

# The Tidings

FBC's monthly newsletter

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## South Beach State Park



## Annual All-Church Campout on the beautiful Oregon Coast!

Friday-Sunday, July 12-14

Join your FBC friends & family for FUN on the beach, biking, hiking, and more!

At the South Beach camp site there's a 9-hole disc golf course, a playground area, horse-shoe pits, trails to explore, and even bike rentals (if you don't bring yours). There are also guided tours available (kayaks, paddles and PFDs provided), that will take you 2.5 miles up the pristine freshwater marsh. Fun things to do for everyone!

**Saturday: Steve Howard's famous French Toast Breakfast & a Potluck dinner + Sunday Worship.**

Sign-up in the Gathering Room Sundays or contact Dave King (503-472-9666), campout organizer, for additional info. 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. Enjoy time with your FBC friends & family.

## Vacation Bible School at FBC



## VBS 2019 is August 5-9, from 9 am to 12 noon

For rising K through 5th grade children

Our theme this summer is **Abundant Life Garden Project** and we will explore **five thematic lessons on Water, Seeds, Soil, Animals and Harvest**.

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 around the world.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL needs your HELP!

Here are some specific needs . . .

### VBS 2019 **VOLUNTEER NEEDS**

Class Shepherds:

care for group of children each day

Center Leaders:

Crafts - Recreation - Music - Snacks

### VBS 2019 **DONATION NEEDS**

Snacks - Crafts - Props/Costumes

Decorations - MORE!

**And we want you to be a part of making it all happen!**

Please email [sean@fbcmac.org](mailto:sean@fbcmac.org) or contact the church office, 503-473-794, [office@fbcmac.org](mailto:office@fbcmac.org) and let us know how you would like to be involved. Thanks!

# Financial Report: Jan. 1 - May 31, 2019

July 2019

	Actual for Period	% of Amount Budgeted
Contributions Income:	\$139,799	101.6%
Total Income:	\$155,928	100.9%
Total Expenses:	\$147,748	95.6%
Net Income:	\$ 8,180	

## Financial update:

- May was a strong giving month. Net income to date was slightly better than this time in 2018. The funds are now available to do some needed repair on our boiler and move forward with other preventive maintenance projects.
  - If you are away from worship services this summer, please remember that you can support our ministry at any time from anywhere via our Realm online giving site. See the FBC website for a giving link.
- We are so appreciative of your financial support.

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

## Church Board Notes



### Celebrations Around!

The 150th Maintenance loan is paid off! A meeting was held with the Chief Credit Officer at First Federal bank. We mutually expressed appreciation, FBC to First Federal for granting the loan, and First Federal to FBC for our contributions to the McMinnville community and for paying the loan balance so quickly.

The Vision/Mission Team planned June Ice Cream Socials to provide congregational conversations around FBC's important values. It was delicious!

If you did not participate, please contact:

[mvccleave@linfield.edu](mailto:mvccleave@linfield.edu) -or-  
[joanncsims@gmail.com](mailto:joanncsims@gmail.com)

so we can add your comments. Watch for July barbecues to explore additional questions surrounding the creation of a Vision/Mission statement that speaks to who we are and takes us into the future!

The Matthew 25 group is working with a couple over the next 30 days to assist them in making progress toward more stable housing. Folks without homes face extraordinary challenges. All involved in this quest can use your prayers to provide support and encouragement to this process.

FBC uses its space as an extension of our mission heart. A five-year lease was signed with A Family Place to continue the Relief Nursery program at FBC! Another potential lease possibility is being developed with an additional group. The Church Board is working on details of that plan. We are blessed with space to share with community programs, recovery groups, Free Medical Clinic, Scouts of America, community concerts, and McMinnville High School Baccalaureate, to name just a few!

The CB discussed the permanence of the Grace Space area in the Sanctuary. This new area began in December with the understanding it would be a trial time. Many comments were shared and ultimately the CB agreed by consensus that the Grace Space would continue as part of our Sanctuary.

The Church Board officially welcomed the FBC Climate Action Group to our family. Discussions will follow as to which Ministry Team the Climate Action Group will connect with as it does its important work. Welcome!

Our June Board members celebrated the approval of five new people as members to our FBC congregation! A special welcome and hand of friendship to Joani Jernstedt, Vicki Cartwright, Mark & Liz Bolden, and Emily Diesburg. We are excited you have joined our congregation!!

