

The Tidings

FBC's monthly newsletter

April 2020

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There's a cartoon making its rounds on the internet now, featuring Jesus, poking his head out of the tomb, groundhog-style, and announcing it looks like "six more weeks of Lent." As liturgically beautiful as it would be, there's just no way we can responsibly, safely, respectfully gather for Easter – paying attention to the patterns and spread of COVID-19, and to the governor's orders, makes that clear. And knowing that helps us gain clarity also, perhaps, around some deep truths about resurrection: that it doesn't always come when we want it to, when we'd hoped and planned for it, when it might make sense. That it only comes after pain, and sorrow, and sacrifice, and mourning. There is much we still don't know about how this season we're in now will end, but we do know this: when it is safe, we will gather together. We will sing and hug and celebrate and feast. We will tell stories of solitude; we will shed tears and share laughter. It may be that we will have losses to mourn. It may be that we will have good news to proclaim. It WILL be that we will celebrate resurrection, and it may be that we experience it in a way different than we ever have before.

Until that day, though, the staff at FBC hope you are finding ways to nurture your soul at home, and, to that end, we're working up a Holy Week care package for each FBC household. **Look on your porch April 3 or 4 for a bag filled with practices and props to guide your experience of Holy Week - like those palms we ordered long ago! - and join us online for worship on Palm Sunday, and Easter Sunday.** You could wear your Easter dress, or your seersucker suit, or.... your pajamas. :)

STAR finds new ways to continue serving those around us



With new guidelines in place regarding social distancing and group gatherings, STAR Room volunteers are changing the way they offer nourishment and necessities to FBC's neighbors. At left, Barry Lilly, Jane Apel, and Nancy Carlson prepare sack lunches of sandwiches, fruit, hard-boiled eggs, and snacks, to be handed out from the First Street alcoves, along with coffee, water, and personal hygiene products. With some volunteers taking on new roles for the time being to protect their health, more are needed - please let Erika know (erika@fbcmac.org) if you can help pass out food on Friday mornings, or if you have coats or rain gear to donate.

	Actual for Period	% of Amount Budgeted
Contributions Income:	\$49,064	88.1%
Total Income:	\$57,148	90.4%
Total Expenses:	\$56,349	89.2%
Net Income:	\$ 799	

Financial Update:

It is early in the year yet our income is behind budget by \$6,059. It is our goal to be back on track by the end of April. Please help when and where you can.

Accomplishments to celebrate:

- We have completed the new surface in the Courtyard. It is beautiful. This was the last project to be paid for from our 150th Major Maintenance campaign. We so very much appreciate each and every donation.
- Our Missions fundraiser via the Nancy McCann & Friends Concert raised over \$3,000. Another amazing event.
- BrilliantNW is helping us with several important projects/upgrades: Security Cameras outside & inside the building, a major upgrade to our internet, upgrading our phone system, and moving the FBC webpage to a new provider.

Thank you so much for your ongoing support of ministry here and beyond the corner of 1st & Cowls St.

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

Church Board Notes - March 11, 2020



Greetings from my home we call Trollhaugen (Norwegian for home or hill of the trolls). The views are refreshing across the valley. Sunsets are again visible from our deck. All that said, it reminds me that being among you in this little bit of heaven we call McMinnville and First Baptist Church is such a gift. Let us hold each other in our prayers in these new and threatening times.

The March FBC Board meeting was held on March 11. The following is a summary of that meeting. We opened with sharing memories of St. Patrick's Day. Janet led us in a song-poem written to reflect our thoughts, actions, and faith in these times of virus apprehension. Please note the treasurer's report in the Tidings. Your Board is hopeful that the current lag in giving will disappear especially when there is an even increased sense of need among those we serve.

There will be several changes to the by-laws in June for the congregation to take action upon. It has been two years since we voted in our revision and this June will ask us to fine-tune that document. There is a Board committee working on those changes and will present them to the Board soon. A Nominating committee was formed to fill Board terms for 2020-2022.

