

The Tidings

FBC's monthly newsletter

March 2020

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Meet Jesse Cromer, new Director of Music Ministry

After a lengthy process of interviewing, reference-checking, rehearsal-coordinating, Sunday service planning, and gathering feedback, in an attempt to create a search in which all in the church who wanted to could have a voice, we are pleased to announce that we have offered FBC's Director of Music Ministry position to Jesse Cromer, and he has enthusiastically accepted it.



The search committee and many musicians who worked with Jesse were impressed by his energy, his eagerness to work with people, his clear and encouraging teaching style, his engaging personality, and his ability to increase both FBC's technical skill at making music and the fun we have doing it. We are excited that he is a collaborator, and he is excited to get to know our church community better and for all that he sees possible here.

After his Sunday with us, he sent back this note: *"The church possesses even more potential than I could have possibly imagined. Please tell all of the wonderful people that I collaborated with that I am extremely grateful to have made music with them."* Jesse's first Sunday with us will be March 1. Look for an invitation to a welcome party coming soon!



Nancy McCann & Friends CONCERT

Saturday, March 7

7-9:00 pm - In the FBC Gathering Room
Doors open at 6:30 pm

No Cover Charge - Free Will Offering taken to **Benefit FBC MISSIONS**, including the Y.A.H.O.O. Mexico Mission Team, who will be selling desserts & drink.

Featuring appearances by FBC performers, the Ukulele Ukestra, the Good News Gospel Choir, the Baptist Babes, and many more! Music you don't want to miss - Come & Enjoy!



Lent at FBC: all that is holy

Lent is that season that invites us to brutal honesty, with and about ourselves, and with and about God - and maybe that's an invitation that doesn't always sound all that compelling. But at this time of year, when days are lengthening, the church has always invited its people to bring our whole, full selves into that deepening light, to bring to our awareness those things that trouble us, to wrestle with them, and to know that, thankfully, we're not alone in that difficult work.

As we move through this season this year, we'll be guided by *Holy Disunity: How What Separates Us Can Save Us*, Layton Williams' book that encourages us to see relationship as the primary call of God, and rethinks many of our difficulties - vulnerability, difference, doubt, argument, tension, trouble, and more - in light of relationship with God and others. The book is a combination of personal story, scriptural exploration, and spiritual reflection, and *on Wednesday nights throughout Lent, you're invited to come to Room 102 at 7pm to discuss what you've read and/or how these themes play out in your own life.*

Diana Butler Bass wrote in the foreword that "a humble and harder way toward a sustainable communal life here in this world is what we need most" these days, and that's what she finds in this book. Let's see if we can find it, together, too.

| | Actual for Period | % of Amount Budgeted |
|-----------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Contributions Income: | \$25,504 | 91.1% |
| Total Income: | \$30,179 | 95.7% |
| Total Expenses: | \$28,495 | 90.4% |
| Net Income: | \$ 1,684 | |

Financial Update:

- During January we paid for the 2019 annual inspection of our fire suppressant system plus other maintenance projects completed last fall.
- The 150th Major Maintenance fund now has a balance of \$21,298 so we are close to the amount needed to cover the repair of the courtyard surface. We still need about \$500 to cover the project and permit expense. Very good news.

Thank you for your ongoing support of FBC ministry here and beyond.

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

Church Board Notes - Feb. 12, 2020



Spring is on its way. Let's spring our new Vision and Mission statement into the life of our church.

Vision: A world where God's inclusive love embraces and empowers all.

Mission: 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.

Your Board brainstormed how our new Vision and Mission might be woven into the life source of everything we hope and pray for.

These are the generated ideas:

Create banners and posters using phrases from each as themes to focus our thoughts and actions. Create Sunday School study themes represented in the vision/mission statements. Create bumper stickers. Have a song contest. Create a justice and joy retreat. Develop service projects with this theme. Create a commemorative quilt featuring our new mission/vision. Read the vision/mission statement prior to Bible study. Have the 5th Sundays be Justice & Joy Sundays. Project our Vision/Mission on the screen during worship. Have them be on all FBC materials like Tidings, bulletins, and part of the letterhead.

What are your ideas? Let Rev. Erika and the Worship and Community Engagement Team know your ideas!

As a part of the Old Business section of the meeting, the treasurer shared a revised 2020 budget adjusting corrected salary figures. The Matthew 25 group presented a report on the warming shelter numbers and frequency. The UU folks decided to meet elsewhere and will not be renting space from FBC. Looking ahead to the June Congregational meeting, a small group will prepare for presenting minor By-law changes.