JoAnn Sims, Moderator

# Sunday Worship Highlights

July 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."*

9:30 -11:30 am - Nursery care for Infants through Preschool

9:00 AM - Faith & Java Class

10:00 AM - SUMMER WORSHIP

July 7 "Table Manners, Part One"  
Communion Sunday  
Luke 11:37-46,  
Rev. Erika Marksbury preaching

July 14 "Table Manners, Part Two"  
Matthew 15:21-28,  
Rev. Erika Marksbury preaching

July 21 "Why We Go"  
John 10:10,  
Kyle Williams, Global Servant,  
guest preaching  
Read about Kyle & Katrina Williams and their work with International Ministries in Nicaragua, Congo, and soon in Southeast Asia on page 5.

July 28 "Table Manners, Part Three"  
Luke 10:38-42,  
Rev. Erika Marksbury, preaching

## Thoughts from Pastor Erika

As I write this, I'm sitting next to an open duffle bag and clothes and books are strewn around - I'm also packing for the ABC (USA) biennial conference. While it was convenient to have the conference in Portland two years ago, and wonderful to get to show off this area and the great work of its churches, I'm excited about heading to Virginia Beach and seeing how American Baptists there - and around the country - are living out their ministries in their own contexts, practicing their own "church freedom."

In the Welcome Class in May, when we reviewed the Four Freedoms of our denomination, one participant asked, "So, if everyone is so free [to interpret scripture themselves, to trust their own souls about who God is and what God is saying, to determine their own local church's ministry]...what happens when they disagree? Who has the authority to make final decisions?" That's the tension, right? In a denomination that emphasizes freedom, what happens when our own instincts, intuitions, experiences, and readings lead us to different conclusions?

The only answer I knew - and the one I think is true - is that we figure it out in community. The "authority" is the congregation. We vow to be with and for each other, and working through these disagreements together leads us, maybe to a different understanding than either of us started with, but to one that's faithful to our life together. I'm looking forward to gathering with lots of Baptists, in all our diversity, and to celebrating the good that can happen in the world, and in our local churches, when this diversity is respected and honored. I hope to return with lots of stories and ideas to share!



On Sunday, July 16, FBC welcomed four new members! (L-R): New member **Mark Bolden**, sponsor Peggi Lilly, new member **Liz Bolden**, sponsor Kathleen Verigin, new member **Vicki Cartwright**, Pastor Erika Marksbury, new member **Joani Jernstedt**, sponsor Gina Foster, and moderator JoAnn Sims.

## Visioning Work Continues: Get Involved!

What a gift it was in June to gather with FBC friends and listen to the stories of what has brought and kept them here, to hear them say when they've seen the church at its very best. Everyone is invited to come together again in July, this time in bigger groups, at cookouts, where the conversation will center on our mission. We'll look at both our current mission statement and our Matthew 25 focus, and we'll consider what they've

May	Kick-off project, team designs process for gathering congregational input; Team meeting May 13
June	Input-gathering at ice cream socials; Team meeting June 10
<b>July</b>	<b>Continue gathering input at cook-outs; Team meeting July 8</b>
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!!!

inspired in us, how they've served us well, and how they might be shaped to continue to guide us into the future. As always, FBCers of all ages are welcome as together we do this important work. Dates and places to be announced soon!



*Thanks to all of our June ice cream social hosts - Jane, Bill, Emily, Adam, Cynthia, Martha, Cherie, Charlie, John, Jen, Mike, & Barbara - and thanks to all who attended, and named their values, and shared their stories! Please join in parts two and three of this process, where we'll delve into our mission, speak our deep hopes, and brainstorm some strategic goals for FBC!*

### KNOW MY STORY?

Here's another item in the FBC Archives. It appears to be a wooden child's chair, perhaps from a Sunday School room. Do you know something about it?

Please contact Diane and Tim Marsh, FBC archivists. You can leave a note for them in the archives box in the FBC office.



## Introducing your Church Board members, by the numbers



**DAVE FERRY,**  
assistant moderator

-spent the first **18** years of his life as a Californian, then lived **10** years on the Eastern Seaboard before moving to Oregon in **2001**.

-attended **12** years of Catholic school.

-with his wife, Debbie, is raising **6** kids.

-has spent **18** years working as an appellate public defender, all in Oregon.

-loves to make music with the **88** keys on a keyboard.

-played **3** years of intramural basketball with presidential candidate Cory Booker. (Cory is a better rebounder, but Dave has faster feet!)

-has just returned from his **8th** trip with Linfield College to the Oregon Shakespeare Festival in Ashland, where he enjoyed **5** shows.

