

The Tidings

FBC's monthly newsletter

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MAY

An Anniversary Celebration - Sunday, May 5th

After each worship service - in the Gathering Room

FBC turns 152 - When you hit 150, every year after is worth celebrating!

Come after worship and enjoy cake and fellowship with your church family!



A piece of History - First Baptist Church McMinnville, in the beginning . . .

1867 - 22 men, women & children chartered the McMinnville Baptist Church. At that time, McMinnville's population was about 300 people. There were 5 stores, 3 blacksmith shops, 2 wagon shops, 1 photographic artist, 1 silversmith, 1 shoe store, 2 doctors, 2 churches and 1 flour mill. In 1863, the Emancipation Proclamation was signed by Abraham Lincoln. In 1865, the Civil War ended. Ten years later, new communication, the telephone, was invented.

"McMinnville College (Linfield College) brought the church into existence," our history tells us, as congregants gathered in the Chapel building on campus, then in 1884 moved to their own building in town. The College retained a firm Baptist identity with nearly an all-Baptist faculty, that formed most of the church leadership.

In 1899 a second church building was built, and in 1927 the third & final building was built at the corner of 1st & Cowsls St. (its present location). New & updated space was created in 1963 with the addition of the west Education wing and 1998 brought total renewal & construction of the entire church that included the beautiful Gathering Room.

Interesting trivia! Read the entire 150 year **TIMELINE** at www.fbcmac.org AND check out the scrapbook version of the timeline, on display at the May 5 celebration

Pastor Erika invites you to a

Spring Welcome Class

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

Are you new to FBC, or to the American Baptist tradition? Have you been around a while, but you're still curious? This is the group for you!

We'll share the individual stories that brought us here, learn the story of FBC McMinnville, discuss the "four freedoms" that form the foundation of our tradition, consider how our individual stories shape the stories of our congregation and our denomination, and we'll talk specifics about

FBC's current ministries, and how to get connected in ways that are nourishing for you.

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

Another piece of History. Know My Story?

This plate celebrated FBC's 125th anniversary, 1867-1992.

**Do you know more
about it?**



Did FBC members buy these large & small plates as a fundraiser or a memento of the celebration? Please contact Diane & Tim Marsh, FBC archivists. You can leave a note for them in the archives box in the FBC office.

Something new in Tidings each month - We are finding interesting items in FBC's archives Room that need a story. Hope you can help.

50
Years

Sunday, May 19, 12:30 pm -

We'll celebrate members with 50+ years membership in First Baptist Church.

We're grateful for their abiding faithfulness to this community and for the countless gifts they've brought to it over the years.

Financial Report: Jan. 1 - March 31, 2019

May 2019

	Actual for Period	% of Amount Budgeted
Contributions Income:	\$84,293	102.1%
Total Income:	\$93,652	101.0%
Total Expenses:	\$92,045	99.2%
Net Income:	<u>+\$1,607</u> Good News!	

Financial update:

General fund giving was healthy during March. We are appreciative. All bills are currently paid.

Financial news: Beyond the general operating fund:

As of April 16, our Fellowship Fund balance is down to \$1,012. If folks have not contributed for some time, the month of May would be a great time to give to this important FBC outreach.

150th Building Maintenance project:

Our temporary bank loan balance is now down to just \$1,000. We still have about \$5,000 in exterior painting expenses. As the last of the pledges are paid, we will have the funds to complete all our planned projects. Well done, First Baptist Church members and friends.

Finance Committee: Jane Apel, Roger Dell, Judee Kunze, Don Watson, Treasurer

Church Board Notes

JoAnn Sims, FBC Moderator



Continuing Dialogue -

Serving the Homeless -

Our Matthew 25 committee and our FBC Church Board are continuing the discussion about how we serve our friends and neighbors who have needs, often beyond our ability to provide. Acknowledgement of those friends who feel FBC is their ally is often seen in giving back. Most recently that included helping us clean-up and spread new bark in the Courtyard area.