During the New Business section of our meeting, the Board gave a group from the Executive Board permission to look into a possible new project. The remainder of time was taken by updating everyone with details from each Leadership Team.

Rev. Erika shared she will be using the book, "Holy Disunity," for this year's Lenten series. A few of those books are available in the office.

Spring is a time of renewed and new life. I hope for each of you a Spring that is full of God's embracing love and that we will be aware of the call of the Spirit. Together let's celebrate the glory of Spring.

JoAnn Sims, FBC Moderator 2018-2020

*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

9:00 am - Adult Sunday Classes: Bereans, Chapel, Rainbow

10:00 am WORSHIP Services

In March, we're exploring *all that is holy* through a closer look at some of the difficulties we don't always assume possess a sacred character. We'll look at how these difficulties appear in Scripture and in our own lives, and see if we can discover where God's presence is moving even in the midst of what can be so hard. Remember to **pick up a Lenten journal so you can be reflecting on your own**, too! >>> And for more discussion about 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.

March 1 **Communion Sunday - 1st Sunday of Lent**
Message - "Holy Difference" from Matthew 9:9-17
Rev. Erika Marksbury preaching

March 8 **2nd Sunday of Lent**
Message - "Holy Doubt" from Matthew 14:22-31
Rev. Erika Marksbury preaching

March 15 **3rd Sunday of Lent**
Message - "Holy Argument" from Matthew 15:21-28
Rev. Erika Marksbury preaching
Commissioning of Y.A.H.O.O. Mexico Mission participants

March 22 **4th Sunday of Lent**
Message - "Holy Tension" from Matthew 19:16-26
Rev. Erika Marksbury preaching

March 29 **5th Sunday of Lent**
Message - "Holy Trouble" from Matthew 8:28-34
Rev. Erika Marksbury preaching

Take up journaling this Lenten season

The Worship & Community Engagement committee has created a journal that will be available beginning Ash Wednesday, with prompts for that day, and more, taking users through each Sunday of Lent, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter.

The journal is designed to complement the chapters in our Lenten book, *Holy Disunity: How What Separates Us Can Save Us* by Layton Williams, but the prompts can be meaningful even for people who are not reading the book. From questions like "What troubles you in the world today? Why?" to "Can you think of a time in your life when you recognized there was not an easy resolution or black-and-white answer? How did you handle that?" to "What gifts have you encountered in others because they are different from you?", this journal invites all of us to reflect and in so doing, to deepen our experience of Lent.

And if you'd like to engage in discussion with others around the questions and themes in the journal, you're welcome to the Sacred Conversations gathering each Wednesday, March 4 through April 1, from 7-8pm in Room 102.





First Baptist Church Goes GREEN for St. Patrick's Day

On Sunday, March 15th, after worship,
join us in the Social Hall for a "green" pot luck.

That means bring a green food to share
or a food that you've made green, 
or garnish a dish with something green.
Get creative & have fun!

FBC musicians will provide authentic Irish music.
Games for the kiddos. Prizes for best green attire.
Family friendly jokes & toasts. All are welcome!

Care & Concern at FBC

*Our mission is to share the care
& concern of the congregation
with the whole FBC community.* 

For almost four years now, a small group at FBC has been centered on living out the above mission statement. The people in this group gather monthly to listen to the joys and concerns of the congregation - those written on prayer cards and others we find out about in other ways - and to hold the people connected to those joys and concerns in prayer. We also pay visits to homes and hospitals and rehab facilities, send cards or make phone calls to people who might be in need, deliver plants or meals or prayer shawls from Knit Wits or quilts from Sew 'n' So's. Mostly what we do is offer presence, and a listening ear, and friendship - and we receive those same gifts in return.

One task we could use additional people to help out with is offering rides. The church office often receives calls - from church members and from potential visitors - who need rides to church on Sunday mornings or to special events during the week. If you could be on a "call list" to assist with transportation, please email Donna: office@fbcmac.org (or call 503-472-7941).

Thanks for considering this way to serve! And if there's a need you'd like this group to know about, or if you'd like to be part, please let Pastor Erika know: erika@fbcmac.org.

Introducing your Church staff, by the numbers



SEAN P. WILLIAMS, children's & youth minister

-has **1** sibling, his twin brother Chris, who is **2** minutes older than him.

-has been to all **32** Major League Baseball ballparks, including **4** in NYC. Wrigley Field is his favorite.

-has lived in **5** different states: Texas, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, South Carolina, and Oregon.