The Ministry Team Leaders each reported highlights from their team's activities. Each of the six Ministry Teams would welcome new members for their team. Please contact Erika or me if you are interested in serving! Building & Grounds: The courtyard resurface is on schedule and the security cameras and the update of our Internet service is nearly complete. Youth & Children: The YAHOO trip (now canceled) efforts will still build the two homes planned using local employees. Connections with our missions and Missionaries continue through our Missions committee. Faith formations is pleased to share that the Berean, Faith & Java, Chapel, and Rainbow classes continue to be well attended and small groups are thriving as well. Worship & Community Engagement reports the banners for Lenten season are prepared.

We all discussed the potential impact of the COVID-19 virus on our life together. (Little did we know that our March meeting might be our last person-to-person meeting for a while!)?

Erika closed the meeting with her report. She noted and we all agreed that the Director of Music, Jesse Comer, brings new energy and is a joy to welcome to the staff. She especially thanks the awesome committee that brought Jesse to our church. Erika closed the gathering with prayer.

JoAnn Sims, FBC Moderator 2018-2020

Sunday Worship Highlights

April 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."*

- 8:45 am - Adult Sunday Class: Faith & Java via Zoom**
(contact barbaracoleburr@gmail.com to connect)
- 11:00 am - Adult Sunday Class: Chapel via Zoom**
(contact gary@portlandconsultinggroup.com to connect)
- 10:00 am - WORSHIP Service streaming on Facebook**
Live: www.facebook.com/firstbaptistmac/

Through Easter, we're continuing our work with Layton Williams' book, *Holy Disunity: How What Separates Us Can Save Us* - we had no idea when we began, of course, that we'd be living through this period of such literal separation. Her premise is that there is beauty and gift to be found even in some of life's most difficult circumstances, so we're continuing to pursue that possibility, exploring it both on Sunday mornings in worship and in our Wednesday night Lenten version of the Sacred Conversations gatherings, now happening via Zoom (see the Small Groups page for more info). After Easter, we'll stay in the Gospel of Matthew for two more weeks, hearing the last words that book offers and considering our congregation's key verses, Matthew 25:31-40, in light of this season we've spent in the whole of this gospel's portrayal of Jesus.



Palm Sunday **April 5, Communion Sunday**
"Holy Protest"

Matthew 21:1-16, Rev. Erika Marksbury preaching

We won't be able to share from the same bread and cup on this Communion Sunday. But we invite you to bring your own simple, staple food, and your own drink, as you come to worship online, in your home, this day. We will bring ourselves together around a virtual table, share in a liturgy, and be reminded that communion has always broken the rules of time and space anyway - drawing us into connection with Jesus, the disciples around that first table, and Christians around the world, then and now. It's the gathering in remembrance and hope that makes this meal holy - and remembering and hoping are things we can do from wherever we are.

April 12 **Easter Sunday**
"Holy Uncertainty"
Matthew 27:57-28:15, Rev. Erika Marksbury preaching

April 19 **Earth Sunday**
"First/Last Words"
Matthew 28:16-20, Rev. Erika Marksbury preaching

April 26 **Safe Families for Children Sunday**
"Disruptive Generosity & Radical Hospitality"
Matthew 25:31-40, Rev. Erika Marksbury preaching

 Thank you for welcoming me so heartily, my new friends. What a very strange time! If I haven't had a chance to meet you in person, I look forward to it when this is all over. In the meantime, feel free to reach out, and introduce yourselves virtually.

I am so blessed to have a dynamic and creative staff to work with at FBC. Erika, Sean, Donna, and Ron, thank you from the bottom of my heart for not only being kind and welcoming, but also for being incredibly good at your jobs.

My musical plans for the future haven't changed, despite the crisis. Perhaps you've noticed from services, but I love all types of music. As I studied your congregation during the application process, I saw a way to compromise; I will be featuring the widest variety of music I can, spanning all centuries and styles. There will be something for everyone. And a wonderful bonus is that we can learn from each other, and expand our musical perspective.

Suggestions are always welcome!

Additionally, I would like to foster growth and collaboration in our musical community at the church. I would like to see more choir members trying bells, and vice-versa. Already, we've had people join the Worship Team that haven't in the past. Have you ever wanted to try singing in the choir, or to ring some bells? We can use every single person that we can get! All are welcome, any level.

An overarching goal for the future will be working with contacts from Linfield and the local school system to help deepen the amazing relationship FBC has with the outside community.

