

#### **New Sermon Series**

"Lent," one writer has wonderfully remarked "is like Outward Bound for the soul." This is a great idea and it's helpful to think of this season in that way. We let go of something not to empty our life of a habit but to create space for spiritual adventure. It's like leaving the house and the shower behind to go camping. So are you up for a little discomfort (or maybe even a lot)? Jesus says that those who try to save their

lives will lose it, but those who lose their lives will find it. The journey to the cross always means discomfort, it always means letting go, but it also means we're on the pathway that leads ultimately to life.

#### Season of Lent

UBC's **Ash Wednesday Reflections** video is still available on **YouTube**! If you haven't been able watch, take a moment to engage and reflect as we begin the season of Lent using the



video as a guide. Also, this year's **Lent Devotional** is available to download at **ubc.org/lent**.

#### **Preschool Easter Garden Event**

Preschoolers and their families are invited to make their own Resurrection Garden! Join us Sunday, March 7, from 4 to 5 pm at the Pavilion to hear the Easter story told with GIANT resurrection eggs, create and plant an Easter



Resurrection Garden, and have fun together. The cost is \$10. For more info and to register, go to **ubc.org**.

## **Senior Pastor Transition Plan February Updates**

Congregational Conversation #1, Celebrating our Past, was held on Sunday, January 26. This first-of-its-kind virtual conversation via Zoom was well attended with at least

465 people joining in! You can hear more about the event and the fun behind the scenes on our special podcast episode with Matt Cook and Dan Garrison as they talked with Johanna Eckenrode the morning after the event. Meet the Transition Team, find a prayer guide, and get the latest updates about UBC's Senior Pastor Transition at <u>ubc.org/transition</u>.

#### **Weekday Registration**

This is the last week to take advantage of Early Bird Registration for the 2021-2022 school year! Registration fees will go up to \$200 on March 1! For more information and to register today, visit <u>ubc.org/weekday</u>.

## **Community Connections**

We are thrilled to announce the coming of Community Connections! Get ready for fun, learning, and connection in these new, short-term interest groups meeting via Zoom. From fishing, to cooking, to art, and so much more, there is something for everyone. More details are coming soon.

#### Save the Date!

On April 10, from 8 am-noon, we will have a churchwide day of service! Projects will include landscaping, painting, car assessments, gardening, and more. There will be COVID-safety protocols in place during the event. More information to come!

# Pastors' Bible Study

Our virtual Pastors' Bible Study has begun. For our study, we will be focusing on some great hymns of the faith, the background of the hymn, the composer's biographical notes, Scriptural connections with the hymn, and some theological notes. Join us on Wednesday nights at 6 pm. Go to <a href="mailto:ubc.org">ubc.org</a> for more information and to get the Zoom link to join us online!

## **Living UBC**

A new episode of the podcast drops every Tuesday! This week's episode is all about prayer. You can find Living UBC on <u>Apple</u> Podcast and <u>Spotify</u> or go to the <u>UBC</u> <u>Houston Mobile App</u>.

### **April's Primetime Event**

Celebrate with the Senior Adults at April's Primetime event, Thursday April 1 at 6 pm! Join us for "Boomer Comedy Night," an evening full of laughter, illusion, and inspiration. Tickets are free but you must reserve a space! For more information, go to <a href="mailto:ubc.org">ubc.org</a>.

**Continue to love your neighbor:** Wear a face covering and practice social distancing when in the building.



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