

The Tidings[♥]

FBC's monthly newsletter

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VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION RECEPTION

Wednesday, February 13
5-6:30 pm

See you in the Gathering Room!
Appetizers and beverages
will be served.



*For some people
volunteering
is about giving.*

*For our church family
it's a way of living!*

Hosted by your FBC Staff &
Church Board, in appreciation
for all our congregation does
day in and day out
to grow the ♥ of FBC!
All are invited to attend.



How we care for our space... and how it cares for us

Above: On January 4, project manager Terry Wymore (left) handed over the 150th Anniversary Major Maintenance Campaign book to Building & Grounds chair Steve Howard (middle) and campaign committee chair Charlie Walker (right). The massive tome contains project details and plans for continued routine maintenance to ensure that our building stays in the great shape it's in now, at the completion of this ambitious project. And below: Grace Space, which debuted on January 6, provides kids their own area to enjoy and participate in worship with snuggly animals, meditative labyrinth cards, children's books about God's presence, and more.



How many hearts in this February issue of Tidings? Find all the **HEARTS** while learning all about what's happening at FBC. Submit your guess: office@fbcmac.org or 503-472-794. A Valentine for the winner!

Financial Report: January - December, 2018

February 2019 

	Actual for Period	% of Amount Budgeted
Contributions Income:	\$315,560	99.2%
Total Income:	\$358,500	98.9%
Total Expenses:	\$350,841	96.8%
Net Income:	\$ 7,659	

Financial update:

During our Semi-Annual Meeting on January 20, 2019, the congregation approved our 2019 General Fund Budget. If you were not present, please stop by the church office to pick up a copy.

Here is a brief summary.

Staff Wages & Benefits	\$242,763
Administration/Office	34,200
Building & Grounds	55,200
Missions	29,500
<u>Program Teams</u>	<u>9,350</u>
Total	<u>\$371,013</u>

Other key items -


- While the 2019 budget has an 2.3% increase, projected contributions income is up by 3.8% from 2018.
- Last January we had to cut about \$9,800 from our Missions budget to balance the 2018 budget. Since that time we have recovered almost 60% of that cut. Regarding funds for building maintenance and repair, this year's budget has increased by \$1,500. Over the past four years, that line has been increased by 93%.
- Our Major Maintenance Project is almost finished. The outstanding payment to First Federal is about \$8,250 plus remaining outside painting expense around \$5,000. Our campaign will end in December 2019. We hope to have our loan paid off by this summer. Thank you again for an amazing response of financial support to make this work a reality with no long term debt.

* Thank you for your ongoing faithful support of FBC ministry.

FBC Finance Committee, Jane Apel, Roger Dell, Judee Kunze, Don Watson

Church Board Notes

Your FBC Board and Staff wish to thank you for your generosity in time, treasure, and talent! Certainly February Valentine season is a perfect time to extend our appreciation for your participation in our church community.

Please stop by FBC for hearty appetizers on Wednesday, February 13 from 5-6:30 pm. You are our  Valentines! See you there.

The Semi-Annual 2018 Statistical and Fiscal report and 2019 Budget meeting was held on Sunday, Jan. 20, after our 11am Worship service. The Estimates of Giving for 2019 exceeded the amount given for 2018! Our Treasurer, Don Watson, explained the budget for 2019 and I am happy to report that the 2019 budget was approved.

The 2018 reports presented at our Semi-Annual meeting were incredible. Your generosity is amazing. We have raised the money for the Deferred Maintenance project and the restoration of the Bell Tower and South Wall. We have exceeded our goals in raising money for AMOS in

Nicaragua and for the denominational campaign to assist the rebuilding of Puerto Rico as the result of Hurricane Maria. If you would like a copy of the 2018 report and approved 2019 budget, please check in the office.

The Board has recently been working with the Personnel Committee to clarify the language in our personnel policies, especially around vacations. We want to be clear and transparent during this process.

Work on the full development of the Membership Leadership Team continues. We are meeting with interested people to fully define both the responsibility and the extent of this new Leadership team. Stay tuned for details about the Membership Committee at FBC.

