



# The Beacon

University Baptist Church

November 2011

## IN GRATITUDE

The Apostle Paul wrote to one of the churches he helped establish, "We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Parent your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Thessalonians 1.2-3) Today, I join Paul in thanking the Holy One for you, the family at UBC, for all your hard work and for your witness in this corner of the world.

As we come to celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday, it is important to think of all the things for which we are thankful. Here I share with you my thanksgiving list:

I am thankful for my family, who, even in the distance and with our differences, is able to support me and journey with me in life.

I am thankful for my friends, who have become my family by choice and whose love, support and encouragement always keep me afloat.

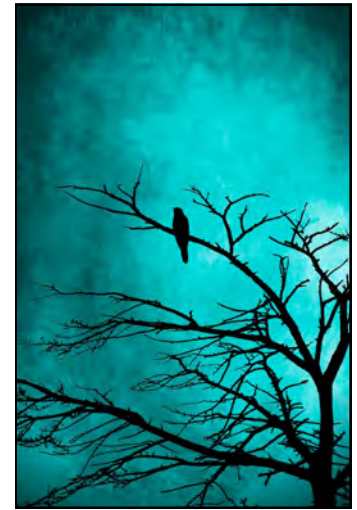
I am thankful for all the faith communities I have belonged to in my life (quite a few, actually) for they have taught me different things at different times and have helped to form the person I am today.

I am thankful for having a faith community like University Baptist Church that welcomes me and celebrates me and my ministry.

I am thankful for the "cloud of witnesses" who have helped me in my personal journey of life... without them, I would not be the person I am today.

I am thankful for life, for it gives me the chance to continue growing and learning and questioning and wondering and experiencing and being human...

What are you thankful for?



30 Days of Gratitude by Louise Docker

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*We celebrate our diversity in religious background, sexual orientation, race, age, gender and abilities.*

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In thanksgiving,  
*Pastor Manny*



## Happy Birthday!!!

### November

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11/4 Violy Reyes

11/4 Diane Paynton

11/5 Rebecca Nordlander

11/6 Shari Peterson

11/6 Bret Peterson

11/22 Jeff Doty

11/24 Clarence Bishop

11/28 Harvey Doty

11/29 Matt Paynton

11/30 Priscilla Chong Jue

If your birthday  
isn't listed here, please  
contact the office so we can add  
you to our list!



**UPDATE:** *In last month's Beacon , we featured an article about the 2001 youth mission trip to Honduras.*

Mary J-S took on this picture on Christmas Eve 2010 with grown-up youth group members Kendra K-F, Ethan C, Zandi C, Mary, Ashley S, Amy S and Katrina S. Everyone but Zandi and Mary went to Honduras in 2001.



**Soles4Souls ([www.soles4souls.com](http://www.soles4souls.com)):**

In less than 7 years, this organization has distributed more than 16 million pairs of footwear to needy people around the world!

Many thanks to the congregation of Burton Community Church for 30 pairs of shoes which were recently sent to Soles4Souls. With this newest mailing, we have contributed 330 pairs to Soles4Souls. Remember, new and gently used shoes, sandals and slippers can be placed in the box in the narthex, or let me know and I can pick them up. Thanks for your support!

