

UBC NEWS

University Baptist Church

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From the Pastor

Solid Foundation of Justice

As we store away the lights of Christmas, we begin a new year. The days are getting microscopically longer. The snow may actually stay on the ground a bit longer now—making driving harder while winter sports enthusiasts rejoice. Even the trees and grass will drink in the frozen moisture—an antidote to drought. Of course, with a new year comes a new administration in Washington. While wars continue in the Middle East and in Ukraine, all signs point to a continually divided country. People are downright religious about their chosen political parties. What is the role of religion in all of this?

Some could rightly say that religion has been co-opted to serve political ends. Certainly our social media bubbles have kept us hearing ideas that support our worldviews. Of particular concern is the idea that demonizing immigrants is somehow a Christian value. You have to ignore a lot of scripture in order to believe that one. I mean, the second chapter of Matthew tells



of the Holy Family fleeing across the border for their very lives—becoming refugees in Egypt. There is no indication in scripture that they were welcomed into Egypt, just that they survived. Such is the case for our immigrant friends. Will we be like Herod, pursuing them with bloody rage, or will we be like the underground railroad that leads them to a safer, more hopeful future?

I think the work we have before us is holy work. It is to be the conscience of a nation that has sold out its conscience. It's to be the voice for mercy and compassion. It's to be the advocates of peace—not a peace where there is no conflict, but a peace that is built upon the solid foundation of justice.

May this new year bring us a renewed sense of purpose and vision for the work ahead.

Blessings and Peace,

Doug Donley

JANUARY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Worship Theme: Reframe and Reclaim

January 5

Preaching: Doug Donley

Sermon: "Handling Herod"

Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12

Worship Leader: Paula Moyer

January 12

Preaching: Doug Donley

Sermon: "A Word for the Remnant"

Scripture: Jeremiah 1:4-10

Worship Leader: Violet Butler

January 19

Preaching: Doug Donley

Sermon: "If/Then"

Scripture: Isaiah 58

Worship Leader: Megan Dahlberg

January 26

Preaching: Doug Donley

Sermon: "Whom Shall I Send?"

Scripture: Isaiah 6:1-8

Worship Leader: Deidre Druk

JANUARY FORUMS

Forums are held 11:30-12:30, after coffee time. We do our best to provide a Zoom option for remote participants. Send your ideas and suggestions for future forums to coordinator Gayla Marty at gaylamarty@gmail.com.

January 5—Sanctuary party/take down the greens

Enjoy the last of our holiday treats while we take down the tree and pack away our sanctuary decorations until next year. Once again—many hands make light work!

January 12—Report from Palestine: conclusion

Gayla Marty will continue and conclude her report of traveling with the Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America Friendship Tour in November, with photos, discussion, and reflections. This hour will focus on Hebron, Ramallah, and Nablus.

January 19— MLK weekend forum

The UBC Anti-racism group will host a forum about White culture and UBC culture based on readings from the Sacred Reckonings curriculum. Several UBC folks are participating in the Sacred Reckonings training for predominantly White churches seeking to engage in the work of reparations to Black and Indigenous communities. Today we're invited to read in advance "White Supremacy Culture," an essay by Tema Okun (link below), and come ready to discuss it together.

For more information, see www.sacredreckonings.com and www.whitesupremacyculture.info. Here is a link to the essay <https://www.whitesupremacyculture.info/uploads/4/3/5/7/43579015/okun - white sup culture.pdf>


January 26—Mid-year budget review

This is our time to check on how our budget is faring and provide feedback on any adjustments that may be needed. Treasurer Denise Roy facilitating.



From the Pastor: Thank you so much for the generous monetary gifts you gave to me and the rest of the UBC staff. I feel truly humbled and blessed to serve alongside the good people of UBC.

