

# The Tidings

FBC's monthly newsletter

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*Stewardship*  
a way of life

## REPORT FROM THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE -

This is the time of the year that your Stewardship Committee asks for your support of the FBC Budget for the coming year. For the Year 2020, we have chosen to name the FBC Campaign "Responding to the Call."

During the coming year each of you will be challenged to respond to the needs of our community, the nation, and the world. An important part of this is for FBC to provide the space, staff, and time to meet these challenges. The intent of the FBC budget is to help facilitate our responses to needs.

Early in November, each of you will receive a letter from the Stewardship Committee asking for your commitment of financial support of the FBC operating budget. We ask for your prayerful consideration of this request to provide an estimate of your giving for the year 2020. Also during the month you will learn stories of FBC members and friends about their experiences while responding to the call. The Committee would like to thank you for past support and ask for your early response to our request for continuing financial support for FBC's operating budget.



## FRIDAY FORUM

Inform. Inspire. Empower.

"Never Forget" with Clarice Wilsey  
Friday, November 1  
7 pm in the Social Hall

Clarice Wilsey is a member of the Holocaust Speakers Bureau who tells the story of finding a collection of her father's letters after he died. He wrote the nearly 300 letters to his wife as he worked to provide medical care to survivors of Holocaust atrocities after he entered Dachau at liberation in 1945. The letters beg her to tell the stories of Dachau so that the world might never forget what happened there, and work to eradicate bigotry, cruelty, and hatred. Clarice's spiritual life has been formed by those letters and her own experience of her father. She has a powerful story to share.

## HOOTENANNY

Saturday, November 16  
6:30 pm in the Gathering Room  
Do you love to sing? Play? Listen? Snack? You're invited to a Spiritual Hootenanny! Come to learn new songs, sing and play old favorites, and have a great time with FBC friends. Bring a song you'd like to teach, bring an instrument you play, or just come to learn, and we'll decide together what we might want to bring from that Saturday night's fun to future Sunday morning worship services! All ages and skill levels welcome.

## A Feast of Gratitude:

Volunteer  
Appreciation Lunch  
Sunday, November 17  
after worship  
in the Social Hall



In this season of giving thanks, we're reminded again how much the gifts each person brings to this community matter. All are welcome to this lunch where we'll feast together and share gratitude for the generosity of FBC and the difference it makes locally and around the world.



# Financial Report: Jan. 1 - Sept. 30, 2019

November 2019

	Actual for Period	% of Amount Budgeted
Contributions Income:	\$235,928	95.2%
Total Income:	\$265,523	95.4%
Total Expenses:	<u>\$256,030</u>	91.8%
Net Income:	\$ 9,493	

## Financial Update:

- After 9 months, income has been sufficient to cover our expenses thus far.
- Contribution income was short of our goal by \$11,835. We have several key building maintenance projects this fall.
- Please review your 3rd quarter giving statements. We are confident that we will make our income goals by the end of the year.

We are so appreciative of your financial support. It is a privilege to be together in ministry.

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

## Church Board Notes

November is Harvest Time in our area.

The trees are ablaze in color and the crops are in storage for the seasons ahead. So too, the actions and workings of your FBC Board demonstrate the efforts of your response to the meaning of church and our part in it. Join in the Joy of Harvest!

**Did you know** the Vision/Mission group has completed their work based on your input? The FBC Mission draft reads: *Together, we respond to the call of the Spirit and the teachings of Jesus to learn, love, serve, and seek justice and joy for all.* Look for the new Mission statement in Pastor Erika's sermon topics during November.

**Did you know** the Stewardship Committee is planning a campaign to both remind us of our financial commitment but also to hear voices "Responding to the Call" of many in our congregation?

**Did you know** FBC was well represented at the annual meeting of the American Baptist Churches of the Central Pacific Coast (ABCCPC)? We were warmly welcomed and received a beautiful compliment from an ABCUSA Home Mission representative, that they wished all churches across the denomination were as invested in local and international ministries like FBC.

