

The Tidings

FBC's monthly newsletter

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April 14 - PALM Sunday Worship at 9 & 11 am

This day marks the beginning of Holy Week. We'll follow the story of Jesus' followers and consider how they might have experienced these last days with their beloved teacher.

April 18 - MAUNDY Thursday - 6-7:30 pm

FBC's second Dinner & Dialogue Event will be a Seder meal this night. We'll share in this ritual tradition, learning the significance of each item on our plate, remembering the Jewish story of liberation, and entering into the history that is so significant for our understanding of Jesus' context.

April 19 - GOOD Friday - 7:00 pm

We'll gather with other McMinnville congregations for an ecumenical worship service shaped around the Stations of the Cross. Service held at McMinnville Cooperative Ministries, 544 NE 2nd Street.

EASTER

April 21 - Sunday Worship at 9 & 11 am

Celebrate the Risen Christ, and the ways new life comes for all of us!

10 am - Feast together at our Easter Brunch
 Deviled eggs, platters of sliced cheese, fruit tray, hot cross buns, baskets of mini muffins, fruit salad, OJ, coffee & tea.

Join in decorating the Easter Flower Cross, an FBC tradition! Bring cut flowers from your yard to add to this symbol of new life.

Y.A.H.O.O. Sunday is April 28



On Sunday, **March 24th**, we commissioned 20 FBCers headed to Mexico on the 42-person Y.A.H.O.O. (Yamhill Alliance Helping Others Out) spring break trip. They spent the week transforming three families' homes into sturdier, more secure dwellings.

On **Sunday, April 14th**, the Team will host the annual **Shareholders' Meeting, from 1-2:30 pm** in the Social Hall, to say thank you, with storytelling and a Potluck dessert buffet, for all who supported them.

On **Sunday, April 28th**, we'll welcome them back as the FBC Team leads both worship services, sharing stories, music, prayers, photos, lessons, & gratitude from their time.

Memorial EASTER Lilies & other Spring Flowers will beautify our Sanctuary Easter morning.



Email (office@fbcmac.org) or Call in (503-472-7941) **Memorial Names** (people remembered who have passed on) to the church office no later than Wednesday, April 17. Bring flowering plants to the church by Friday, April 19. This FBC tradition provides us with memories of loved ones through the beauty of flowers!

	Actual for Period	% of Amount Budgeted
Contributions Income:	\$52,022	94.2%
Total Income:	\$58,307	94.3%
Total Expenses:	\$61,205	99.0%
Net Income:	\$ -2,898 (deficit)	

Financial update:

Total income for February was under goal by -\$3,528. February expenses were over budget by just \$736. Most of our scheduled building maintenance is done in the Spring and Fall when our utility expenses are lower. By the first week of April, we will have made another payment on our First Federal loan that helped pay last summer's South Wall repair. We are on schedule to have the loan paid in full by at least June 30, 2019. We appreciate each and every gift in support of ministry by First Baptist Church.

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



Church Board Notes

JoAnn Sims, FBC Moderator

Good News, Challenges, and Spring are in the air. Part of representing you at the Church Board, all the Board members are devoted to the area of their responsibility. They gather their committee members, plan and carry out activities to create community, and to provide a variety of choice activities for your enlightenment, fun, and service.

Challenges . . .

- The Matthew 25 group attends to the immediate needs of those who need a friend, food, shower, or a bus pass. That is what the STAR program is all about. The Matthew 25 group is also trying to cooperate with the City of McMinnville in discussions about and for the homeless in our community. At the same time this group is keenly aware of all the programs that take place in our church building. Keeping our building and surrounds safe and usable for everyone all day and each week is a continuing challenge. The collaboration of the Matthew 25 group with your Church Board, especially Building & Grounds, Missions, Rev. Erika Marksbury, our staff, along with Church Mutual Insurance Company and the McMinnville police department, is critical. I am happy to report this collaboration is working and always striving to serve all who use our church.

- Pastor Erika and I have just received a letter from Rev. Steve Bills & the Board of Ministers of our ABCCPC region. This letter describes a new policy for member churches surrounding each church's additional associations. Steve Bills is also requesting a time to meet with us for questions

and clarifications. Erika and I will be exploring the meaning & implications of this new policy and how this new challenge unfolds.

Good News . . .

