

The Tidings

FBC's monthly newsletter

February 2020



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We're so Grateful you've
Become a Member



Explore *all that is holy* this Lenten season

"I have spent my entire life loving people with whom I will never agree," writes Layton Williams at the beginning of her book *Holy Disunity: How What Separates Us Can Save Us*. Filled with personal story, theological reflection, and Biblical analysis, this book is a thoughtful call to recognize that it is not unity we are called to but relationship, and when we focus in that way, we can discover gifts even in the difficulties of doubt, argument, tension, trouble, failure, uncertainty, and more. In our heated political climate, this book offers a word of hope and a way forward, promising that "it is possible to hold on to both our convictions and one another."

It's that idea we'll take our Lenten theme from this year. We'll explore all that is holy through sermons on Sunday morning and in silence and sharing at our Wednesday night Sacred Conversations services. If you'd like to follow along with the reading, copies of *Holy Disunity* will be available for purchase in the church office beginning in mid-February.

A Brunch Celebrating Our Newest Members

Sunday, Feb. 23rd after worship in room 102

Sponsored by the Membership Ministry Team

FBC will celebrate, with gratitude, those who have joined the church in membership over the last ten years. If you're among that crowd, look for your invitation in the mail and plan to join in the festivities!

New to FBC? Been around a while, and want a refresher on our congregational story and our denominational values?

Thinking about becoming a member?

Join Pastor Erika and others for a Welcome Class meeting
Sundays, March 1, 8, 15, & 22. Stay tuned for details!

Enneagram Workshop led by Molly Eacret

Saturday, February 22, 9am-5:30pm, \$50

The Enneagram is a system of the nine different types or styles, each representing a worldview and archetype that resonates with the way people think, feel, and act in relation to the world, others, and themselves. Much more than a personality profile that offers insight into core personality traits, it delves deeper into the core motivations, defense mechanisms, and fears that often lie in the unconscious layers of our personality structure. Our Enneagram core type is like a home base from which we make sense of individuation, integration, and development.



Molly Eacret has been teaching the Enneagram for 13 years and is passionate about sharing its wisdom and powerful, transformative qualities. To register or with questions, contact mollyeacret@gmail.com.

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	Actual for Period	% of Amount Budgeted
Contributions Income:	\$325,903	98.6%
Total Income:	\$3,365,651	94.1%
Total Expenses:	\$349,157	98.6%
Net Income:	\$ 16,494 **	

Financial Update:

During our Semi-Annual Meeting on January 12, 2020, the congregation approved our 2020 General Fund budget. If you were not present, please stop by the church office to pick up a copy OR ask to receive a pdf copy emailed to you. Here is a brief summary.

Staff Wages & Benefits - \$237,930 Administration/Office - \$ 8,025 Missions - \$31,750
 Building & Grounds - \$ 59,400 Program Teams - \$11,250 **TOTAL: \$378,355**

** From the 2019 Net Income, \$12,000 was applied to the 2020 budget as income with the remaining \$4,494 placed in our temporary reserve account. Those funds will be available to supplement our Building & Grounds budget, as needed. The approved 2020 budget is an increase of 2% from the 2019 budget. Report from 150th Major Maintenance & South Wall Projects (2016 thru 2019). We have one project remaining - replacing the courtyard paving. The contract for that work is \$21,764 plus permit expense. As of December 31, 2019, funds available for this work was \$19,248 so we are short by about \$2,500. We invite anyone willing to help make up the shortage. No amount is too small. We are almost there.

Again, many thanks to Charlie Walker and his committee and Finance Committee, Jane Apel, Roger Dell, Judee Kunze, Martha VanCleave, Don Watson

Church Board Notes - From Jan. 2020

A new year! A new beginning! A new month! Good News! At FBC we are constantly journeying on roads less traveled. We "look behind so we can see ahead." Doing just that, I want to bring everyone up-to-date on the results of the Semi-Annual Congregational meeting held Sunday, Jan. 12.

We gathered for soup, bread, and fruit while we conducted our official meeting. The time we spent together was upbeat and positive. Each Board member was presented with a rose to say "Thank you" for their hard work and compassionate hearts.

Members and friends of FBC were present. Among the visitors was our Executive Director of the ABCCPC region, Rev. Steve Bills. Positive reports were shared from the Endowment and 150th Major Maintenance and South Wall Committees. Additional reports from the Fellowship Fund, Star ministry, and 2019 budget committee were included in the printed Semi-Annual 2019 Statistical & Fiscal packet.