Your Church Board continues to meet and work on your behalf. We want to serve you as we intend to follow our mission and vision to be a Matthew 25 church.

Please contact any Board member or me if you have questions or comments. Happy February!

Peace, JoAnn Sims,
FBC Moderator

Sunday Worship Highlights

*FBC is a Matthew 25 church, inspired by the words of Jesus,
"Whatever you do unto the least of my sisters & brothers, you do unto me."*

9:00 -12:00 am - Nursery care for Infants through Preschool

Worship Services at 9:00 and 11:00 am

Adult Education Classes at 10:00 am

- Feb. 3** **"Bringing a Notice"**
Numbers 27:1-11, Rev. Erika Marksbury preaching
Communion Sunday; Scout Sunday
Presentation of Bibles to Third-Graders

- Feb. 10** **"Presenting a Case"**
2 Samuel 12:1-10, Rev. Erika Marksbury preaching
Special Music from FBC Choir at 9 o'clock

- Feb. 17** **"Ritualizing Tears"**
Judges 11:1-5, 29-35, Rev. Erika Marksbury preaching

- Feb. 24** **"Reading Between the Lions"**
Daniel 6:1-17, Rev. Walt Parry, guest preacher
Special Music from FBC Choir at 9 o'clock

From January 27 through March 3 - every Sunday until the season of Lent begins - we're going to dig into some stories of characters in the Hebrew Bible who boldly stood for what was right...even when that meant standing against the powers of their day. We'll explore where their courage came from, how their community responded, and what difference their civil disobedience made. You'll hear some familiar stories and maybe be introduced to a couple of new ones, too. And there just might be some connections to how we're called to live as faithful people today.



Thoughts from Pastor Erika ❤️

As our meeting was coming to a close the other day - after we'd talked about a whole range of church-business-related items - FBC Sunday School teacher and Personnel Team chair Gary Langenwaller asked with what I'd swear was a twinkle in his eye, "Well, what else can we do to create mischief and help the kingdom come?"

And I can't say exactly why... maybe it's because we're just beginning this series on civil disobedience; maybe it's because some of my heroes are famous mischief-makers; maybe it's just because it sounded like fun... but I thought, what a great question to ask ourselves, perhaps each morning when we rise, perhaps each time we come together as a church. What mischief can we create to help God's kin-dom come here among us? What unexpected joy can we stir up? How can we, like the Hebrew midwives in Exodus 1, work in our little corners to defy injustice and undo systems of oppression with our commitments to life and compassion?

It's only February - still early enough in the year that I haven't given up on my intentions and resolutions yet. I think I'll add this one to the list. You?

Meditation Moment

❤️

"One of the reasons so many people are suffering from stress is not that they are doing stressful things but that they allow so little time for silence... Silence is the sister of the divine."

-- John O'Donohue



There is strength in knowledge and strength in numbers! Join with others of diverse faiths from around the state for "Raising Diverse Voices of Faith to Strengthen Oregon Communities."

Attend issue briefings and workshops on advocating for compassionate legislation on climate, criminal justice, health care, housing, hunger and immigration. Then join in a march to the State Capitol, where we will make our faith voice heard in meetings with our state legislators. We provide talking points and make all necessary appointments for you. Together we can build a just, inclusive and hope filled future for all Oregonians.

Please register by February 25.

General registration (includes lunch): \$90

Student with ID (includes lunch): \$10

@emoregon.org click events

Monday, March 4

9 am - 4 pm (check in opens at 7:45 am)

Registration & Morning Session —

St. Mark Lutheran Church,

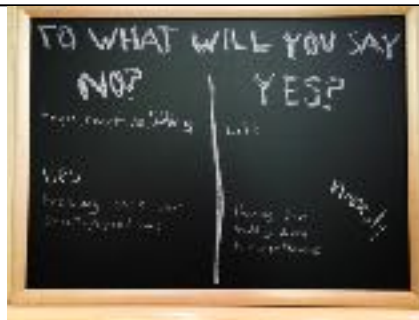
180 Marion St., NE, Salem, Oregon

Afternoon Session —

Walk from Church to the Oregon State Capitol

New prayer stations in the sanctuary invite you to consider two questions, to which the possibilities for answers are endless: "To what will you say no?" and "To what will you say yes?"