-has been a consultant with Ministry Architects for **6** years, and worked with more than **26** churches all over the country.

-has worked at FBC **3.5** years and done children's/youth ministry in churches for over **23** years.

-completed his **1st** triathlon in May (a sprint: **500** meter swim, **10.4** mile bike, **3** mile run) and is training for his **2nd** (an Olympic: **1500** meter swim, **24.8** mile bike, **6.2** mile run) for this June.

-has the **2** best kids in the world, Parker who is **10** and Sybil who is **7**.

In February, during a worship service, we asked Cynthia Parker, Shelly Sanderlin, Jennifer Scott, and Martha Van Cleave to stand in the center aisle of our sanctuary. We reached our hands toward them and spoke aloud the words we hoped would surround them on their trip to and from Nicaragua and during their work there - "safety" and "connection" and "learning" and "joy" and much more. We'll do a similar prayer ritual in a couple of weeks with the youth and their adult sponsors traveling on the Y.A.H.O.O. Mexico Mission Trip. We do it every time they go.

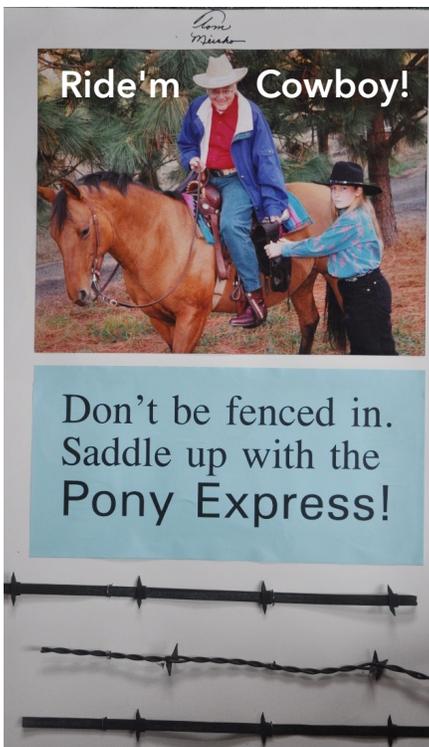
We call it a "commissioning," and it's a pretty powerful activity. It's combined of root words that mean "sending" and "with." We commission people as a way of blessing them for the journey ahead, and as a way of offering the promise, the intention, that those of us who physically stay behind accompany the traveling ones in our thoughts, with our hopes and prayers. It's a way that we say, "Go, and know that our hearts both hold you here and go with you there."

One of the most striking pieces of our Mission/Vision season last year, to me, was reading through the notecards where people wrote down ways that FBC lives out the values that matter most to them. Over and over and over again, people noted our work with AMOS Health & Hope in Nicaragua and with AMOR Ministries in Mexico through Y.A.H.O.O. as meaningful. Way more people wrote those down than have actually participated in those trips as travelers. It matters to folks here, even if they don't travel, that others who are a part of this church do, and carry the goodwill and friendship of all of us with them when they go.

And that's the power of commissioning. It folds in the whole community. It lets those who leave know that they don't go alone, and it reminds those who stay that they are part of the healing and justice work that happens so far away - not only because they help provide the resources for the journey, but also because we are one body, made of different parts, all connected in our heart for serving the world.

The Nica Team has just returned. The Y.A.H.O.O. team will leave soon. Thanks to all of you for blessing - and being a part of - all of that good work, in all of the different ways that you do and are. And, as we say in our own mini-commissioning each week as we close our service, may the peace of Christ be with you. -Erika

Everyone enjoyed the Coffee & Tea Tastings Sunday, Feb. 16 after worship. Hope you found a favorite!
- Orders for COFFEE & TEA, a Fundraiser for FBC, are due the 1st Sunday each month -
In March, make sure your orders are taken to the church office by Tuesday, March 3rd - Pick up is Sunday March 8th.



From FBC Archives - Know My Story?

That handsome cowboy astride the pony is our own Tom Meicho, but we don't know the full story behind this poster. Do you? We guess this was publicity for a stewardship campaign. Do you know anything about it? or about the girl in the photo?

Let us know.

FBC archivists,
Tim & Diane Marsh

THANK YOU!

I felt so blessed when I came to work Friday, February 14... on my work anniversary date... to windows of wonderful and thoughtful cards AND flowers AND a Valentine balloon!

I'm so thankful for all of you! And for being here at FBC for 15 years!