*Marilee N.*

# Among Ourselves

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We are delighted to have welcomed new members **David and Terri S**, who came to us from Burien Community Church, and **Meredith E**, who was introduced to UBC by her good friend **Sadie C**. Talk with **David and Terri** about their work in support of people who are or have been in prison, and learn about marine environmental issues from **Meredith**... We congratulate **Aaron B** on his new job as a writer for *Real Change*! (See the article by **David B** on Aaron's appointment at the newspaper). Congratulations to our friend and former intern **Bruce C**, who was called as pastor by the Burton Community Church. With Bruce's call, we look forward to welcoming **Marilyn M** back to Sunday worship in November. **Marilyn** is delighted that she finished another curriculum for the Judson Press... Congratulations to **Pastor Manny**, whom *The Huffington Post* recognized as one of "15 ground-breaking . . . LGBT religious leaders who have reclaimed religious traditions and communities"! Thank you to **John D, Mary Clare B, Suzan B-W, Elizabeth P, Brooke R, and Manny S**, who represented UBC at the annual Evergreen meeting. At the business meeting **Manny** gave the first ever report for the region's newly formed Hispanic Caucus... Congratulations to former member **Nate K**, who has passed the Iowa bar exam... Ask **Tom and Marilee N** about one of the highlights of their visit to Canada's Maritime Provinces, their visit to the Bay of Fundy on the day of the highest tidal surge of the year. **Bill B** and **Lianne S** enjoyed recent travels in Spain... **Erica B** has done a few "installation dances" in Seattle recently, and **Jessica B** took 3rd place in her first diving meet in college! **Eva G-J** asks you to help her prepare for her college auditions by attending her solo recital at Phinney Ridge Lutheran Church on Thursday, November 17, at 7 p.m... Also mark your calendars for the Joyful! Noise concert on the evening of Monday, December 19, at Seattle First Baptist Church. Choir members include **Gail and Walt F, Bob and Lori T, and Daniel H**... We share our condolences with **Peter and Sadie C**, whose friend died tragically, and with **Joy, Audrey, and Ashley S**, whose 18-year-old cat Shadow died... **Joy** is delighted to be traveling to New York and Washington, DC, with her companion Jerry to visit **Ashley** and Joy's old friend Gabby... **Diane P** is happy to have quit her job recently and is looking for a new administrative position... **John and CoraLea D** enjoyed a baby shower for grandson Harvey and his wife Lis, whose baby is due on December 11... **Paul and Suzan W** rejoice that granddaughter Rebecca is turning two... **Elizabeth P** looks forward to a conference in Ellensburg as part of her work on the Advisory Council for the new Faith Action Network... We pray for **Shari P** as she deals with health issues, and for **Ross and Eleanor D**, as they cope with challenges. We also pray for couples **Peter and Sadie C**, and **Margie P's daughter Mary** and son-in-law Tracy as they prepare to become adoptive parents.



*Welcome Swallow by Noel Reynolds*

## Kudos to Aaron and *Real Change*

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As a member of the board of directors of *Real Change*, Seattle's award-winning street paper, I was delighted to learn of Aaron B's selection as the new staff reporter for our newspaper. *Real Change* provides a means of income for more than 400 low-income licensed vendors, many of whom are currently or formerly homeless, generating more than \$1 million in income for them over the last year. But it is the reputation for integrity and the quality of its journalism that has enabled *Real Change* to thrive as a reliable weekly source for news, opinion, and the arts in the greater Seattle area over the past 17 years. *Real Change's* reporters regularly win regional and national journalism awards for their outstanding reporting.

The competition for Aaron's reporting position was intense, and the fact that he has been selected is a testimony to his experience and ability as a journalist. He will be replacing a well-respected reporter who covered many of the important social and political issues facing our city. I wish him the best in this new position and am pleased that UBC now has two of its members playing important roles at *Real Change*.

David B

## Manny Honored in *The Huffington Post*

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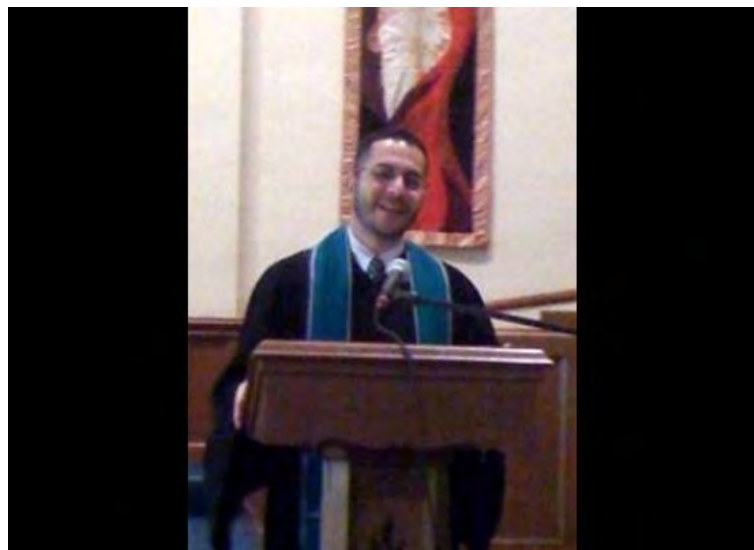