Think about what the ways and places God is calling you in these days, and add your responses to a chalkboard, so that our worship space is filled with the spirit of our commitments.



Introducing your Church Board members, by the numbers



DAVE LARMOUTH, *faith formation*

-misses his **1** daughter, Morganne, who graduated from McMinnville High School in June of 2018, joined the Army in July, and is currently stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas

-shares his home with **2** dogs, Indy & Beretta, and **3** cats, Keke, Munchie Tu-tu, & Rey

-has hosted **4** exchange students, from Sweden, Germany, Czech Republic, and now Oscar, from Spain

-has visited **5** countries: Canada, England, Aruba, Russia, and Poland

-has been part of the FBC for **16** years! He writes, "Don Hutchinson was our neighbor, and helped us see FBC was different than other churches (welcoming & affirming of all people).

-has known BJ for **27+** years; called her his wife for **22+**. "We are different in many ways," he writes, "but somehow we make it work." ❤️

ADVENT CONSPIRACY 2018

During Advent 2018, we raised funds for the AMOS WASH Water Promoter Program. Modeled after the AMOS health promoters, each community will have trained and supervised water promoters who educate families on best practices for assuring clean water and assist to maintain water filters. The photos outline the process used to create the beautiful banner.



From the photo above, taken in Nicaragua in 2018 by Helios Ovando, Lisa Ovando Arreola created the pattern on the right. In this photo, the women are carrying pots to their homes to hold and keep the filtered water cool.



A template for the 250 piece pattern was made and Jennifer Scott, Joy Hallett, Cynthia Parker, Shelly Sanderlin and Susan Chamber cut & ironed Wonder Under onto each fabric piece.

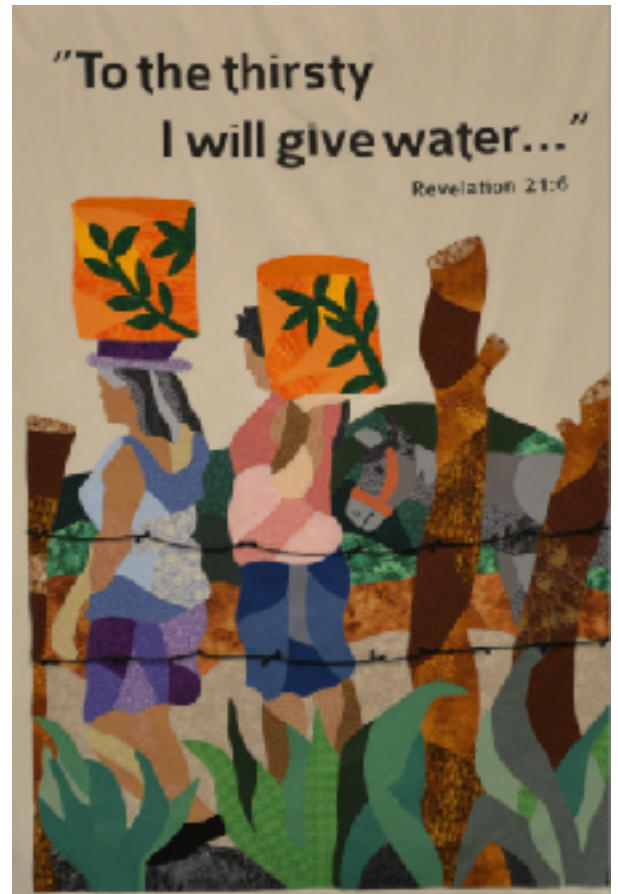
During Advent, to give gifts beyond those we traditionally give to our family and friends, fabric pieces were 'bought' and the banner unfolded each week.

❤️ COMPLETED BANNER! ❤️

We raised a total of \$5,000 for the AMOS WASH Water Promoter Program and \$2,500 for the 2019 commitment toward the rural health care ministry of AMOS!

