

The Tidings

FBC's monthly newsletter

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As FBC searches for a Director of Music Ministry, wonderful musicians from within our congregation will provide music leadership each week during worship. Here's a peek

at what's happening this fall and Advent...

October 6	Russell Mark & Muriel Dresser, 9 o'clock Heidi Leach & Geoff Clayton, 11 o'clock
October 13	Doug Verigin, 9 & 11 o'clock
October 20	Heidi Reinker
October 27	FBC Choir, led by Marilyn Dresser
November 3	FBC Children & Sean P. Williams
November 10	Nancy & Bob McCann
November 17	Doug Verigin
November 24	FBC Choir, led by Muriel Dresser
December 1	FBC Children & Sean P. Williams
December 8	Robin & Mark Pederson
December 15	Nancy & Bob McCann
December 22	FBC Choir, led by Muriel Dresser

A committee of musicians and music lovers, including Geoff Clayton, Heidi Leach, Russell Mark, Erika Marksbury, Shelly Sanderlin, Doug Verigin, and Charlie Walker, has begun work on the Director of Music Ministry search. They will be commissioned by the congregation for this important task in both worship services on October 13.

As they get underway, they're eager to hear from the congregation:

- What are your hopes and dreams for music ministry at FBC?
- What matters most to you about music in the church?
- What should we take special care to tend to, or curate, as we proceed?
- What's a possibility you'd love to see come to fruition during this time?

The committee is only just beginning, but promises to provide regular updates to the congregation about their progress. They covet your prayers and your perspective during this search.



AMOS Visits FBC McMinnville

Christine Lafferty (pictured above, second from left), Director of Development & Communications at AMOS Health & Hope in Nicaragua, came through McMinnville in September to visit with past and future FBC delegation members. The news she shared was difficult but inspiring: in the midst of political unrest and the resulting economic crisis, people's need is great. But AMOS is faithful as ever, continuing to bring medical care to the most vulnerable, and to train 'health promoters' to provide care for their own communities. *And* the water projects are going strong! If you'd like to be part of a February 2020 delegation from FBC Mac, let Jennifer Scott or Cynthia Parker know soon!

All Church Clean-up Saturday, Oct. 5, 9 am - 12n

Bring gloves, rake, shovel, pruners, energy to work hard and a great spirit to help make the outside of our church sparkle!
Please join this fun labor of love!



	Actual for Period	% of Amount Budgeted
Contributions Income:	\$212,943	96.7%
Total Income:	\$239,396	96.8%
Total Expenses:	\$227,155	91.8%
Net Income:	\$ 12,241	

Financial update:

* We are thankful for the funds to cover recent building maintenance projects. All other budgeted areas have been covered as well.

* On July 1, Lutheran Community Services added one more room to their building use agreement. We are very fortunate to have our building being used for various ministry endeavors.

* Our 150th /South Wall building maintenance campaigns come to a close at the end of this year. As of September 15, our cash on hand was \$9,195. As pledges are paid in full, we are hoping to have about \$25,000 to use on Courtyard repairs and other maintenance projects.

We are so appreciative of your financial support.

FBC Finance Committee: Jane Apel, Roger Dell, Judee Kunze, Martha VanCleave, & Don Watson (Treasurer)

Church Board Notes - JoAnn Sims, Moderator

Our Journey Together:

Each month your Church Board meets for about two hours on Wednesday evenings. Part of our time together is letting each part of our church board know what is happening in their community area. This gathering is also a time to collectively listen to issues, ideas, and sometimes concerns that impact or could impact our journey together as a faith community.

Updates:

- The September Church Board meeting resulted in updates about the Vision/Mission group. They have drafted a new FBC mission statement for you to think about. It states: *Responding to the call of the Spirit and the teachings of Jesus, our shared lives empower us to learn, serve, love, and seek justice and joy for all.* The accompanying vision development continues. This group is prayerfully and creatively working to describing our vision (future goal) and our mission (how we intend to achieve our goal).
- Discussions about sharing our space with the UU Fellowship continues with a FBC Board group and the venue review group of the UU Fellowship.
- FBC is represented on the steering committee of a Linfield College Justice Forum. Two of our members from Together Works will participate in that forum on Monday, Nov. 4 at noon on the Portland campus and at 6pm in Ice Auditorium on the McMinnville campus.