It was a great surprise and honor when earlier this month we discovered that our pastor, Manny, was identified in *The Huffington*

*Post* online edition as one of the "15 Most Inspiring LGBT Religious Leaders" for 2011.

We are so pleased that Manny's work and inspiration is being acknowledged.

You can find the link to Manny's mention, this image (shown above) as well as link to our church on *The Huffington Post* site here: <http://huff.to/rpDZGX>. Please feel free to share this wonderful tribute with others.



Jessica D

# Water for All Update

October 21<sup>st</sup> update on the water harvesting project of Ikena Primary School from James Onsare of the Water for All Organization in Nairobi, Kenya

“The construction of the tank is completed. All pipes taking water to the boys, girls, and teachers’ toilets and kitchen has been completed. The gutters collecting roof rainwater to the tank has been connected to just next to the tank. We are waiting for the tank wall to dry and then connect the rainwater gutters to the tanks. We have started receiving short rains that will continue till mid November. I hope, by then, we will have the tank full of water. We were a bit delayed to start the project. We had to mobilize the parents as well as chip in by providing locally available materials. This took awhile. But at last the cooperation was overwhelming and we were able to cover the extra money we targeted. I have personally been involved very closely to make sure all goes as planned. I will send you the pictures as soon I have them ready. Another update will come soon.”

## UBC Mission - Members in Service



*Teaching English with the Coalition for Refugees from Burma*

Two UBC members, Lin C. and Brooke J., are volunteers in a program that serves Burmese refugees by teaching conversational English. Every Thursday Lin and Brooke travel to Kent to work with lead teachers and another volunteer while Burmese adults gain skill and confidence in their ability to negotiate basic and important conversations in English.



The English language learners span generations and represent different ethnic groups among the peoples of Burma. Their courage and determination are inspiring.



*Brooke R*

# UBC Quarterly Business Meeting

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Tom N opened the meeting in prayer at 11:45 a.m. He thanked Rhonda H for her service as moderator this year.

We approved the minutes of the quarterly business meeting of May 1, 2011.

**Financial Report:** Mary Clare B reported on the budget through August 2011. She explained that we are doing well financially and that pledge contributions are at 90 percent of budget. She noted that the Peace and Justice team has a lot of budgeted money that has not been spent, but efforts are underway to use it for grants. Members who want more detail about the budget should consult our office manager, Jessica D.

The Finance Team has hired an asset manager to advise us on financial controls and on how we should manage our assets.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Manny Santiago announced that the delegates to the Biennial approved the restructuring of the denomination. The new structure will be in place on January 12, 2012. The denomination approved three Statements of Concern: on the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, on calling the government to move toward immigration reform, and on working toward a transformative ministry. Manny will begin a *Lunch with the Pastor* program next Sunday after worship.

**Building Team Report:** Elizabeth P reported that the team is working on making changes in the narthex. University Christian Church is working out the issues of custodial care of the building. Elizabeth invited people to talk with her about any concerns regarding this.

**Worship Team Report:** Elizabeth pointed out that the team has intentionally created spaces for wheelchairs. She asked that people reserve those spaces for people who are in wheelchairs.

**Report from Coordinator of Volunteers:** Mary and a nominating team of Tom, Manny, and Sadie will send out a time and talent sheet to plan for next year. There will be new opportunities to welcome people: at the door, at the ID badge table, and at the entrance to the worship space, where people will pick up their bulletins. Mary also noted that meals, housing, and transportation would be needed for the 25-30 people attending the Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America board meeting at UBC in late October. Mary, Elizabeth, and Marilee are leading the volunteer effort. Then, on December 4, UBC will celebrate its 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Suzan B-W and Dan P. volunteered to help with the event.