Lunch with Regional Executive, Rev. Steve Bils -

Erika & I met Steve for lunch. He shared the process for the Region creating a new policy about Regional church affiliations. This policy was created last October and was passed recently at a Regional Board retreat. The enforcement of the policy will follow the same procedure as a church that expresses deep concern about a Pastor and requests assistance of the region to investigate. Erika & I asked Steve numerous questions. Steve has requested a time to meet with our Church Board in the future to explain and clarify the policy. That time has not been set at the writing of this Board report.

Good News! -

Vision/Mission team -

Your Church Board requested the Vision/Mission exploratory group to report back to the Church Board. Rev. Diane Hooge met with the group and suggested a fundamental piece of the process should focus on developing and strengthening

relationships within our congregation and with the broader community.

She suggested the process could take a long time. Diane challenged us to think upon the questions of: What are we passionate about, talking about, praying about, involved in, and concerned about? What do we have the potential to do better than anyone else? What helps us create resources that keep us going? Brings us partners and opportunities?

After hearing the report, the Church Board committed to support the work of this team in developing a new FBC Vision/Mission Statement. The Vision/Mission team (V/M) is moving from exploratory to creating a process that strengthens relationships and develops a new FBC Vision/Mission Statement. The V/M team, with members from several generations, has met twice. Thank you to Cynthia Parker, Bill Millar, Dave Larmouth, Martha VanCleave, and Frances Huff for joining me on this adventure! We ask all our friends and members to also think about the questions posed to us by Diane.

150 Year Timeline -

The Timeline created for the 150th FBC Birthday celebration is now available in scrapbook form and on our website. A special thanks to Susan Chambers for assembling this cherished piece of history!

Welcome Home!

Pastor, Erika, returned from the Big Sur country and a continuing education workshop providing insight on Leadership with emotional courage.

Sunday Worship Highlights

May 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 at 10:00 am

May 5 "Making a Way for What Comes"

Communion Sunday

Matthew 19:13-15, Rev. Erika Marksbury preaching

Offertory Music from Max Dixon, tenor sax and

Quince Mabry, piano at both services

Children will lead in the opening of the 9 o'clock service



May 12 "The Church is a Family"

Mother's Day

Mark 3:31-35, Rev. Erika Marksbury preaching

Special Music from the FBC Choir at 9 o'clock



May 19 "The Church is a Home"

Ephesians 2:19-22, Rev. Erika Marksbury, preaching

Special Music from the Ukulele Ukestra at both services



May 26 "The Church is a Vineyard"

John 15:1-5,9-12, Rev. Erika Marksbury, preaching

Special Music from the FBC Choir at 9 o'clock



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Thoughts from Pastor Erika

Watching the flower cross come together on Easter Sunday, I was struck again by how powerful a metaphor that traditional practice is: a symbol of torture and death transformed into a bearer of hope; a sign that once bore despair and sorrow now bursting with life and joy. It was awe-inspiring, really, to see how beautiful such an ugly thing could become. Mostly, I was struck by how, of course, that transformation doesn't just happen. It takes work. Many of you cut and brought flowers from home. Joani Jernstedt, Kayleen Dressel, and Beth Ann Pope took their time as they attentively and gently placed each bulb. Shane Curry and Colton Anderson carefully carried the decorated cross into the sanctuary. JP Bierly, Heidi Leach, and Dave King helped find the perfect spot for it. Sometimes we talk about resurrection as something that just happens - and for Jesus, maybe that's how it was. But for resurrection to come to our own lives and spaces, for our community and world to be filled with hope and life and joy, for ugliness around us to become beautiful, maybe it takes each of us: our bringing what we have, our time and attention and gentleness, our care and direction. Looking around at our church, and at the needs of our community, I wonder: where might we, together, help make resurrection happen this season?

What matters most to us at FBC McMinnville? What would we determine is essential about how we understand and practice our faith? What's our unique way of being good news in the world? How can we say that, and how can we share it? A small group of congregants is hard at work designing a process to lead the congregation through - a process that will, in the end, produce a mission and a vision statement that reflect and celebrate who we are and what we're about, and can guide us into the future. The group's monthly meetings will be second Mondays from 6 to 7:30pm, and if you'd like to join them, they'd love to have you! Come just to listen in, or become a member of this short-term team. And look for lots of ways to participate coming soon!

vision/mission project

May	Kick-off project, team designs process for gathering congregational input; Team meeting May 13
June	Input-gathering; Team meeting June 10
July	Continue input-gathering; Team meeting July 8
August	Continue input-gathering, begin analyzing responses; Team meeting August 12
September	Continue analyzing responses, create and present drafts of mission and vision statements, gather feedback; Team meeting September 9
October	Finalize, affirm, and celebrate!!!

