



UBC NEWS

University Baptist Church

1219 University Ave SE

Minneapolis MN 55414

Established 1850 at St. Anthony Falls, MN

April 15, 2021

From the Pastor

Come Together

Easter has come and gone. The flowers are blooming in the church gardens. We even had a sunrise service outside on the lawn.

But in our city, the Chauvin trial seems like a Lenten extension. We see a man dying before us on a seemingly endless loop. We find ourselves glued to the testimony and our hearts are broken again and again. We know that even with overwhelming evidence, it is seldom that a police officer is convicted. And so, we wait and watch and wonder.

I have been impressed by the creative ways that people are coming together across the city to channel their best energy toward healing. There are virtual prayer tents with weekly reflections. Here's a link: <https://www.healingourcity.org>. There are free meals being passed out to those standing vigil at George Floyd Square at 38th and Chicago. There are folks holding each other accountable and keeping



the need for racial understanding and justice at the forefront of our discussions. We do this as the country looks on.

What is the church's role in the midst of this? It holds a place of grounding and shelter amidst the storms of life. It's also an incubator for the passions of a too-long ignored people to breathe anew.

So, as we slowly move toward having more events at our corner of 13th and University, may we foster new ways to bring or at least reflect the hope for which we all long. May we remember that Christ came to the world to help us move toward compassion, mercy, justice and peace.

Blessings and Peace,

Doug Donley

Calendar for April 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
9 am Social time 9:15 am Joys & Concerns 10 am Worship 11 am Forum	5 pm Inter Spanish 6:15 pm Beg Spanish	7 pm Key Doc Group	6 pm Choir	5:30 pm Guided Meditation	7 pm John's book launch	9 am Bible Study 4 pm Anti-Racism Film Group
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2020-21 UBC Worship Theme: "Repairing the Breach/ Restoring the Streets" Isaiah 58:12

<i>Worship Leader</i>			
Apr. 18	"Courage"	2 Timothy 1:3-7	Howard Johnson
Apr. 25	"Reparations"	Luke 19:1-10	Karen Swenson
May 2	"Abundance"	Acts 10:1-38	Diane Ehr
May 9	"Children"	Mark 10:13-16	Matty Strickler
May 16	"Who Takes up the Mantle?"	Matthew 4:12-23	Karen Swenson

Mark Your Calendars!
UBC Annual Meeting,
Sunday June 13 at 11 am

What's Going On



Sunday Mornings via Zoom

9 am – Social Time

9:15–Joys & Concerns

11 am – Forum

ZOOM INFO: Meeting ID 839 4725 7444
passcode 257750

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

We're going to continue to meet before and after the worship service. At 10 am, we will close out the Zoom meeting. **You can watch the recorded service by clicking on the link you'll find at www.ubcmn.org.** After viewing the service on your own, we'll come back to the Zoom meeting for visiting and our Forum. This move is designed to eliminate the occasional glitches in watching a recorded service over Zoom.

Guided Meditation – Thursdays at 5:30 pm

Join Kim Donley for 15-20 minutes of guided meditation to help us to stop, breathe, and focus on grounding ourselves.



ZOOM INFO: Meeting ID: 856 3650 9180 passcode: 484125

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85636509180?pwd=R3lJdWQzbG5raEQrck50cWZPWStOUT09>



Bible Study – Apr. 17 (1st & 3rd Sat.) at 9 am. We will finish Mark's Gospel following Easter on Apr. 17. New members are welcome! For questions, contact Diane Ehr, DianeEhr@q.com.

ZOOM INFO: Meeting ID: 886 6992 0103 passcode: 613038

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88669920103?pwd=dn0zWEYzQUh1RU5HUTFWcVd3ZFY1Zz09>

Anti-Racism Discussion and Action Group – Saturdays at 4 pm

Apr. 17 – [Modern Day Slavery: From Plantations to Prisons](#) (1 hr, 53 min, Tubitv)

Apr. 24 – [Two Black Men a Week](#) (51 min, Tubitv)



ZOOM INFO: Meeting ID: 831 4584 1908 passcode: 313775

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83145841908?pwd=djhuSmMwZ1NESXZ5SExNOURXa2FNQT09>



Processing the Chauvin Trial – Sunday, April 18 at 5 pm. All are welcome to process, debrief, share information and thoughts.