Donna



Getting to Know Our First Baptist Church Family

Peggi Lilly grew up in Wilmington, Delaware with her mother and sister. During high school, she read *Sometimes a Great Notion*, by Ken Kesey, (a story/tragedy of a logging family on the Oregon Coast) and became inspired to explore the west. When Peggi graduated from college, she went on a 7-month cross country trip with three friends, 2 dogs and 2 cats and ended in Sheridan! Over the next three years she visited two more times before moving permanently to Oregon in 1979.

In 1979, Peggi met Ken Piontek, from Chicago. They were married in 1981 and raised two children, Tucker and Cearra, on a 100-acre farm on the Yamhill River. Ken and Peggi started Piontek's Bakery in 1982, and their products sold in local stores until 2015. They ran Piontek's Café on 3rd Street from 1992-2000. And then Peggi found FBC in 2001. She was baptized in an Episcopal church, raised and confirmed in the Methodist tradition but left the church in her teens. Peggi was unchurched until 2001 when she had been experiencing difficulties with depression and remembers praying in hopes that there was a God. She recalled a co-worker mentioning First Baptist Church, so she cautiously walked through the doors. She was initially welcomed by Martha VanCleave. With no immediate family nearby, the church, especially Mary Martin, supported Peggi. Cearra was 13 when they started coming and was active in both middle and high school ministries, and Peggi was involved in leadership.



Peggi has served several terms on the Church Board for Worship and Spiritual Growth and was involved with the YAHOO Mexico mission for 10 years. She currently serves as an usher, on the Small Group Ministry Team, the Social Committee, the Pastoral Relations Committee, and helps with Funeral Receptions and in the Sew & So's ministry. Peggi currently works as a Child Abuse Prevention Facilitator with the Safe Kids Program for K-5th grade, run through Juliette's House. Ken traveled on the Nicaragua Mission trip to AMOS in 2016. He is a trained pomologist and remains involved at FBC by helping with Nicaragua fundraisers. Peggi and Ken are both super excited about their new grandson, Phinneus, born in December to Cearra and Evan Griffith. Peggi says "The fellowship and the community of our church is why I stay involved at FBC!"

Malachi Nelson arrived in McMinnville in August, from Michigan, and soon fell in love with what he calls "the prettiest and best downtown in all of America," saying, "I'm so happy to walk down Third Street on a regular basis." He had some rough days at the beginning trying to secure decent housing and spent a few nights in his hammock in the woods behind the Evergreen Museum. It was beautiful at that time of year, but the precariousness he felt makes him sympathetic to the guests who come to FBC's overnight warming shelter, where he can often be found volunteering. "This is the most personal volunteer opportunity I've ever had," he says.

Malachi recently graduated from Saginaw Valley State University with a degree in exercise science, and came west as an AmeriCorps volunteer to work with Yamhill County Public Health. At work, he's just finishing a report about vulnerable populations here and writing a preparedness guide for public health officials working with those populations. He's also working on accrediting the department and improving its efficiency, and serving as the volunteer coordinator for Medical Reserve Corps – a volunteer response unit for emergencies, disasters, and public health crises or needs. "I've been learning a lot at the job," he says. "I've been learning about politics and the place of public health in government and city life – its limits as well as its potential."

Malachi has nine siblings, and is grateful that they talk often, on the phone and on social media, and play games together. They send each other selfies in the morning (and call them 'melfies'). "We've become diverse in many ways as we've grown - spiritually, politically, and geographically - but relationally we're all still pretty close."

Malachi can often be found playing video games or enjoying a cup of the light roast Americano from Flag & Wire Coffee. When he's feeling more adventurous, he likes to hike and to visit Portland friends. And there are some activities he calls "maintenance," by which he means "they're not always fun, but they're necessary for me, and meaningful." He counts his Tuesday night men's group and the Wednesday Sacred Conversations gathering at FBC in this category.



He's found something that feels "familiar, and refreshing, like a place I could begin to rest, spiritually" at FBC. He's glad to have met so many passionate, kind people who will listen to his questions and a pastor who's not worried about the state of his soul. And we're grateful that he's come among us, and is sharing his questions, and his own passions and kindness, with this congregation.

The **Dressel Family** has been part of FBC for many years now, and if you've been around at all during this time, you've probably noticed one or more of them! Mary moved with her parents to McMinnville when she was eleven, to be close to her grandparents, and Matt was born in La Grande but also moved to the area as a child. However, it wasn't until much later that they met – Mary knew Matt's mom through work and she had been planning & hoping to set them up for years, and eventually it happened, and the arranged marriage was actually meant to be! Mary still works for the McMinnville School District, and Matt is an Assistant Director of Admission at Linfield College. Mary knew from the time she was five years old that she wanted to be a mom, but Matt wasn't always sure about having kids. Read on to discover how that worked out!



