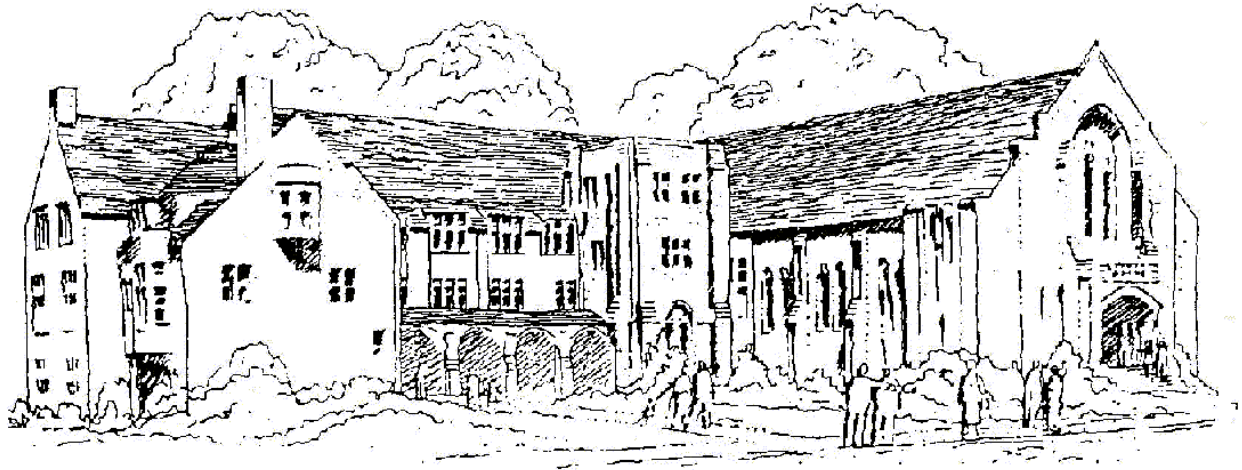


February 9, 2025



UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH

**Our Mission: to be a loving and inclusive community;
seeking faith, joy, action; nurtured by the Biblical tradition,
the teachings of Christ, and God's continuing revelation**



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Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God." Therefore, this place of sanctuary is free of violence in all its forms, including verbal violence and firearms. University Baptist Church is a member of the American Baptist Churches/USA, the Alliance of Baptists, the Association of Welcoming and Affirming Baptists, and the Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America. Our intention at University Baptist Church is to use inclusive language in our worship.

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University Baptist Church

February 9, 2025

Epiphany 6

10:00 am

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Prelude on Ubi Caritas
(Where There is Charity and Love There is God)

Norah Duncan IV

CONGREGATIONAL CALL & RESPONSE

Welcome!

¡Bienvenido a la casa de Dios! Добро пожаловать! Dobro pozhalovat! 欢迎! Huānyíng!
「ようこそ!」 Youkoso!

*CALL TO WORSHIP/LLAMADA A LA ADORACIÓN

One: I give up. Loving my enemies is beyond my ability and my will.

Many: **What does God require of you?**

One: To do more than just love my friends. I have to love those who hurt the people I stand with. To withhold judgment against them.

Many: **"Love" includes many feelings. You will be angry with everyone you love. You can and should tell them why.**

One: Help me to remember: There is space for my anger. My pain won't be dismissed.

Many: **Do not grow numb. There is beauty in anger.**

ALL: **HOLY GOD, SHOW US THE TRUTH. GIVE US THE COURAGE TO SPEAK IT.
EVEN AND ESPECIALLY WHEN WE ARE AFRAID. AMEN.**

(Adapted by Paula Moyer from *Black Liturgies: Prayers, Poems, and Meditations for Staying Human* by Cole Riley, p. 106)