ZOOM INFO: Meeting ID: 828 0165 0564 Passcode: 050320

+1 312 626 6799

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82801650564?pwd=WFPtTlJ0YzF1eTJRZTBQdmVvUEF4Zz09>

Spanish classes – Mondays (Intermediate 5-6 pm, Beginners 6:15-7:15 pm)

ZOOM INFO: Meeting ID 810 5166 8898 passcode 292647

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81051668898?pwd=R1liaXBpMXJRMlFT0liZ2hTZVhXdz09>



More of What's Going On



Memoir Writing Group – Apr. 20 (every other Tues.) at 7 pm

All are welcome! Come share your stories, and listen and give feedback to others. Feel free to write about anything you'd like. Here are some new ideas for prompts: Fear Not, Rain, Turquoise. If you have any questions, please contact Trish Donley at crazyazgal@msn.com or call/text 612-386-2856. (See some of the members' work on page 10.)

ZOOM INFO: Meeting ID: 810 6944 9838 passcode: 244380
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81069449838?pwd=ZWNIUmMzNXRSYIFYaHJUczk2ZmRoUT09>

Virtual Choir Practice – Wednesdays at 6 pm

ZOOM INFO: Meeting ID: 871 8601 2016 passcode: 113703
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87186012016?pwd=SjJ0eGJ2bVN1M1NZK0ljYkxkb1pYZz09>



Essential Documents Group – Apr. 27 (every other Tues.) at 7 pm.

Join other UBCers for accountability to complete your essential documents such as your health care directive, obituary, funeral plans, and organize your financial records.). Bring your documents in progress and questions for discussion. If you have any questions, please contact Gayla Marty at gaylamarty@gmail.com.

ZOOM INFO: Meeting ID: 810 6944 9838 passcode: 244380
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81069449838?pwd=ZWNIUmMzNXRSYIFYaHJUczk2ZmRoUT09>

HEALTH CARE DIRECTIVE INFO AND FORMS

Background on Health Care Directives:

<https://www.health.state.mn.us/facilities/regulation/infobulletins/advdir.html>
<https://mn.gov/board-on-aging/connect-to-services/legal/advanced-care-planning/advance-directives/>

Here's a link directly to the form:

<https://www.ag.state.mn.us/consumer/handbooks/probate/HealtCareDir.pdf>

Honoring Choices is a user-friendly website focused on advance care planning. The forms on this website are easy to access and it appears that they are consistent with the statute-approved forms. There are short and long forms. You may find this site and the menu of forms useful:

<https://www.honoringchoices.org/health-care-directives/english>

Article [Is End of Life Its Own Stage of Life?](#)

A couple ideas for organizing files ahead of time

<https://www.aarp.org/home-family/friends-family/info-2020/when-loved-one-dies-checklist.html>
<https://www.nia.nih.gov/health/getting-your-affairs-order>



Loaves & Fishes – Fri, April 30 at 1816 Portland Ave. S., Mpls 55404 (new location) Loaves & Fishes has moved from St. Stephen's School to Peace House Community. (We've been at St. Stephen's since 1990.) It's a few blocks NE of St. Stephen's. Parking is available on Portland or there is a small lot on the alley west of the building.

It's a smaller site and so far, the number of guests have been fewer. We'll be doing the same meal that we have done but on a smaller scale. We'll need about four people for preparation sometime between 2-5 pm. and about six people for serving from about 5-6:30 pm. Serving will be preparing to-go containers as we have been doing recently. And we'll need a couple people to help with clean-up until about 7 pm. Let Steve Lee know at steven.lee@thrivent.com or 612-844-8194 or 763-645-9499 if you would like to help.

UPCOMING FORUMS

April 18—Interfaith Work for Racial and Economic Justice

ISAIAH is a multiracial, statewide, nonpartisan coalition of faith communities fighting for racial and economic justice in Minnesota, on issues including health care, children, mass incarceration, and more.