- The Vision/Mission (V/M) group met and will be working with Diane Hooge, an experienced interim pastor recently retired and living in Portland. Diane visited FBC last fall. She will assist us in crafting a process to revisit our Mission Statement. We are looking for a member of our congregation who fits the younger adult/family age category to be a part of this crafting process. Is that you?? Contact JoAnnSims at joanncsims@gmail.com -or- 425-802-7220.

- Plans are in place while JP, our Music Minister, takes family leave to celebrate the coming brother or sister for Felix, Amelia & JP's first child. Muriel Dresser will direct the choir for the early service, and Asherlee LaPlante will guide singing for the later service. We are all excited for this coming addition to our FBC family!

Spring News . . .

- The YAHOO Mexico Mission group will be building houses for families in Mexico during Spring Break. There are many young people traveling with leaders Georgine Benner, Joel Kiff, and Kena Avila. They will be sharing stories of great adventure when they return.

- Continuing the series of Walking Willing, set your calendars for April 14, Palm Sunday and April 21, Easter Sunday. Join us at 9 am or 11 am for the spring celebrations that mark two of the most challenging and joyous traditions in our faith.

Sunday Worship Highlights

April 2019

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 (including Lenten Walking Meditation) at 10:00 am

This Lent, we're "walking willing" - borrowing the phrase that Sister Simone Campbell uses to describe her spiritual practice of moving toward where God is calling with an open mind and an open heart. We're learning a new embodied form of prayer each week, and we're hearing the stories of Jesus, and people closer to our own time, who walked open-heartedly toward God's beckoning.

April 7 5th Sunday of Lent - "Walking Toward What Is"



Luke 9:1-6, Guest preacher, Rev. Margaret Marcuson
Special Music from FBC Choir at 9 o'clock
Rev. Marcuson is a friend of FBC Mac, an author, a consultant and coach, and a "leader of leaders." She pastored the First Baptist Church of Gardner, Massachusetts for 13 years.

April 14 Palm Sunday - "Walking Toward the End"
John 13:1-15, Rev. Erika Marksbury preaching

HOLY WEEK - April 15-20 (see front cover)

April 21 Easter Sunday - "Walking Toward What Remains"
Luke 24:13-31, Rev. Erika Marksbury, preaching
Special Music from FBC Choir at 9 & 11 o'clock
10 am - EASTER BRUNCH in the Gathering Room

April 28 Y.A.H.O.O. Mexico Mission Sunday

The youth, college students, and adults from FBC who spent their Spring Break building homes for three families in Mexico will share their experiences during both services. Come to learn the songs they sang, see the pictures of their hard work and their fun, and hear the stories of this life-changing adventure!

During April, we'll collect new and gently-used socks & shoes (athletic shoes, hiking shoes, boots) for our neighbors in need, many of whom spend most of their days walking. Bring your donations to the sanctuary Sunday mornings or to the office during the week.



"...and a little child shall lead them."

On March 3, FBC kids learned about the sacrament of communion at a special 10 o'clock class and then led that element of worship for the congregation at the 11 o'clock service - the litany beforehand, the serving of the bread and cup, and the blessing afterward. On April 7, they'll be learning about prayer and leading the prayer time at 11. They'll also lead elements of the 11 o'clock services on May 5 and June 2. What a gift it is to be part of this priesthood of *all* believers.

New lighting helps FBC save energy, money, planet



Thanks to a generous anonymous donor, FBC has recently undergone a major lighting renovation. With 95% of the job now done, you may have noticed some subtle changes: motion-sensor lights that turn off when there's not traffic in their area; LED bulbs shining from every fixture where the light was replaced; new nursery

and outdoor lighting (thrown in as a bonus while our company was waiting for their needed supplies to arrive!). In the Gathering Room, you may have noticed what looks like a random on/off pattern with the perimeter lights. What might look at first like a burned-out bulb is actually energy being saved! The lights not shining are "daylight harvesting" - measuring the sunlight outside, determining when it's adequate for the needs of the room, and, when it is, shutting off the lights inside and storing their energy for when it's needed. Mac Water & Light says with these changes we can expect a 68% decrease in energy use, which amounts to about an \$1800 savings in lighting costs each year.