A reminder of how American Baptists churches are congregationally led was shared as the process for developing a new Vision & Mission statement was described. A ballot was provided to everyone present and a vote to affirm these new statements were taken.

Also, a review of the process to move to a one service Sunday was shared. Those present voted whether to affirm what the FBC Board and Worship and Community Engagement Team's recommended. Both Vision & Mission statements and one Sunday service recommendations were overwhelmingly affirmed!

While the ballots and votes were counted we moved on to the discussion of our proposed 2020 budget. Since the budget is an official operating function of the life of FBC, discussion of the budget was open to all present but the vote to approve or not approve was a show of hands by members only. Exciting pieces of the budget were: restoration of some monies to mission, a small increase in staff salaries, and each area of the budget was increased. After discussion of the budget, a vote was taken and the budget was approved!

With our new vision and mission statements approved we are launched into a new decades with a fresh and energetic future. Our vision is: *A world where God's inclusive love embraces and empowers all.* To work toward that future, our mission is: *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.*

I invite each of you to join us in the many activities and programs at FBC this coming year to realize the positive and loving future we seek! Peace, JoAnn Sims

*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

8:45 am - Adult Sunday Class: Faith & Java

9 am - Adult Sunday Classes: Bereans, Chapel, Rainbow

10:00 am WORSHIP Services

In February, we're continuing to make our way through the Gospel of Matthew, sometimes called "the Gospel of the Church" because it's the only one of the four reporters of Jesus' life who mentions the establishment of a community like (well, sort of like) what we know today when we come together. This month, we'll hear several passages with questions about identity, and think about what knowing Jesus and his teachings means for how we know ourselves.

For more discussion about Matthew and the passages to be discussed in Sunday's sermon, join in Bible Study, each Friday from noon until one o'clock in the Fireplace Room. Bring a lunch for yourself, if you want, and bring your questions and ideas for the group. Contact Pastor Erika with questions: erika@fbcmac.org.

Feb. 2 **Communion Sunday**
Message- "Who Then Are We?"
Matthew 8:18-27
Rev. Erika Marksbury preaching
Music led by Betty Busch, candidate for
the Director of Music Ministry position
Meet & Greet Reception in the Gathering Room

Feb. 9 **Message - "Wisdom's Deeds"**
Matthew 11:7-19
Rev. Erika Marksbury preaching
Music led by Jesse Cromer, candidate for the
the Director of Music Ministry position
Meet & Greet Reception in the Gathering Room

Feb. 16 **Scout Sunday**
Message - "How We Carry On"
Matthew 14:1-13a
Rev. Erika Marksbury preaching
Music led by Pat & Tegan Johnson, co-candidates
for the Director of Music Ministry position
Meet & Greet Reception in the Gathering Room

Feb. 23 **Message - "Revelations & Keeping Secrets"**
Matthew 16:13-20
Rev. Erika Marksbury preaching

Feb. 26 **ASH WEDNESDAY - the Lenten Season begins**

Ash Wednesday

February 26, 7pm in Room 102
A special Sacred Conversations ushers us into the Lenten season. We'll sing, keep silence, receive ashes, and reflect on the teachings of the rabbis that we are but dust and ashes...and for us, the whole universe was created.



Music Ministry search update: candidates visiting!

The search team for FBC's new Director of Music Ministry continues to meet, and we are excited to announce that we have three finalists for the position. The column at left offers their names and the Sundays they'll be visiting our worship service and leading us in music.

Musicians are invited to join each candidate at rehearsal the Thursday evenings prior (come January 30 to work with Betty Busch, February 6 to work with Jesse Cromer, and February 13 to work with Pat & Tegan Johnson). And after each of those Sunday services, we hope you'll come to the Gathering Room to say hi to the candidate(s)!

Though the final decision is not a vote, the search team will be eager to receive feedback from all who want to share about their experience working and worshipping with these candidates. Search team members are Shelly Sanderlin, Charlie Walker, Geoff Clayton, Russell Mark, Heidi Toth, Doug Verigin, and Erika Marksbury.

From the FBC Archivists:

A new year, 2020, has just begun, and history marches on for all of us. The First Baptist Church of McMinnville community is so fortunate to have an archive where photos, books, papers, and other items are stored and catalogued. We feel privileged to have been trusted with the responsibility of helping preserve church history.

We have almost completed a digital index of the objects in the archives room. We welcome submissions. If you give us a photograph of a church event and ask that it be stored, please include the full date (month, day, year) of the event, a brief description of the event, and the names of individuals in the photo.