Calendar for January

		WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	
		1 <i>New Year's Day</i> <i>Office Closed</i>	2 6:30 p.m. Caregiver Support Group	3	4 9 a.m. Bible Study	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
10 a.m. Worship Communion Joys & Concerns 11 a.m. Coffee Time And Undecorate the Sanctuary 11:30 a.m. Journeys		11:15 a.m. Meals on Wheels 5:30 p.m. Sacred Harp 7 p.m. Memoir Group	10 a.m. Handcraft Group 11:15 a.m. Meals on Wheels 6 p.m. Choir 7:30 p.m. Bells	11:15 a.m. Meals on Wheels	11 a.m. Every Meal 11:15 a.m. Meals on Wheels	1 p.m. Book Group 7 p.m. Roots Cellar
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
10 a.m. Worship Joys & Concerns 11 a.m. Coffee Time 11:30 a.m. Forum/Journeys 4 p.m. Sacred Harp			6 p.m. Choir 7:30 p.m. Bells			9 a.m. Bible Study 1 p.m. Card Club
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
10 a.m. Worship Joys & Concerns 11 a.m. Coffee Time 11:30 a.m. Forum/Journeys 4 p.m. Sacred Harp	7 p.m. Knitting Group	5:30 p.m. Sacred Harp 7 p.m. Memoir Group	6 p.m. Choir 7:30 p.m. Bells			7 p.m. Roots Cellar <i>Newsletter deadline</i>
26	27	28	29	30	31	
10 a.m. Worship Joys & Concerns 11 a.m. Coffee Time 11:30 a.m. Forum/Journeys 4 p.m. Sacred Harp		7 p.m. Anti-Racism Work	6 p.m. Choir 7:30 p.m. Bells		2-7 p.m. Loaves & Fishes	

*Trista's in-office hours are Tuesday 12-3 p.m., Wednesday 12-4 p.m., Friday 12-5 p.m.
For time-sensitive needs, please text or call 608-343-0831.*

What's Going On



Sunday Morning Worship

10 a.m. – Worship in the UBC sanctuary

10 a.m. – Or join via livestream on the [UBC YouTube](#) page (search University Baptist Church Minneapolis MN).

When the livestream has ended – Joys & Concerns (also on Zoom)

ZOOM INFO: Meeting ID 839 4725 7444 passcode 257750

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83947257444?pwd=cFZCWEdqUkR0RDgwT0JwT3hrQ3FpUT09>

Following Joys & Concerns – Coffee time in the lounge

11:30 a.m. Forum in the lounge (also on Zoom, use link above)

11:30 a.m. “Journeys” Bible Study in the library. If you have any questions or would like a book, please contact Nancy Myers or Diane Ehr.

January 5 - SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS - Ephesians 1:3-14

January 12 - PERCEPTION - Psalm 29:1-11

January 19 - MIRACLES - John 2:1-11

January 26 - WORSHIP - Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10



Caregiver Support Group – January 2 (1st Thursday), 6:30 p.m. UBCers who have an elderly parent meet for support. If you have any questions, please contact Jean Lubke at jeanlubke01@gmail.com.

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Bible Study – January 4 & 18 (1st & 3rd Sat.), 9 a.m. We will discuss Luke 5 & 6. New and occasional members are always welcome. No special background, skill, or preparation is required. If you have any questions, please contact Diane at DianeEhr@q.com.



ZOOM INFO: Meeting ID: 517 697 6753 Passcode 942930

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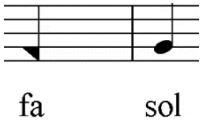


Tree and Sanctuary Undecorating Party – Sunday, January 5, 11 a.m. Please join us after the morning service to take down the banners and put away the tree decorations. Many hands make quick work! Coffee time will be in the sanctuary. Bring your left-over treats!

Meals on Wheels – January 7-10. Meals are picked up around 11:15 a.m. and the route in SE Minneapolis usually takes less than two hours. We're always looking for substitute drivers. If you have any questions, please contact Marie LaFrance at marielafrance46@gmail.com.



More of What's Going On



Sacred Harp Singing – Tuesdays, 5:30-7:30 p.m. and Sundays (except the first), 4-6 p.m. at UBC in Room 303. No experience or talent necessary!

Memor Writing Group – January 7 & 21 (every other Tuesday), 7 p.m.

Prompts include *Voting, Pies, and Where was I when _____ happened?* Or anything else you feel called to write about. If you have any questions, please contact Trish Donley at 612-386-2856 or patricia.donley63@gmail.com.