*(*Stand as you are willing and able)*

*OPENING HYMN
Black Hymnal #475

God's Eye is On the Sparrow

SPARROW

God's Eye Is on the Sparrow

*Matt. 10:26-30; Luke 12:4-7**Civilla D. Martin, c. 1905; alt.*

Stanzas, in unison

1 Why should I feel dis-cour-aged, why should the shad-ows come,
 2 "Let not your heart be trou-bled," Christ's ten-der word I hear,
 3 When-ev-er I am tempt-ed, when-ev-er clouds a-rise,

Why should my heart be lone-ly and long for heaven and
 And rest-ing on God's good-ness, I lose my doubts and
 When song gives place to sigh-ing, when hope with-in me

home, When God is ev-er my por-tion? My
 fears; Though by the path . . . God leads me but
 dies, I then draw close to my Sav-ior, from

con-stant friend will be: God's eye is on the spar-row, and I
 one step I may see: God's eye is on the spar-row, and I
 care I am set free: God's eye is on the spar-row, and I

Civilla Martin, a native of Nova Scotia, assisted her husband in his evangelistic campaigns. Charles Gabriel was editor for Rodeheaver Publishing Company, Chicago, and one of the most popular gospel

Tune: SPARROW Irr.
 Charles H. Gabriel, 1905

know God watch-es me; God's eye is on the spar-row, and I
 know God watch-es me; God's eye is on the spar-row, and I
 know God watch-es me; God's eye is on the spar-row, and I

Refrain, in harmony

know God watch-es me. I sing be-cause I'm
 know God watch-es me. I sing be-cause I'm
 know God watch-es me. I sing be-cause I'm

hap-py, I'm hap-py, I sing be-cause I'm free, God's
 I'm hap-py, I'm free,

eye is on the spar-row, and I know God watch-es me.

San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zón te a - do - ra! Mi
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My

cor - a - zón te sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res Dios.
 heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, God.

PRAYING TOGETHER

MORNING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Use these words or whatever is familiar to you)

Our Father/Mother who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Padre/Madre nuestro, que estás en el cielo, santificado sea tu nombre; venga a nosotros tu reino; hágase tu voluntad en la tierra como en el cielo. Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día; perdona nuestras ofensas, como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden; no nos dejes caer en la tentación, y líbranos del mal. Porque tuyo es el reino, el poder, y la gloria, por siempre. Amén.

ATTENDING TO THE WORD

SCRIPTURE

Luke 6:27-38

Rev. Doug Donley

*HYMN

Strong, Peaceful Man of Galilee

MELITA

[Insert]

573 Strong, Peaceful Man of Galilee

MELITA 8.8.8.8.8

1 Strong, peace-ful man of Gal-i-lee, robed with your strength we
 2 Strong, right-eous man of Gal-i-lee, dressed with your peace we
 3 Strong, suf-f'ring man of Gal-i-lee, clad in your grace we
 4 God's peace-ful man of Gal-i-lee, Love's tri-umph, we at

long to be—not to re-venge; to heal and pray, to
 long to be—in tem-ple court, your cleans-ing rod; on
 hope to be—love at the well, share Mar-tha's loss, for-
 last will see—to crum-ble ev-'ry bound-'ry wall, build

turn the cheek, and trib-ute pay. Robed with your strength we
 greed and lies, the wrath of God. Dressed with your peace we
 give the nails, and take the cross. Clad in your grace we
 high-ways to the hearts of all. Love's tri-umph, we at

long to be, strong, peace-ful man of Gal-i-lee.
 long to be, strong, right-eous man of Gal-i-lee.
 hope to be, strong, suf-f'ring man of Gal-i-lee.
 last will see, God's peace-ful man of Gal-i-lee.

SERMON

"Sermon on the Plain II:
A Revolutionary Posture"

Rev. Doug Donley

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING



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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Oh, Freedom

arr. Kim Donley

Oh, freedom, oh, freedom,
oh, freedom over me.
And before I'd be a slave
I'll be buried in my grave,
and go home to my Lord and be free.