The Banner hangs in the hallway at the SW entrance to the Sanctuary.

This project is an ongoing reminder of the beauty of giving health and hope to others.





Youth Group is now part of the McMinnville Youth Collective with St. Barnabas, First Pres, and the Co-op!

In February we are meeting on Sunday nights from 5:30-7pm at First Presbyterian Church for games, dinner and a program (& a Super Bowl Party on February 3).

- FEB 3:** Super Bowl Party, 3:30-7pm Toth's Toy Barn
- FEB 10:** Wonder & Seeking Answers
- FEB 17:** Question of/for God
- FEB 24:** Say What?! Bible Edition

Winter Camp @ Camp Arrah Wanna

snow tubing, games, friends, worship, cabins, meals, crafts, and more!

February 15-18, 2019

Friday night to Monday afternoon
President's Day Weekend

3rd-12th Grade Children & Youth

- Elementary: Grades 3-5, \$155
- Middle School: Grades 6-8, \$165
- High School: Grades 9-12, \$175

Register Online:

www.camparahwanna.org

March 22-30, 2019

(over spring break)
For High School Youth (9th-12th Grades),
College Students & Adults.

Team Meeting #3

Sunday, February 10, at 1 pm
in the FBC Social Hall.

Please support our FBC team!

WALL O' MONEY

MEALS TO GO

Sunday Mornings - Gathering Room
February 3 through March 18

Sunday Mornings @ FBC
FEBRUARY 2019

NURSERY: Infants through Preschool, FBC Nursery, 9 am - 12 pm

February 3

WORSHIP @ 11 am:

Children & Youth remain in the Sanctuary for the full worship service.

February 10, 17, & 24

WORSHIP @ 11 am:

Children
Youth

Children's Chapel following the Children's Story.
Sit with your family/friends, or join us in the balcony,
or help with Children's Chapel.



LUNCH ON CAMPUS

February 6: McMinnville HS ~ **February 13:** Duniway MS ~ **February 20:** Patton MS

COMMUNICATION

Email: Email sean@fbcmac.org to be added to our weekly enews list

Text: Via Remind, text @seanpw to the number 81010 for updates

Facebook: Join us at FBC McMinnville KIDS and FBC McMinnville Youth

Instagram: Follow us at @fbcmacyouth

Winter/Spring Gatherings

Civil Conversations Project - 4-6 pm

Feb. 10 & 24 and Mar. 10 & 24 (Fireplace Rom)

We'll listen, on our own, to podcast episodes of "On Being" that tackle questions of love, difference, identity, community, and spirituality, and come together to discuss what we heard, what it made us wonder about, and how we might incorporate the wisdom we've gleaned into our daily lives and practices.

God's Creation - Not For Sale!

Our Climate Justice group heard from John Pitney about the Clean Energy Jobs Bill. As people of faith we believe that we have a duty to care for the earth. This bill now before our legislature could be a part of reducing carbon emissions into the atmosphere thus lessening the negative impacts we have become so familiar with including: burning forests, dwindling snowpack, warming rivers, lakes, and oceans with areas that cannot support life.

So far 10 people from FBC and other churches have committed to writing letters to the editor about this issue. For more information see reneworegon.org. On Feb. 6 some of us will travel to Salem for a lobby day sponsored by the Oregon League of Conservation voters.

For more info contact:

Lynn Crowell - herbalynn@comcast.net -or-

Don Watson - donjw@comcast.net



Chocolat (2000) PG

A woman and her daughter open a chocolate shop in a small French village that shakes up the rigid morality of the community.