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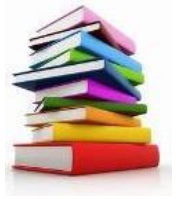
UBC-FCC Daytime Handcraft Group – January 8 (usually the 1st Wednesday), 10 a.m. at First Congregational Church (500 8th Ave. SE) in the Parlor (or, if very cold, at Jean Lubke's). If you are interested and want to be on a distribution list, please let Marilyn Burns (from FCC) know at mbsnoobear@mac.com.

Bells and Choir Rehearsal – Wednesday evenings in the church sanctuary or lounge. Please see the calendar for specific times.



Every Meal – January 10 (2nd Friday), 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Marcy Open School in SE Minneapolis. Volunteers are needed to deliver meal bags to student backpacks in their lockers during the school day. If you are interested, please contact Denise Roy at denise.roy@mitchellhamline.edu.

Grace in Contemporary Literature by Women Book Group – January 11 (2nd Saturday), 1 p.m. The book this month is *West with Giraffes* by Lynda Rutledge. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Follett at chrisf2828@yahoo.com.



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ROOTS CELLAR – Spencer LaJoye – Saturday, January 11, 7 p.m. Spencer LaJoye is a singer/songwriter from the Midwest making queer indie folk music for everyone. The 2021 Kerrville Songwriting Competition and 2024 Songwriter Serenade winner spins crystalline vocals through a loop pedal while strumming an acoustic guitar in charming, banter-heavy performances that keep audiences laughing one moment and weeping the next. For more info, go to <https://www.spencerlajoye.com/> Tickets are \$20, available at the door or at <https://events.humanitix.com/spencerlajoye>



More of What's Going On



Card Club – Saturday, January 18, 1 p.m. at Jean Lubke's home. This group meets monthly to learn card-making techniques, share ideas, and make beautiful greeting cards. Due to the limited space and the need to prepare materials, registration is needed for each month's session. If you are interested, please contact Jean at jeanlubke01@gmail.com or 651-295-7525.

UBC-FCC Knitting Group – January 20 (3rd Monday), 7 p.m. at Ruth Lemire's home. The group is made up of stitchers from UBC and First Congregational Church. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Follett at chrisf2828@yahoo.com.



ROOTS CELLAR – Tim Cheesebrow – Saturday, January 25, 7 p.m. Tim's music layers an eclectic mix of styles to create a sound with modern grooves, catchy melodies, and a sense of being grounded in deep roots. He's known for his percussive guitar work, capo-wizardry, and an expressive voice big enough to fill any room. Tim's lyrics are heartfelt and honest, bringing audiences with him to explore concepts of family, self-doubt, hope, grief, and the many facets of love. For more info, go to <https://cheesebrowmusic.com/> Tickets are \$20, available at the door or at <https://events.humanitix.com/timcheesebrow>

UBC Anti-Racism Work – Tuesday, January 28, 7 p.m. The topic will be white supremacy culture as discussed in the Sacred Reckonings guide, appendix 3, pages 118 to 124, and in the Tema Okun essay referenced in the appendix and in the January 19th forum description. The discussion at the January meeting will follow up on the related discussion in the January 19th forum. Anyone is welcome to attend.



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Loaves & Fishes – Friday, January 31, 2-7 p.m., 1816 Portland Ave. S., Minneapolis 55404. Parking is available on Portland Ave. or in the small lot on the alley west of the building. We'll need about four people for food prep between 2 and 5 p.m., about six people for packing to-go containers from 4:30 to 6 p.m., and a couple people to help with clean-up until about 7 p.m. Let Steve Lee know if you can help at steven.lee@thrivent.com or 612-844-8194 or 763-645-9499. *Next date: May 30.*

Mark Your Calendar

March 22 – Roots Cellar - Curtis & Loretta



IN MEMORIUM

Richard G. Beamer, 80, beloved husband, father, and friend, passed away peacefully on November 29, 2024 at Oak Terrace memory care in North Mankato. Dick's sense of community, volunteerism, and spirituality was reflected in his many years as a member of UBC where he served as the primary food purchaser and cook for our quarterly Loaves & Fishes program. At the time of his death, he was a member of First Congregational United Church of Christ in Mankato.

A memorial service will be on Saturday, February 1, at 11 a.m. at First Congregational United Church of Christ at 150 Stadium Court in Mankato. Full obituary [here](#).