No more cryin', no more cryin',
no more cryin' over me.
And before I'd be a slave
I'll be buried in my grave,
and go home to my Lord and be free.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Todos son hijos, y hijas de Dios.
No hay judío ni griego.
No hay esclavo ni libre.
No hay hombre y mujer.
Sino que todos somos uno solo en el espíritu.

**We are all children of God.
There is no Jew or Greek.
There is no slave or free.
There is no male and female.
For we are all one in the Spirit.**
(Galatians 3:26, 28, S. J. Patterson)

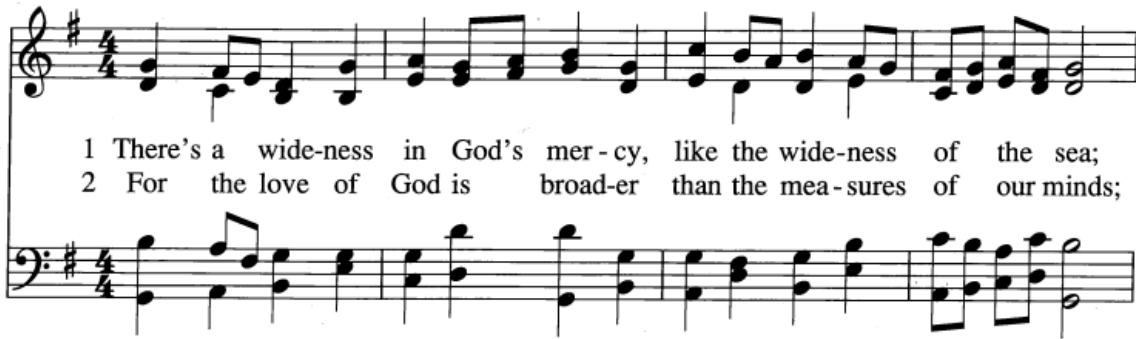
*OPENING HYMN
Black Hymnal #23

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

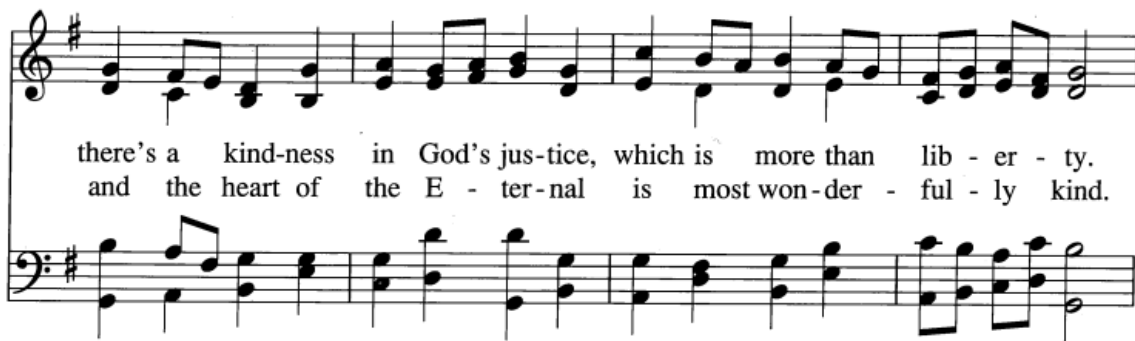
IN BABILONE

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

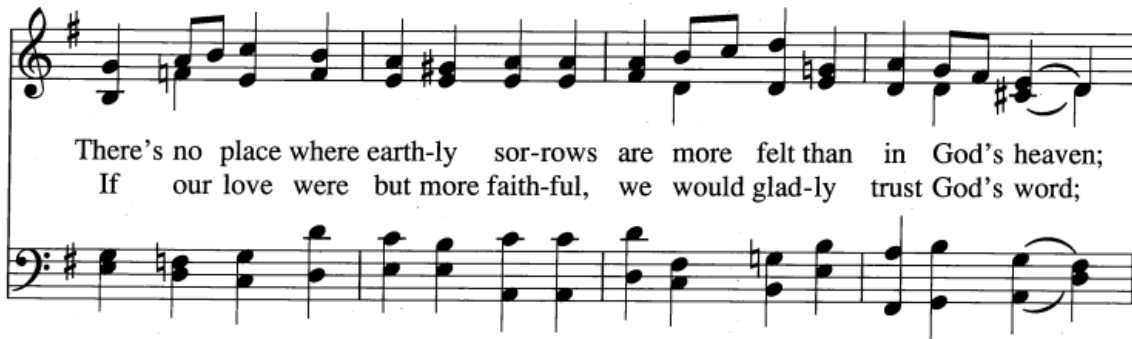
Frederick William Faber, 1854; alt.



