allison, **(friends/family of members):** Rachel Lusweti, Jamal Graham, Wardell Broady, Lilian Mushore, Betty Johnson, Eric Mirc, Blanche Lockhart, Clyde Casey, Sherry Rupp, Thersa Fritz, Rick Smith, W. O. McIntyre, Jr. (Pastor Mark's Father), Betty Kaley, Janice Henson, Lisa Taylor, Ruth Thornton, Clara Allen, Debbie Fickert, Charles and Joan Conklin-Ewy, Jane Fulker, James Durtro Wagner, Andrew Smith, Peggy Eisenhower, Mack McCardel, Susan Austin, Karen Furguson, Mildred Felts, Paul Larson, Pearl Scipio, Andy Corrigan, Shirley Reid, Ronda Lennon, Sharon Galankos, Edd Jacobs, Meredith Talley, Hattie Pride, Eric Starkey, Paul Robbins, Stacie Taylor, Kathleen McMillan, Bridgett Pickett, Randy Springer, Dr. Dada, Elaine Hoffman, Maxwell Poindexter, William Yancey, Brett Sherry, Peggy Scipio, Carol Benjamin, Devin Tyner, Stan Horyna, **Non-medical needs:** McKinney Family, Nan Helm, Berni Stevens, Mark Benhemen, Emily Weant, The Foster Family, Richard Sullivan, Rice and Watson families, **Military:** Erica and Ricky Fields, Elizabeth Gilead in Afghanistan; **Peace Corp:** Anna Cowell, **Homebound:** Mary Smith, Gerri Smith and Esther Schreiner.

### Food Pantry Update

#### Average as of October 26, 2011

Orders Packed	14	Feeding	29
Not Picked up -	2	-	4
Picked up	16	Feeding	25

*Thanks for your Support,*

*Terry*

### Attendance Update

#### October Averages

Worship: 164  
Bible Study: 65

If you would like to submit an article, announcement, update, etc. , all contributions are welcomed. All you have to do is contact the church office via email at: [ubc@attglobal.net](mailto:ubc@attglobal.net) or telephone for more details.

### Comedy Corner

"Johnny was coming home from church one Sunday morning with his mother. His mother noticed he had a serious look on your face. "What's on your mind, Johnny?" she asked. "Is it try what the preacher said about us all coming from dust and turning back to dust?" Why, Yes, it is, Johnny," she said. "Why do you ask?" "Well when we get home," he answered, "You better look under my bed, because someone's either comin' or goin!"

## The Ties That Bind Continued

After worship, the luncheon continued the spectacular spirit of the day. I was honored that Rev. Ricky Creech from the DC Baptist Convention brought congratulations (Letters from both the American Baptist Churches and the Alliance of Baptists issued their congratulations as well). Rev. Jack Averill, the man that helped shape my understanding of what it means to be a pastor, was a welcomed sight to me and brought the perfect tone with his words. The flowers, selected by Melanie and Ingrid reminded me of my beautiful Kansas home and the meal (complete with a platter from Popeyes) integrated my whole history with my life here in Maryland.

My favorite part of the anniversary, however, came from the genuine joy expressed by our congregation. The applause, eruptions of joy and clear gladness that was shown throughout the day to celebrate our twenty years together was what I will always treasure. The gifts of money, lap top, printer, African garments, roses, scrapbook and various other assorted expressions of tribute meant a great deal to me. But of even greater worth was the general spirit of joy that bubbled throughout the day. Not every church shares this depth of joy, affection and respect with their pastor. I am humbled and honored by it all and give to you my truest and most sincere thanksgiving.

Pastor John

## Trustee Update by Nick Boone

The work day on Saturday, October 22nd was a great success. We had lots of volunteers and many projects were completed. Listed below are a few projects that were completed.

### Volunteers:

- removed the awning over the back door leading into the stairwell with the chairlift.
- cleaned and re-organized the library.
- cleaned and re-organized the boiler room
- cleaned windows and convectors
- painted
- removed scrubs and vines from the building and signs
- policed church grounds removing litter and debris
- cut trees and branches
- removed and replaced outdoor lighting

And last, had a cookout for all to eat and fellowship. Don't worry, if you missed this one, there will probably be another one in the Spring!