Seeking limited help with Sacred Reckonings antiracism project

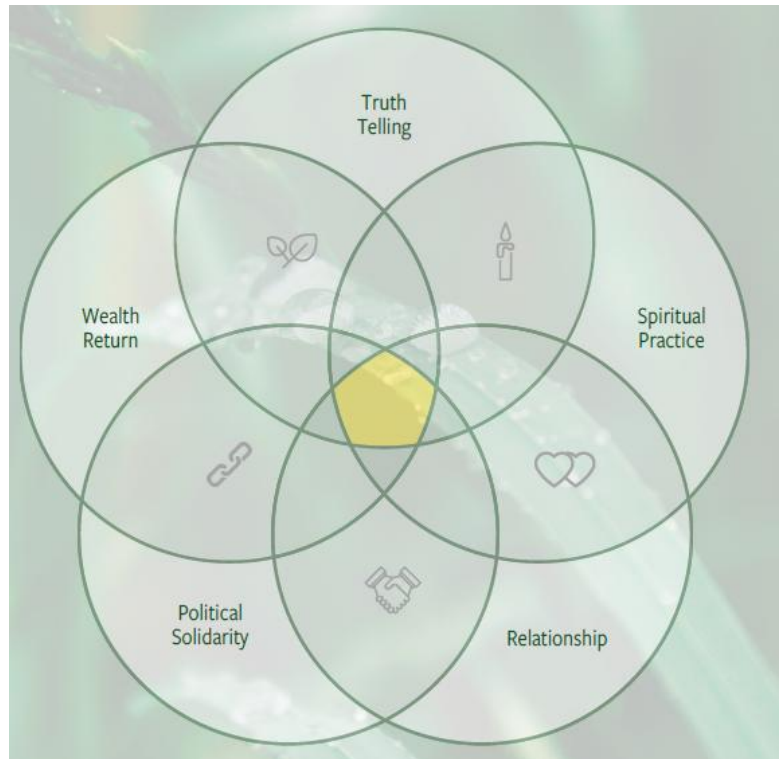
As you may know, UBC is participating in the Sacred Reckonings project as part of our broader THRIVE and antiracism efforts. We had a forum introducing Sacred Reckonings in October, and six UBCers attended an introductory workshop in November (Pastor Doug, Deidre Druk, Karole Graham, Jean Lubke, Denise Roy, and Lauren Thrift).

To help determine next steps, we hope to enlist 3-5 people to skim through the Sacred Reckonings guide to identify ideas, exercises, and resources that appear particularly helpful in our UBC context. You don't need to be a participant in the UBC Antiracism Group to help with this limited task, and you won't need to skim the entire guide if you don't have time or interest in doing so.

The guide is easy to find; it's available to read online or download as a pdf, or you can get a paper copy through the UBC Office. This is a limited and flexible exploratory task that entails no additional commitment. If you might be interested in participating, please contact Denise Roy at denise.roy@mitchellhamline.edu.

For more information about Sacred Reckonings, check out www.sacredreckonings.com, including a short

introductory film (shown at the October forum), talk with those who attended the November workshop, or skim the Sacred Reckonings guide. Take a look at the image below for an overview of the key elements of the Sacred Reckonings project. - *Denise Roy*



Goings on at UBC...



Jean Lubke leads the Carillon Choir in a concert at Walker Senior Residence on December 15.

Photo by Harriet Johnson

UBC kids and their parents hosted the coffee time on December 15 with the cookies they made after church the Sunday before (see photos of cookie prep bottom and right). Photos by Laura Justin



Christmas Time at UBC

We decorated the tree and sanctuary on December 22 to the holiday sounds of Kevin's piano playing.

Photos by Laurie Brazman



Don Follett added an ornament (top photo) while Mindy Lee and Megan Dahlberg organized the decorations.

Middle photos: Kevin Branting played as Marcy Schultz stood by. Iris Guo climbed the very tall ladder to switch out the banners.



John Medeiros hung the boughs and Francisco Díaz and John discussed strategy.

Photos above by Trish Donley

Christmas Eve Service



Bells, choir, angels (Laurie and Josie) and manger scene, l to r: Jonathan, Otto, Andrew, Marcus, Frank, Valeria, Ani, Elias, Laurie and Josie.