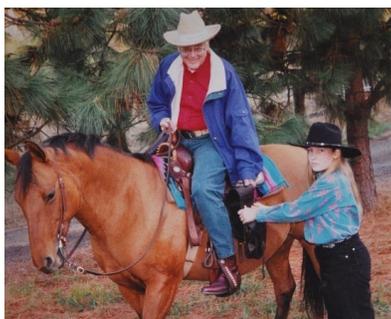
Lastly, here is a link to a song that I shared with the FBC musicians: <https://youtu.be/B0JjLGG0kHQ>. I hope that it gives you an extra dash of hope this weekend. *Warmly, Jesse*

Courtyard Restoration Underway

When you return to the church, take special note of the courtyard - the tile surface (some of it broken) has been replaced by a beautiful, durable colored concrete. Updated landscaping is planned to complete this needed refurbishment, the last of the 150th Anniversary Major Maintenance Campaign projects.



FBC Archives: Here's My Story!



Tim Duerfeldt provided this information about the Tom Meicho poster which ran in March Tidings.

"Probably in the mid 70s, we tried a novel idea for stewardship budget raising. . . we formed a team of 20-ish trained callers to carry a packet to one family/member, deliver a pitch and leave an envelope. That person signed a pledge before carrying the same packet to another member." Tim notes that they tried the Pony Express approach for a couple of years. Tim believes Tom was the "head rider (aka. chair)" so he got the privilege of appearing on the horse, that the young woman in the picture is Wendell Martin's granddaughter, Courtney and that the horse belonged to the Martin family. Thanks, Tim!

Introducing our church staff, by the numbers



JESSE CROMER, Director of Music Ministry

-spent **9.5** years in New York City, after **4** years at the Manhattan School of Music. Was in **2** Off-Broadway shows (*The Awesome 80's Prom*, and *Apollo e Dafne*), and has performed at Carnegie Hall **5** times.

-has been in **2** professional shows in Portland since moving back: he played Benny in *Guys and Dolls* in **2018** with Broadway Rose Theatre, and Stewpot in *South Pacific* in **2019** with Clackamas Repertory Theatre.

-lives with his partner Anna and their **2** dogs, Damian and Oberon, who weigh **17** and **90** lbs., respectively. Damian is **5** and Obe is almost **2** years old.

-is also the director of the Portland Peace Choir, which normally has **3** concerts a year, and about **45** members.

-loves to snowboard. Went to Mt. Hood Meadows **8** times this season, and has snowboarded at **13** mountains in **5** states in his lifetime. His **3** favorites are Whistler Blackcomb, Mt. Bachelor, and his home mountain, Hoodoo.

I confess I've been sad, and torn, thinking about Easter. Do you remember when we began the season of Lent, and Sean taught the kids about "burying the alleluias," and we all crumpled up those colored butterflies, and placed them in the jar, putting away our celebration for the season so it would be that much more meaningful when that word of praise rang out again on Easter morning? Who could've imagined we'd be here, now - with no idea when we might come back together again to break out that color and joy? I think we can expect that whatever that first Sunday we're allowed to come back together is, it'll be a rousing celebration of resurrection... but until then, what do we do with the Easter Sunday that's on the calendar? Will it feel like new life, new hope is possible, if the news that day tells us the stay-at-home order remains in place for more weeks or months? Will we believe that life triumphs over death, that love wins over everything, if this disease is still ravaging our global community?

The words of a friend, Allison Lanza of Ridglea Christian Church in Fort Worth, Texas, have been helpful to me as I consider the significance of the Easter story this year: "The very first Easter was not in a crowded worship space with singing and praising. On the very first Easter the disciples were locked in their house. It was dangerous for them to come out. They were afraid. They wanted to believe the good news they heard from the women, that Jesus had risen. But it seemed too good to be true. They were living in a time of despair and such fear. If they left their homes their lives and the lives of their loved ones might be at risk. Could a miracle really have happened? Could life really have won out over death? Could this time of terror and fear really be coming to an end?"

"Alone in their homes they dared to believe that hope was possible, that the long night was over and morning had broken, that God's love was the most powerful of all, even though it didn't seem quite real yet. Eventually, they were able to leave their homes, when the fear and danger had subsided, and they went around celebrating and spreading the good news that Jesus was risen and love was the most powerful force on the earth.