Minneapolis congregational organizer Ben Whalen will give us an overview of ISAIAH as a whole. Then he will describe a current priority around policing and public safety in Minneapolis, helping people understand the charter amendment proposals and equipping us to shape the future of our city through caucuses. Check out <https://isaiahmn.org> and click here to learn more about the amendments

April 25—Rain Gardens Coming to UBC

UBC has been selected to receive two grants to improve the stewardship of our little corner of earth: \$50,000 from the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization and a Good Steward Grant of \$6,900 from Hennepin County. In the coming year, we will be contracting to install rain gardens that will keep rain in the soil—and out of our building and storm sewers! Grant writer and shape-note singer Barb Patterson will join us to describe the project and answer questions.

Do you have a forum topic or speaker idea?

If you have an idea for a forum, please contact Gayla Marty.

May 2—Calling All Talent!

What are you feeling called to do? What are the opportunities and needs at UBC? In this forum, the UBC Talent Team—Trish Donley, Harriet Johnson, and Betty Shaw—will be on hand along with president Denise Roy to talk about what they do, needs they see at UBC in the coming year, and how to complete the Time & Talent form, which is now mostly online (though paper is still an option by request).

May 2 is the target deadline to complete the forms for the 2021-22 program year if you haven't already, so please join us, whether you want tips for filling out the form or an overview of the beehive of activity we call church—from music and gardening to leadership and outreach.

John Medeiros's Book Launch

Friday, April 16 at 7 pm

Join UBC member John Medeiros as he discusses and reads from his newly published memoir, *Self-Divided*, at the official book launch presented by Quatrefoil Library.

Registration for this free event can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/events/887341935389351>



Plans for Upcoming Worship

The Worship Planning Team met last week and decided that we will begin transitioning our worship as it becomes safer to meet in-person. We continue to monitor state and national guidelines. Our goal is to provide a positive, powerful, and safe worship experience for all our members, friends, and staff.

For the remainder of April, we will:

- Continue to create pre-recorded services that will be found at links on our website (www.ubcmn.org)
- Continue to meet at 9 am on Zoom for visiting with Joys and Concerns beginning at 9:15 am
- Continue to meet after the services on Zoom for visiting and forums at 11 am.
- **Discontinue offering the prerecorded YouTube service through Zoom** and Pastor Doug's home internet. Instead, members are asked to go to the UBC website (ubcmn.org) at 10 am and watch the service directly, and then return to the Zoom space for coffee and forum time

For May, we will:

- Continue to create pre-recorded services that will be found at links on our website (www.ubcmn.org)
- **Weather permitting, hold services on the church lawn. Everyone will be expected to wear masks. We will not livestream the in-person services outdoors.**
- Continue to have a Zoom Joys and Concerns **beginning at 9 am.**
- Continue to have Zoom Coffee Time after the service and forums beginning at 11 am.
- Not have in-person services if the weather does not permit. Pastor Doug will make the decision by 8 am each Sunday whether to cancel the in-person service and will send an email.

This will give everyone two options for participating in worship - in-person on the lawn or watching the pre-recorded service. The sermons and music will be similar. Since it is not being live-streamed, the in-person service will include a Joys and Concerns time during the service.

For June and July, we will:

- Continue to create pre-recorded services that will be found at links on our website (www.ubcmn.org)
- Hold services on the church lawn, weather permitting. Everyone will be expected to wear masks. These services will not be live-streamed or recorded.
- Continue to have a Zoom Joys and Concerns **beginning at 9 am**
- **Not hold Zoom Coffee Time after the service or forums, which is our normal summer practice.**
- Not have any in-person service if the weather does not permit. Pastor Doug will make the decision by 8 am Sunday to cancel the in-person service.

As we come back together, we will be making a few changes to our former worship traditions:

- **Communion** will be set up on multiple tables to keep elements separate and avoid crowds around a single communion table. We will use plastic disposable cups and cut pieces of bread separated on multiple plates. We individually will bring the elements back to our seats, wait for all to receive them, and then partake together.
- We may include the blessing and response of "Peace Be With You" and "And Also with you" in the service, but **we will not leave our seats or have physical contact with each other** (no shaking hands, hugs, etc.)
- **Offering** will not take place during the service. **Look for boxes or plates** at the entrances - and remember you can donate to UBC online now.