One of the objects in the FBC archives is this dish. The bowl of the dish depicts FBC with these words: Baptist Church McMinnville ORE. The reverse of the dish says: Wheelock made in Austria for C. C. Morton McMinnville, Oregon Vienna.

The Wheelock family began importing china before the Civil War. In the 1890s they expanded to import souvenir china which was manufactured in Germany and Austria. This piece was sold by the C. C. Morton Company of McMinnville, maybe to an FBC member who then donated it to the church.

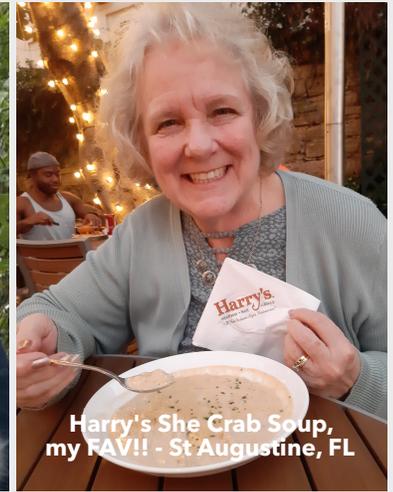
-Tim and Diane Marsh

Volunteer Needed to serve as

Charter Organization Representative for the the Scouting and Cub Scout organizations that meet at FBC. This church has been home to Scout troops for more than 50 years, and the person who fills this role helps to support and encourage the Scouts and their leadership. Is it you?

Contact erika@fbcmac.org if you want more information or are interested in serving our church and wider community in this important role.

Introducing your Church staff, by the numbers



DONNA WEED, office administrator

-earned a BS in Psychology after **4** years in college. Had a first career: with TWA, **20+** years working at LAX, SAN, EWR airports; **36** total years in the travel industry. Now in her second career: came **15** years ago to be FBC's Office Administrator, beginning this labor of love on **2.14.2005**.

-has traveled to Germany, Italy, on many European road trips, on an amazing **10**-day journey - Los Angeles-Honolulu-Taiwan-Hong Kong-Bangkok-Bombay-Tel Aviv-New York-LA on TWA's last around the world flight - and more. Love for Oregon takes her to the coast **12+** times each year and to Central Oregon often.

-was born in Bethlehem, raised in Nazareth... PA, that is. Has **1** son, Matthew, in Orlando, **1** step-daughter, Robin, in NYC, and her mother, Dee, will be **100** April 4th! Has known her husband, Richard, **70+** years, been married to him for **37** of those.

-is a **30**-year Member of PEO, a women's organization helping women attain their educational goals through loans, scholarships and support.

I had what I later described to a friend as “the most small-town-pastor-y of all my small-town-pastor experiences so far” at a coffee shop the other day. It wasn't one I usually go to; I didn't recognize anyone, didn't know if they were regulars there or first-timers, like me. But after I'd settled into a spot, surrounded myself with books and opened my laptop, a man approached me and said, “What do you do? I see you all over town.” I told him my role, and... he's heard of us, friends. He attends a different church, but he had us pegged as “the church that does so much for the needy in this community.”

I shared with him a little about our various missions and outreach efforts, and that it is deep in FBC's heart to be involved in offering what relief, comfort, and care we can to those who are struggling. And he said, “Yeah... I've heard a lot about your church. Most of it really good - not all, but most.” I bit my tongue and refrained from asking him to elaborate. But then he continued, “And you know, I think if there's anyone that can lead this town through the trouble it's having right now, it's your church.” This time I did press for details. He said, “Your church has the spiritual grounding, and the Biblical understanding, and the relationships with people, already in place. I think that's what's needed to lead this town's efforts to address these issues.” By “these issues” he meant issues surrounding homelessness, and he shared some ideas he's seen work in other places. We exchanged information, promised to keep in touch. He wants to be a partner with us.

Maybe it shouldn't be surprising that someone outside these walls has this perception of our church - we've been around for 152 years, and with our central location and historic connections, it makes sense that we take some leadership in this town. But it struck me as both an affirmation and a challenge to hear a total stranger name some of the gifts of this congregation - spiritual grounding, Biblical understanding, relationships - and then ask us to play a much-needed role. I wanted to share that affirmation and challenge with you all, and ask you, friends - what are we up for? :)

So blessed to be in it with you, Erika

2 Wonderful New Ways to Give to FBC

Sunday, February 16

TEA & COFFEE Tasting Event

A Gathering Room Reception, after worship

Portland Coffee Roasters, FBC Mission Fundraiser expands to include Smith Tea!