In addition to their two dogs, Cap and Cage, and three cats, the Dressels have five children! They met Cameryn when she was eleven, and fostered her in high school for several years before adopting her. She is now 20, lives with her Mama Melissa here in McMinnville, and works at Hillside Manor and is taking classes online. Alyssa – Mary's firstborn at 29 – is 19 and an education assistant at Sue Buel Elementary School and very creative and artistic. Kayleen is 15 and has known since the first grade that she wants to be a first grade teacher. She's involved with cheerleading at McMinnville High School, does ballet at Marchant, and is very active in Youth Group. Matt and Mary fostered Keira, Mary's ex husband's daughter, and Alyssa, Kayleen, and Cameryn's biological sibling, since she was 2-1/2 and adopted her too. She's nine now and in the 2nd grade at Columbus, in the dual language program, and loves writing, gymnastics & swimming. Zander is 8½ and also in the 2nd grade and dual language program at Columbus. He asks lots of questions, wonders about the world, and loves swim lessons, graphic novels, and video games. The Dressels cherish family time together, and especially enjoy movies, RV-ing, being with their pets, and reading books & listening to audio books. Matt and Mary work hard to make time for one another and the whole family, as they balance marriage, parenting, and everything else going on in their lives.

Mary started attending FBC in 1999 with her mom, and knew almost immediately that this was gonna be her church. The message that all are welcome was so powerful and important to her that she eventually decided to get baptized and join the church. Matt started attending with her once they were married, and FBC has been church home for all the children from the beginning. They are active in all the children and youth programs, help lead the monthly parents breakfasts, and regularly attend our family gatherings. Several have participated in Y.A.H.O.O., and Mary has served on the Children, Youth, Families Leadership Team for multiple years now. They are at FBC, and will continue to be, because this is where they want to raise their children, and they want to be part of a community with like-minded people. We are lucky that this is true and that the Dressels are part of First Baptist Church!

Ken Rogers was born in July 16, 1927 and was raised in several Idaho towns before settling in Emmett where he completed his High School education and met the love of his life, Anita. They had three children, 7 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren. Before graduation from High School, Ken volunteered for the US Army Air Corp. He served for three years mostly in Japan.

Using the GI Bill, Ken wanted to continue his education. A family friend recommended Linfield College and suggested he and Anita (expecting their first child) move to McMinnville for Ken to get a degree and play football. His athletic career was cut short by a knee injury, but he found his love for education and working with young people. On graduation day, their youngest child was born and their doctor forgave both his medical and hospital bill for a graduation gift. Ken and Anita were married for 63 years.



Ken and Anita both grew up as American Baptists. When they arrived in McMinnville, they immediately joined First Baptist Church. Ken has been an active member for 72 years (1948). He has served on many committees, but is most proud of serving on the building committee for the remodeling project.

Ken worked over 50 years as an educator in McMinnville: two years at St. James private school; two years at Cook Elementary; three years at McMinnville Junior High and from 1956 to 1990 at the high school. He also coached sports. As a young teacher and coach, he drove the school bus, umpired, and refereed sporting events.

One of Ken's fondest memories is the work he did for the Boy Scouts of America troop sponsored by FBC. He led the organization for 56 years during which he attended two national jamborees, traveling by train to Washington DC.

Ken currently volunteers for Yamhill County Heritage Museum and says he spends time with family, church, and many friends. He is known for sending greeting cards to family and friends. He said, "It's been a good life."

FBC's food pantry serves members and neighbors

Anne Engen remembers coming home from church one afternoon years ago (she's lost track of how many!) and mentioning to her husband Art, "We don't have a way to help hungry people who are food insecure. There are people who attend our church who at times need help." She remembers Art (probably) quipping, "Don't complain - do something!" The next morning, still in her pajamas, Anne began making phone calls. She raised \$400. She brought the idea to Pastor Kent, who told her to follow her heart. She found a closet near the office and scooted vacuum cleaners to the corner to make room for her idea. She can still recall the first family helped by FBC's "Food Cupboard" - a woman who attended FBC and was worried about having enough, especially since she'd recently agreed to take in her sister's three hungry children.

Today, the food pantry at FBC continues to help members and friends of the congregation as well as community members in need. A few times a month FBC receives a request to open that closet, and recipients are given a paper grocery bag and invited to find what they need.