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Worship – continued

Hopefully, in August, we will begin to celebrate together in the sanctuary - pandemic permitting. We are investigating equipment that would allow us to live stream services from the sanctuary and incorporate some pre-recorded pieces (ex. Spanish scripture readings from Nicaragua) in the live service.

We are looking for **people who are willing to help with some of the technology** (sound, camera, etc.) on a rotating basis. If you are interested, please contact me.

Jean Lubke

Worship Team lead

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

Our Commitment Sunday is May 2. If this was a normal year, we would bring our completed pledges of time, talent and treasure to the church sanctuary. We would gather in a circle at the end of the service, hold hands and sing “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”. We would look at each other and remind ourselves how much we need each other and how blessed we are to minister together in this time and place. This year, we may be able to enjoy an outdoor COVID-safer version of the ceremony if weather permits. Otherwise, your commitments to UBC will travel by email, phone, or mail.

thank you

Are you even just a little bit tech-y?

As UBC strengthens its virtual presence, we are looking to form a Zoom Team. Do you have experience with Zoom? We are hoping to gather a group of people who can serve as mentors and troubleshooters for those of us who are less skilled with the nuances of using technology.

Please contact Gayla Marty or Trish Donley if you have interest in sharing your gifts!



Mar. 29 - This big crocus is the first flower to bloom in our garden.

Photo by Jim Ross.

Do you have a favorite recipe to share?



We are putting together a new UBC Cookbook! The first edition was done by the UBC Loyalty Circle in 1994 and it's time for an update!

Please send me your tried-and-true recipes (make sure they are not copyrighted) for categories of appetizers, salads and vegetables, soups and stews, main dishes, bread, cookies/bars/desserts. Make note if your item is vegetarian, gluten-free or vegan.

Did you serve something wonderful for Palm Sunday Brunch – or for a Dinner for Eight? Do you have a knack for soup making? Or cookies? (I'm looking at you Terri Wottrich!) Please share! We will be working on this project over a period of months so you have time (and there will be reminders!) Thanks!

– Chris Follett



UBC Music Group Blast from the Past!

Front: Lisa Roy, Erika Garmers, Diane Palosaari, Chris Follett

Back: Doug Roy, Steve Schomberg

From the mid-70s
Photo by Don Follett

Under Construction!

In the weeks to come, you may notice some significant changes to the UBC website. We're in the process of overhauling the site and so things might look a bit different.

The overhaul will continue throughout the summer in the hopes of having the new site fully operational in time for the 2021-2022 worship and school year.