FBC has partnered with Portland Coffee Roasters in this fundraiser for almost 10 years because they share similar values to support missions. Portland Coffee Roasters has

developed their own Farm Friendly Direct™ which sources coffee directly from farmers while building sustainable relationships with them and the communities they support. For more than 20 years they have worked to create lasting connections between the farmers & our local community, a focus on a commitment to global stewardship.

Portland Coffee Roasters strives to be a business rooted in relationships, with an eye towards global betterment.

So they sell FBC coffee & tea at wholesale prices and we invest fundraiser profits in our local missions.

During the TASTING - Enjoy sampling three varieties of Smith Tea and some of PCR's newest coffees! Find out how to purchase tea and/or coffee through the FBC fundraiser where approximately **40% of what you pay is used by FBC to support local mission projects!**



Please join us... Portland Coffee Roasters supports coffee growers and communities- FBC supports community missions - it's a win-win partnership!

Watermagic by Evonne Cramer

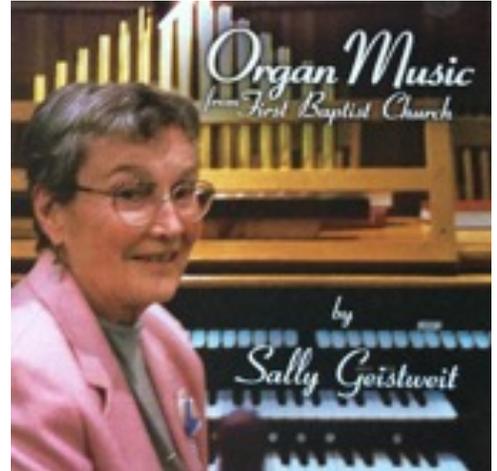
The Cows St. hallway (across from the office) is now decked with 12 paintings from immensely



talented FBC member Evonne Cramer. The works include many natural scenes - flowers, fruits, ocean spray, and more - depicted in glorious color. If you think they'd look great on your walls, too, inquire in the church office about pricing. The artist has generously offered to donate 50% of the purchase price to FBC.

Getting to Know Our First Baptist Church Family

Sally Geistweit was born in Des Moines, Iowa and when she was two, her family moved to Cincinnati, Ohio. Her father was a Baptist Minister. The church where her father served had a Hammond organ (electric) and she knew, even as a young child that she wanted to learn to play organ. It wasn't until she was in college, at University of Redlands, that she learned to play the pipe organ.



Sally met her husband, Tom at Redlands and they married in her senior year. Tom was accepted to the Baptist Seminary of the West, where he was ordained. They raised 4 children. Tom taught High School in Oakland and a former student came home on break from a place called Linfield College in McMinnville, Oregon and told Tom he should visit the beautiful town. Tom and Sally visited and fell instantly in love with Linfield and McMinnville! That summer, Tom accepted a position in the Education Department at Linfield and in September, Marion VanDyk, FBC's Music Minister, hired Sally to be the accompanist.

Sally played organ and piano at FBC for 37 years. She led Jubilee Bells and gave piano lessons to children. She has always had a passion for travel. She is especially proud of being a member at FBC when Bernie Turner was Senior Pastor and the church first welcomed gay and lesbian couples to attend. She knew this was what God wanted. She is also extremely proud of FBC being instrumental in developing C-WISH, the inclement weather shelter for homeless. Sally owns a home at Rock of Ages/Valley View retirement community. "I just love being a part of FBC!" she said.

Vicki Cartwright grew up in John Day, Oregon. She moved to Eugene after high school where she attended Northwest Christian College and "found her people." While living in Eugene she and her husband were active in youth ministry.



Vicki raised her two daughters in Boise, Idaho. Eventually she moved to Portland. Most recently she worked for a consulting firm of hydrogeologists who worked on the planning of many the public water systems in the area including those in Dayton, Lafayette, and Carlton. Four years ago, Vicki moved to Carlton where she and her daughter's family found a home they could all share. For several years Vicki continued to commute to Portland for work, but has now retired and is setting down roots in Yamhill county.

Vicki was invited to First Baptist by her friend Kathleen Verigin. Although at first she was hesitant about attending a Baptist church, the inclusivity and spirit of the community together with the impact of Erika's preaching drew her into First Baptist. Vicki became a member last summer.