The work was all done by Brilliant Northwest, a local co-op with a commitment to make its business good for the planet. Tad Beckwith, one of the owners of Brilliant Northwest, said at a recent building & grounds meeting, "We may have twelve years to turn this earth-ship around - those are the estimates out now about the possibility of reversing climate change. So it's important that we all do our part to contribute to making big change." FBC is grateful to Brilliant Northwest for its expertise guiding us through this change process, and to the donor who made it possible.

Introducing your Church Board members by the numbers: STEVE HOWARD, building & grounds

-fell in love with his daughter the moment he saw her, **30** years and **5** months ago. Says, "Her mother and I celebrated every year that we had kept her alive for another year. Pam thought it was for her birthday.."



-painted **hundreds** of homes in this town, and about **1/4** of the buildings on **3rd** Street. Built **23** homes, including the ones his mother and brother live in. Has been in his current home (which he did not build) for **32** years.

-Built his **56x68** shop/barn in **4** phases. It once housed his painting business and **200** sheep; it's now home to **12** chickens, his **'66** caddy convertible, and the **42**-year-old business.

-won't climb more than **40** feet on a ladder, now that he's "semi-retired, and old and tired."

-has been a member of FBC Mac for **53** years; the same amount of time he's lived in McMinnville.

-has been to Hawaii **21** times. Hates to fly, but loves the malasadas...



From Pastor Gregg A. Sneller,
Partnership Advocate
of Rainbow Acres

At the age of 16, I first met a man by the name of Ralph Showers. He was deeply loved by the pastor of our church and came to speak about a dream of a ranch in Arizona for adults with developmental disabilities. Rainbow Acres Ranch came into being in 1974. Eleven years later I served on the staff at FBC McMinville and each week part of our worshipping family were members who lived with developmental disabilities, our 'Rainbow Class'. I was deeply honored to learn from Victor, Chris, Patti and the others as we shared life together in worship.

I am indebted to you for being an inviting inclusive caring community. After three mission trips to Rainbow Acres, three pastorates and time with International Ministries, I was asked to serve at the ranch and began October 1, 2018. *"Rainbow Acres is a Christian community with heart that empowers persons with developmental disabilities to live to their fullest potential with dignity and purpose. We provide exceptional housing, life-enriching programs, and loving, holistic care in a safe, vibrant, inclusive ranch-style community."* Rainbow is about valuing persons and creating spaces where Ranchers can thrive, serve and live into their fullest potential. The Ranch is 50 acres in size and 90 miles North of Phoenix with 95 resident Ranchers. We are committed to lifelong learning through the Rainbow Academy that offers learning opportunities tailored to each Rancher's interests and abilities.

Here is what I love about the Ranch. For me it's a "thin place" where I experience the love of God through the gift of the Holy One residing in the Ranchers. I am blessed by my family at the Ranch when there. My job as a "Partnership Advocate" involves meeting with individuals, churches and organizations to encourage their partnership with what God is doing at the Ranch.

In October, quilts were presented to 18 Ranchers by the Sedona Quilters. It was in McMinville where I learned about the difference between a quilt and a blanket. They did not teach me about baby dedication quilts in seminary. You taught me so much while in your midst. The Rancher recipients of those quilts have lived at the Ranch between 30-45 years each. I wish you could have seen their faces as they received the quilts that were created specifically for each Rancher and their interests.



We have about 45 Ranchers who are scholarship recipients in order to be able to live at the Ranch. A commitment was made upon their arrival to care for them for life and to not turn anyone away for lack of funds. Many partners make this possible as an act of care for developmentally disabled persons who live at the Ranch.



One of your former church members, Chelsea Sneller, worked at Rainbow Acres when finishing college. To this day, some of the Ranchers only know me as "Chelsea's dad." I am glad to be known by the Ranchers and they will love to get to know you. Thanks for being such an important part of the journey God has called me upon and for your imprint in my life. Thank you for being willing to come and serve in the near future. Your presence will truly be a gift to the Ranchers. The work you do will be a gift but just as important are the relationships you build while eating with the Ranchers in the dining room for lunch and then in their homes for dinner.