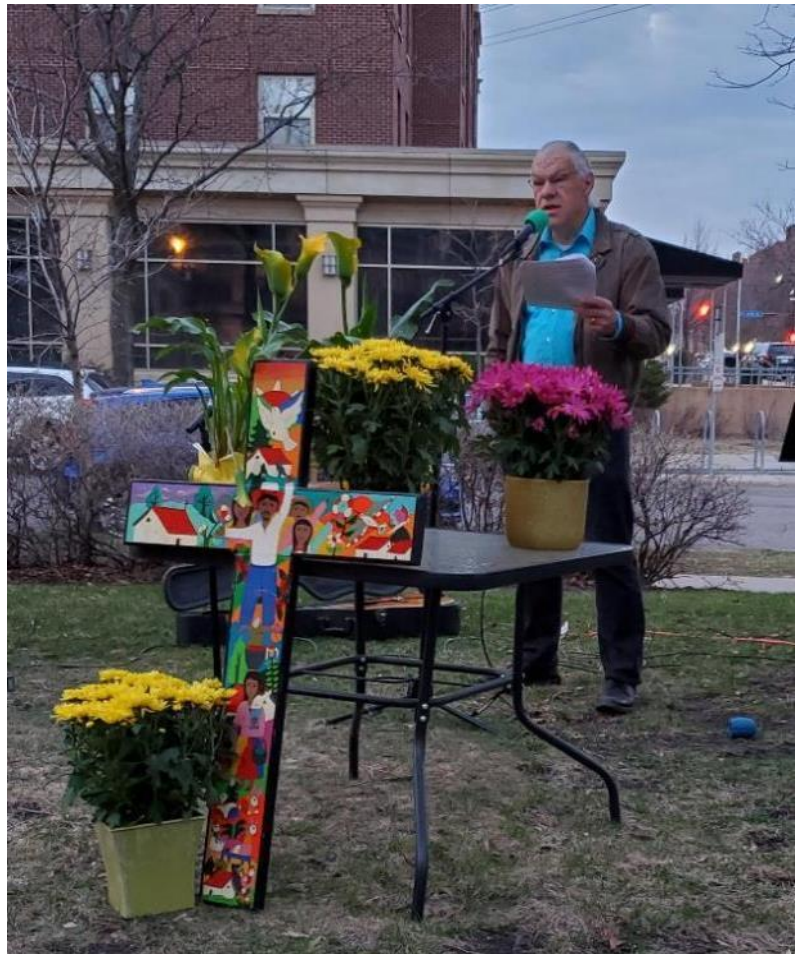
If you experience any difficulties accessing the website or finding the information that you need on it, please contact Matty Strickler, Council Communications Chair, so that we can be sure to address the issue. Matty can be reached at 612-275-2508 or stri0057@gmail.com

Easter Sunrise Service



Although the clouds prevented the glorious sunrise we wanted, 15 or so stalwart UBCers attended Easter service at 6:30 am on the church lawn. Pastor Doug, worship leader Karen Swenson and music director David Lesniaski presented a thoughtful and memorable service. And, the best part was we got to see our friends in person!

Photo by Chris Follett



Join the UBC Facebook Group and see more photos!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/82471051272/photos/>

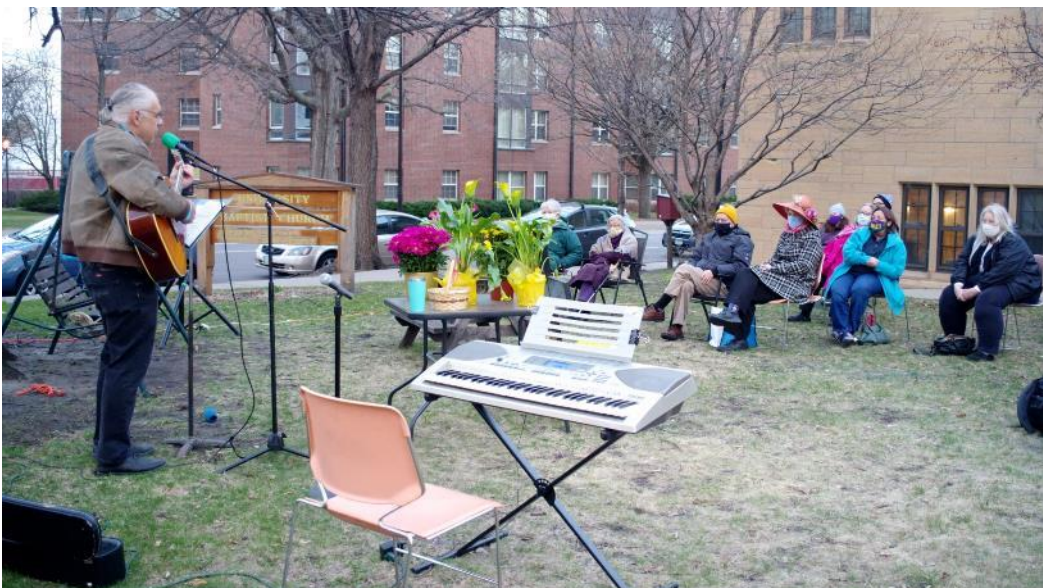


Photo by Jim Ross

Contributions from the UBC Memoir Group

Living in Isolation

By Harriet Johnson

When Lee, Jessica, and I flew down to the University of North Carolina to celebrate Valentine's Day with Granddaughter Sydney in 2020, we felt a few twinges of concern about the export of a virus from Asia that might be coming to the USA, but we gleefully put all worries aside and just enjoyed being with her on her college campus in her senior year. We were meeting all her friends, seeing her favorite places on campus, going to a basketball game, and having fun together.