Last spring Vicki participated in the Civil Conversations discussion series here at First Baptist. She is now an active part of the STAR room, serving on the Friday morning team. Recently she has stepped up to take leadership for First Baptist's participation in the Safe Families for Children program, encouraging volunteers from our church and coordinating with other McMinnville churches.

With seven grandchildren living in Carlton and Portland, Vicki keeps plenty busy. When not with her grandchildren she is seeking to make connections at First Baptist and in the community, especially in Carlton. Vicki is very happy to have found First Baptist. She says, "I love First Baptist."

The Huff Family has been part of FBC since 2010 but they've all been in Oregon all of their lives! John grew up in Albany, and Myra grew up in Lake Oswego and Dayton. They met at Western Oregon College in 1994, got married in 1996, and lived in Donald, OR for seven years, where Simon was born in 2000. In order to have more space for their growing family, and to be closer to work and family, they moved to Sheridan in 2002, and have been in the same house ever since. Frances was born in 2003 and Albert was born in 2013, and they've lived their entire lives in the same home.

John works for UPS – he's probably delivered packages to your home! – and Myra works in her family business, British Parts Northwest in Dayton. Simon graduated from the Sheridan Japanese School in 2018 and is at college in Flagstaff, AZ, Fran is a sophomore at McMinnville High School and in the Winter Guard, and Bert is in 1st grade at the McMinnville Adventist Christian School, and plays soccer & enjoys swimming. They also like traveling, watching movies & TV, video games, and their new Eurovan.

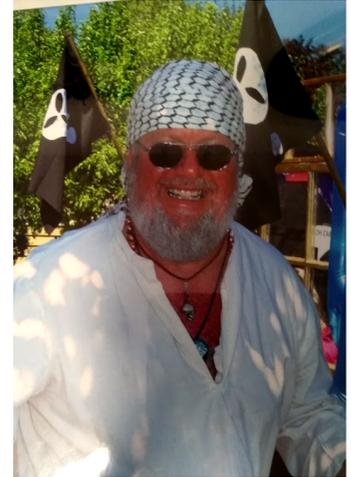


John and Myra were married at First Presbyterian Church in McMinnville, where she grew up attending, so their family connected there when they moved back to the area. After

some transitions at FPC the Huffs left there and were away from church for awhile. Once they were ready to get back, they tried a few churches but liked FBC the best. They knew lots of people here, really liked Kent, and it just right to be here. Bert was dedicated at FBC, John and Simon participated in the Nicaragua Mission Trip in 2014, Fran is a regular in the youth ministry, and they are all active in children's, youth, and family programs at the church.

The Huff family is part of FBC because they want to be with people who are open-minded, progressive, accepting of others, and inclusive. And the diversity of our church is really important to them. They love how we listen to our community and evolve to meet their needs. We do what we say we're going to do, even when it's hard and uncomfortable, and that's why the Huffs are here. And we're blessed to have them!

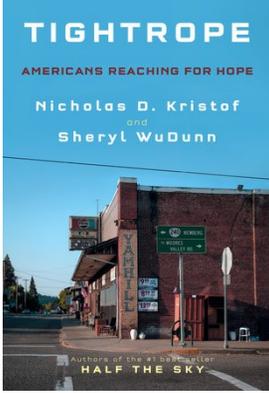
Danny Browne grew up in the California Bay Area, in Vallejo, and interestingly is related to General Vallejo, after whom the town is named. After college (Chico State) and a variety of mainly social work jobs, at age 45 he found himself in Tucson, Arizona working on the streets for two years in the Catholic Worker Movement (founded by Dorothy Day). He spent half of his time there helping to feed the hungry and the other half questioning and working to change the systems that allow such disparities.



Moving to McMinnville in 2000, Danny started attending First Baptist Church after meeting Kent Harrop at a Portland anti-war protest. Kent suggested he come listen to his message at FBC. Soon after, someone suggested he might want to try a Sunday School class, which was an alien idea to Danny. Isn't Sunday School just for kids? But Bill Millar's Bereans class challenged him, along with what Danny describes as an intellectual standard in the church that allows him to learn and participate in a high level of discussion.

Danny claims that this church has been a rock for him. It lets him do the things he likes to do and which he is good at—a continuation of his social work calling. He works with the STAR Program, the Soup Kitchen, the Warming Shelter and anything else that stirs his compassion. Danny says that over the years he has grown and is comfortable with who he has become and that the church has helped to nurture that. He also gives great credit to his wife, Gloria LaFata, for helping him to be “in a good place.”

Outside of church, Danny loves to read and keeps happily busy with Gloria and their combined family of grandkids and kids.