## Kyle and Katrina Williams, International Ministries, Global Servants



**Training and supporting Southeast Asian leaders who are seeking to build bridges across tribal lines in the Mekong region of Thailand**

**The Williams will speak in worship on July 21**

Katrina and Kyle strive to provide a platform for marginalized people to share their stories. To make these stories even more powerful they gather and provide the data needed so that tribal minorities can make decisions about how they interact with an ever-increasing globalized world.

Later this year they will be joining a data capital firm in Southeast Asia that is working toward policy level changes to further protect minority groups. They will be focusing on training teams of nationals who are positioned to research the causes, dynamics, and potential solutions to human trafficking and other forms of violence and power imbalances in the region.

In the 21st century, gathering and presenting good data on these issues is key to protecting vulnerable people. Katrina's background in graphic art gives her the experience needed to present information in dynamic ways to compliment and better represent these marginalized voices as they share their stories.

Katrina and Kyle began their journey working cross-culturally in 2008. Living and working in Nicaragua, they quickly developed a passion to serve those who don't have the same access to power and privilege that they possess as white Americans. Coming to grips with their own privilege led to Kyle's studies and area of research interest revolving tightly around "implicit bias" and intergroup preference. In other words, he is always seeking to answer these questions:

1. How do humans show preferences for those like themselves while thinking they're not racist, sexist or generally affected by prejudice?
2. Because of the major downsides of group think, how do humans overcome their tendency to surround themselves by like individuals and instead create diverse work-forces and coalitions across tribal lines?

After completing an MS in Research Psychology, Kyle and Katrina left for Congo. During their time there, they became more aware of the complex systems that allow some individuals to take advantage of others. Sometimes this played out along tribal lines, or gender lines, and even generational. Sharing life with their neighbors brought many credible stories of abuses. As they listened to their neighbors, they were moved to do what they could but even that seemed like not enough. So, they listened some more and found that this simple act was life-giving to those who needed to share.

Congo, like many other worldly systems (yes even the U.S.), benefits those at the top while leaving most others to much harsher fates. This way of life, where being stepped on or stepping on others without thought, was all their neighbors knew.

Fortunately, the Jesus of liberation has given a vision of a different kind of system. He called it the Kingdom. In the Kingdom power is washing the feet of those on the bottom, reaching out and healing those in the margins and giving oneself over even to death, but never retaliating with like violence. This other-oriented, self-sacrificing love is what motivates the Williams to go and work to do the same. But it always brings them back to dealing with worldly systems meant to harm rather than give life. They now believe that abundant life can't happen until the systems that victimize those in the margins are dismantled.



**To subscribe to the Williams' newsletter go to:**  
<https://www.internationalministries.org/author/kk-williams/>



### Youth Outing

Rafting on the Deschutes River  
Monday, July 29 - 6 am to 6 pm  
\$30 plus money for dinner  
**RSVP by Sunday, July 21!**

### Children & Youth Outdoor Pool Trip

Osborn Aquatic Center in Corvallis  
Wed., July 17 - 11:30 am to 5:30 pm  
bring \$5 plus lunch and pool stuff

### Wednesday Night at the Park for Youth

Lower City Park  
Wednesday, July 17 - 6 pm to 8 pm  
Dinner, games, creation care & ice cream!



### Summer Camp 2019 @ Camp Arrah Wanna

more info at  
[fbcmac.org/summer-camp-2019](http://fbcmac.org/summer-camp-2019)

High School  
completed grades 9-12  
**July 8-12, \$295**

Middle School  
completed grades 6-8  
**July 22-26, \$290**

Elementary  
completed grades 3-5  
**July 22-26, \$285**

register at [camparrahwanna.org](http://camparrahwanna.org)



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

youth & adult volunteers needed

**Register online NOW!**  
[fbcmac.org/vbs-2019](http://fbcmac.org/vbs-2019)

Sunday Mornings @ FBC

JULY 2019

**NURSERY:** Infants through Preschool, FBC Nursery, 9:30 am-11:30 am

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

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### COMMUNICATION

**Email:** Email [sean@fbcmac.org](mailto: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!

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



**SAVE the DATE! for our annual  
Picnic at Proposal Rock in Neskowin**

**August 3rd, 3:00 pm to dusk**

Meet on the beach. We'll provide s'mores.

Bring your own beach toys, picnic and  
snacks to share.