Tom N adjourned the meeting at 12 noon.

*Submitted by Lynn G-J*

## Stewardship Council Minutes - September

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**Present:** Tom N, Mary Clare B, Elizabeth P, Sadie C, Kathryn J, Manny S, Carol S, Margie P, Joy S, Mary R

**Guest:** Alex H, a Companis worker representing the Faith Action Network. One of the aims of the network is to get church groups to become "advocating congregations." Manny will fill out the form to formalize our relationship with the Faith Action Network.

**Minutes** of the August 17 meeting were approved as written.

**Treasurer's Report:** Mary Clare said that the Mission, Peace & Justice team has not spent their budgeted amount yet, which helps the overall balance even though pledges are a little behind. The finance report was accepted.

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**Pastor's Report:** Manny distributed his report and highlighted a few things. Heather S and Sadie will lead a discussion group on Mary Magdalene to be held on Thursdays in October at 6:30 pm. "Up Your Ave" will be on September 30 to welcome incoming students. Manny and Aaron will host a UBC table at 47<sup>th</sup> and the Ave. They will distribute postcards and offer candy. The Church Council of Greater Seattle will have their annual meeting and fundraising dinner and are asking UBC to buy a table for \$800. Consensus was not to buy a table. Manny will send a message that people can contact Bev S or David B to sit at their table if they want to attend. Meredith E sent a letter of intent to join UBC.

**Coordinator of Volunteers Report:** The nominating committee (Tom, Sadie, Manny and Mary) have met and will be ready with a slate of officers and team leads for the November quarterly business meeting. Mary will work with Jessica in early October to mail out a Time and Talent request form.

**Worship Team:** There will be greeters outside the main door and outside the sanctuary door in addition to Suzan at the nametag table. Sadie reported having a good experience with this last Sunday, when she was able to really welcome a young man. The team is planning the anniversary celebration. Christmas will be on a Sunday, and we will have a service on both Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

**Finance Team:** An asset manager (Cindy R) has been contracted for four hours a month to oversee the finances and investments of the church. There will be a letter of agreement. This was approved by the Stewardship Council by email in July.

**PSRT:** Ralph, as acting team lead, reported that the team has drafted a position description for the Minister of Music. The question of whom she will report to – PSRT or pastor – is unclear and will be discussed at the next meeting. David S has resigned from the team. Ralph will send out a request for input for Manny's annual review.

**Communications Team:** The new website almost ready to launch. Samples of the layout were shown. Jessica will be the editor. There is a need for 2 or 3 people to be trained as backup.

**Peace, Justice & Reconciliation Team:** Applications for grants are due October 1 and will be decided in December. Lin and Mona are seeking church members to volunteer to do tutoring.

**Learning and Play:** Sadie and team are planning monthly young adult events.

**Building Team:** Elizabeth reported that we have been at UCC for a year. They are grateful for our presence and our rent money. We are renting spaces for the Baptist Peace Fellowship meeting and for the Anniversary dinner. The UC pastor, Janetta B C, is moving to Tennessee in November. A couple has moved into the custodial apartment, so we won't have to lock up the building now, just our spaces. We are welcome to join UCC for adult education events on Sunday morning.

**Congregational Care:** The team will meet on Saturday, October 8 to discuss the possible need for staff to minister to our seniors. If the team decides to proceed with this idea, a plan will come to the October Stewardship Council meeting and then proceed through the budgeting process. The Caring & Coping group will lead a service that will invite folks to begin other small groups. Elizabeth wants to start a monthly senior luncheon.

**Draft Policy proposal to be discussed at the October SC meeting:** "Teams may spend financial resources within the parameters of their budget without additional approval. It is therefore important that budget requests be detailed as to purpose during the budgeting process. Teams may request additional monies for projects, during the year, through the Stewardship Council. (Note: Anytime a contract needs to be signed, the Moderator is the designated person to sign.)"