## Member (s) of the Month

On Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, approximately 35 adults and teenagers gave a Saturday morning to cleaning, repairing, reorganizing and decluttering our church building. The Trustees and Administrative Assistant Desa Foster provided great leadership to 14 large tasks that improved the appearance and safety of our building at almost no cost to the church. Shawn Turonis then set up his grill and all volunteers enjoyed a cook out together. We won't name everyone who gave of their time on that day, but when you overhear someone talking about something they did on the workday, thank them. They are our members of the month.

## Annual Meeting

On Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, we will hold our annual meeting following worship. The proposed budget for 2012 will be recommended and voted upon. Jerry Buckner will give an update on building renovation. The deacons will recommend new members to be voted into the church. Nominees for the diaconate and other committees and commissions will be presented for the church to affirm. Every member should attend.

## 2012 Budget

All commissions and committees, the deacons and trustees, the church staff and personnel committee have all made their recommendations and requests to be included in our church budget for 2012. The Administrative Commission has received those requests, and recommended a budget to the church council in which few groups received exactly what they requested but, hopefully, received a balanced portion of our financial resources for the coming year. The Church Council studied the recommended budget, made changes they thought were advisable and now that budget will be available to the church on Sunday, November 6. A hearing for those who want to ask questions for clarification will be held at 6:30 on Wednesday, November 9. A vote on the budget will be held at our annual meeting on Sunday, November 13.

Remember to set your clocks 1 hour back on Saturday, November 5th. Daylight savings time ends on Sunday, November 6th .



# DECEMBER 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 Second Sunday in Advent	5 Church Council Meets @7PM	6	7 Fall Wednesday Night Schedule	8	9	10
11 Third Sunday in Advent; CommComm Meets Youth Caroling;	12 Trustees Meet @7PM	13 Community Cafe	14 Fall Wednesday Night Schedule	15	16	17
18 Fourth Sunday in Advent	19	20	21 No Wednesday Night Activities	22	23	24 Christmas Eve Service
25 No Sunday School; Christmas Worship @11AM	26 Church Office Closed	27	28 No Wednesday Night Activities	29	30	31

## Stewardship 2012

In just a few days, pledge cards and a letter encouraging your faithful stewardship will be sent to every household in the congregation. Please read the letter and prayerfully consider what you can pledge to the financial resources of our church for 2012. Pledge all you can so that our church can be faithful to the ministry God has called us to conduct in the coming year. The church always understands when circumstances change and prohibit people from fulfilling their pledges. Your pledges are necessary for the church to form a reasonable expectation of what activities and ministries can be offered in 2012. Please bring your completed pledge cards to worship on November 20, when we will dedicate them to the service of God.

## Thanksgiving Breakfast

The deacons will once again host a breakfast on Thanksgiving morning this year. A continental breakfast will be served at 8:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. The deacons will have tickets available for the breakfast on Sunday, November 6. Following the breakfast, a brief worship service will be held that will include testimonies, prayer and communion. The event will conclude by 10:00 a.m.

### Thanksgiving Holiday Basket

It is time once again to share with others the blessing our Lord has given us by helping those less fortunate than us. Help a family celebrate Thanksgiving. Give a food basket in honor/memory of someone special. Give \$30.00 (or any amount) and help feed our hungry neighbors. Your gift will buy a SHARE food basket filled with lots of groceries and holiday treats for \$20.00 and a \$10.00 grocery store certificate to purchase a turkey. Complete the order form and place your donation in an envelope and mark it "Thanksgiving Baskets". You can either drop it by the church or mail it. On November 19, volunteers are also needed to pick up, put together and distribute the baskets. If you can help, sign up in the foyer or call the church office.

### Free Fall Yoga Class

Join us on Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup> as we begin Fall Yoga. **The classes will be held on Saturday afternoons from 2-3PM and are free!** Beginners to intermediate are welcome and no prior yoga experience necessary but the ability to move from standing to seated postures is required. Don't worry about flexibility. That is why you are coming! If you have any physical limitations or special needs and would like to enjoy the benefits of a yoga class, the instructor can offer an additional class to serve your needs as well.