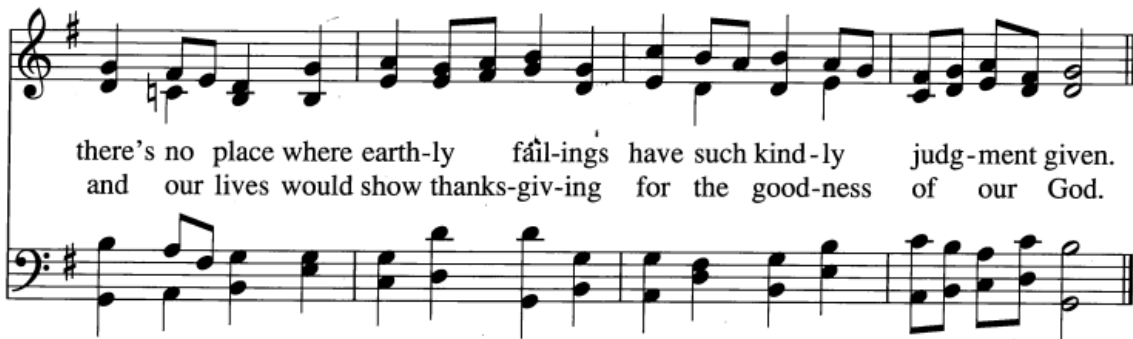
1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy, like the wide-ness of the sea;
2 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sures of our minds;



there's a kind-ness in God's jus-tice, which is more than lib - er - ty.
and the heart of the E - ter-nal is most won-der - ful - ly kind.



There's no place where earth-ly sor-rows are more felt than in God's heaven;
If our love were but more faith-ful, we would glad-ly trust God's word;



there's no place where earth-ly fail-ings have such kind-ly judg-ment given.
and our lives would show thanks-giv-ing for the good-ness of our God.

Of Huguenot Protestant ancestry, Frederick William Faber was influenced by the Oxford Movement and eventually became a Catholic priest. He wrote 150 hymns to correspond to the number of psalms.

Tune: IN BABILONE 8.7.8.7.D.
Dutch melody
Arr. Julius Röntgen, 1906
Alternate tune: HOLY MANNA

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Postlude in E Minor

Marc Fax

JOYS AND CONCERNS

After the livestream ends

NOTES ON THE MUSIC:

Norah Duncan IV is Professor and former Chair of the Department of Music at Wayne State University. He is also the Area Coordinator for Organ Performance. Additionally, he directs the WSU Concert Chorale and coordinates many of the choral concerts presented by the Department of Music. He has performed extensively as an organist, and also is heavily involved with church music, specifically music for the Catholic Church — he has been music director for the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament (Detroit) for over 26 years, both planning and directing music for both major Archdiocesan liturgies and local parish celebrations. He is the second longest serving Roman Catholic cathedral musician in the country. In 2024 he was the first recipient of the "Changing Lives Through Music" Award presented to him by Anne Parsons, President of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

Marc Fax (1911-74) was a child prodigy; among other early accomplishments was his playing theater organs to accompany silent films when he was in his teens. He attended Syracuse University and Eastman Conservatory and taught at various colleges and universities including Paine College (GA), Black Mountain College, and Howard University, where he was chair of the music department. Fax composed works for chorus, symphony, chamber ensemble, voice, piano and organ, in addition to two full-length operas. Sadly, his music is little known, and much of it is unpublished.