**Next meeting: October 19 at 6:30 p.m.**

*Submitted by Mary R.*

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**110th Anniversary!**



It's University Baptist Church's 110th Anniversary Weekend!

Join us on **Sunday, December 4th** for worship and an extended Coffee Hour beginning at **10:30 a.m.**

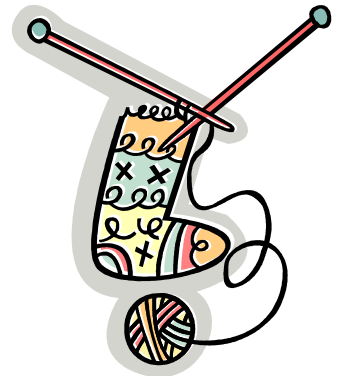
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# **HOLIDAY ARTS AND CRAFTS EVENT**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18th!**

If you have wares to sell or a desire to buy those last minute gifts, plan on being present on **December 18th** for just such an opportunity.



The downstairs lounge will be transformed into a holiday bazaar where one can find crafts, artwork, baked goods and holiday treats, and who knows what else...

The proceeds can benefit the artist or the church. If you have goodies that you wish to sell, please contact Cass N and Pete D (206.632.4008 or [cass\\_newell@hotmail.com](mailto:cass_newell@hotmail.com)) so that arrangements can be made for adequate table space. For those who wish to support UBC vendors and fulfill their shopping list at the same time, this is for you.

The event will take place **after church** on December 18th. Bring your friends and neighbors for worship and shopping!

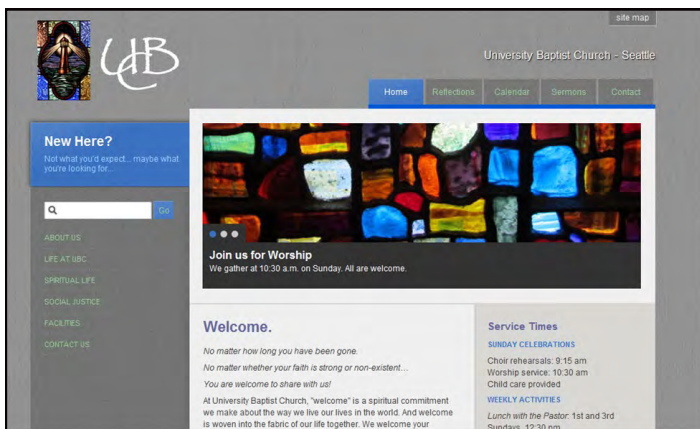


*Margie P*

# UBC Will Soon Launch New Website

A new website is coming to UBC! After years of talking about having a website, it wasn't until UBC member David S volunteered to develop our website, that this dream became a reality in 2006. David has done a great job managing and updating the website. For this work we are enormously grateful.

At the 2011 UBC Stewardship Council's kickoff retreat in January, expanding our website was given a top priority for this year. The Communications Team then determined that it was time to manage our website from our office and utilize software that would allow our office manager to submit updates directly. We defined the additional functionality we wanted in the website and began to evaluate website software. We selected the software and began to design our new website in June. We are now ready to launch.



Our new site has multiple pages and easy navigation on the left column and across the top.

It contains Manny's weekly reflections, sermons, a calendar, a list of teams with email contacts to team leads, newsletters, and information about our history, staff, teams, affiliations, and missions. It links to Google

maps for directions and to our Facebook page. We will soon have a separate secure site with a logon for our UBC family. This will contain our directory and other more secure information.

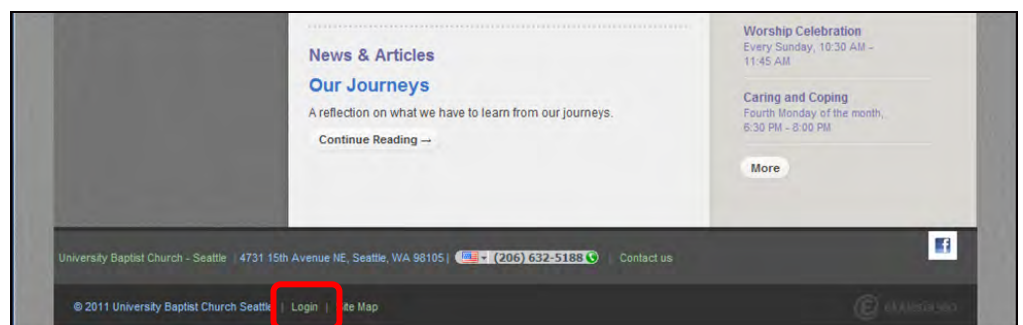
We are excited about bringing you this new website and will email members when it goes live.

