

The Tidings

FBC's monthly newsletter

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FBC Climate Justice group engages



FBC's Climate Justice group believes strongly in the work of Our Children's Trust, and they're inviting the congregation to learn about and support that work as well. Our Children's Trust is the organization that supports the plaintiffs in *Juliana vs. the United States*. The plaintiffs are 21 young people suing the U.S. government for the right to a livable future, a safe climate, and a healthy atmosphere for all present and future generations. You can learn more about their work at www.ourchildrenstrust.org. The attention on this case is helping to educate the general public about the scientific realities affecting our climate and about roads to climate recovery.

Our Children's Trust is putting together a show of solidarity - a string of brief videos voicing support for their cause. Members of our climate justice group are painting a banner, and on **June 2**, after the 11 o'clock worship, everyone is invited to gather around the banner and add your voice to FBC's video.

Then on Tuesday, **June 4**, members of climate groups from McMinnville congregations will travel to Portland, where oral arguments are set to be heard in the *Juliana* case. If you'd like to meet the group or grab one of the remaining seats on the bus, contact John Pitney: pitneycompost@gmail.com.

And mark your calendars for **October 19**, when FBC is hosting three tables at a local dinner featuring speakers from Our Children's Trust. There is no cost to attend but **the event is a fundraiser to support the work of Our Children's Trust**.

Table hosts are (1) Paul & Linette Studebaker, (2) Lynn Crowell & Roshana Shockley, and (3) Erika Marksbury & Rick Page - let any of them know if you' like to reserve a seat!



At the end of April, people gathered at the Parkview labyrinth at a Vigil for the Climate that included singing, prayers, and learning from two speakers from Our Children's Trust.

Know Our Story?



We are sure Pastor Erika did not ride a pony to church last week, but we would like to know how these horseshoes ended up in our archives ... left over from a horseshoe match, dug up around the building, a "gift" from a circuit rider? If you know their origin, please let us know.

Marilyn Crouser told us the plate we featured in May Tidings was created as a fundraiser for the church's 125th Anniversary. The design featuring the steeple of the earlier church building was created by Reita Lockett's daughter. Marilyn tells us cups & mugs were made as well. If you have one of the mugs that you would be willing to donate to the archives, we would love to add it to the plate collection.

Tim and Diane Marsh,
FBC archivists

Financial Report: Jan. 1 - April 30, 2019

June 2019

	Actual for Period	% of Amount Budgeted
Contributions Income:	\$107,398	97.5%
Total Income:	\$119,649	96.7%
Total Expenses:	\$118,882	99.2%
Net Income:	+ \$ 827	

Financial update:

For January through April, our income from contributions is short of our goal by \$2,719 and our total income short by \$4,023.

Planned for this summer are a few key maintenance projects.

We encourage folks to keep up their generous support of ministry this summer so the funds will be available. We are very appreciative of each and every gift for ministry here at First Baptist Church and with our ministry partners near and far.

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

Church Board Notes

Good News for the Summer and Beyond!

Regional Policy on Outside Affiliations -

Our Executive Minister, Rev. Steve Bills, presented the new regional policy to our FBC Board and Discernment Committee. A rich discussion followed with many questions about the language and meaning of the policy. The policy is available and posted with the May Church Board minutes in the Church Office. When FBC joined the Association of Welcoming and Affirming Baptists (AWAB) there were some congregations in our region that were alarmed as they interpreted the written goal of AWAB to advocate for full inclusion of LGBTQ into the life of all Baptist churches as threatening to their congregations.

The new policy on Outside Affiliations restates the basic freedoms of American Baptist Churches and the reality of association among each congregation and the region. The new policy ends by stating that in, the ABCCPC, congregations would not associate with groups that demeaned, demoralized, or demonized other people. The especially hopeful note in the region's policy development process was to invite the current President of AWAB, Brian Henderson, to the region's spring workshop where this policy was completed. Brian assured them and the region's board members agreed, that AWAB does not use such language and decidedly does not demean, demoralize, or demonize any persons or congregations. This policy now affirms that FBC

remains a full and participating member of the ABCCPC region!