"This year, we might get to experience a taste of what that first Easter was like, still in our homes daring to believe that hope is on the horizon. Then, after a while, when it is safe for all people, when it is the most loving choice, we will come out, gathering together, singing and shouting the good news that God brings life even out of death, that love always has the final say! This year we might get the closest taste we have had yet to what that first Easter was like." May it be so.

*Happy (eventual) resurrection, friends,
Erika*

Save-The-Dates

for these events already in the works for when we're allowed to gather again...

On a Sunday yet-to-be-determined, 12-2pm

Open House to Greet Jesse & Anna

You're invited to Pastor Erika's home for a reception welcoming Jesse, new Director of Music Ministry, and his partner Anna, to the FBC community.

Monday-Friday, July 6-10

Arrah Wanna High School Camp

Monday-Friday, July 20-24

Arrah Wanna Middle & Elementary School Camp

Friday-Sunday, July 24-26

All-Church Campout

We'll return to the much-loved South Beach State Park - this year we're in the E-Loop! Pull up a camper or pitch a tent for the weekend, or drive down for a day, and enjoy shared meals, games, hikes, playing on the beach, outdoor worship, and the best company to be found anywhere.

Tuesday, July 28

All-Church Celebration

The Men's Breakfast Group invites the whole church community to the Toth Toy Barn for a summer cookout with yummy food, tasty drink, and great entertainment!

Friday-Monday, September 4-7

Arrah Wanna Friends & Family Camp

Getting to Know Our First Baptist Church Family

At least one member of the **Kushner-Dominguez family** has been connected to First Baptist Church for a long time, like, since birth. Kim was born and raised in McMinnville, and grew up at FBC; she took piano lessons from Sally Geistweit and Anne Engen was her Sunday School teacher. After graduating from Pacific University, she spent two years working with AMOS Health & Hope (at the time, Provadenic) as a volunteer in Nicaragua. Following this, Kim went to seminary at Fuller Theological Seminary, and then worked for International Ministries of the American Baptist Churches for seven years, in Valley Forge, PA, El Salvador, and Cuba. She was supported by FBC throughout these years, and it was also during this time that she met Jorge, who was a student in the ESL class she was teaching as a volunteer. Jorge grew up in Honduras, and came to the United States in 2005 to work. While they were close over the years and long distances apart, they reconnected at a mutual friend's wedding and, the rest, as they say, is history... and they were married in 2011.

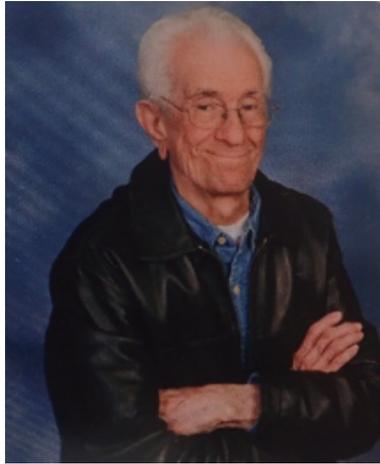
Josue was born in Pennsylvania in 2013, and when they knew that Jorge's children, Ana and Jorge Jr., would be coming to the United States to live with them, they moved back to McMinnville 2014 to be close to Kim's family. Josue is now in the 1st grade at Newby Elementary School, loves soccer (and anything active!), and is counting the days until he can go to camp at Camp Arrah Wanna. Jorge Jr. is in the 8th grade at Patton Middle School and enjoys soccer and being with his friends. Ana graduated from McMinnville High School this past June and is currently working full time at Monrovia. Kim is the Immigration Program Manager for Lutheran Community Services in McMinnville and Salem, and Jorge is an estimator and project manager for Bartel Contracting, and in the process of starting his own business!



Since Kim grew up here, and FBC was her sending church for all the years she was away in ministry, the Kushner-Dominguez family decided to make this their church home when they moved back. They are very involved in church volleyball and are very committed to serving through FBC, especially as part of the volunteer group that does projects in the community to support the Nicaragua mission trips. When they're not at church or work, they enjoy hiking together and working on their house, as well as extended trips to Honduras each year. They also spend time with Jak, their 95-pound, two-year-old, Great Pyrenees dog, who is a friend to everyone. Oh, and they make Honduran tamales every year at Christmas and wanted to make sure everyone knows that you are welcome over during the holidays to enjoy some with them.