Photos by Chris Follett

Report from Palestine

By Gayla Marty

For two weeks in November, I was part of a friendship tour to Palestine sponsored by the Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America. In our group of six women from Oakland, Denver, Minneapolis, Columbus OH, Toronto, and Boston, two are pastors and three more are in ministry. Because flights into Tel Aviv were cancelled due to the war in Gaza that has spread to Lebanon, we flew in and out of Amman, Jordan.

Bethlehem was our group's base for day trips to meet with groups and people on the West Bank. We saw beautiful sites famous since Bible times, many empty of tourists due to the war. We witnessed apartheid as our driver navigated checkpoints and areas restricted to either Palestinians or Israelis, and we walked along the wall that now cuts through Bethlehem (above right).

We traveled to Jerusalem, Hebron (bottom right), Ramallah (center right, a café), Nablus, and the Jordan Valley near Jericho. We talked to farmers trying to protect their land from seizure by settlers, and to peace and environmental activists, educators, and other local people struggling to keep their organizations functioning and their families and businesses going. People opened their homes to us, and we ate a lot of delicious Palestinian food. They are urgently asking the international community for visibility and help.

It was an incredible and hard trip. On January 12, I will talk at the forum about our group's visits to Hebron, Nablus, and Ramallah to finish the photo presentation that started on December 15. I'll include reflections on what I learned and how we can help.



Photos: Bottom left, Bethlehem's Manger Square and Church of the Nativity—our hotel can be seen on the far left. Right column, top, the wall cutting through Bethlehem, dividing Israel and Palestinian territory. Center, lunch in Ramallah with two local women. Bottom, view at sunset of Hebron, the city known as the burial place of Abraham.

The Sunday school teacher was well liked and he knew his Bible

by Don Follett

Editor's note: With the recent death of Jimmy Carter, UBC News is re-running this story from 20+ years ago when Don and Charlene Follett visited Carter's church and heard him give the Sunday school lesson.

I knew the adult Sunday School class was about to start.

The Secret Service men had just peeked in from behind a door near the altar, and overhead stage lights and the recording cameras were turned on. The teacher walks in with that unmistakable wide smile and says a soft "good morning, good morning" greeting.

Former President Jimmy Carter has been teaching Sunday School for many years at this small brick building, the Maranatha Baptist Church in Plains, Georgia.

Carter is here about 35 Sundays annually, despite a schedule that still keeps him very busy with frequent meetings and ongoing visits with other influential political and economic leaders worldwide. The Sunday lessons which are seen as part of Carter's oral history, are videotaped and sold with the income going to Baptist mission work.

Prior to this January Sunday School lesson, Carter speaks about his busy schedule of recent days; a visit to Costa Rica, where he marked the new millennium; a coordination meeting with the National Habitat for Humanity office (HFH is head-quartered in the area and HFH president Millard Fuller also attends this service.) In the week ahead, Carter says he will go to Seattle to visit the Gates Foundation and later to Greece. He expresses again his interest in mobilizing medical care for children in undeveloped countries.

The Secret Service members, at least five in the area, keep their eyes on the building's entrance and check all moving persons. They have been here before; the

church regulars seem to know them, though there is little or no conversation with them.

On this day, Carter appears relaxed, in a dark blue sport coat, wearing a bright blue and white thin striped shirt and a string tie. At age 75, he also appears somewhat tired, but still very quick in lively conversation with the visitors.

He puts a three-ring notebook on the lectern, smiles again to the 150 in attendance who are crowded up in the front pews, and jokingly asks: "Are there any visitors?"



Roslynn and Jimmy Carter, center, with Charlene and Don Follett

Yes, there are visitors---nearly 80 percent of those in the half-filled sanctuary. Members tell of Sundays when up to 700 have packed this small church which itself has just 127 on the rolls.

Annually Carter's class attracts more than 10,000 visitors from nearby Georgia towns, far away states and even countries around the world.

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Carter - continued

He asks each of today's visitors their home town and has a visiting pastor give the opening prayer.

The Sunday School has evolved into a well-organized routine. We are told we may take photos for the initial 10 minutes when Carter talks about his last week's activities. After the second hour's church service, we can have a picture with him and his wife Rosalynn, with our camera, outdoors, weather permitting.