If a congregation were to become associated with a group that did demean, demoralize, and demonize a procedure similar to a pastoral concern allegation would be brought to regional board's attention. Resolution of such a concern would be a region board responsibility resulting in investigation and counseling.

A Compassionate Path Forward -

The Matthew 25 committee and our FBC Church Board have continued a discussion about how we serve our friends and neighbors who have needs often beyond our ability to provide. The Building and Grounds committee is working in tandem with the Matthew 25 committee to provide video coverage of entrances and grounds at FBC. Signage has been updated and re-evaluated. The major discussion this past three months has been in relation to a couple that occasionally have parked their car overnight in our parking lot west of the church. This lot is clearly signed as "No Overnight Camping." The FBC Board passed a one time, short-term (30 days) exemption to that original signage. If the couple sign the exemption policy, the Matthew 25 team will work with the couple and advocate for them to move toward stable housing. If they decide not to sign, they will not be allowed to park overnight at any time as the sign clearly states. Please share your gratitude to your Church Board for finding a compassionate and supportive solution to a very challenging situation.

- JoAnn Sims, FBC Moderator

Sunday Worship Highlights

June 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 and 11 am, Adult Education Classes at 10 am

June 2 "The Church is One Bread"

Communion Sunday

1 Corinthians 10:15-17, Rev. Erika Marksbury preaching

Children greet, usher, and lead opening music at the 11 o'clock service

Graduate Recognition at the 11 o'clock service

June 9 "Renew the Face of the Earth"

Pentecost; Creation Care Sunday

Psalm 104 & Acts 2, selected verses, Rev. Erika Marksbury preaching

Special Music from the Jubilee Bells at both services

and from Sherill Roberts at the 11 o'clock service

Summer Schedule Begins - One Service at 10 am, Faith & Java Class at 9 am

June 16 "The Tables Have Turned"

John 2:13-22, Rev. Erika Marksbury, preaching

June 23 "A Feast of Rich Food"

Isaiah 25:1-10a, JP Bierly, Music & Small Groups Minister, preaching

June 30 "Anything Too Extraordinary"

Genesis 18:1-15, Rev. Erika Marksbury, preaching

Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting following worship

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Thoughts from Pastor Erika

Some of the most wonderful - and some of the most difficult - stories in scripture happen around tables. Feasts are set, unexpected guests turn up, stories are shared, challenges are issued, decisions are made. All of these elements shape the tables in our everyday world, too: our dinner tables can be sites of intimacy and of joy and of family drama; our workplace tables are where we hammer out programs, budgets, calendars; our community and national and world leaders gather around tables to set a course for the future. And at church, we gather around a table that draws us in to be nourished and sends us out to nourish each other and our world.

This summer, we'll be gathering around stories of tables. And we'll meet outside of church - around tables piled high with ice cream and toppings in June, with barbecue (and napkins!) in July, with questions for each other about what we dream of for FBC McMinnville, and how we can make those dreams a reality. Please say yes to those invitations - your presence at those tables matters deeply.

And we will continue to gather each month around the table Christ sets for all of us, sharing in that communion that makes all the others tables so much more meaningful, too. The song says, "We come to share the story; we come to break the bread; we come to know our rising from the dead." What a gift it is to listen to one another, to feast with one another, to be alive together. Thanks be to God.

June: "Visioning Our Values" Gatherings Planned

May	Kick-off project, team designs process for gathering congregational input; Team meeting May 13	The Visioning Process is off to a hopeful start. The team is thankful for those who have indicated their desire to help with this work - the more voices, the better!
June	Input-gathering at ice cream socials; Team meeting June 10	
July	Continue gathering input; 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!!!	In June, everyone is invited to any of several ice cream socials that will be held for two reasons. One: because it will be summer, and ice cream socials are a great excuse to get together, laugh, and enjoy each other. And two: because the team gathering input for the mission statement wants to hear what values you consider central to FBC's identity and work (maybe getting together, laughing, and enjoying each other would be among them?). This series of "Visioning Our Values" gatherings will be held in congregants' homes and at the church June 12-30, so look for exact times and places soon, and please plan to participate!