Introducing your Church Board members, by the numbers

DON WATSON, treasurer

-has been married to the lovely Linda Gatlin Watson for **48.8** of his **70** years. They were members of FBC McMinnville from **'70-'72** as a **21**-year-old married couple and returned in **2010**.

-earned **2** degrees at Linfield: B.A., **1971** and M.Ed., **1977**, and went on to teach mathematics at Whiteaker Junior High/Middle School for **30** years, with more than **5000** students sitting in his classroom. Spent **42** years as a teacher, tutor, state math assessment writer, and student teacher supervisor.

-traveled **17750** miles in **1988** to assist Planned Loving Adoptions. Met their **3rd** adopted child in Calcutta (Kolkata), India. Escorted **2** boys and a **10**-month-old to the U.S. to meet their forever families. He and Linda now have **3** adult children, **3** grandchildren, and **1** great-granddaughter.

-has traveled in **46** states and **14** countries, including 8 short-term mission trips that took him to Haiti, the Dominican Republic, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Mexico, and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

-has been making music with church choirs for **50** years.





Our Vision is a caring community, free of child abuse, where everyone is invested in raising healthy children.

Our Mission is to provide compassionate intervention through prevention, assessment and support for children & families who may have been impacted by child abuse.

Have you seen all the blue ribbons, pinwheels, banners, & billboard this month? What an amazing April this has been! Communities, businesses, city councils, churches and organizations across our county have come together to bring awareness to National Child Abuse Prevention Month. We are so grateful to everyone that has participated and supported this April campaign! It is truly heartening to know so many people care about preventing abuse and neglect of our kids. At the same time, it is heart-wrenching to know that less than 10% of abuse cases are ever reported. Horrifying that 1 in 3 girls and 1 in 5 boys will be sexually abused before they turn 18 - and these numbers don't include the anguish from other abuses or neglect. Far too many of these precious kids bear their trauma in secret and without hope.



The link between untreated child abuse and major social issues is very high - like school dropouts, unwanted pregnancies, substance abuse, chronic health problems, homelessness, and even suicides. While as a community we've certainly come along way, we must certainly do more to help. Fortunately, we CAN do more when we work together.

Juliette's House has been bringing hope and healing to our community for 22 years, providing urgently needed medical and forensic child abuse assessments, ongoing family support services, specialized trauma therapy, and a variety of child abuse prevention education programs that empower thousands of children and adults each year in Yamhill and Polk counties. All of our services are provided bilingually and free of charge. Soon we hope to be working with adult survivors of child abuse to help them finally find the healing they deserve.

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month



One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS)



Response to March Floods in the Plains and Midwest: The FBC Missions Team will be promoting **One Great Hour of Sharing offering in June**, but we wanted to let you know that ABC-USA is currently accepting donations to help victims of the March Floods in the Plains and Midwest.

You can give online at the ABC-USA website, or put a check in the offering plate during Sunday worship. Make check payable to FBC with "OGHS 2019: Midwest Floods" in the memo line. Thank you.

The month of April will soon end. The pinwheels and ribbons will be coming down, but the safety needs of our kids will continue and so will the work of Juliette's House, even as we look to expand our programs to better meet the need.

Child abuse and neglect are preventable! Working in collaboration with other local agencies, our appeal to you is to think about what you can do right now to make a difference. Start by getting informed, then get involved- perhaps volunteer, or attend a Stewards of Children adult training - perfect for parents, churches, businesses, or anyone who works with or cares about kids. And of course, please support. Every dollar given works hard to protect our children, bringing hope and healing to families, and building a safer, healthier, more thriving community.

Thank you for all the support you give us, FBC! To learn more please go to www.julietteshouse.org.