So thankful this family is part of our church and community!

Roger Dell grew up in southern California. His parents were not well educated and didn't really understand that college was a possibility, so after high school Roger went to two years of community college. He got a job at Douglas Aircraft in Long Beach doing engineering computations. There weren't computers yet, so they did all the calculations using slide rules! He was part of a team that worked on aircraft performance calculations. He left Douglas in 1958 to work for Hughes Aircraft in Culver City, CA as a computer programmer. Before he was 25, he went back to school to get a Bachelor's and Master's degree at Cal State Long Beach. He taught at Deep Springs College from 1963-66, until he enrolled at UCLA to earn a Ph.D. in math. When he graduated in 1970, there was a glut of mathematicians, so he went back to Deep Springs and was there until the summer of 1974.



In the late summer of 1974, Roger saw an ad for a job at Linfield. There were 169 applicants, due to the glut of Ph.D.s, and it was Roger who was selected for an interview and then hired to teach alongside Elmer Fricke, Jack Alin, John Day, and Clancy Hendricks, to name a few. (Gordon Bjork had just been fired as the President and there was an interim until Charlie Walker was hired in 1975.) Roger taught College Algebra, Calculus, and Differential Equations. He also enjoyed teaching Applied Analysis, which is a course catering to physics students.

Roger was invited by Mary Martin to attend FBC in the spring of 1988, to support then-Senior Pastor Bernie Turner when congregants left FBC upset that Bernie was in the newspaper for blessing a gay couple. Roger recalls finding such peace, attending each Sunday morning, that he just kept coming. No one at church or Linfield knew, at the time, that Roger was an alcoholic. One day he finally became so exhausted by focusing on changing others, that he stopped drinking and began working on changing himself. This May, Roger will mark 32 years of sobriety and attending AA.

Roger continues to attend FBC because of the comfort of the Sunday service and because there are no demands to believe a certain way. "My brain can shut down for an hour!" Roger has served as the church Financial Secretary for almost 10 years. He will be speaking on the mysteries of the Winter Solstice at a future Men's Breakfast meeting.

"FBC is the best kept secret west of the Mississippi," he says. We need to spread the word."

Myrtle Fricke grew up on a farm in Ohio with 4 brothers and 4 sisters, she was third from the youngest. On the farm she and her brothers and sisters worked hard milking the cows, helping in the garden, and doing whatever needed to be done. Growing up she had two precarious experiences. When she was just two years old her father drove seven miles with her asleep on the running board of the car, he'd gotten in on the other side and didn't see her sleeping. At age nine she suffered a ruptured appendix and spent a week in the hospital and another week at home recovering. Luckily, she had a caring teacher who helped her catch up so she could move on to the next grade with her class. During high school she worked in a wonderful store that sold everything from hardware to shoes, from groceries to dishes. Working didn't keep her from being valedictorian of her high school class. Living in a community with a large Amish population, Myrtle grew up speaking both English and Pennsylvania Dutch.



While working as an RN in Ohio Myrtle met Elmer, who couldn't stop talking about Oregon and his alma mater, Linfield College.

Soon after they were married, Elmer was offered a position in the Math department at Linfield. That summer they moved to McMinnville where they made their forever home. She worked for a time as emergency room nurse before focusing in on managing the 50 rentals she and Elmer owned.

Having grown up in the Mennonite church, Myrtle and Elmer attended the Mennonite church in McMinnville for a short while, but that church was "too conservative." Knowing that there was a strong connection between Linfield and First Baptist, they decided to visit. Myrtle says they liked the pastor and made good friends including Bob and Jamie Jones and Tom and Jean Meicho. Having come from a peace church, they found a like-minded community at FBC. In the over 50 years that Myrtle has been a part of First Baptist, she has been enriched by teachers who were scholars of the Bible and worshipped with wonderful pastors trained in seminaries. She says First Baptist is family; she loves the people and that everyone is accepted and loved.

Myrtle is an avid reader, reading both fiction and spiritual content including Christian Century, which she enjoys because of its progressive content. She fills her days keeping up with her three children, two sons and a daughter; four grandsons; seven great-grandchildren (four boys and three girls); and twenty nieces and nephews. Myrtle really enjoys telling jokes. Next time you see her, ask her about Ole. She loves living at Rock of Ages where there is strong community and a caring staff. Myrtle loves attending worship and is grateful for our decision to return to a single Sunday service. She delights in meeting all the people who were attending the service she didn't attend.