New Adventures

- The McMinnville Youth Cooperative has completed an agreement of the organizational structure, the leadership, finances, and the locations of the cooperative. The CB Board gave its blessing to the program and a special thanks to our own Youth leader, Sean P. Williams, who has been an active part of this program.
- A program entitled "Safe Families" sponsored by Lutheran Community Services will begin at FBC for interested families. Vicki Cartwright has volunteered to take leadership in our community. Safe Families assists struggling families with friendship and respite before a family crisis occurs. Our CB agreed to move forward with this new mission opportunity.
- Tentative fall music plans and schedules were shared. Georgine also shared the plans for congregational feedback on the possibility of a single worship service. A schedule and procedure will be developed to encourage members and friends to voice their opinion and preference.

Celebrating Our Journey

- Team Leaders shared reports from their ministry areas. Building/Grounds expects bids soon on video cameras for designated exterior areas. Don Watson, Treasurer, suggested schedules for each Ministry team to prepare preliminary budgets for the Finance Team and the Stewardship Committee.

Your Church Board is pleased to share this spiritual journey with you!



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 am - 12 pm - Nursery care for Infants through Preschool

9 am & 11 am WORSHIP Services & 10 am Sunday Classes on October 6 & 13. Watch for news about service time(s) on October 20 & 27 following the October 9 Church Board meeting (see side column on this page for more details).

As you'll read about on the pages both before and after this one, the Vision/Mission Team has developed a draft of a new mission statement for FBC. To introduce that draft to the congregation, sermons in October and November will take the statement, piece by piece, and begin to explore what it might mean, the possibilities of where it might lead us. The opportunity to officially adopt it as our mission statement will come before the congregation at our semi-annual meeting in January, but before then, we'll play with it!

October 6 **WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**
"Responding to the Call of the Spirit"

Isaiah 6:1-8; Luke 4:1-14

Rev. Erika Marksbury preaching
Global Servants Ed & Miriam Noyes
 sharing at the Reach of Our Gifts
Russell Mark & Muriel Dresser leading music at 9 o'clock
Heidi Leach & Geoff Clayton leading music at 11 o'clock

October 13 **"Responding to the Teachings of Jesus"**
Matthew 13:44-52

Rev. Erika Marksbury preaching
Doug Verigin leading music at 9 & 11 o'clock

October 20 **"Our Shared Lives Empower Us"**
Selections from Proverbs

Rev. Erika Marksbury preaching
Susan Chambers, Sew & So's leader,
 sharing at the Reach of Our Gifts
Heidi Reinker leading music

October 27 **"To Learn"**

Psalms 119:10-18, 33-37

Reflections from congregants about how learning has shaped their journeys of faith
Kate Satterstrom, McMinnville Youth Collective
 co-leader, sharing at the Reach of Our Gifts
FBC Choir & Marilyn Dresser leading music

- In Celebration of Rev. Erika Marksbury beginning her 5th successful year with us at First Baptist Church McMinnville, small cards and gifts were given to her at the Sept. 11 Church Board meeting. Erika was quite surprised and pleased!

UPDATE ON WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

Thanks to everyone who offered feedback about the possibility of worshipping together at one service year-round. The Worship Committee has heard you - your passion for meaningful worship, the ways music speaks to your spirits, your desire for times of reflection and celebration, your hesitation about what might be difficult, and, most of all, your joy at being together as one congregation. In keeping with what they heard from a strong majority of you, they will recommend to the Church Board on October 9 that starting Sunday, October 20, we all worship together at one service at 10 o'clock. If the Church Board affirms that recommendation, the new worship schedule will be announced on October 13 and begin the following Sunday. The congregation will be asked to vote to affirm the new schedule in January, at the semi-annual congregational meeting. Again, thank you for playing a role in this process - and please stay tuned!

Mission/Vision Process Update

After months of gathering, sharing, listening, brainstorming, scribbling, editing, erasing, and scribbling some more... the Mission/Vision Team, together with a handful of congregants who've joined in the fun, has developed a draft of a new Mission Statement for FBC:

*Responding to the call of the Spirit
and the teachings of Jesus,
our shared lives empower us to learn, love,
serve, and seek justice and joy for all.*

We'll spend October and November in worship thinking together about the various parts of that statement that make up the whole. The Team will hear feedback about it, possibly refine it further, and bring it to our congregational meeting in January for adoption.