In 2014, STAR volunteers claimed the food pantry as an expression of Matthew 25 Ministry, says Don Watson. About twice a year, they come together to do the necessary sorting and organizing of donations, which come from FBC members and friends and from scouting food drives.



You can help keep this pantry well-stocked! Some items that go quickly, that we can always use, are: cereal, canned chicken, canned tuna, canned fruit, instant noodles, peanut butter, and toothpaste. For canned goods, pop-tops are most helpful. At this time, we don't need pasta, rice, or canned beans, soup, or vegetables. Please drop your donations by the church office during the week. Thank you for making this much-needed offering possible!



Quarterly service days connect FBC staff to community

On January 29, the FBC staff participated in their third Staff Service Day, a new tradition that aims to connect staff members to one another and to organizations in the wider community with whom we share values and goals. Once a quarter, instead of a typical hour-long Wednesday staff meeting, we close the office for the morning and head out to serve the community together while also learning more about a partner organization.

Our first Staff Service Day took us to the Yamhill County Gospel Rescue Mission, our second to the St. Barnabas Soup Kitchen, and our third (pictured at left) to the Yamhill Community Action Partnership food pantry. It's been great to tour facilities, meet with staff, learn more about the services available to folks in our community, and to be able to support their efforts in small ways, too - helping with mailings, preparing meals, sorting and packaging food for distribution.

So much good happens all around us - thanks for allowing the FBC staff to experience some of it beyond our own walls, and share our support for it in these tangible ways.

Support FBC youth heading to Mexico to build hope



The Y.A.H.O.O. Mexico Mission (Yamhill Alliance Helping Others Out) is happening for the 36th year this month, and for the 30th year FBC will be a part. This simply would not be possible - this year, or for the past 29 - without the support of our church, and we want to make sure you know all the ways you can help make this experience happen again for our team this year!

- Pick an envelope from the **Wall O Money** and donate that amount to our team/trip! Inside the envelope you will find a sticker, info on the trip and the name of a participant to pray for, plus a return envelope to send in your payment (cash or checks payable to FBC). The display will be available Sunday mornings @ FBC.
- Sign up to **Flock A Friend** and for \$30 our team will fill someone's yard - anyone of your choosing! - with 15 to 20 beautiful pink flamingos! The flamingos fly away to someone else's yard within 48 hours. Sign up at our fundraising table in the FBC Gathering Room on Sunday mornings.
- Participate in the **Stock Sale** by buying a share of stock for \$20 from individuals to invest directly in a participant and the work they will do as part of Y.A.H.O.O.
- Attend the **Benefit Concert** with Nancy McCann & Friends on Saturday, March 7 at 7:00 pm in the FBC Gathering Room. Free Will Offering to benefit FBC MISSIONS, including the Y.A.H.O.O. Mexico Mission Team. We will be serving desserts & drink. (See cover page for more details.)



Thank you for your generosity over the years and, in advance, for all you will give to our team in 2020. We will be commissioned on Sunday, March 15 in worship and will lead worship on Sunday, April 26. We look forward to these opportunities to connect and share about Y.A.H.O.O. Mexico Mission 2020!

America for Christ Offering 2020

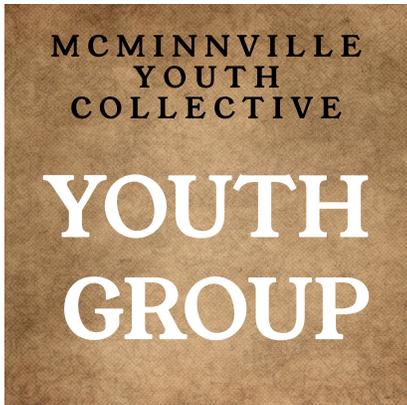
Thanks to your previous contributions to the annual America for Christ Offering, American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS) ministers to families who have lost homes to floods, to children living in poverty, to seminarians preparing to devote their lives to sharing the Good News, and many more. Since 1832, we have been answering God's call to heal hurting families and communities—as well as cultivate strong leaders and equip passionate disciples.

The world's needs today are as great as they were close to two centuries ago. We are extending our ministry by awarding grants to mission partners across the United States and Puerto Rico. By contributing to the America for Christ offering, you increase our capacity to fulfill the call issued in Matthew 22:39: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

On Sundays, March 8, 15, and 22, FBC will participate in the "Love Thy Neighbor" campaign. Coin boxes and envelopes will be available. Thanks for all that you give.

"You shall
LOVE your
NEIGHBOR
as **YOURSELF.**"
MATTHEW 22:39





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 continue with our Pixar movie focus on Sunday nights in March!