Submitted by Russell Mark - Juliette's House

"The solution of adult problems tomorrow depends in large measure upon the way our children grow up today. There is no greater insight into the future than recognizing that, when we save children, we save ourselves." - Margaret Mead



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

In May we are meeting on Sundays at First Presbyterian Church, times and details below.

- May 5:** Hunger Discussion, 5:30-7pm
Program, Games, & Dinner
- May 12:** NO Youth Group *Mother's Day*
- May 19:** CROP Walk, 2-4pm
Walking, Games, & Ice Cream
- May 26:** NO Youth Group *Holiday Weekend*



Beachbound State-Wide Youth Event

Join us for this gathering of youth from the ABC CPC region in Lincoln City on Saturday, May 18 from 10am-5pm.

Scavenger hunt, worship, food, fun at the beach, and more! This will be an awesome time to connect with old friends from winter and summer camps, and make new friends from other Baptist churches in our area.

RSVP at fbcmac.org/beachbound. We hope you will be part, and friends are welcome!



Children's Worship Program & Parent Breakfast

Sundays 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 Mornings @ FBC
MAY 2019

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

May 5
WORSHIP @ 11 am:
Children & Youth remain in the Sanctuary for the full worship service.

May 12, 19, and 26
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
May 8: McMinnville HS ~ **May 15:** Duniway MS ~ **May 22:** Patton MS

COMMUNICATION

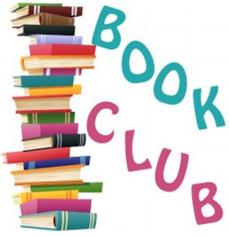
Email: Email sean@fbcmac.org to be added to our weekly enews list

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



Every Tuesday at 9 am and Thursday at 2 pm

MV Advancement clients meet in the Fireplace Room to read & discuss the current book they're reading - next up, "A Dog's Purpose." They invite

anyone to join them during Book Club. Come experience more than just a book discussion, but a time of fellowship with many adults with challenges. It'll change your life.

Climate Action Group

Something I really want to know is whether we really can reverse global warming. We all have a chance to learn about this on **Sunday, May 5th from 2:30-5:00 pm**. Our Climate Action Group is sponsoring a workshop based on a book by the renowned author Steven Hawkins. He has good news about reversing climate change. You are invited, please join us!



First Friday Films - City Slickers, May 3 - 7:00 pm

A classic comedy! Every year, 3 friend stake a vacation away from their wives. This year, henpecked Phil (Daniel Stern), newly married Ed (Bruno Kirby), & Mitch (Billy Crystal) who's terrified of his midlife

crisis, decide to reignite their masculinity by taking a cattle drive across the Southwest. Under the supervision of gruff cowboy Curly (Jack Palance), the men set out on a journey that turns unexpectedly dangerous. The three men bond along the way to conquering their fear of aging.

ONGOING Gatherings

AM Knit Wits - Every Thursday - 9:30 am

Contact: Linda, 971-237-6828

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

May 7 & 21 - Contact: Gina, 971-237-2789

Senior Breakfast - Wednesday, May 1, 8:30 am

Join us at Las Margaritas (former Johnny's/Banners).

Contact: Gina, 971-237-2789

Gluten Free Friends - 1st Saturday, May 4, 9:30 am

A sharing of wisdom, information, and recipes.

Contact: Susan, 503-435-9952

Together Works - May 13 & 20 - 7 pm

LGBTQIA+ monthly gatherings (Fireplace Room)

Social & Educational time - fun & food.

Contact: Dee, deerocksmoore@gmail.com

Meditation Practice - Every Wednesday - 12 pm

Silent Christian Prayer & Buddhist Traditions

Contact: Lynn, 503-472-8196

Climate Justice - Thursday, May 9 - 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., May 25 - 9-10:30 am

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

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

Hiking Group - May 18 - 8:30 am at FBC

Going to Portland's Hoyt Arboretum. Meet at 8:30 am, in FBC parking lot to car pool. Look forward to amazing flowers & shrubs in bloom. Contact Gloria, glowml1@gmail.com, 503-931-4846.