INTERFAITH MOVEMENT FOR IMMIGRANT JUSTICE

Tuesday, June 11
6:30-8:30pm at FBC

At this gathering, we'll deepen relationships across our communities; we'll learn where ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) is most active in our region; and we'll consider strategies and concrete actions we can take as faith communities to advance immigrant justice and protect immigrant families, especially at our county courthouses.

RSVP to sarah@imirj.org. If you will need childcare, please let her know.

Introducing your Church Board members, by the numbers

SUSAN CHAMBERS, missions



-has been married to Scott **34** years. They have **2** sons, Kyle and Kevin, **1** daughter-in-law, Angelica, and a **12**-year-old lab, Tappan.

-has **1** sister, Janet, and brother-in-law, Bob, who live in Davis, California.

-for **15** years, taught Health Education & Disease Prevention at Linfield.

-**55** years ago, was the youngest person to hike unassisted to the top of Mt. Whitney (**14,505** feet). Has run **15** marathons and competed in **1** half-Ironman triathlon.

-has traveled to more than **30** countries.

-has provided leadership for Gluten Free Friends for **15** years & to FBC's

Sew 'n Sos ministry for more than **5**. -usually has **1** knitting and **2** quilting projects in process.

-has attended FBC for **26** years and been a member for **24** years.



2019 Offering
Transforming lives
in ways that are
more than we
can imagine.

In the midst of suffering and uncertainty, God pulls us, calls us, uses us to be compassion. We, the Church, are called to be God's compassion at work in the world, helping to rebuild after natural disasters, wars, political turmoil, etc, to rebuild and create a better world for all.

For example, the sociopolitical crisis that began in April 2018 has left the poorest people in Nicaragua facing even greater obstacles. Accessing health care has become more difficult, food prices have increased, and hundreds of thousands of people have lost their jobs. The national budget for the health system has been significantly reduced, making it harder for families to afford or find medicine and supplies. An emergency grant from One Great Hour of Sharing was provided to AMOS Health & Hope (missionaries Drs. Laura and David Parajón) to help stock rural health clinics with essential medications and supplies and to continue to train their rural health promoters to treat diseases, prevent illness and promote good health.

And One Great Hour of Sharing partnered with Heart Reach Neighborhood Ministries in Youngstown, Ohio to provide mattresses to low-income families. Their local Housing Authority learned that only 40 percent of a low-income housing development had enough beds for the numbers of occupants. Some local churches raised enough money to purchase 104 mattresses, but the waiting list grew. The ministry was awarded a One Great Hour of Sharing Food and Shelter Grant to purchase more mattresses.

2018 was a year of many natural and man-made disasters. Gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing brought emergency relief in 13 international locations and 7 states. In addition, One Great Hour of Sharing provided funds for 16 development projects which address chronic needs in international locations and 20 projects in the US. With your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing we are creating, together, a world where families have access to clean water, education and medical care - where they can find new homes without persecution - it's a world where there is shalom. Together we are transforming lives in ways that are more than we can imagine.

AMERICA FOR CHRIST OFFERING 2019	CULTIVATING LEADERS, EQUIPPING DISCIPLES, & HEALING COMMUNITIES In March, FBC collected \$919 for the America For Christ Offering. Thank you!
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THANK YOU

CAMP SCHOLARSHIP FUND

We so appreciate all this church gives and does to support our children and youth!

Every February and July, FBC McMinnville sends children and youth from our church & the community to **winter and summer camps at Camp Arrah Wanna**. In fact, we had more campers at winter camp this year than any other church in our region. We definitely have a strong, and positive, presence and impact during these weekends and weeks at CAW.

It's also, always, a meaningful and memorable experience for our children and youth, as they share meals, participate in worship and spiritual conversations, enjoy the outdoors, make new friends, and connect with God through all of this.

We want all of this to continue this summer and beyond, and while CAW works hard to keep the cost of camp as low as possible, we still have families who need some financial help in order to participate.

FBC is blessed to have a camp scholarship fund which provides the resources needed to allow any child or youth who wants to be part of camp to join us. Thank you for giving - to make this possible.

At this time, if you are able, we invite you make another gift to help us build and maintain this fund, and have funds available to make camp happen for families this summer, and into the future.