March 1 - Cars

March 8 - Movie Night: ONWARD
 (Time TBD at McMinnville Cinema)

March 15 - Onward (discussion)

March 22 - NO Youth Group
 (Spring Break)

March 29 - Game Night



On the first Sunday of every month, children are invited to meet in the children's classroom on the second floor at 9 am for a special time to learn different parts of worship and/or the church seasons, practice songs, and prepare to help lead music and other parts of the worship service at 10 am.

And parents meet at the Laughing Bean Bistro during this time for coffee/breakfast and conversation.

We hope you will join us on March 1!



March 20-28, 2020

Our First Baptist Church Team:
Gabriel Corneaux, Dane Foster, Zorissa James, Emma Linder, Cyrus Scarboro-Ford, Cadie Kumnick, Kayleen McMillan, Dan Ford, Heath Kumnick, John Linder, Tony Marler

Please support our FBC team!
BENEFIT CONCERT on March 7, plus WALL O MONEY, FLOCK A FRIEND & STOCK SALE
 Sunday Mornings - Gathering Room NOW through March 15

Sunday Mornings @ FBC

MARCH 2020

March 1
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

March 8, 15, 22, 29
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
March 4: McMinnville HS ~ **March 11:** Duniway MS ~ **March 18:** 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

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Small Group Highlights

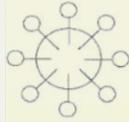


Adult Sunday Chapel Class event - An Author Visit

Kathy Beckwith, author of A Mighty Case Against War, will visit the Chapel Class, **9-10 am, Sunday March 15,** to discuss what war really costs us and various ways

in which we can prevent war. All people and viewpoints are welcome to join in a vibrant conversation. Prior reading of her book is not required. We will meet in the chapel. (Off the 1st Street Entrance). Feel free to bring your coffee...

Sister Circle



This group is part of First Baptist Church's small group opportunities. The group was started by Sherill Roberts in 2003, with a goal of exploring how women might experience spirituality in ways that are different from men. Sister Circle meets weekly Wednesday evenings, and has a double purpose:

- 1) To provide a mutual support system within which to explore our spiritual lives as women, developing a level of trust that allows us to share deeply, and
- 2) To recognize Christianity not as an end, but as a means to relate to the ultimate gender-less Mystery."

The first part of our time together we share in confidence our "Braggs and Bummers." The second half is for discussion of our current book choice. The books we read are often focused on women's spirituality from a variety of perspectives. The discussions are rich in questions, challenges, and inspiration. Some of the 58 books we have read are "The Color of Life" by Cara Meredith, "Women Rowing North" by Mary Pipher, "Dakota" by Kathleen Norris, "Traveling Mercies" by Anne Lamott, and "When God Was a Woman" by Merlin Stone.

Sister Circle is not a closed group. Currently there are 12 "Sisters". We keep the group small so that intimacy is possible and everyone will have an opportunity to share when we gather. If Sister Circle sounds like a place for you, email Sherill Roberts at shrobert@linfield.edu or call her at 971-237-3630. She will let you know if there is a space for you!

ONGOING Gatherings

Climate Action group - 2nd Monday - 6:30 pm

March 9 (2nd Floor Conference Room)

Contact: Lara O'Brady, lara_obraady@yahoo.com

Together Works - 2nd & 4th Monday - 7 pm

LGBTQIA+ monthly gatherings (Fireplace Room)

Contact: Dee, deerocksmoore@gmail.com

Elder Circle - 3rd Monday - 2 pm

March 16 - Contact: Mike Burr, 971-241-4950

Senior Breakfast - 1st Wednesday - 8 am

March 4 - 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)

During Lent, this gathering of singing, silence, and discussion will follow the themes from *Holy Disunity* - but you don't have to be reading along to participate. All are welcome, always. Questions? Contact Erika, erika@fbcmac.org.

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

March 3 & 17 - 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 - 9:30 am

Mar. 7 - Monthly support group

Contact: Susan, susanlanechambers@gmail.com

glutenfreefriendsmcmminville@gmail.com / 503-435-9952

Men's Breakfast - Saturday - 9 am

March 28 - Les Toth's Toy Barn (2700 NW Pinehurst, Mac)

Stimulating conversation & a great breakfast! Join us!