Climate Bill Brings PEACE - A climate bill before Oregon legislators, the "Clean Energy Jobs Bill," was misrepresented in the News Register (Feb. 19th issue). Claiming that this bill would put Cascade Steel Mill out of business was exaggerated. In the following week's paper, John Pitney explained that the mill would be exempted at the start from having to buy pollution allowances. The mill would be given more time and flexibility. In California, where such bills exist, the economy is thriving and employment is up. Our church's Climate Action small group helps us to understand what's going on in the legislature, and why it will be good for Oregon. In the process of discussion, we explore many ideas related to climate change. Peace of mind is something we all need in these highly-charged political times. The Bible reminds us, "God so loved the world." We too can do our part to love the world. We can feel good about taking some action to help this rare and precious world to thrive.



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

In April we are meeting on Sunday nights from 5:30-7 pm at First Presbyterian Church for games, dinner and a program.

- April 7:** Creation Care GOD
- April 14:** Creation Care EARTH
- April 21:** NO Youth Group - Easter!
- April 28:** Creation Care NEIGHBOR



Children's Worship Program & Parent Breakfast
Sundays April 7, May 5, June 2
10 am Program and 11 am Worship

Family Gatherings
May 5 - Cinco de Mayo Celebration
June 9 - End of School Picnic

Summer Camp - Camp Arrah Wanna
High School: July 8-12
Middle School & Elementary:
July 22-26

**Vacation Bible School:
Abundant Life Garden Project**
August 5-9 for Rising K through 5th



**Sunday, April 14, 2019
Shareholder's Meeting**
1-2:30 pm - FBC Social Hall
A celebration of YAHOO Mexico Mission 2019, with stories, pictures & videos, and a dessert buffet!

**April 28, 2019
Y.A.H.O.O. Mexico Mission Sunday**
9 am & 11 am Worship Services
FBC Sanctuary
Join us for either service this morning as the FBC YAHOO team leads us in worship, including music, prayer, a slideshow, and reflections from participants on their experience.

Sunday Mornings @ FBC
APRIL 2019

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

April 7 & 21
WORSHIP @ 11 am:
Children & Youth remain in the Sanctuary for the full worship service.

April 14 & 28
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
April 3: McMinnville HS ~ **April 10:** Duniway MS ~ **April 17:** 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

SPRING Gatherings

Church Spring Clean-Up Day

Saturday, April 13, 9 am - 12 noon - Fun Projects!

We'll spruce up the courtyard, playground & parking areas. Come prepared to HELP. Bring gloves, garden tools & help make our church home sparkle!

National Day of Prayer for the Earth

Monday, April 22, 12 Noon - 1 pm

**In the Courtyard, weather permitting
(rain plan: in the Gathering Room)**

We'll respond to the invitation that Interfaith Power and Light sent to faith communities around the country to gather at the same time, each in our own place, and bathe the planet in prayer.

Things you can bring: a prayer, song, or reading about the earth to share; an object that represents your love for a special place on the earth, to place on an altar for our time together.

Hosted by FBC's Climate Justice group
Questions? Contact Lynn, herbalynn@comcast.net

Welcome Class

Sundays in May, 10-10:45 am, in the Library

New to FBC, or to the American Baptist tradition? Been around a while, but still curious? This is the group for you! We'll discuss the "four freedoms" that form the foundation of our tradition, the history of FBC McMinnville, how our individual stories shape our congregation's story, and we'll talk specifics about how to get connected at FBC.

If you think you might be interested in being baptized, joining the church, or just engaging more deeply with this faith community, please come. Let Questions? Contact Erika - erika@fbcmac.org



First Friday Films - April 5 - 7:00 pm

The Hundred-Foot Journey (PG)

The Kadam family leaves India for France where they open a restaurant directly across the road from Madame Mallory's Michelin-starred eatery.

The next First Friday Film, May 3 - City Slickers (PG-13)



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

new time!

Senior Breakfast - Wednesday, April 3, 8:30 am

Join us at Las Margaritas (former Johnnys/Banners).

Contact: Gina, 971-237-2789

Gluten Free Friends - Saturday, April 6, 10 am

A sharing of wisdom, information, and recipes.

Contact: Susan, 503-435-9952

Together Works - April 8 & 22 - 7 pm

LGBTQIA+ monthly gatherings (Fireplace Room)
Social & Educational time - fun & food.

April 8 is Game Night - bring your favorite game.