South Beach State Park



SAVE the DATE!

Plan to join FBC friends for the Annual All-Church Campout, Friday-Sunday, July 12-14, 2019 at South Beach State Park, Newport, Oregon

FBC campsites are reserved and will be assigned in early June. Fun on the beach, biking, jogging, 9-hole disc golf, and more. A Potluck Saturday night meal & SundayWorship.

May at FBC

May 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 8a - Senior Breakfast at Las Margaritas 12n - Meditation	2 9a - Bldg & Grounds 9:30a - Knit Wits 6:30p - Choir 7:30p Worship Team Pastor's Day Off	3 9-10:30a - STAR 7p - First Friday Films	4 9a-1p - Free Medical Clinic 9:30-11a - Gluten Free Friends
5 9:00a WORSHIP 10:00a Adult Classes 11:00a WORSHIP 2:30p - Climate Action 5:30p - Youth Group 5:30p-FamilyGathering	6 9-10:30a - STAR 12-1p - Personnel 4p - Mission Ministry 7p - Boy Scouts & Scout Girls	7 6:3p - Cub Scouts 7p - Knit Wits	8 12n - Meditation 6:30p Church Board	9 9:30a - Knit Wits 2:30p - Climate Action 6:30p - Choir 7:30p - Worship Team Pastor's Day Off	10 9-10:30a - STAR	11
12 <i>Mother's Day</i> 9:00a WORSHIP 10:00a Adult Classes 11:00a WORSHIP 5:30-7p - MYC Youth Group	13 9-10:30a - STAR 6p - Mission/Vision Team 7p - Boy Scouts & Scout Girls 7p - Together Works	14 6:3p - Cub Scouts	15 12n - Meditation	16 9:30a - Knit Wits 6:30p - Choir 7:30p Worship Team Pastor's Day Off	17 9-10:30a - STAR	18 8:30a - Hiking Group 9a-1p - Free Medical Clinic
19 9:00a WORSHIP 10:00a Adult Classes 11:00a WORSHIP 12-1p - 50+ Year Member Luncheon 5:30-7p - MYC Youth Group	20 9-10:30a - STAR 7p - Boy Scouts & Scout Girls 7p - Care & Concern	21 6:3p - Cub Scouts 7p - Knit Wits	22 12n - Meditation	23 9:30a - Knit Wits 6:30p - Choir 7:30p Worship Team Pastor's Day Off	24 9-10:30a - STAR	25 9-10:30a Men's Breakfast 8:30a - Hiking Group
26 9:00a WORSHIP 10:00a Adult Classes 11:00a WORSHIP 5:30-7p - MYC Youth Group	 27 MEMORIAL DAY FBC Office & STAR Room Closed 6p - Matt 25 Outreach	28 6:3p - Cub Scouts	29 12n - Meditation	30 9:30a - Knit Wits 6:30p - Choir 7:30p Worship Team Pastor's Day Off	31 9-10:30a - STAR	

MAY Birthdays:
 Scott Chambers 1
 Jacob Harmon 5
 Stuart Gunness 6
 Simon Huff 6
 Jordan Ferry 7
 Jacquie Howard 7
 Jean Meicho 7
 Israel Ward 8
 Mary Martin 10
 Polly Sauter 10
 Emma VanDerVeen 10

Rob Schulman 11
 Sean P. Williams 13
 Nick Cleveland-Stout 15
 Zander Dressel 15
 Beckett Marksbury-Page 18
 William Ward 19
 Mickey Howard 20
 Marianne Mills 20
 Wayne Clevenger 21
 Charlotte Hendricks 26
 Erika Marksbury 26
 Paul Studebaker 26

Barbara Kauer 28
 Henry Anderson 30
 Lennox Leach 30
 Paul Kushner 31
 Claudia Brown 31
 Gerry Painter 31

MAY Anniversaries:
 Jack & Susie Alin
 May 21, 1977
 Peggi Lilly & Ken Piontek
 May 23, 1981

David & Joy Hallett
 May 26, 1991
 John & Jen Linder
 May 12, 2001
 Rober & Beth Dell
 May 29, 2004