MacReads Author Talk

Tightrope by Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDun

Friday, February 7th 6:30 pm - McMinnville Community Center

“The Pulitzer Prize-winning authors issue a plea—deeply personal and told through the lives of real Americans—to address the crisis in working-class America, while focusing on solutions to mend a half century of governmental failure.”

-Penguin Random House

Prayers for FBC’s Nicaragua Mission Team, Traveling February 13-23, 2020

Please keep FBC’s small but mighty Nicaragua Mission Team (Cynthia Parker, Jennifer Scott, Martha VanCleave, Shelly Sanderlin, and Marcy Anderson) in your prayers as they travel with delegates from Christ the King Church of Anacortes, Washington to serve in our partner communities of La Pimienta and El Calderon, Nicaragua.

Together with AMOS staff they hope to build water filters, meet the recently trained WASH water promoters, repair the La Pimienta health clinic, record stories, and possibly hold vacation bible school for the area youth.

Of course they will also share FBC greetings, love, and prayers with AMOS and the community members. They’re bringing a giant card carrying our wishes for them - sign it February 2 or 9 before or after worship, and make sure to be present on February 9 when we commission the team for their travels and work!

The Team thanks you for your financial support!



SAVE THE DATE
Nancy McCann & Friends CONCERT
Saturday, March 7
7pm in the Gathering Room - Doors open at 6:30pm
No Cover Charge - Free Will Offering to BENEFIT FBC MISSIONS
Featuring appearances by FBC performers, the Ukulele Ukestra, the Good News Gospel Choir, the Baptist Babes, and many more!

Myllinda Baits: Ministering by Training with Restorative Arts

On a daily basis, we witness tragedy and trauma due to loss, homelessness, family separation, climate change, poverty, war and violence among other things. Our social and individual nervous systems are bombarded with distressing and overwhelming sensations. Although we have the resources to deal with these sensations, we need to be reminded where to find them. When his son was kidnapped by extortioners in Uganda, John* faced the most terrifying three days of his life. During his crisis, he remembered how to jumpstart his brain-body connection through activating his vagal nerve through deep intentional breathing to reset his nervous system. He practiced using his body as a resource in an arts-based training I co-led earlier in the year in Kenya. It helped him calm and remember the resources he had available to cope with his current circumstances.



After a 65-year marriage, Ellen* finds herself widowed and wondering if life is worth living. Joining our Expressive Arts in Transition pilot group at the local senior living community, she saw flowers blooming in the desert when we explored different imaginary landscapes. This may seem simple, but it was significant. She had been stuck and struggling. For a few minutes that day, surrounded by empathetic friends, she felt safe. Her energy shifted and she said that she was moving towards hope.

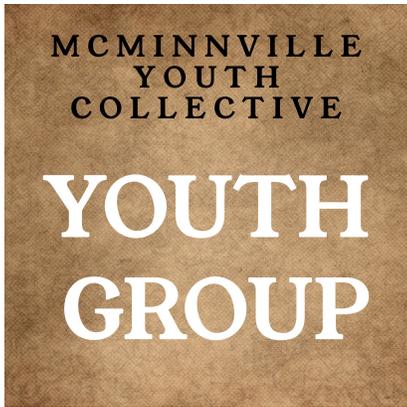
The room was filled with 60 Nepalese pastors, counselors, youth workers, and emergency responders sitting around tables, scribbling with colored markers and the sound of Nepali folk music. All of a sudden, spontaneous singing broke out. I remember the chills that went through my body as I witnessed the smiles and strength of combined voices. The unfamiliar song to me, was deeply and culturally familiar to them. It was beautifully moving to be a part of this sacred spontaneity.

In the beginning, God created...

The act of making, shaping, forming is the beginning of our existence. We make sense of our existence and life purpose through our senses; what we see, hear, smell, taste and touch. These embodied experiences are how we make sense of the world and our relationship to others. As a Global Consultant for Training with the Restorative Arts, I spend my days exploring, engaging, expressing and expanding the creative process with friends and colleagues from around the globe. I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to explore diverse cultures and contexts, seeing the vibrant, varied, rich and beautiful work of God in breath, flesh and bone. In a cultural climate of distrust and division, the chance to engage in relationship with others who see the world differently than I do, increases my empathy, understanding and compassion. Engaging with others through art and imagination with rhythm, music, movement, poetry, play, stories and images allows us to express our emotions, experiences, and resourceful energy. Playing with color, sounds, movements, ideas, and everyday challenges helps to expand our understanding of the world, our resources for resiliency and our strength not only to survive, but to thrive.