By the middle of March, however, those worries were real; and on the evening that Doug and Kim Donley came to dinner at Walker Place to join the Carmans and me in our dining room for a meal together, there was no doubt that big changes were coming for all of us. The dining room hostess drew me apart as we left after dinner and whispered, "No more guests after these two; we are shutting down the dining room tomorrow morning." They shut down not only the dining room but all of Walker Place!

Our new life in the midst of an epidemic was totally different. Our meals were brought up to us at our apartment door as was our daily mail. We were tested for temperature twice a day by a nurses' aide who came to our door and appeared with her thermometer as well as her mask. Visitors were by appointment only all through Spring, Summer, and Fall when we could sit outside wearing our masks and of course "six feet apart" sitting on very hard chairs for an hour-long visit.

Lee called from Colorado frequently and every month helped me make my on-line grocery order, while the faithful Brad telephoned every day and kept me in vitamins from Target. Chris Follett and Kim Donley came for a visit outside in the warmer weather; Marie La France brought the book for the Book Club from the library; ex-neighbor Jill Griffiths



Grandson Alex, granddaughter Sydney, son Lee, daughter-in-law Jessica.

appeared monthly with some treat en route to visit her Mom who was in isolation in her western suburb home. The two Anitas appeared with fresh-baked goods from the bakery.

Even Granddaughter Sydney stopped by on her way from vacationing in Wisconsin driving home to Colorado. I felt really spoiled by so much attention and frankly just lapped it up. Frequent phone calls were another way of keeping in touch with good friends and kept me from being so lonely. My Chromebook got a work-out, too, as e-mails to friends flew near and far. Most of them, too, were isolated and lonely.

It was the new technology of Zoom that was another life-saver. Lee set up "Family Meetings" with Zoom about once a month. And the continued church life from UBC reached out by Zoom with a full schedule.

Walker Place staff tried to be creative in so many ways with exercise and yoga classes that were broadcast into our apartments from the Fitness Center and with meditation and concerts piped in from the Chapel to our TVs. My life, while a very

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Harriet – continued

isolated one, was enriched by family and friends, church life and Walker Place. And I really tried, too, to reach out to others that I knew were lonely and restive, too. Perhaps that was all I could honestly do for others during the epidemic which seemed to go on and on, much longer than we had anticipated.

There were lots of empty times in the day though when TV news and the daily paper with its crossword puzzle were not enough. At first, I cleaned out all the cupboards in the kitchen and all the dresser drawers in the bedroom. Next, I went through Cork's filing cabinet and tried valiantly to find the papers that the lawyer needed for his work. The Walker Place Library was a real salvation for me. And amazingly, I discovered that every now and then I just used the time to ponder things, to try to understand what was happening in my present world, and to think back on questions and even answers from times past. Time to reflect had not been part of my days before and I appreciated having it now.

Perhaps it was the days of special memories that were the hardest for me. The Easter of 2020 was not only spent in the apartment alone but it was the first without Cork with me in 61 years. While the family and friends were wonderful about filling in by Zoom

and telephone, there was still a strong awareness of my total real solitude for the anniversary of the death of Cork in September, for Thanksgiving in November, and for Christmas here in the apartment alone. While I knew that all of us around the world were suffering in different ways and perhaps my suffering was the easiest, it still brought a heavy sense of sadness on those times of remembrance.



Sons Lee and Brad

Now after a year of Covid 19, restrictions are beginning to be lifted--maybe only temporarily---but it is a relief as more and more of us are vaccinated and free to do more. This Easter Brad and I, both vaccinated, could have a picnic in the park together and a face-to-face celebration for the first time in over a year. It has been a year to remember and put in a memoir!