**SAVE the DATE! Sunday, August 18th**

**For our annual WORSHIP IN**

**10:00 am Worship**

**at Kathleen & Les Toth's,  
2700 NW Pinehurst Dr, Mac**

**Outdoor fun - swim - games - potluck food!**

**(details in August Tidings)**



## ONGOING Gatherings

### AM Knit Wits - Every Thursday - 9:30 am

Contact: Linda, 971-237-6828

### PM Knit Wits - 1st & 3rd Tuesday - 7 pm

**July 2 & 16** - Contact: Gina, 971-237-2789

### Senior Breakfast - Wednesday, July 3, 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 - each Wednesday, 12 noon

Silent Christian Prayer & Buddhist Traditions

Contact: Lynn, 503-472-8196

### Together Works - July 8 & 22 - 7 pm

LGBTQIA+ monthly gatherings (Fireplace Room)

Social & Educational time - fun & food.

Contact: Dee, deerocksmoore@gmail.com

### Hiking Group - July 20 - 8:00 am at FBC

Coast Hike - near Cannon Beach, Ecola Beach to  
Indian Beach. A 3 mile round trip hike. Meet at 8:30  
am, in FBC parking lot to car pool. Contact Gloria,  
glowml1@gmail.com, 503-931-4846.

**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**  
**Next gathering is Thurs., August 15, 2:30-4 pm**

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.

# JULY at FBC

July 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> 9-10:30a - STAR 12-1p - Personnel 4p - Mission Ministry 7p - Boy Scouts & Scout Girls	<b>2</b> 6:30p - Cub Scouts 7p - Knit Wits	<b>3</b> 8a - Senior Breakfast at American Legion 12n - Meditation	<b>4</b> OFFICE CLOSED 	<b>5</b> No- STAR	<b>6</b> 9a-1p - Free Medical Clinic  Gluten Free Friends on hiatus until Sept.
<b>7</b> 9 am - Faith & Java 10:00 am - Summer Worship	<b>8</b> 9-10:30a - STAR 7p - Boy Scouts & Scout Girls 7p - Together Works	<b>9</b> 8:30a - Building & Grounds meeting 6:30p - Cub Scouts	<b>10</b> 12n - Meditation 6:30p - Church Board meeting	<b>11</b> 9:30a - Knit Wits 7:30p - Worship Team Pastor's Day Off	<b>12</b> 9-10:30a - STAR	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> 9 am - Faith & Java 10:00 am - Summer Worship	<b>15</b> 9-10:30a - STAR 7p - Boy Scouts & Scout Girls 7p - Care & Concern	<b>16</b> 6:30p - Cub Scouts 7p - Knit Wits	<b>17</b> 12n - Meditation 11:30a-3p C&Y Outing to the Corvallis Pool 6-8p - Youth Play in the Park	<b>18</b> 9:30a - Knit Wits 7:30p Worship Team Pastor's Day Off	<b>19</b> 9-10:30a - STAR	<b>20</b> 9a-1p - Free Medical Clinic 8:30a - Hiking Group
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<b>28</b> 9 am - Faith & Java 10:00 am - Summer Worship	<b>29</b> 9-10:30a - STAR 7p - Boy Scouts & Scout Girls Youth River Rafting (see page 6)	<b>30</b> 6:30p - Cub Scouts	<b>31</b> 12n - Meditation			

## JULY Birthdays:

Jane Apel 1  
 Amelia Bierly 1  
 Jacob Porter 1  
 Harold Park 2  
 Kaitlin Gilbert 3  
 Kathy Beckwith 5  
 Kyle Sims 6  
 Wynton Skowrup 6  
 Walter Wilkins 6  
 David Hallett 9

Emily Kerrigan 11  
 Beth Starner 11  
 Mickey Kelley 12  
 Ed Boggie 13  
 Gina Foster 14  
 Pat Lynn 14  
 Michael Vincent 14  
 Kerry Boenisch 15  
 Ken Rogers 16  
 Barbara Nelson 18  
 Matt Reinker 19

Susan Chambers 20  
 Ana Dominguez 20  
 Lloyd Galer 20  
 Dave King 22  
 Wendell Martin 24  
 Linette Studebaker 25  
 Annie Clayton 27  
 Larry Sims 31

## JULY Anniversaries:

Gerry & Jackie Painter  
 July 22, 1951

Don & Linda Watson  
 July 11, 1970  
 Robert & Nancy McCann  
 July 27, 1983  
 Brian & Dayna Gilbert  
 July 6, 1994  
 25th Anniversary!  
 Carson & Georgine Benner  
 July 9, 1994  
 25th Anniversary!  
 Joe & Liz Wilkins  
 July 3, 2003