Youth Group: June 2 & 9

5:30-7pm @ First Presbyterian Church
Program, Games, & Dinner

Youth Outings

June 15: Bullwinkles

July 29: Rafting

August 22: Drive-In Movie

Children & Youth Outdoor Pool Trips

June 19: Carlton Pool

July 17: Corvallis Pool

August 21: Wilson Pool



Summer Camp 2019 @ Camp Arrah Wanna

register at camparrahwanna.org

High School
completed grades 9-12

July 8-12, \$295

\$20 early bird discount by June 3

Middle School
completed grades 6-8

July 22-26, \$290

\$20 early bird discount by June 17

Elementary
completed grades 3-5

July 22-26, \$285

\$20 early bird discount by June 17



Vacation Bible School: Abundant Life Garden Project

This summer we will explore the five themes of Water, Seeds, Soil, Animals and Harvest during VBS.

In learning to be thankful for the bounty that God has provided in creation, children and their families will be encouraged to share with one another, take action and share our abundance with those in need.

August 5-9 from 9am to noon for Rising K through 5th

youth & adult volunteers needed

Register online NOW!
fbcmac.org/vbs-2019

Sunday Mornings @ FBC

JUNE 2019

June 2: WORSHIP @ 11am

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

June 9: WORSHIP @ 11am

Children: Children's Chapel following the Children's Story.

Youth: Sit with family/friends, together in the balcony, or help with Children's Chapel.

June 16: WORSHIP @ 10am

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

June 23 & 30: WORSHIP @ 10am

Children: Creative Play following the Children's Story.

Youth: Sit with family/friends, together in the balcony, or help with Creative Play

LUNCH ON CAMPUS

June 5: McMinnville HS

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

SUMMER Gatherings

NEW opportunity for men!

Join a 12-week exploratory circle in men's work,
July 14 till September 29,
Sunday evenings, 6:30-8:30 pm.

Consider: What does it mean to be a man of honor in our current culture? How do we, as men, express courage? Is there a 'distance' between us? If a group of men come together, can we create something beautiful?

Let's find out. Questions? Contact Daryll at harmony_haven@hotmail.com.

"What shape waits in the seed of you to grow and spread its branches Against a future sky?" David Whyte

Groups on hiatus (not meeting) this summer... but will return in September.

Gluten Free Friends

Contact: Lynn, 503-472-8196

Climate Justice - will not meet in July

For all concerned, come together to see what we can do here in McMinnville to make a difference.
Contact: Lynn, herbalynn@comcast.net

Men's Breakfast - 4th Saturday

Les Toth's Toy Barn (2700 NW Pinehurst, Mac)
Always a speaker, stimulating conversation, and good breakfast! Join us this fall.



ONGOING Gatherings

AM Knit Wits - Every Thursday - 9:30 am

Contact: Linda, 971-237-6828

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

June 4 & 18 - Contact: Gina, 971-237-2789

Senior Breakfast - Wednesday, June 5, 8:00 am

Join us at our new location, American Legion Post 21 (126 NE Atlantic St., Mac).

Contact: Gina, 971-237-2789

Meditation Practice - All summer, each Wednesday

Silent Christian Prayer & Buddhist Traditions

Contact: Lynn, 503-472-8196

Gluten Free Friends - a special event Saturday,

June 8 - McMinnville Gluten Free Beer Tasting event

12-1:30 pm at Evasion Brewing Co. and 2-3:30 pm at Bierly Brewing. Snacks will be provided.

(no meeting June 1st) Contact: Susan, 503-435-9952

Together Works - June 10 & 24 - 7 pm

LGBTQIA+ monthly gatherings (Fireplace Room)

Social & Educational time - fun & food.

Contact: Dee, deerocksmoore@gmail.com

Hiking Group - June 22 - 8:30 am at FBC

Coast Hike- Destination TBA Meet at 8:30 am, in FBC parking lot to car pool. Contact Gloria, glowml1@gmail.com, 503-931-4846.

Climate Justice - Thurs., June 20 - 2:30-4 pm

Contact: Lynn, herbalynn@cocast.net



South Beach State Park

It's time to SIGN-UP for a space at South Beach . . .