Be sure to go to [http://](http://www.ubcseattle.com)

[www.ubcseattle.com](http://www.ubcseattle.com). We

should have the current site available through end of October and by November cut over to our new site.

If you have comments or suggestions, please email your comments to the Communications Team at [Communications@ubcseattle.org](mailto:Communications@ubcseattle.org).



*Joy S (and the Communications Team)*

# From the Moderator

This Sunday, Pastor Manny embarked on a series of sermons on Stewardship – “Saints Alive!” What an appropriate theme for this congregation.

I celebrate the “Alive Saints” who make up our numbers. I celebrate the work done in and through us literally around the world. From an elementary school room, to the border of Thailand, to Africa, to the living rooms of our members, to the streets in protest and the phone banks of advocacy – you are the “Saints Alive” of this congregation.

We have come through a long period of change. We are getting to know our building and our pastor. We can now really focus on what we are called to be and do.

Let us use the resources at our disposal to support, reach out, challenge and renew our selves and the communities in which we move.

Thank you for being living saints!

*Tom N.*



# Where's the Pastor?

If you want to schedule a visit or a conversation with Pastor Manny, please make sure that you call the office or email at [pastor@ubcseattle.org](mailto:pastor@ubcseattle.org).

Remember that **Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 am!** Change your clocks so you are not early an hour earlier for church! :)

*(The following calendar shows activities and meetings in which the pastor is participating. Please note that you can call the office to schedule appointments or visits at any time. Visitation times are not published on the calendar. The times of the meetings are not showing in this calendar.)*



## November

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
	1 - Worship Planning Mtg -Worship Team Mtg	2 - PSRT Mtg.	3	4 - Pastors' Covenant Lunch	5 - Wedding	6 - Worship / Commitment Sunday - Com- munion  - "Lunch w/ Pas- tor" Study Group
7 DAY OFF	8	9	10	11 - Second Friday Films at UBC!	12	13 - Worship  - Caring & Cop- ing Service
14 DAY OFF	15 - Racial Justice Group Mtg	16 - Steward. council Mtg	17	18	19 - Young Adults <i>Friendsgiving</i>	20 - Worship  - "Lunch w/ Pas- tor" study group  - Beacon Dead- line
21 DAY OFF	22	23	24 - Thanks- giving (office closed)	25	26	27 - Worship
28 DAY OFF	29	30				

# November UBC Calendar

- ◆ Tuesday, November 1 - Worship Team Meeting
- ◆ Wednesday, November 2 - Pastoral Staff Relations Team Meeting
- ◆ Sunday, November 6 - Daylight Savings Time Ends, Worship, Lunch with the Pastor
- ◆ Friday, November 11 - Second Friday Film - *Almost a Woman*
- ◆ Sunday, November 13 - Worship
- ◆ Monday, November 14 - Caring and Coping
- ◆ Tuesday, November 15 - Working Group on Race Meeting, Peace, Justice, and Reconciliation Team Meeting
- ◆ Wednesday, November 16 - Stewardship Council
- ◆ Saturday, November 19 - Young Adults' Friendsgiving
- ◆ Sunday, November 20 - Worship, Lunch with the Pastor, Beacon Deadline
- ◆ Thursday, November 24 - Thanksgiving - Office Closed
- ◆ Sunday, November 27 - Worship

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### Minister

*Rev. J. Manny Santiago*

### Minister of Music

*Rev. Margaret Paynton*

### Office Manager

*Ms. Jessica Day*

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