SPECIAL OFFERINGS FOR JANUARY & FEBRUARY

Each month we lift up one of our mission partners. If you want to earmark a donation to this mission, please indicate that on your payment (online or by check). Here's the information for this month's special mission offering:

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 it in the offering with a note on the check or envelope, 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!

—Kim Donley and Karole Graham, Outreach co-chairs

UBC ANNOUNCEMENTS

See our newsletter at ubcmn.org/newsletter for Zoom links and more info
UBC's Admin Assistant's in-office hours are Tuesdays 12-3, Wednesdays 12-4, and Fridays 12-5.

Today

The nursery, Room 205, is available for children through age 10. Childcare is provided by U students Ely (they/them), Mara (she/her), Elijah (he/him), Sami (she/her), and Nova (she/her) from 9:15 to 12:45.

Refreshments will be served in the lounge immediately following the service.

Today's Forum – UBC discernment process: Report from Philadelphia. Pastor Doug Donley, Claire Mavity, and Matty Strickler represented UBC in Philadelphia February 5–8 at a meeting of grant recipients, including ours to support our discernment process that began last year. They will report on their experience and what they learned.

Journeys, a Bible Study for adults – 11:30 in the library. Journeys is an opportunity to read, to explore your questions, and to share your thoughts about key passages of Scripture. Each week there is a new reading and a new lesson. Journeys is open to all. No preparation or long-term commitment is required. Feel free to attend regularly or only occasionally. See Diane Ehr or Nancy Myers for more information.

February 9	Encounter	1 Corinthians 15:1-11
February 16	Blessedness	Psalm 1
February 23	Emulate	Luke 6:27-38

Light and Love rehearsal at 1:15pm.

UBC Council at 3:30pm.

Sacred Harp Singing – Sundays (except the 1st), 4-6pm, and every Tuesday, 5:30-7:30pm, at UBC in Room 303. No experience or talent necessary!

This week

Bells and Choir Rehearsals – Wednesday evenings in the sanctuary or lounge. Choir 6pm, Bells 7:30pm.

UBC Anti-Racism Work – Tuesday, February 11, 7pm. We will discuss the "antidotes" to the first five characteristics (perfectionism, sense of urgency, defensiveness, quantity over quality, and worship of the written word) of White Supremacy Culture identified by author Tema Okun in her essay, which we discussed in the forum on January 19. How can the antidotes Okun described help us in our congregational life at UBC? Everyone is welcome to join this monthly gathering.

ZOOM INFO: Meeting ID: 517 697 6753 Passcode: 602794

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5176976753?pwd=NG15ZlNlbDcwUElzTWVmLzRyZm50QT09>

175th Anniversary Team meeting – Wednesday, February 12th at 12:30pm at the home of Sue Wester. If you are interested in helping plan our celebration, please contact Gayla Marty at gaylamarty@gmail.com

Every Meal – Thursday, February 13 (usually the 2nd Friday), 11am -1pm at Marcy Open School in SE Minneapolis. Volunteers are needed to deliver meal bags to student backpacks during the school day. If you are interested, please contact Kim Donley, Chris Follett or Denise Roy denise.roy@mitchellhamline.edu

Bonhoeffer's Black Jesus – Thursdays, February 6, 13, 20, and 27 at 7pm CST. New book study led by Dr. Gregory Thompson. This study explores the Christology Bonhoeffer learned in Harlem's churches, featuring a Black Christ who suffered with African Americans in their struggle against systemic injustice and racial violence—and then resisted. Bonhoeffer's immersion within the Black American narrative was a turning point for him, causing him to see anew the meaning of his claim that obedience to Jesus requires concrete historical action.