Contact: Dee, deerocksmoore@gmail.com

Meditation Practice - Every Wednesday - 12 pm

Silent Christian Prayer & Buddhist Traditions

Contact: Lynn, 503-472-8196

Climate Justice - Thursday, April 11 - 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., April 27 - 9-10:30 am

Les Toth's Toy Barn

(2700 NW Pinehurst, McMinnville)

**George Cabrera, "Must Justice Always be
as Cold As ICE?"**

Next gathering is May 25 - Barry House,

"Growing Up in Mac and Why I'm Still Here"

Hiking Group - April 27 - 8:30 am at FBC

Hiking Tualatin Nature Park. Meet at 8:30, in the FBC parking lot. Bring lunch and dress appropriately.

Contact:

Gloria, glowml1@gmail.com, 503-931-4846.

**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**

April at FBC

April 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 9-10:30a - STAR 4p - Mission Ministry Team 7p - Boy Scouts	2 6:3p - Cub Scouts 7p - Knit Wits	3 8a - Senior Breakfast at IHOP 12n - Meditation	4 9:30a - Knit Wits 5:45p - Jubilee Bells 6:30p - Choir Pastor's Day Off	5 9-10:30a - STAR 7p - First Friday Films	6 9a-1p - Free Medical Clinic 9:30-11a - Gluten Free Friends
7 5th Sunday of LENT 9:00a WORSHIP 10:00a Adult Classes 11:00a WORSHIP 12:30p - Worship Team 5:30-7p - MYC Youth Group	8 9-10:30a - STAR 7p - Boy Scouts 7p - Together Works	9 6:3p - Cub Scouts	10 12n - Meditation 6:30p Church Board	11 9:30a - Knit Wits 2:30p - Climate Action 5:45p - Jubilee Bells 6:30p - Choir Pastor's Day Off	12 9-10:30a - STAR	13 9a-12n - Outside Church Clean-up
14 PALM SUNDAY 9:00a WORSHIP 10:00a Adult Classes 11:00a WORSHIP 12:30p - Worship Team 5:30-7p - MYC Youth Group	15 9-10:30a - STAR 7p - Boy Scouts 7p - Care & Concern	16 6:3p - Cub Scouts 7p - Knit Wits	17 12n - Meditation	18 9:30a - Knit Wits 5:45p Jubilee Bells 6p - Maundy Thursday Vital Worship Dinner & Dialogue gathering 7:30p Choir	19 9-10:30a - STAR 7p - GOOD Friday Ecumenical service (see front cover)	20 9a-1p - Free Medical Clinic
- HOLY WEEK -						
21 EASTER SUNDAY 9:00a WORSHIP 10:00a - Easter Brunch 11:00a WORSHIP	22 9-10:30a - STAR 12p - FBC Courtyard Nat'l Day of Prayer 7p - Boy Scouts 7p - Together Works	23 6:3p - Cub Scouts	24 12n - Meditation	25 9:30a - Knit Wits Pastor's Day Off	26 9-10:30a - STAR	27 9-10:30a Men's Breakfast 8:30a - Hiking Group
28 Mexico Mission Sunday 9:00a WORSHIP 10:00a Adult Classes 11:00a WORSHIP 5:30-7p - MYC Youth Group	29 9-10:30a - STAR 7p - Boy Scouts 6p - Matthew 25 Community Outreach	30 6:3p - Cub Scouts	Pastor Erika will be on a Continuing Education leave April 4-9. Contact the church office for pastoral care or any other concerns.			



APRIL Birthdays:

Jim Duke 1
Dorothy Williams 2
Charlotte Stuart 4
Don Christensen 5
BJ Larmouth 6

AJ Campbell 7
Kevin Chambers 7
Jennifer Scott 11
Gordon Dromgoole 12
Logan Ferry 14
Wayne Beckwith 15
Jennifer Cleveland 19
Dayna Gilbert 19
Holden Leach 20
Zachary Reinker 20
Shelly Sanderlin 20
Rosemary Roberts 21

Dane Foster 22
Karen Stanford 24
Lisa Ovando 25
Naomi Rosen 25
Cameryn Rowe 25
Felix Bierly 27
Kelton Curry 27
Jack Linder 27
Alyssa Dressel 27

APRIL Anniversaries:

Michael & Lynne Vincent
4.24.1974
Holly & Lloyd Galer
4.12.1986