### Fall Bible Study

Please join us on Wednesdays at 7PM, as Pastor John leads us into a new study entitled *When the Whole World Changes*. Together we will look at questions like "Did I deserve this?" "Will I ever understand why this happened?" and "Where is God?" In addition, we will discuss various scriptures and spiritual direction that can help us get through hard times. Booklets are available free of charge.

### Order Form for Thanksgiving Baskets

**Please fill out and send or order with**



**this form bring your payment to**

**the church by Sunday, November 13th .**

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In Honor/Memory of

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In Honor/Memory of

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In Honor/Memory of

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Your Name:

\_\_\_\_\_

Total Number of Baskets:

\_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed:

\_\_\_\_\_

## Mission 2012

We have completed the first phase of Mission 2012 and are well into the second stage of this project. Over 60 people met on four occasions in September and October to express their opinions as to what kinds of projects and ministries should be conducted in 2012 as well as which ones should be dropped in the coming year. Numerous ministries and activities were affirmed as essential to our mission in 2012. Dozens more were endorsed if volunteers come forth to provide leadership. A handful were seen as events or activities that were not needed in the coming year.

Phase two involves finding the volunteers for the ministries affirmed. Time has been taken in four worship services to highlight volunteer needs and to invite the congregation to respond. Many people have volunteered, many others have not. In two weeks we will end this period of volunteer recruitment and commit to those activities and ministries for which there is sufficient support. Other important ministries will no doubt be dropped due to a lack of volunteer response. Hopefully some new ministries will be added. By the end of November, we should have our mission for 2012 in place. If the funding comes forth through our financial stewardship, all this effort will blossom into significant ministry in 2012. A final listing of all we plan to do in 2012 will be presented in worship during December.

**Welcome Sophia Giselle Motley to Dalva and Tamar Motley. Sophia was born October 7, 2011. She weighed 6lbs and 8 oz.**



## New Brochure Available

A brochure about the programs, ministries and Sunday School classes at UBC is available in the foyer and in the pew racks. Take one or give one to a friend.

## We Are Going Digital!

Cassette tapes of recent sermons are available for loan in the church office. Many of the sermons are also printed online. Sermons will be available digitally and on CD in 2012.

## Youth Group

The Youth Group will be meeting on 11/5/11 at 8:30AM to park cars for UMD football game. 3-4 adults and 4-6 youth are needed. Please sign-up in the foyer or contact Pat Collins and Shawn Turonis. Any youth planning to attend **PASSPORT 2012**, must attend this game if you did not help park cars at the game held 9/24/11.



## Child Care

Child care for children first younger is available during worship and The child care end of the hallway as you exit the sanctuary.



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\*\*\*\*\*ATTENTION\*\*\*\*\*

**Child Care Worker Needed: Sunday mornings, 10:45 - 12:45 at \$10.50/hour to work with infants & younger children.**

**Additional hours available. Needs to have childcare experience & communicate well in English. Contact: Desa Foster at University Baptist Church for information/application, 301.422.1430.**



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**WWW.WEAREUBC.ORG**

**Upcoming Events at UBC**

**Wednesday Night Service**

November 2 Fall Schedule  
November 9 Fall Schedule  
November 16 Fall Schedule  
November 23 No Services  
November 30 Fall Schedule

**Church Council and Commissions**

November 6 Trustees Meet @12:30PM  
November 9 Budget Hearing @6:30PM  
November 13 Annual Meeting  
November 27 Diaconate Meets

**Youth and Other Events**

November 5 Youth Group Football Parking  
November 6 Daylight Savings Time Ends/World Communion Sunday  
2012 Budget Available  
November 12 Free Fall Yoga  
November 13 Youth Group @12:30PM  
November 19 Free Fall Yoga  
November 20 Pledge Sunday  
November 24 Thanksgiving Breakfast @ 8:30AM  
November 26 Free Fall Yoga  
November 27 First Sunday in Advent  
November 27 World Mission Offering/Bridges of Hope Begins

**Fall Schedule**

5:30 p.m. Dinner  
6:00 p.m. iAwesome  
6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting &  
Children's Choir  
7:00 p.m. Bible Study  
7:10 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

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