The interior walls in the one-story church are a too familiar pale green color; the carpet is a burgundy and just 13 rows of pews fill the sanctuary, front to back.

The 39th U.S. President is much revered in his hometown—as much you sense in this church, for his strong Christian values and how he demonstrates them, as for his place in world history. Plains is a small place—pop.716—where everyone knows everyone else, an unlikely spot you think to spawn a nation's president.

A block away is the former Plains High School, now restored to help preserve and honor Carter's early school years. Many of the area's small-town schools have been consolidated at Americus,10 miles away.

A mile away is the Carter brick rambler built by them years ago and it still has a Secret Service compound., Two miles west is Carter's boyhood home, where he developed his love for the land and his town.

As he discusses Sunday's lesson, Carter rarely refers to his notes, speaking extemporaneously. You are assured he is familiar with the text for the day, The book of Daniel, Chap. 7, apocalyptic times in pre-Christ years.

Carter himself projects a genuine spiritual belief. The apparent incongruity of a former world leader discussing the Bible with a small group seems both aberrant and inspirational.

In a comparison with ancient apocalyptic times, Carter says today's overhyped Y2K problem is an

example of government warning us of a possible disaster—and when it didn't occur, took credit for it not happening.

'It's important for Christians be aware of apocalyptic writing," Carter says. "Put your problems in perspective. After all, God remains in charge, however many calamities come."

Rosalynn sits with friends five rows back, listening attentively but less animated and smiles only slightly when Carter's humor about her comes across in anecdotes.

When the church is over, Charlene and I are guided quickly to a line moving forward for a photo with the Carters, at the front of the sanctuary since it's raining outside. Think of something to say," . . . we live in the same town as Walter Mondale," I offer abruptly. "Oh, wonderful," he says, and adds quickly: "It's Fritz's birthday this week, too."

Soon the Carters make their way out the back door to a new mid-sized bronze-colored car, two agents jump in the front seat and Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter are driven quickly away. They wave to few remaining folks standing in the mist in the parking lot. The other agents follow up momentarily in a pair of SUVs heading for the Carter home.

EDITOR'S NOTE

James Earl Carter Jr. (born October 1, 1924) was an American politician and humanitarian who served as the 39th president of the United States from 1977 to 1981.

Carter was born and raised in Plains, Georgia. He graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1946 and joined the U.S. Navy's submarine service. Carter returned home after his military service and revived his family's peanut-growing business. Opposing racial segregation, Carter supported the growing civil rights movement, and became an activist within the Democratic Party. He served in the Georgia State

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FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Most of our income (58%) comes from pledges made by members. Pledges usually run ahead of expectations at the end of the year.

Other gifts and miscellaneous income provide 4% of our budget and the UBC Foundation distribution is 18%, which includes (\$34,401) for the property manager position.

Rentals are running slightly ahead thanks to sporadic rentals of the gym and assembly hall. Rental income of \$72,004 covers approximately 20% of our budget.

Operating Income 2024-25	%	Budget	Expected	Received	Over (short)
Pledge Income	58	\$203,834	\$101,917	\$109,498	\$7,581
Rental Income	20	\$72,004	\$36,002	\$36,594	\$592
Misc income*	4	\$15,000	\$7,500	\$9,234	\$1,734
Subtotal		\$290,838	\$145,419	\$155,326	\$9,907
Foundation Contribution	18	\$61,732		-	
Total Operating Income	100	\$352,570			
Justice & Outreach		\$15,000		\$6,462	

*individual gifts, loose offering & miscellaneous income

The dedicated offering for November and December was for Justice Issues. We have received \$920 to date.

- Chris Follett, Financial Secretary

Special Offering for January and February ABC Ministries

Our outreach mission focus for January and February will be for ministries within the American Baptist Churches USA that are not already receiving funds through the UBC budget.

This includes Retired Ministers and Missionaries Fund and One Great Hour of Sharing as well as others. Thank you for your help to support these important national ministries.

You can drop your offering in the donation box, send a check to the church, designate a gift directly from your bank, or use our online portal for giving on the UBC website, www.UBCmn.org.

Thank you for your ongoing Outreach support!!



You can scan this QR code on your phone to be directed to our web page where there are a variety of causes to donate to.