The Team is currently at work on a Vision Statement - that's the big-picture articulation of how we imagine God's world at its best. It tells us, when we are faithful to our Mission Statement, what sort of world we are co-creating with God and living into together. We'll meet next on Monday, September 30 at 6pm in the staff conference room and, as always, all are welcome.



THANK YOU for contributing to the **WORLD MISSION OFFERING** during the month of September. FBC McMinnville collected more than \$1,452.

2020 Coming Attraction!

It's October and that means work is starting on development of a **FBC Budget for the year 2020**. This also means that members & friends of FBC need to consider participation in support of the 2020 Budget. This month, your Stewardship Committee will be providing information through letters and presentations on how you can help FBC meet our goals.

Thanks for your support!

Larry Sims, Chair, FBC Stewardship Committee

Introducing your Church Board members, by the numbers



MARILYN CROUSER,
clerk

-has been a member of FBC for **58** years, served as the bookkeeper for **20** years, and sang in the choir for **40**. During the time she's been a member, she's served on **16** committees [that she can remember!].

-attended Linfield College, earning a BA and an M.Ed.

Was an elected to the McMinnville School District board for **13** years, for Chemeketa Community College for **16** years, and served for **2** years as president of the Oregon Community College Association.

-for **20** years, worked at the Book Shop (now Third Street Books) which she helped to co-found!

-has been a widow for **17** years; has **2** children and **2** grandchildren.

-has traveled to **41** US states, **8** Canadian provinces, and **38** countries. Most interesting travel adventure was docking at St.Helena, an island in the middle of the South Atlantic Ocean, where Napoleon was exiled and later died. Until **2017** St.Helena had no public transportation except by ship.

Mission Moments



Ed & Miriam Noyes - Democratic Republic of Congo, 1984 - 2019

In the 1980s, the Mobutu Sese Seko's autocratic kleptocracy turned government services into predatory tools, shredding the rural economy and throwing hundreds of thousands of people into poverty. Hunger and chronic malnutrition followed for subsistence farmers living on the margins.

IM missionaries and Baptist Convention of Congo leaders were already trying to work out a practical response that would restore health, economic opportunity and a sense of order and purpose for embattled rural communities. In 1984, Ed and Miriam were commissioned to join a team of 14 missionaries already providing medical and agricultural services to regional communities, based out of the Vanga Evangelical Hospital and the Baptist Agricultural Development Center at Lusekele.

The agricultural strategy was simple: Help the hungry feed themselves by seeking out simple innovations that improved productivity, profitability and sustainability. First, identify best practices and highly productive crop varieties. Then, promote small-scale, sustainable high-value crops, like oil palms and coffee. Finally, use extension services to promote these blessings of God in as many villages as possible.

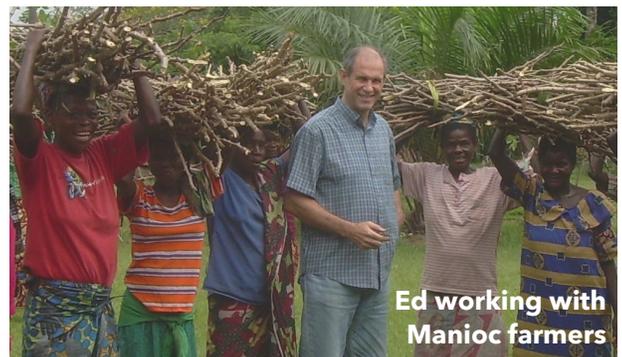
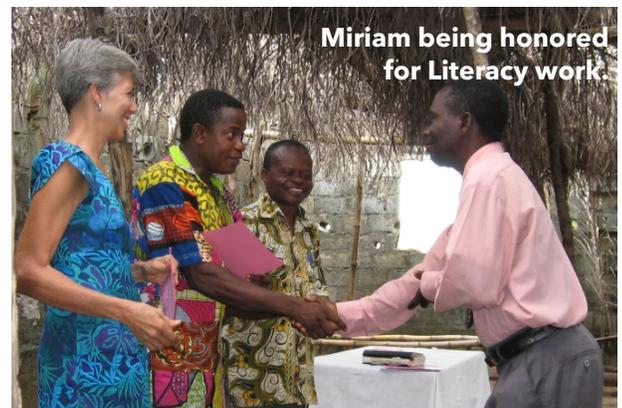
Ed led the search for new crop varieties and trained and guided village extension agents for Baptist church centers throughout the region. For 25 years he has worked persistently for a credible, effective and sustainable Christian research and extension center led by Congolese believers to serve the forgotten two-thirds of the regional population who earn their livelihoods through farming.