April Birthdays

- 3 Kamiyah Walton**
- 9 Betty Roy**
- 10 David Martyn**
- 12 Erica Garmers**
- 26 Denise Roy**

April Anniversary

- 27 Rachael Acevedo & Zach Hoffman**

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

UBC operating income continues to be strong. Donations and rents total \$195,600, which is \$18,200 greater than the pro-rata expectations.

UBC's projected operating income for 2020-21 is almost \$305,000. This includes the \$20,407 carried-forward from 2019-20 and the Foundation distributions of \$48,000.

Most of our income (58%) comes from the pledges made by members. Expected pledge income for the 2020-21 fiscal year is \$176,455. On a pro-rata basis, we'd expect \$132,300 at the end of eight months. Thanks to several pre-paid pledges, current pledge income is \$142,800, a surplus of \$10,500.

Expected annual rental income of \$50,000 is 16% of



our budget. Through Mar. we've received \$43,700 versus \$37,500 expected.

Other gifts and miscellaneous income provide 3% of our budget. Income to date is \$9,100 vs. \$7,600 expected.

The percentage of our budget which comes from the Foundation has increased this year.

The regular withdrawal, based on past earnings, is 7% of the budget.

The extra withdrawal, to fund the facilities supervisor position, is \$26,000 or 9% of the budget.

The Foundation Funds are transferred to the UBC checking account as needed by the Treasurer.

Operating Income	%	Budget	Expected	Received	Over (short)
Pledge Income	58%	\$176,455	\$132,300	\$142,800	\$10,500
Rental Income	16%	\$50,000	\$ 37,500	\$ 43,700	\$ 6,200
Other income*	3%	\$10,000	\$ 7,600	\$ 9,100	\$ 1,500
Subtotal	78%	\$236,455	\$177,400	\$195,600	\$18,200
Carry-forward	7%	\$20,407			
Foundation	16%	\$48,000			
Total Operating	100%	\$304,862			
Justice & Outreach		\$15,000		\$6,287	
Total Budget		\$319,862			

*individual gifts, loose offering & miscellaneous income

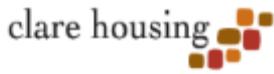
Our budget anticipates \$15,000 in designated Justice & Outreach programs over the course of the year. Gifts for special offerings can be mailed to UBC.

The Mission Offering for March and April supports local organizations that work in housing: Clare Housing, Families Moving Forward, Simpson Housing Services and Tubman. We have received \$376 for this cause.

Nancy Myers, Financial Secretary

Special Offering for March/April

Our special offering for March and April supports four local organizations that work in housing. The four organizations are Clare Housing, Families Moving Forward, Simpson Housing Services, and Tubman.



Clare Housing provides housing and healthcare services for people living with HIV/AIDS. Based in Minneapolis, Clare provides affordable and supportive housing for more than 150 people. They operate community-based care homes, supportive housing, and scattered site housing.



Families Moving Forward, a program of Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative, provides hospitality, shelter, and services for homeless families in Hennepin, Scott and Carver counties. Families stay overnight in one of over 60 congregations. The program works with 12 families at a time and about 75 families each year. They work with people to find permanent housing and employment.



Simpson Housing Services works to house, support and advocate for people experiencing homelessness. They work to help people achieve housing stability. Simpson has emergency shelters and permanent subsidized rental housing for single adults and families with children. They provide services for children and youth to help break the cycle of poverty and homelessness.



Tubman is Minnesota's largest provider of domestic violence shelter services. They provide shelter, transitional housing, mental and chemical health services, legal services and elder care.

If you like, you may designate your gift to an individual housing program, otherwise the donation will be split among the four. Please note your request on your check and send to the church, or donate online.

— Steve Lee

Online Giving Available

You can now donate funds electronically via the UBC website. Here's how it works. First, go to ubcmn.org and scroll down to the middle of the page and click on [DONATE HERE](#). This will take you to several options to donate to (pledge, Fellowship Fund, monthly mission offering, etc.)

Click on one of them and indicate how much and often you want to give. Please choose the option to add a small amount to your gift to help reduce processing fees. You may want to set up an account with Vanco, our administrator, to keep track of your giving. If you have any questions, please see Denise Roy or Nancy Myers.

What are we reading?