News from Kyle and Katrina Williams: Global Servants in Chiang Mai, Thailand

(FBC Missions started supporting them this year.)

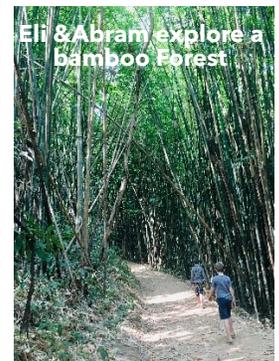
First and foremost, thank you for your support to International Ministries (IM) for our ministry in Thailand.

I have begun spending three days a week in the office to get to know the people I will be working with next year. This is also a great place to work on my Thai language skills. It is amazing to be sitting in an office where each person is focused on peace-building initiatives, working to empower minority tribal groups around the world. I am really excited to be here.



Katrina has begun classroom observations in preparation for teaching Chemistry next school year at Chiang Rai International Christian School. About 60% of the student body is made up of children of missionaries, while the other 40% are Thai children from various religious backgrounds. Katrina is excited to introduce her passion for science to these students. God's goodness has been so prevalent in the natural world, well, until it's not.

In our seventh month in Thailand we continue wrapping our heads around the language and culture. Thailand is a beautiful country with wonderfully kind, generous people. In stark contrast to these amazing people is the hot, smoke filled air that is currently covering the Chiang Rai Valley. We have been told that it has steadily been getting worse each year. Today was the worst it's gotten since our arrival, reaching an Air Quality Index (AQI) of over 300. This is roughly equivalent to smoking 20 cigarettes in a day. Without the smoke this part of the country is beautiful, with its rice patties nestled beneath rolling green hills and dramatic waterfalls in the mountains. The smoke just makes all that difficult to see.



I grew up loving the natural world; animals and plants and the complex balance of ecosystems. In those moments when I am able to experience it firsthand, I've come to know God more. It was in the natural world that I found God as a child. I knew God as the Creator. Creator of the tadpoles I raised in buckets in my back yard, Creator of the forest I played in behind the house, the nearby mountains and melting ice that flowed into our summer swimming hole. I found the mark of the Creator on all those things.

Paul writes in Romans that the "things [God] has made" reveal God's truth to the world, so that no one is without excuse. The goodness of Creation can point people to God. Today in so many places that we have

worked this goodness is harder to see because of human decisions to not prioritize care for Creation. When pollution fills the air, it is literally stopping people from seeing the goodness of God. I pray that more Christians can get behind caring for the Earth rather than casually dismissing its importance. I am excited by the many young people I have come across both here in Thailand and Congo that want to prioritize God's Creation.



Blessings, Kyle



**Safe Families
for Children**

April 26th has been designated as Safe Families Sunday.

It is a day designated nationally to activate the Church to care for neighbors in need.

Churches will be honoring this day in many different ways, from church announcements, videos, prayers, to special events and so on. The local event we had planned has been postponed so we are asking that on this day you will set aside some time to hold all **Safe Families for Children in your prayers** and to not forget those families who are experiencing social isolation. The current health crisis is likely to hit them harder and the need for a social safety net will be much higher. We will still be telling Safe Families stories in worship this Sunday and invite you to listen in and learn!

Family Coaches - Family Friends - Host Families - they are all important roles in the social safety net for these families. The needs can be both large and small. From people opening their homes to provide shelter for children, to people offering a simple ride across town or help with an errand. Volunteers can say yes to vulnerable children and their families in many ways.

Yamhill County has an urgent need for volunteers in all areas of support and the vetting process can take a while. NOW would be a great time to take the first steps to signing up to volunteer. Please consider becoming a part of this valuable mission within our community. Please pray that this ministry will grow within our church and within our community.

If you would like more information or to talk about current needs, please feel free to contact Vicki Cartwright - 503-467-9995. Blessings to you all and stay healthy.



Y.A.H.O.O. Update: Though the participants who'd prepared to go on the Y.A.H.O.O. Mexico Mission trip this year weren't able to travel and do the work they'd hoped, the money they raised will still go to build homes for the *Moreno Valencia* and *Estrada Cordero* families in Mexico - their efforts and your donation dollars continue to make a difference! We'll have pictures of the homes when the work - now being done by local workers - is complete. Please

keep the workers and these families in your prayers.