Program: Luke Westphal, "Mammoths to McMinnvillians, History of Yamhill Residents"

Future Programming: Saturday, April 25

Roger Dell, "Winter Solstice"

MARCH at FBC

March 2020

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|--|--|---|---|---|
| 1 8:45/9 am - Christian Education Adult Classes & Kids' Worship Program 10 am - WORSHIP 1st Sunday of Lent 11:15a - Welcome Class 5-7:30 pm - Youth Group | 2 9-10:30a - STAR 12:30p - Personnel 4p - Missions Ministry 7p - Boy Scouts & Scout Girls | 3 6:30p - Cub Scouts 7p - Knit Wits | 4 8a - Senior Breakfast American Legion hall 12p - Meditation 7p - Lenten Sacred Conversations | 5 9:30a - Knit Wits 5:45 - Jubilee Bells 6:30 Choir Practice 7:30p - Worship Team Pastor's Day Off | 6 9-10:30a - STAR 12n - Bible Study | 7 9a-1p - Free Medical Clinic 9:30a - Gluten Free Friends 7p - Nancy McCann & Friends Concert |
| 8 8:45/9 am - Christian Education Adult Classes 10 am - WORSHIP 2nd Sunday of Lent 11:15a - Welcome Class Time TBD - Youth Group Movie Night @ McMinnville Cinema | 9 9-10:30a - STAR 6:30p - Climate Action 7p - Boy Scouts & Scout Girls 7p - Together Works | 10 9a - Building & Grounds Team 6:30p - Cub Scouts | 11 12p - Meditation 6:30p - Church Board 7p - Lenten Sacred Conversations | 12 9:30a - Knit Wits 5:45 - Jubilee Bells 6:30 Choir Practice 7:30p - Worship Team Pastor's Day Off | 13 9-10:30a - STAR 12n - Bible Study | 14 |
| 15 8:45/9 am - Christian Education Adult Classes 10 am - WORSHIP 3rd Sunday of Lent Social after worship St. Patts' Green Potluck! 11:15a - Welcome Class 12-1:30p - YAHOO Mtg 5-7:30 pm - Youth Group | 16 9-10:30a - STAR 2p - Elder Circle 7p - Boy Scouts & Scout Girls 7p - Care & Concern | 17 4p - Pastoral Relations Committee 6:30p - Cub Scouts 7p - Knit Wits | 18 12n - Meditation 3p - Membership Team 7p - Lenten Sacred Conversations | 19 9:30a - Knit Wits 5:45 - Jubilee Bells 6:30 Choir Practice 7:30p - Worship Team Pastor's Day Off | 20 7:30 am - Prayer Send-off for YAHOO Team heading to Mexico Y.A.H.O.O. Mexico Mission Trip 9-10:30a - STAR 12n - Bible Study | |
| 22 8:45/9 am - Christian Education Adult Classes 10 am - WORSHIP 4th Sunday of Lent 11:15a - Welcome Class | 23 9-10:30a - STAR 7p - Boy Scouts & Scout Girls 6p - Matthew 25 Mtg. 7p - Together Works | 24 6:30p - Cub Scouts | 25 12n - Meditation 7p - Lenten Sacred Conversations | 26 9:30a - Knit Wits 5:45 - Jubilee Bells 6:30 Choir Practice 7:30p - Worship Team Pastor's Day Off | 27 9-10:30a - STAR 12n - Bible Study | 28 9a - Men's Breakfast |
| No Youth Group - - - - Y.A.H.O.O. Mexico Mission Trip, March 20-28 - - - - | | | | | | |
| 29 8:45/9 am - Christian Education Adult Classes 10 am - WORSHIP 5th Sunday of Lent 5-7:30 pm - Youth Group | 30 9-10:30a - STAR 7p - Boy Scouts & Scout Girls | 31 6:30p - Cub Scouts | | | | |

MARCH Birthdays:

Rob Higgins 1
 Jamie Soto 1
 Edie Wilkins 2
 Sarah Cassidy 4
 Madeline Hendricks 4
 Dave Larmouth 4
 Addison Joy Rhine 7
 Albert Huff 9

Stacy Martin 11
 Teri Spalding 12
 Kalie Ferry 13
 Sharon Tanaka 13
 Janet Langenwaller 16
 Asherlee LaPlante 16
 Daniel Browne 19
 Emily Duerfeldt 19
 Helios Ovando 19

Verle Kropf 21
 Donna Millar 21
 Beth Ann Pope 22
 Parker McManus 23
 Georgine Benner 24
 Heidi Leach 24
 Jesse Flack 25
 Beverly Dixon 26
 Joani Jernstedt 26

Amanda Foster 28
 Trisha House 29
 Liz Wilkins 31

MARCH Anniversaries:

Paul & Joan Kushner
 March 12
 Andy & Carole Benedict
 March 16