Here is a list of books mentioned at our forum on April 11

(listed alphabetically by title)

A Good Time for the Truth: Race in Minnesota (essays on race in Minnesota by local authors, published by the MN Historical Society Press)

Behind Her Eyes: A Suspenseful Psychological Thriller by Sarah Pinborough

The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics by Daniel James Brown

Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants by Robin Wall Kimmerer

Call Your Daughter Home by Deb Spera

Caste by Isabel Wilkerson

The Emigrants Series (The Emigrants, Unto a New Land, The Settlers and The Last Letter Home) by Vilhelm Moberg

Essays of E.B. White by E.B. White

Hannah Coulter by Wendell Berry

The Hidden Life of Trees: What They Feel, How They Communicate—Discoveries from A Secret World by Peter Wohlleben

Horizon by Barry Lopez

LaRose by Louise Erdrich

My Grandmother's Hands: Racialized Trauma and the Pathway to Mending Our Hearts and Bodies by Resmaa Menakem

Nellie Francis: Fighting for Racial Justice and Women's Equality in Minnesota by William D. Green

The Pioneers: The Heroic Story of the Settlers Who Brought the American Ideal West by David McCullough

The President is Missing by James Patterson and Bill Clinton

Prevent and Reverse Heart Disease by Caldwell B. Esselstyn, Jr. M.D.

Song in a Weary Throat: Memoir of an American Pilgrimage by Pauli Murray

Stand in the Traffic by Kate Saunders

The Starch Solution: Eat the Foods You Love, Regain Your Health, and Lose the Weight for Good! by John McDougall and Mary McDougall

Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane by Lisa See

To the Lighthouse by Virginia Woolf

Unceasing Militant: The Life of Mary Church Terrell by Alison Parker

The Undocumented Americans by Karla Cornejo Villavicencio

The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration by Isabel Wilkerson

The Weight of Ink by Rachel Kadish

Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens

The White Knight Syndrome: Rescuing Yourself from Your Need to Rescue Others by Mary C. Lamia

Articles

"Curious and Romantic Sensation" Sex, Fraud, and Celebrity in the Leon A Belmont Case of 1880"
<http://collections.mnhs.org/MNHistoryMagazine/articles/67/v67i05p214-225.pdf>

"Policing Politics: Labor, Race, and the Police Officers Federation of Minneapolis, 1945-1972"
<http://collections.mnhs.org/MNHistoryMagazine/articles/67/v67i05p226-238.pdf>

Fundraiser for Minneapolis Crisis Nursery

I am on the board of the Greater Minneapolis Crisis Nursery. This group does wonderful work supporting families (mostly Black women making less than \$12K per year and their children). They provide respite care for birth thru 5 years old (3 days at a time, 12 times a year) and a home visiting program to help stabilize these families. They are not associated with Child Protective Services and so occupy a safe niche for women who are concerned that if they express a need for a break from their kids, they may get them taken away.

Our major fund-raising event is on April 27 at noon. I'm an Event Ambassador for the event, *Formula for Hope*. It's a 30-minute virtual event to bring awareness and funds to a spectacular organization that partners with children, parents, and families to

strengthen the Twin Cities community. I hope that you'll join me and show your support for children and families who have been disproportionately affected by the events of the past year. Thank you!

If you are interested, let me know (Gunnar@umn.edu) and I will sign you up. All this means is that you will get a link to the event (where of course they will ask you for money; but it is a good cause).

You can learn more about the nursery or contribute directly at www.crisisnursery.org

- Megan Dahlberg

UBC building use until further notice

The UBC building is open to all renters, staff, and visitors with the following guidelines:

- Groups may be no larger than 10 people in one space (including the sanctuary) without advance permission from UBC.
- Social distancing of at least 6 feet must take place.
- All people must wear masks in the common areas of the building (entryways, halls, bathrooms, kitchen, lounge, sanctuary, etc.) They must wear masks in their own spaces IF there is more than one person in the room.

Congregational worship will continue via Zoom and pre-recorded videos for the foreseeable future. We hope to worship together in the sanctuary when it is safe to do so.

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