Plan to join your FBC friends & family for the Annual All-Church Campout, Friday-Sunday, July 12-14, 2019 in Newport, Oregon

Fun on the beach, biking, hiking, jogging, 9-hole disc golf, fellowship time with your church family, visiting Old Town Newport, and more. On Saturday: Steve Howard's famous French Toast Breakfast & a Potluck dinner. Sunday Worship.

Look for the sign-up table in the Gathering Room Sundays in June. Dave King, campout organizer, will be there to answer any questions, provide additional info, get you signed up and take your fee.

Camp Site location: Loop D, sites 29 through 38 (same as last year)

Cost per site is \$70 for the weekend (2 nights). Yes, the State increased the price this year, but up to 8 people can share a site and split the cost. A great time for all, don't miss it!

June at FBC

June 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 9a-1p - Free Medical Clinic
2 Graduate Recognition 9:00a WORSHIP 10:00a Adult Classes 11:00a WORSHIP	3 9-10:30a - STAR 12-1p - Personnel 4p - Mission Ministry 7p - Boy Scouts & Scout Girls	4 6:30p - Cub Scouts 7p - Knit Wits	5 8a - Senior Breakfast at American Legion 12n - Meditation	6 9a - Bldg & Grounds 9:30a - Knit Wits 5:45p - Jubilee Bells 7:30p - Worship Team Pastor's Day Off	7 9-10:30a - STAR	8 12n-3:30p - GF Event (see pge 7)
9 9:00a WORSHIP 10:00a Adult Classes 11:00a WORSHIP Last Sunday with 2 services (until Sept.)	10 9-10:30a - STAR 6p - Mission/Vision Team 7p - Boy Scouts & Scout Girls 7p - Together Works	11 6:30p - Cub Scouts	12 12n - Meditation	13 9:30a - Knit Wits 7:30p Worship Team Pastor's Day Off	14 9-10:30a - STAR	15 Youth Outing to Bullwinkles 9a-1p - Free Medical Clinic
16 Father's Day 9 am - Faith & Java 10:00 am - Summer Worship	17 9-10:30a - STAR 7p - Boy Scouts & Scout Girls 7p - Care & Concern	18 6:30p - Cub Scouts 7p - Knit Wits	19 12n - Meditation C&Y Outing to the Carlton Pool	20 9:30a - Knit Wits 7:30p Worship Team 2:30p - Climate Action Pastor's Day Off	21 9-10:30a - STAR	22 8:30a - Hiking Group
23 9 am - Faith & Java 10:00 am - Summer Worship	24 9-10:30a - STAR 7p - Boy Scouts & Scout Girls 7p - Together Works	25 6:30p - Cub Scouts	26 12n - Meditation	27 9:30a - Knit Wits 7:30p Worship Team Pastor's Day Off	28 9-10:30a - STAR	29

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9 am - Faith & Java
10:00 am - Summer Worship
11:15 - Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting

JUNE Birthdays:

Sherill Roberts 1
Josue Dominguez 2
Barbara Burr 3
Keegan Cassidy 4
Lilly Kind 4
Sally Martin 4
Don Gilbert 5
Dakota Swaney 8

Heidi Reinker 10
Dylan Weaver 10
Kena Avila 13
Irene Stewart 13
Bob Crawford 14
Jorge Dominguez 15
Paige Benner 16
Debbie Harmon Ferry 16
Bailey McManus 18
Marilyn Crouser 20
Charles Walker 20
Lillian Weaver 21
Sunshine Fugit 22
Aaron Garmon 22
Jackie Painter 24

Rick Page 25
JoAnn Sims 25
Marvin King 26
JUNE Anniversaries:
Bill & Donna Millar 6.10.61
Larry & JoAnn Sims 6.13.64
Art & Anne Engen 6.17.67
Wayne & Kathy Beckwith 6.24.67
Paul & Linette Studebaker 6.12.71

Les & Kathleen Toth 6.11.77
Stewart Stout & Jennifer Cleveland 6.25.88
Stacy Martin & Rob Higgins 6.11.96
Heidi & Matt Reinker 6.23.98
Ed & Millie Boggie 6.1.98
Erika Marksburly & Rick Page 6.18.05
JP & Amelia Bierly 6.9.07