You know about the social distancing recommendations from the CDC and the State of Oregon Health Authority. The Climate Action Committee have been hard at work planning April events for Earth Day. We will need to postpone these events for a time when it is safe to gather.

However, it is still safe to get outdoors and enjoy nature. We all know how good it feels to be in natural environments. Try it!

"A new report published today reveals that exposure to greenspace reduces risk of type II diabetes, cardiovascular disease, premature death, preterm birth, stress, and high blood pressure. Populations with higher levels of greenspace exposure are also more likely to report good overall health -- according to global data involving more than 290 million people."

Here is a link to the meta study quote: [**It's official -- spending time outside is good for you**](#)

Thank you, The Climate Action Team, Committee Chair, Lara O'Brady

VIRTUAL YOUTH GROUP



Youth Group is now meeting online!

We will connect via Zoom at <https://zoom.us/j/861120578>, contact us if you need help joining.

We'll all "meet" together - middle school and high school - at 5pm on Sunday nights. We will start with some time to check in with one another, and some fun questions like we do at "normal" Youth Group.

Then we'll continue our Disney Pixar movie focus. So, your Youth Group homework for each Sunday will be to watch a movie! We'll have some discussion about the film and watch some clips together, bring your questions and ideas to our conversation.

Then we'll have dinner "together" so have something ready and we'll hang out while we eat.

We'll finish with prayer needs and our benediction, and will plan to be done around 6:30pm, but will be flexible with time since we're figuring this out as we go!

**We hope you will join us, friends are welcome to be part too.
Please contact Kate (7607808080) or Sean (7172711221)
if you have any questions about any of this or need anything else during this time.**

Highlights from Winter Camp 2020

Remember just a few weeks ago when we weren't stuck at home, were allowed to be with other human beings, didn't have to wash our hands for 20 whole seconds, and had unlimited toilet paper to use however we wanted?! One day we will return to life as we once knew it, but until then, here are some photos from this magical time, during a weekend in February at Camp Arrah Wanna for Winter Camp! Looking forward to being back there for summer camp with all of you in July!



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



We all need SMALL Group Gatherings - now more than ever!
- Keep in touch! Meet via email or Zoom chat rooms -
Many FBC Committees, Classes & Study Groups are using Zoom to stay connected.
Zoom is very easy for those with smartphones or computers. Just click on the link at the right time and you're chatting with each other. There is nothing to sign up for and no cost.

Wednesday Sacred Conversations - 7 pm

Gatherings will continue via Zoom. Find a comfy spot to settle in, and follow the link below Wednesdays to join the online discussion room. We'll be able to see one another, talk, and pray together, while respecting the social distancing guidelines. Contact Erika, erika@fbcmac.org.

Join Zoom Meeting -

<https://zoom.us/j/132811572>

Friday Bible Study - 12 noon

Will continue via Zoom. Just follow the link below Fridays to join in this conversation with friends about Scripture, its history and context, its promises and challenges, and its connection to our lives. Contact Erika, erika@fbcmac.org.

Join Zoom Meeting -

<https://zoom.us/j/208012932>

Together Works - LGBTQIA+ gatherings

Contact: Dee, deerocksmoore@gmail.com

Together Works group offers assistance . . .

Grocery Pick Up at FBC

(Fireplace Room, enter at Cows St.)

Monday April 13 & 27 from 7 - 9 pm

Please bring shopping bags

Not liking Grocery Stores these days? Knowing that all are experiencing difficult times, we're creating a **mini-grocery venue at FBC**, with help from our YCAP partner, providing staples and whatever household supplies YCAP has available. Pick up what you & your family need. Once shopping is complete, we are encouraging members to return to the safety of their homes. Our goal is to make sure you have food for the coming weeks. If you have extra household supplies to share, you may bring those.

Please email, text, message, or call Dee Moore with questions - togetherworksinfo@gmail.com, or 971-241-8256.

Climate Action group - on hiatus

Meeting via email and phone conversations.