Carter – continued

Senate from 1963 to 1967 and then as governor of Georgia from 1971 to 1975. As a dark-horse candidate not well known outside Georgia, Carter won the Democratic nomination and narrowly defeated the incumbent Republican, president Gerald Ford, in the 1976 presidential election. At his death at age 100, Carter was the oldest living former U.S. president and the longest-lived president in U.S. history.

Volunteer Opportunities

Every Meal

UBC participates in *Every Meal*, a program that distributes bagged food over weekends and school breaks for families of children who receive free and reduced meals when school is in session. UBC is scheduled to distribute at Marcy Open School on the second Friday of each month, 11 a.m. to about 1 p.m. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Denise Roy at denise.roy@mitchellhamline.edu

UBC History Research

At the Minnesota History Center, UBC has 19 boxes of files and other materials. If you would like to join a team going over to the History Center sometime Wed-Sat, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 1-4 p.m., please contact Gayla Marty at gaylamarty@gmail.com

Meals on Wheels

UBC has an opportunity to participate in Meals on Wheels on Tues-Fri of the first full week of the month. Meals are picked up around 11:15 a.m. and the route in SE Minneapolis usually takes 1-2 hours. If you have any questions or would like to schedule a ride-along, please contact Marie LaFrance at marielafrence46@gmail.com

Grant Writing

We have a couple of grants to write this winter, one for rewriting our blue hymnal and one related to safety. If you have any interest in helping the grant-writing team, please contact Jean Lubke.

175th Anniversary Committee

If you are interested in helping plan our celebration, please contact Jean Lubke at jeanlubke01@gmail.com

UBC / FCC Collaboration Task Force

UBC and First Congregational Church are exploring ways to collaborate in ministry. Pastor Donley and Jean Lubke are looking for 2-3 additional open-minded individuals willing to explore possibilities to join the task force. We have been meeting once a month. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Doug or Jean Lubke.

Little Free Pantry

Our pantry has again been stolen and is in the process of being replaced. When it returns, we are looking for individuals to stock the pantry, as well as your donations of money and/or items such as:

- Toiletries (toothbrushes, deodorant, sample sized shampoo/body wash/hand sanitizer, razors, feminine hygiene products)
- Boxed mixes that only require water to prepare
- Bars/cracker packs
- Ramen/instant soup in a cup, mac & cheese
- Rice/pasta/quinoa/
- Tuna packets

If you would like to help, please contact Kim Donley or Karole Graham, Outreach Coordinators.

Looking for Volunteers

Coffee hosts – Sign up in the lounge

Communion prep – Contact Terri Wottrich

Ushers – Contact Chris Follett

Worship leaders – Contact Megan Dahlberg



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Thanks to all who made it possible for us to host families seeking asylum at UBC, especially our overnight hosts. We received the following note from our friends at Faithful Hospitality:

Merry Christmas to our UBC friends! On behalf of Faithful Hospitality, THANK YOU! We are so deeply grateful for every person who has volunteered, prayed for, or donated to Faithful Hospitality. You have made UBC a warm and welcoming space for the Romero Dominguez family. Your initiative and leadership in welcoming people seeking asylum here in the Twin Cities makes this program possible and, more importantly, supports our families in a difficult period of transition.

If you want to continue supporting Faithful Hospitality as an overnight host, we would love to connect with you. On January 2nd, we will be moving to St. Timothy Lutheran Church and Roseville Lutheran Church. Both churches could use the extra support! Below, you will find the links to those sign-ups.

[St. Timothy Lutheran Church: Faithful Hospitality \(St.Tim's\)](#)
[Roseville Lutheran: Faithful Hospitality \(Roseville Lutheran\)](#)

We wish you a warm and happy holidays 😊
All the best,

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January Birthdays

- 1 Pat Mavity
- 11 Kenny Wottrich
- 14 Jahmai Walton
- 15 Jim Moravek, Josie Mavity
- 20 Nancy Osborne
- 22 Luisa Garmers
- 23 Jim Ross
- 24 Anne Johnson
- 25 jay linnell, Otto Lubke
- 26 Sue Wester
- 27 Dorcal Berbed Espinoza Arbizú
- 30 Lynnette Fraser

January Anniversary

- 30 Anielka Montiel & Francisco Diaz

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