**Did you know** about a new way to "respond to the call named "Safe Families"? Call or email the Mission Education Team for details:

Janet <[janet@janetlangenwalter.com](mailto:janet@janetlangenwalter.com)> or  
Tim Duerfeldt <[tduerfeldt@frontier.com](mailto:tduerfeldt@frontier.com)>

**Did you know** the Church Board agreed by consensus to have one Sunday service with Sunday school at 9am and church at 10am from now to January? The entire congregation will have the opportunity to affirm the move to one service at the January Semi-Annual meeting.

**Did you know** the draft proposed operating budget is only up approximately 1.4% from last year? The additional money will help reinstate mission money, pay for a robust building maintenance plan, and add several hours for the Children & Youth Minister. This includes plans for a new Director of Music Ministry. **Did you know** the search team for the new Music position is formed and underway?

**Did you know** that the Sims' have been working with Linfield's President's office to bring a "Threats to Justice Week", Nov. 4-7 to the Ice Auditorium from 6:30-8:00 pm? The communities are Nov. 4, Gender, Nov. 5, Religious, Nov. 6, Immigrant, and Nov. 7, Indigenous People. Members of Together Works, Jace Early and Robin Knauerhase, will be part of the Gender community focus on Monday Nov. 4. The forums are intended for the McMinnville Community and the students at Linfield. We encourage you to come and bring your neighbors. All sessions are free.

**From your Moderator, JoAnn Sims**



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

9 am - Adult Sunday Classes

## 10:00 am WORSHIP Services

November's sermons continue with the theme we began in October, taking the draft of the new mission statement piece by piece, exploring every part, before it comes to a congregational vote in January. Please join us for worship as we consider together how these words might lead us into the future.

*"Together we respond to the call of the Spirit and the teachings of Jesus to learn, love, serve, and seek justice and joy for all."*

**Nov. 3 "To Love"**  
**Mark 12:28-34**  
 Rev. Erika Marksbury preaching  
 Music led by FBC Children & Sean P. Williams

**Nov. 10 "To Serve"**  
**Matthew 25:31-40**  
 Rev. Erika Marksbury preaching  
 Music led by Nancy & Bob McCann

**Nov. 17 "To Seek Justice and Joy for All"**  
**Luke 18:1-8**  
 Rev. Erika Marksbury preaching  
 Music led by Doug Verigin

**Nov. 24 "Mission Statements and Holy Mischief"**  
**Luke 4:16-30**  
 Rev. Erika Marksbury preaching  
 Music - FBC Choir, led by Muriel Dresser



## Music Ministry Search

The Search Committee - Geoff Clayton, Heidi Leach, Russell Mark, Erika Marksbury, Shelly Sanderlin, Doug Verigin, and Charlie Walker - were commissioned by the FBC congregation on October 13 and began circulating the Director of Music Ministry position description later that same week. If you'd like to help us spread the word about the search, you can find the job description on our website and pass it on to interested, qualified people!

Look forward to beautiful Advent Music provided by wonderful musicians from within our congregation.

- Sunday, Dec. 1 -**  
FBC Children & Sean P. Williams
- Sunday, Dec. 8 -**  
Robin & Mark Pederson
- Sunday, Dec. 15 -**  
Nancy & Bob McCann
- Sunday, Dec. 22 -**  
FBC Choir, led by Muriel Dresser



Advent is traditionally a time of waiting. And it's important to remember to be still, to breathe, to practice patience. This year, we'll be looking at those truths alongside the question: **What can't wait?** Isn't there some urgency to hope, peace, joy, and love? You're invited to contribute to the FBC Advent Devotional to draw us into deeper reflection on this theme. Send your poem, photo, song lyrics, drawing, or written piece that asks, "What can't wait?" to [jess@frontier.com](mailto:jess@frontier.com) by November 22.