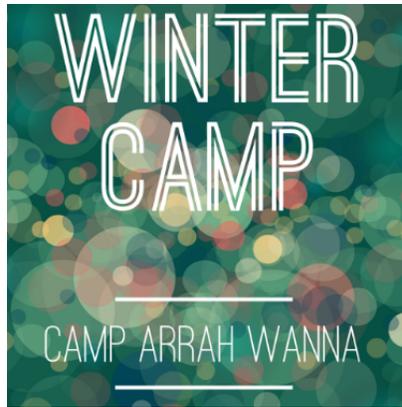
Thanks to your friendship, solidarity, prayers, and financial support we are making the world more beautiful. We've been invited into a creative restorative process, one that God initiated and continues to sustain. Through serious sensibility, spontaneity, and silliness new life springs forth. Through paradoxical play and creativity, tender places of wonder and wounding are tended and mended. Where trauma shatters body, mind, soul and relationships, the arts can help, hold, and heal. I've witnessed the power of God's creative grace in my own life through the arts and through YOU!



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

We kick off February with our Super Bowl Party and continue with our Pixar movie focus on other Sunday nights!

- February 2 - Super Bowl Party**
(3pm at Toth's Toy Barn)
- February 9 - Monsters, Inc.**
- February 16 - NO Youth Group**
(Winter Camp weekend)
- February 23 - Finding Nemo**



Join us President's Day Weekend!
February 14-17, 2020
 Friday night to Monday afternoon
snow tubing, games, friends, worship, cabins, meals, crafts, and more!

3rd-12th Grade Children & Youth
Elementary: Grades 3-5, \$155
Middle School: Grades 6-8, \$165
High School: Grades 9-12, \$175
DEADLINE to REGISTER is February 9

Register Online:
www.camparahwanna.org



Save the Dates!
March 20-28, 2020
 (over spring break)
for High School Youth
 (9th-12th Grades)
and College Students.

Team Meetings and fundraising are happening now!

Pick up a registration packet at the church and register ASAP to be part!

Sunday Mornings @ FBC

FEBRUARY 2020

February 2
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
Children's Worship Program & Parents Breakfast @ 9 am

February 9, 16, 23
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
February 5: McMinnville HS ~ **February 12:** Duniway MS ~ **February 19:** 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

FEBRUARY HAPPENINGS

The Climate Action Committee

Meets every 2nd Monday at 6:30 pm in the upstairs conference room. We welcome anyone who is interested in the climate to attend. Please contact Lara O'Brady at 971.241.9545 or lara_obrady@yahoo.com with ideas or questions.

The Climate Action Group has been/is/will be working on national, state, and local climate issues. We have gone to Salem to speak with our representative and senator; we participated in the 'Our Children's Trust' fundraiser; we are part of *Congregations for Climate Justice* (six local churches participate: FBC, McMinnville Cooperative Ministries, First Presbyterian Church, the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, St. James Catholic Church, and Church on the Hill).

FBC is looking to become a *Creation Care Congregation* to receive recognition from ABCUSA and our region. We are planning for an interesting & educational "Earth Week" celebration, not just an Earth Day - in April. This coming year we will: (1) continue to advocate for the climate in Salem, our communities, our church and our personal lives, (2) attend climate rallies, (3) provide information so people can reduce their climate impact, (4) encourage the youth in Our Children's Trust, and (5) encourage youth in McMinnville High School. Stay tuned for details.

Elder Circle

February 17, 2020 - 3rd Monday each month
2-3:30 pm in the FBC Fireplace Room

The Elder Circle had a wonderful January meeting. We talked about advance directives, palliative care or hospice, and other alternatives for end-of-life care; about conversations with family to find those who would most adequately follow our wishes; and about digital legacy and online presence. All in all, it was a good time, given that the doors were locked when we arrived because it was a holiday! Our February meeting also falls on a holiday, but we promise, the doors will be unlocked when you arrive! We'll watch and discuss a video - more info coming soon.

ONGOING Gatherings

**Climate Action group - 2nd Monday, - 6:30 pm
Feb. 10** (2nd Floor Conference Room)
Contact: Lara O'Brady, lara_obrady@yahoo.com

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

Senior Breakfast - 1st Wednesday, Feb. 5 - 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

Wednesday Sacred Conversations - 7 pm (Rm 102)
This contemplative service includes engagement with a spiritual practice: prayer, or *lectio divina*, or gratitude. There's always some singing, some silence, and lots of space for sharing (always optional) and listening. All are welcome, always. Questions? Contact Erika, erika@fbcmac.org.