ONGOING GATHERINGS

AM Knit Wits - Every Thursday - 9:30 am

Contact Linda, 971-237-6828

PM Knit Wits - 1st & 3rd Thursday - 7 pm

Contact Gina, 971-237-2789

Together Works - Feb. 11 & 25 - 7 pm

LGBTQIA+ monthly gatherings (Fireplace Room)

Social & Educational time - fun & food

Contact: deerocksmoore@gmail.com

Meditation Practice- Every Wednesday - 12 pm

Silent Christian Prayer & Buddhist Traditions

Contact Lynn, 503-472-8196

Climate Justice - Thursday, Feb. 14[♥] - 2:30-4 pm

For all concerned to come together to see what we can do here in McMinnville to make a difference

Contact Lynn, herbalynn@comcast.net

Men's Breakfast - Sat., Feb. 23 - 9-10:30 am

Les Toth's Toy Barn (2700 NW Pinehurst, McMinnville)

Ron Stone, "Reflections on 18 years as a Yamhill County Circuit Court Judge"

Mar. 30 - Walt Parry, "Pulling My Legacy: A Career of Non-Traditional Ministries"

Apr. 27 - George Cabrera, "Must Justice Always Be As Cold As ICE?"

May 25 - Barry House "Growing Up in Mac and Why I'm Still Here"

Hiking Group - Feb. 16 - 8:30 am at FBC

McDonald Research Forest near Corvallis. Miles of trails through maple & fir forests, along Cronemiller lake with vistas of Soap Crest Valley. Bring lunch and dress warm. Contact: Gloria, glowml1@gmail.com

First Friday Films - Feb. 1 - 7:00 pm - Chocolat

March 1 - **Lars and the Real Girl** (PG-13)

April 5 - **The Way** (PG-13)

May 3 - **The Hundred-Foot Journey** (PG)


February's movie



..... **SAVE the DATE!** and plan to join FBC friends for the **Annual All-Church Campout, July 12-14, 2019 at South Beach State Park, Newport, Oregon**

February FBC

February 2019


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 9-10:30a - STAR 7p - First Friday Films	2 9a-1p - Free Medical Clinic 9:30-11a - Gluten Free Friends
3 9:00a WORSHIP 10:00a Adult Classes 11:00a WORSHIP 3:30-7p - Youth Group SUpEr Bowl Party at Les Toth's Toy Barn	4 9-10:30a - STAR 7p - Boy Scouts	5 6:3p - Cub Scouts 7p - Knit Wits	6 12n - Meditation	7 9:30a - Knit Wits 6:30p - Choir 7:30p - Worship Team Pastor's Day Off	8 9-10:30a - STAR	9
10 9:00a WORSHIP 10:00a Adult Classes 11:00a WORSHIP 1-2:30p - Y.A.H.O.O. 4-6p - Civil Conversations 5:30-7p - MYC Youth Group	11 9-10:30a - STAR 3p - Mission Education Team 7p - Boy Scouts 7p - Together Works	12 6:3p - Cub Scouts	13 12n - Meditation 5-6:30p - Volunteer Appreciation Reception 6:30p Church Board	14  Valentine's Day 9:30a - Knit Wits 2:30p - Climate Justice 6:30p - Choir 7:30p - Worship Team Pastor's Day Off	15 9-10:30a - STAR	16 9a-1p - Free Medical Clinic 8:30a - Hiking Group
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 **FEBRUARY Birthdays:**

Ken Piontek 2
Olivia Clark 5
Susan Ruggles 6
Mary Dressel 7
Ina Kropf 7
Carrie McCann 7
Doug Verigin 7
Bill Apel 9
Lanita Marler 9
Cameron Watson 12
Bryce Anderson 13

Gus Carstensen 14
B.J. Matthews 14
Marilyn Scott 14
Jim Sloss 14
Lynne Vincent 15
Lois Mills 16
John Linder 17
Katie Porter 17
Geneva Foster-Ward 18
Harold Jacobs 18
Ben Stuart 18
Joyce Early 20
Briar Kind 21

Sophia James 23
Zorissa James 23
Mary Baker 25
Prescott Benner 25
Emma Linder 25
Joy Hallett 27
Cyrus Scarboro-Ford 27

 **FEBRUARY Anniversaries:**
Sean & Jennifer Williams
Feb. 22, 2003

"While it is February one can taste the full joys of anticipation.

Spring stands at the gate with her finger on the latch."

-- Patience Strong