Register: <https://hgy4hl.fd47.fdske.com/e/c/01jhtntsdt0b8fk93hbrpqdde7/01jhtntsdy5nbf0y51b7vtq6d7>

Bible Study – February 15 (1st & 3rd Sat.) 9am. We will discuss Luke 6 & 7. New and occasional members are always welcome. No special background, skill, or preparation is required. If you have any questions, please contact Diane at dianeehr82@gmail.com. ZOOM INFO: Meeting ID: 517 697 6753 Passcode: 602794
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5176976753?pwd=NG15ZlNlbDcwUElzTWVmLzRyZm50QT09>

Love & Light Concert – Saturday, February 15, 3pm & Sunday, February 16, 7pm at First Baptist Church, 499 Wacouta Street, Saint Paul. This concert will feature the music of Elwyn A. Fraser Jr. in a collaboration between 10th Wave, the UBC Choir, and the UBC Carillon Handbell Choir. Reserve your tickets on [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com). Family-friendly, immersive, and interactive concert for all ages! Be sure to stick around for the musical instrument petting zoo to get an up-close look at some of the instruments you'll see on stage as well as the non-profit pop-up in the lobby to further support our community and those in need

Forum February 16 – Random Acts of Kindness Day. Extended coffee hour, with our children and families hosting! We are working on some optional activities to do together, too.

Looking Ahead

UBC-FCC Knitting Group – February 17 (3rd Monday), 7pm at Cynthia Hobbie’s. The group is made up of stitchers from UBC and First Congregational Church. If you have questions, please contact Chris Follett at chrisf2828@yahoo.com.

Memoir Writing Group – February 18 (every other Tuesday) 7pm via Zoom. All are welcome! Prompts include Soup, (Anti) Valentine's Day, and “Where was I when _____ happened?” or whatever else you feel called to write about. Contact Trish Donley if you have any questions.

Card Club – Saturday, February 22, 1pm. 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 Lubke at 651-295-7525 or jeanlubke01@gmail.com

Mardi Gras – Friday, February 28, 4:30-8pm. This event will have tacos, donuts, mini golf, and live music by “The Roasters” with the food served starting at 5:30pm. The first hour (4:30-5:30) is geared toward COVID cautious folks - masks are required. Co-hosted by ULCH & First Congregational Church, hosted at First Church, 500 8th Ave SE. Freewill donations support youth trips to Guatemala

Meals on Wheels – March 4-7 (Tuesday-Friday the first full week of the month). Meals are picked up around 11:15 am 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 marielafrence46@gmail.com.

UBC-FCC Daytime Handcraft Group – March 5 (1st Wednesday), 10am in the Parlor at First Congregational Church (500 8th Ave. SE). If you are interested and want to be on a distribution list, please let Marilyn Burns (from FCC) know at mbsnoobear@mac.com.

Caregiver Support Group – March 6 (1st Thursday), 6:30pm. UBCers who have an elderly family member meet for support. If you have any questions, please contact Jean Lubke at jeanlubke01@gmail.com

Grace in Contemporary Literature by Women Book Group – March 8 (2nd Saturday), 1pm. The book this month is *Drive Your Plow Over the Bones of the Dead* by Olga Tokarczuk. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Follett at chrisf2828@yahoo.com.

Wild Church Gathering – March 8 (2nd Saturday), 2pm, at the Peace statue by Nicollet Island Pavillion. We will join together with friends from ULCH and FCC. During our time together, we will ground ourselves in scripture, poetry and song before embarking on a time of wandering. We will close with a time of reflection and sharing. The Wild Church movement invites us to reshape our relationship with creation through outdoor worship. See more info here: <https://www.wildchurchnetwork.com/>

Other Volunteer Opportunities

UBC history research – At the Minnesota History Center, UBC has 19 boxes of files and other materials. There is a lot of sleuthing to do! We are able to schedule appointments and reserve a table on Wednesdays through Saturdays, 10-1 and 1-4. If you would like to join a group going over to the History Center sometime, please contact Gayla Marty at gaylamarty@gmail.com or 612-845-8417.

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.