And Save-the-Date for  
**FBC's annual  
 Christmas Concert  
 and Candlelit Dessert  
 Buffet**  
**Sunday, Dec. 8 at 6:00 pm**  
 If you'd like to sing or play  
 for the concert, alone or with an

## Mission/Vision Process Update

The mission statement we printed last month was a draft that we circulated to FBC members and friends asking for feedback. The overall sentiments were widely embraced, but we got suggestions for how our message could be even cleaner and clearer. And so, as promised, we listened and revised our draft. FBC's (still-draft) mission statement now reads:

***Together, we respond to the call of the Spirit and the teachings of Jesus to learn, love, serve, and seek justice and joy for all.***

The *mission statement* is what we do. The *vision statement* is the world that results - hopefully, ideally, eventually - when we are faithful to our mission. It's the world at its best. Our (draft) vision at FBC - the end toward which the efforts named in our mission statement are directed - is

***a world where God's inclusive love embraces and empowers all.***



And... do you remember when we began this process, over dishes of ice cream in congregants' homes, or in the Gathering Room? Do you remember all those post-it notes on which we wrote the FBC values that we cherish most?

The Mission/Vision team turned that collection of words into a word cloud, then Cynthia Parker dreamed up a way to continue to celebrate FBC and share what means most to us in a visible way - on t-shirts and tote bags!

Your purchase of this FBC swag helps to support the team headed to Nicaragua in February to work with AMOS Health & Hope. Visit the Gathering Room after worship on October 27 or November 3 to grab/order yours! Adult sizes are \$20, youth sizes \$15, and bags \$15.



## Introducing your Church Board members, by the numbers



**BARBARA BURR,**  
**member-at-large**

- has lived **32,778,720** minutes so far (as of the writing of this column on October 14, 2019).
- visited **59** National Parks/Monuments/Memorials, **16** by age **6**; traveled to **12** foreign countries.
- hosted over **35** students from Japan in **24** years.
- lived in: **22** homes; **10** towns; **6** states.
- still owns **12** pairs of cowgirl boots.
- sewed her first garment (by hand!) at age **10** - a blouse with set-in sleeves.
- helped **5** people find their biological parent or grandparent through genealogy /DNA research.
- has **4** really cute grandchildren (and **3** cute children).
- attended **3** high schools in **2** states.
- survived cancer **2** times.
- watched **1** cow airlifted by helicopter while visiting Switzerland.
- sailed on **0** ocean cruises - still hoping to change this number!

## Mission Moments

# FBC embraces mission opportunity: Safe Families for Children

### *Surrounding families in crisis with caring, compassionate community*

#### What is Safe Families?

Founded in 2003 and driven by core values of *Radical Hospitality, Compassion fueled by Mercy, and Disruptive Generosity*, Safe Families for Children is a volunteer-powered organization that cares for children when their family is experiencing crisis by providing a safe and secure home, and a circle of support (see below), until the children are able to be reunited with their parents. The children's stay with their host family might be one night, or one month, or longer, depending on the nature of the crisis and the help or treatment the parent is receiving. More than 100 faith-based non-profits in 70 communities across the United States provide the Circles of Support that comprise the Safe Families ministry. At FBC McMinnville, this program is a natural extension of our commitment to the values expressed in Matthew 25 - that any one in need is the face of Christ.

#### Why volunteer with Safe Families?

When I was asked to consider volunteering for Safe Families for Children, I didn't know anything about the organization. However, over the past few weeks I have been privileged to learn more about this wonderful program. Imagine being a family with no social or emotional safety net. No community of people you could call on to help when the kids get challenging, or to provide much needed resources, or even just emotional support. This is what Safe Families for Children does for the families in their program - provide the supports that many of us are privileged to already have. Keeping children safe and families intact is what Safe Families for Children is all about. But it is also more than that. I see this program as another way that God is walking in the world, providing comfort and hope to those in need. Spreading kindness, acceptance, community, and the Christ-like love that comes when you reach out to another and find we truly are not that different from one another. I am you and you are me; we are one family. I see this as an opportunity to stand side by side another fellow traveler to "draw the circle wide," and I trust that God will use me where I am needed most.