**PM Knit Wits - 1st & 3rd Tuesday - 7 pm
Feb. 4 & 18** - Contact: Gina, 971-237-2789

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

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

Gluten Free Friends - 1st Saturday, Mar. 7 - 9:30 am
Monthly support group - not meeting in February!
Contact: Susan, susanlanechambers@gmail.com
glutenfreefriendsmcminnville@gmail.com / 503-435-9952

Men's Breakfast - Saturday, Feb. 22 - 9 am
Les Toth's Toy Barn (2700 NW Pinehurst, Mac)
Stimulating conversation & a great breakfast! Join us!
**Program: Don Watson, "Lessons Learned After
Thirty-One years in the 8th Grade"**

Future Programming: March 28 - Luke Westphal, "Mammoths to McMinnvillians, History of Yamhill Residents"

FEBRUARY at FBC

February 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 9a-1p - Free Medical Clinic 9:30a - Gluten Free Friends
2 9 am - Christian Education Adult Classes 10 am - WORSHIP Youth Super Bowl Party	3 9-10:30a - STAR 12n - Personnel 4p - Missions Ministry 7p - Boy Scouts & Scout Girls	4 6:30p - Cub Scouts 7p - Knit Wits	5 8a - Senior Breakfast American Legion hall 12p - Meditation 7p - Sacred Conversations	6 9:30a - Knit Wits Music Rehearsals with Music Minister candidate Pastor's Day Off	7 9-10:30a - STAR 12n - Bible Study	8
9 9 am - Christian Education Adult Classes 10 am - WORSHIP 12-1:30p - YAHOO Mtg 5-7:30 pm - Youth Group	10 9-10:30a - STAR - Boy Scouts & Scout Girls 7p - Together Works	11 9a - Building & Grounds Team 6:30p - Cub Scouts	12 12n - Meditation 6:30p - Church Board 7p - Sacred Conversations	13 9:30a - Knit Wits Music Rehearsals with Music Minister candidate Pastor's Day Off	14  VALENTINES DAY 9-10:30a - STAR 12n - Bible Study WINTER CAMP	15 9a-1p - Free Medical Clinic 6p - MVA Valentine Dance (Social Hall) WINTER CAMP
16 9 am - Christian Education Adult Classes 10 am - WORSHIP WINTER CAMP	17 9-10:30a - STAR 2p - Elder Circle 7p - Boy Scouts & Scout Girls 7p - Care & Concern WINTER CAMP	18 4p - Pastoral Relations Committee 6:30p - Cub Scouts 7p - Knit Wits	19 12n - Meditation 3p - Membership Team 7p - Sacred Conversations	20 9:30a - Knit Wits Pastor's Day Off	21 9-10:30a - STAR 9a-1p - Dental VAN (make Appt at Free Clinic, Feb. 1 or 15) 12n - Bible Study	22 9a - Men's Breakfast 9a-5:30p - Enneagram Workshop
23 9 am - Christian Education Adult Classes 10 am - WORSHIP 11 am - Luncheon Celebrating FBC Membership 10 yr or less 5-7:30 pm - Youth Group	24 9-10:30a - STAR 7p - Boy Scouts & Scout Girls 6p - Matthew 25 Mtg. 7p - Together Works	25	26 12n - Meditation 7p - Sacred Conversations: Ash Wednesday Service	27 9:30a - Knit Wits Pastor's Day Off	28 9-10:30a - STAR 12n - Bible Study	29 <i>2020 brings an extra day to live your best life... do something new, special, different, out of the box... to celebrate this extra day!</i>

FEBRUARY Birthdays:

Ken Piontek 2
 Susan Ruggles 6
 Mary Dressel 7
 Ina Kropf 7
 Doug Verigin 7
 Bill Apel 9
 Lanita Marler 9
 Cameron Watson 12

Laura Christensen 13
 Gus Carstensen 14
 B.J. Matthews 14
 Jim Sloss 14
 Lynne Vincent 15
 Lois Mills 16
 John Linder 17
 Katie Porter 17
 Geneva Foster-Ward 18
 Harold Jacobs 18

Jace Early 20
 Briar Kind 21
 Sophia James 23
 Zorissa James 23
 Mary Baker 25
 Prescott Benner 25
 Emma Linder 25
 Steve Park 26
 Joy Hallett 27
 Cyrus Scarboro-Ford 27