For more info on what's being discussed, contact:

Lara - 971-241-9545, lara_obraady@yahoo.com

Paul - 503-883-3442, pauljoankush@gmail.com

Janet - 503-430-9283, janet@janetlangenwalter.com

Don - 503-510-2816, donjw@comcast.net

Elder Circle - Mike will conduct gatherings using zoom

Contact Mike: 971-241-4950, you'll be sent the link.

Senior Breakfast - on hiatus - enjoy breakfast at home.

You'll be able to join us the 1st Wednesday each month at the American Legion Post 21(126 NE Atlantic St) once things get back to normal. Contact: Gina, 971-237-2789

Meditation Practice - on hiatus

At home, find ways to engage in Silent Christian Prayer & Buddhist Traditions. Contact: Lindsay, 619-933-8402

Sister Circle - on hiatus

Staying in touch via email and phone.

Contact Sherill, shrobert@linfield.edu

PM Knit Wits - TBD

Contact: Gina, 971-237-2789

AM Knit Wits on hiatus/ knitting at home.

Contact: Linda, 971-237-2793

Gluten Free Friends - Supporting each other via email.

Planning to provide a zoom session on natural ways to boost the immune system. So very important these days!

TBA - Contact: Susan, susanlanechambers@gmail.com

glutenfreefriendsmcminnville@gmail.com / 503-435-9952

Men's Breakfast - will not gather until it's safe to do so.

We look forward to more Stimulating conversation and always a great breakfast! Here are a few Programs we'll have on tap in the future:

- Roger Dell, "Winter Solstice"

- A Panel of Steve Howard, Paul Kushner and Tom Meicho will discuss "My Personal Highlight at FBC and A Hope for FBC's Future"

APRIL at FBC

April 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 7p - Lenten Sacred Conversations via zoom online	2 TBD - Music Rehearsals Pastor's Day Off	3 9-10:30a - STAR Food Bag distribution 12n - Bible Study via zoom online	4 Free Medical Clinic Phone Triage only 9:30a - Gluten Free Friends via zoom online
5 8:45 am - Faith & Java Class via zoom Streaming Live - 10 am - WORSHIP PALM SUNDAY 11 am - Chapel Class via zoom	6 9-10:30a - STAR Food Bag distribution 12:30 - Personnel Team via zoom 4p - Missions Ministry Team via zoom 7p - Boy Scouts & Scout Girls - not meeting	7 9a - Building & Grounds Team 6:30p - Cub Scouts	8 6:30p - Church Board via zoom chat room 7p - Lenten Sacred Conversations via zoom online	9 TBD - Music Rehearsals Pastor's Day Off MAUNDY THURSDAY	10 9-10:30a - STAR Food Bag distribution 12n - Bible Study via zoom online GOOD FRIDAY	11 HOLY SATURDAY
12 8:45 am - Faith & Java Class via zoom Streaming Live - 10 am - WORSHIP EASTER SUNDAY 11 am - Chapel Class via zoom	13 9-10:30a - STAR 7p - Boy Scouts & Scout Girls - not meeting 7p - Care & Concern 7p - Together Works	14 4p - Pastoral Relations Committee 6:30p - Cub Scouts 7p - Knit Wits	15 3p - Membership Team via zoom 7p - Sacred Conversations via zoom online	16 TBD - Music Rehearsals Pastor's Day Off	17 9-10:30a - STAR Food Bag distribution 12n - Bible Study via zoom online	18 Free Medical Clinic Phone Triage only
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APRIL Birthdays:

Jim Duke 1
Adam Howard 1
Heath Kumnick 1
Charlotte Stuart 4
Don Christensen 5
Susan Frum 5
BJ Larmouth 6
Steven Smith 7
AJ Campbell 7

Jennifer Scott 11
Gordon Dromgoole 12
Logan Ferry 14
Wayne Beckwith 15
Howie Harkema 15
Jennifer Cleveland 19
Dayna Gilbert 19
Holden Leach 20
Zachary Reinker 20
Shelly Sanderlin 20

Dane Foster 22
Lisa Ovando 25
Naomi Rosen 25
Cameryn Rowe 25
Felix Bierly 27
Kelton Curry 27
Jack Linder 27
Alyssa Dressel 27

APRIL Anniversaries:

Holly & Lloyd Galer
April 12
John & Jen Linder
April 12
Michael & Lynne Vincent
April 24