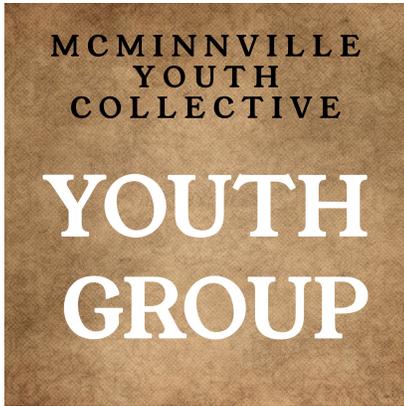
At the same time, Miriam developed a broad movement of grass-roots literacy advocates throughout the Baptist Convention of Congo. Over the last 25 years the movement has trained over two thousand volunteers who teach people to read and write in their local churches. These simple skills have opened up new opportunities for both adults and school students to advance: to improve their families' health and prospects; to lead in their churches; and to serve their communities.

Miriam has also contributed to training for lay pastors, reflections on theology and practice in the Congolese context, and promotion of evangelism and leadership training among the Twa people of the Congo basin.

Ed & Miriam retire from full time missionary service on September 30. Their home base is Salem, Oregon.

They'll be visiting FBC to share at the 9 and 11 o'clock services during the Reach of Our Gifts time on October 6, and the Chapel class will host them at 10 o'clock for a more intimate conversation about their experiences over 35 years in ministry in the Democratic Republic of Congo.





Youth Group continues in October as part of the McMinnville Youth Collective!

We meet on Sunday nights for a program, games & dinner at First Presbyterian Church!
MIDDLE SCHOOL: 5-6pm
DINNER for ALL: 6-6:30pm
HIGH SCHOOL: 6:30-7:30pm

October 6 - Heiser Farms (1-4pm, \$10)
October 13 - Learn October 20 - Pray
October 27 - Sardines Game Night!

Holiday Gatherings

The entire FBC community is invited to be part of two upcoming holiday gatherings hosted by our children, youth, and families. We will meet on these Sundays in the Gathering Room following worship for lunch, conversation, games, and more!

More details coming soon, please plan to join us!

October 27 - Halloween Gathering
December 1 - Christmas Gathering

Our all night adventure is back... Lock Out 2019

It's Friday, November 8 at 7 pm to Saturday, November 9 at 7 am and the cost is \$30.

You can register online now, the deadline is Sunday, November 3.

We will be traveling around the area for games, food, movies, and more, final details coming!

We hope you will join us and invite friends to come too!

Sunday Mornings @ FBC

OCTOBER 2019

October 6
NURSERY: Infants through Preschool, FBC Nursery, 9am-12pm
WORSHIP @ 11 am: Communion Sunday
 children & youth remain in the Sanctuary for the full worship service

October 13/20/27
NURSERY: Infants through Preschool, FBC Nursery, 9 am-12 pm
WORSHIP @ 11 am:
Children - Children's Chapel following the Children's Story
Youth - sit with your family/friends, join other youth in the balcony, or help with children

LUNCH ON CAMPUS
October 2: McMinnville HS ~ **October 9:** Duniway MS ~ **October 16:** 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



FALL Gatherings

ONGOING Gatherings

Camp Arrah Wanna presents the
'Generations of Promise'

BANQUET & AUCTION

Saturday, Oct. 12, 5 - 8 pm

at the Historic Lodge at Camp Arrah Wanna,
24075 E Arrah Wanna Blvd, Welches, OR

*Dinner, Live & Silent Auctions, Raffles,
Games, Live Music & Fun for All!*

Tickets \$60, reserve at www.camparrahwanna.org.

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon presents the 2019 COLLINS SUMMIT

"Listening at the Margins"

Ancestral Wisdom, Spiritual
Resistance & Hope in Times
of Trauma

SAVE the DATE:

Wednesday, Oct. 16, 2019,
Portland

Find details and to register
at emoregon.org



Annual Collins Lectures explore issues related to religion
and social ethics. They have been a signature event of
Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon since 1967. This event is
funded in part by the Collins Foundation.