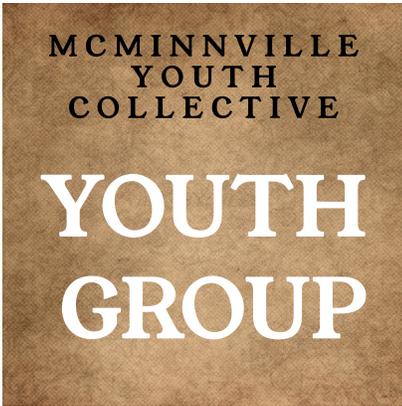
-Vicki Cartwright, FBC's Safe Families Ministry Lead



### Do you have a role in this ministry?

On **Sunday, November 10...**

- come to worship at **10am** to hear from a Yamhill County Safe Families leader about the difference this program is making locally, and
- come to the Fireplace Room at **7pm** to learn specifics about volunteering and get your questions answered.



### Youth Group continues in November as part of the McMinnville Youth Collective!

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

November 3 - GO  
November 17 - REST  
November 24 - Friendsgiving!

### Christmas Family Gathering

The entire FBC community is invited to be part of the next holiday gathering hosted by our children, youth, and families.

**We will meet on Sunday, December 1 in the Gathering Room following worship for lunch, conversation, and some games & crafts to help us all prepare for Advent.**

**Plus Wayne Beckwith and his mules will be with us for wagon rides around downtown!**

**More details coming soon, please plan to join us!**

### It's not too late to join us for our all night adventure!

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 at [fbcmac.org/lock-out-2019](http://fbcmac.org/lock-out-2019).**

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  
**NOVEMBER 2019**

November 3  
**NURSERY:** Infants through Preschool, FBC Nursery, 9-11:30 am  
**WORSHIP @ 10 am:** Communion Sunday  
children & youth remain in the Sanctuary for the full worship service

November 10, 17, & 24  
**NURSERY:** Infants through Preschool, FBC Nursery, 9-11:30 am  
**WORSHIP @ 10 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**  
**November 6:** McMinnville HS ~ **November 13:** Duniway MS ~ **November 20:** Patton MS

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

## Seasonal Happenings



Beginning Sunday, Nov. 3, members & friends of First Baptist Church are invited to be a part of the **BOXES of HOPE**

**program, an alternative way to give this Christmas.**

A Family Place (AFP) is the Relief Nursery of Yamhill County, which supports 60 families in McMinnville. AFP runs early childhood classrooms, offers parent education, provides basic needs assistance, and more, all from their First Baptist Church location! As a way to care for these families, a part of our FBC community, **we will provide BOXES of HOPE for each family**, which will contain food & household items to be used during the holiday season. We hope this will meet a need and free resources for families to give personal, meaningful gifts to one another.

**Starting Sunday, Nov. 3, visit our BOXES of HOPE table in the Gathering Room anytime to pick up a list of items and a box, and sign up to buy for one or more families.** And if you would like to be a part but don't want to be responsible for an entire box (total cost around \$40), you are welcome to partner with other individuals/families. Completed boxes will need to be returned to the church by Sunday, Dec. 17th.

If you'd like to participate, or have any questions about Boxes of Hope, please contact Sean P. Williams at [sean@fbcmac.org](mailto:sean@fbcmac.org) or 503-472-7941. Thank you!



## ONGOING Gatherings

**Wednesday Sacred Conversations - 7 pm** (Rm 102)  
Come each week for song, prayer, silence, and soulful reflection. Questions? Contact Erika, [erika@fbcmac.org](mailto: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**  
**Nov. 5 & 19** - Contact: Gina, 971-237-2789

**Senior Breakfast - 1st Wednesday, Nov. 6 - 8 am**  
Join us at the American Legion Post 21 (126 NE Atlantic St). 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](mailto:deerocksmoore@gmail.com)

**Hiking Group - on hiatus - see you in the Spring!**  
Contact Gloria, [glowml1@gmail.com](mailto: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., Nov. 2 - 9:30 am**  
Monthly support group  
Contact: Susan, [susanlanechambers@gmail.com](mailto:susanlanechambers@gmail.com)

**Men's Breakfast - Saturday, Nov. 16 - 9 am**  
Les Toth's Toy Barn (2700 NW Pinehurst, Mac)  
Stimulating conversation & a great breakfast! Join us!  
**Program: Greg Jones, Director of Environmental Studies & Wine Education at Linfield College to speak about "Wine Education"**

Future Programs:

**Dec. 21** Tim Duerfeldt, "Some Leave an Impression, Others a Dent"

# NOVEMBER at FBC

November 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b> 9-10:30a - STAR 12n - Bible Study 7p - Friday Forum with Clarice Wolsey	<b>2</b> 9a-1p - Free Medical Clinic 9:30a - Gluten Free Friends 
Clocks turned back ONE HOUR 	 <span style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold;">Look for your STEWARDSHIP envelope in the mail!</span>					
<b>3</b> 9 am - Christian Education Adult Classes 10 am - WORSHIP 5-7:30 pm - Youth Group	<b>4</b> 9-10:30a - STAR 12n - Personnel 4p - Mission Ministry 7p - Boy Scouts & Scout Girls	<b>5</b> 4p - Pastoral Relations Committee 6:30p - Cub Scouts 9a - Building & Grounds Team 7p - Knit Wits	<b>6</b> 8a - Senior Breakfast - Meditation 7p - Sacred Conversations	<b>7</b> 9:30a - Knit Wits 5:45a - Jubilee Bells 6:30p - Choir Pastor's Day Off	<b>8</b> 9-10:30a - STAR 12n - Bible Study	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> 9 am - Christian Education Adult Classes 10 am - WORSHIP No Youth Group due to Lock-Out	<b>11</b> 9-10:30a - STAR 7p - Boy Scouts & Scout Girls 7p - Together Works	<b>12</b> 6:30p - Cub Scouts	<b>13</b> 12n - Meditation 6:30p - Church Board 7p - Sacred Conversations	<b>14</b> 9:30a - Knit Wits 5:45a - Jubilee Bells 6:30p - Choir Pastor's Day Off	<b>15</b> 9-10:30a - STAR 12n - Bible Study	<b>16</b> 9a-1p - Free Medical Clinic 9a - Men's Breakfast 6:30p - Spiritual Hootenanny
<b>17</b> 9 am - Christian Education Adult Classes 10 am - WORSHIP Stewardship Celebration 11 am - Potluck Meal 5-7:30 pm - Youth Group	<b>18</b> 9-10:30a - STAR 7p - Boy Scouts & Scout Girls 7p - Care & Concern	<b>19</b> 6:30p - Cub Scouts 7p - Knit Wits	<b>20</b> 12n - Meditation 7p - Sacred Conversations	<b>21</b> 9:30a - Knit Wits 5:45a - Jubilee Bells 6:30p - Choir Pastor's Day Off	<b>22</b> 9-10:30a - STAR 12n - Bible Study	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 9 am - Christian Education Adult Classes 10 am - WORSHIP 11:15am - Hanging of the Greens 5-7:30 pm - Youth Group	<b>25</b> 9-10:30a - STAR 7p - Boy Scouts & Scout Girls 6p - Matthew 25 Mtg. 7p - Together Works	<b>26</b> 6:30p - Cub Scouts	<b>27</b> 12n - Meditation 7p - Sacred Conversations	<b>28</b> FBC Office Closed 	<b>29</b> No STAR Room or Bible Study today.	<b>30</b>

## November Birthdays:

Colton Anderson 01  
 Edith Reynolds 01  
 Kayleen Starnier 01  
 Anne Engen 03  
 Phyllis Martin 03  
 Coralyn Reinker 03  
 Aliyah Ferry 06  
 Linda Gilbert 06  
 Tayah Curry 08

Alisha Payne 10  
 Dorothy Delashmutt 11  
 Brian Gilbert 11  
 Martha VanCleave 11  
 Don New 15  
 Pam Howard 16  
 Nancy McCann 16  
 Susie Alin 23  
 Lara O'Brady 23  
 Les Toth 23  
 Nancy Vasquez 24

## November Anniversaries:

Barry & Jeanette House  
 Nov. 13, 1998

## 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!