"The Tide Is Rising & So Are We"

An Evening for **Our Children's Trust**
A Dinner/Fundraiser

at McMinnville Cooperative Ministries
Saturday, October 19, 6-8 pm

Hear from three of the 21 youth plaintiffs (children
worried deeply about their future) who are suing the
federal government for the right to 'a climate capable
of sustaining human life.' Their second goal is to
help raise awareness & political will.
Contact the Climate Action group if you would
like to come! Paul Studebaker, 503-857-2948

Wednesday Sacred Conversations - 7 pm (Rm 102)
Come each week for song, prayer, silence, and soulful
reflection. Questions? Contact Erika, erika@fbcmac.org.

Friday Bible Study - 12 noon (Fireplace Room)
Bring a lunch and join in an exploration of the text that
will be the basis of the coming Sunday's sermon.

AM Knit Wits - Every Thursday - 9:30 am
Contact: Linda, 971-237-2793

PM Knit Wits - 1st & 3rd Tuesday - 7 pm
Oct. 1 & 15 - Contact: Gina, 971-237-2789

Senior Breakfast - 1st Wednesday, Oct. 2 - 8 am
Join us at our new location, American Legion Post 21
(126 NE Atlantic St., McMinnville).
Contact: Gina, 971-237-2789

Meditation Practice - each Wednesday - 12 noon
Silent Christian Prayer & Buddhist Traditions
Contact: Lindsay, 619-933-8402

Together Works - 2nd & 4th Monday - 7 pm
LGBTQIA+ monthly gatherings (Fireplace Room)
Contact: Dee, deerocksmoore@gmail.com

Hiking Group - Saturday, Oct. 19 - 8:30 am
Not sure where yet, group will decide. Bring lunch.
Meet at 8:30 am, in FBC parking lot to car pool.
Contact Gloria, glowml1@gmail.com, 503-931-4846.

Climate Action - Day/ Time TBA
Come together to see what we can do to make a
difference. Contact: Paul, 503-472-1868

Gluten Free Friends - 1st Sat., Oct. 5, 9:30 am
Monthly support group
Contact: Susan, susanlanechambers@gmail.com

Men's Breakfast - 4th Saturday, 9 am
Oct. 26 - Les Toth's Toy Barn (2700 NW Pinehurst, Mac)
Stimulating conversation & a great breakfast! Join us!
Program: Maryalice Russell,
"Update on McMinnville School District"

Future Programs:

Nov. 16 Greg Jones, "Wine Education at Linfield College"
Dec. 21 Tim Duerfeldt, "Some Leave an
Impression, Others a Dent"

OCTOBER at FBC

October 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 6:30p - Cub Scouts 7p - Knit Wits	2 8 am - Senior Breakfast 12n - Meditation 7p - Sacred Conversations	3 9:30a - Knit Wits 5:45a - Jubilee Bells 6:30p - Choir 7:30p - Worship Team <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	4 9-10:30a - STAR 12n - Bible Study	5 9a-1p - Free Medical Clinic 9:30a - Gluten Free Friends
6 9 am - WORSHIP 10:00 am - Adult Classes 11 am - WORSHIP 1-4 pm - Youth Group @ Heiser Farms	7 9-10:30a - STAR 12n - Personnel 4p - Mission Ministry 7p - Boy Scouts & Scout Girls	8 6:30p - Cub Scouts 9a - Building & Grounds Team	9 12n - Meditation 6:30p - Church Board 7p - Sacred Conversations	10 9:30a - Knit Wits 5:45a - Jubilee Bells 6:30p - Choir 7:30p - Worship Team <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	11 9-10:30a - STAR 12n - Bible Study	12
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October Birthdays:

Bob McCann 2
Joan Kushner 6
Adrian Martin 6
Emily Diesburg 7
William Millar 11
Holly Douglas 11
Lynn Crowell 12
Barry House 15
Jorge Luis Dominguez 16

Nicole Curry 19
Roger Dell 20
Max Dixon 20
Tristan Ferry 22
David Lenker 22
Cherie Walker 22
Sheila Clark 23
Art Engen 23
Rosemary Porter 23
Carson Benner 28
Jean Marie Spalding 29

October Anniversaries:

Cliff & Pam Watts
Oct. 6, 1973
Chris & Steffen Kirk
Oct. 2, 1999
Kena Avila & Karl Severance
Oct. 3, 2015

STAR Room - Serving Those AROUND us!



Fall is here and we're in need of warm coats, rain jackets, socks, and shoes. (Drop off at church office)
If you don't have any of those - cash donations are great. Please write checks to FBC, STAR in memo line. Thank You!