

The Tidings

FBC's monthly newsletter

AUGUST 2020

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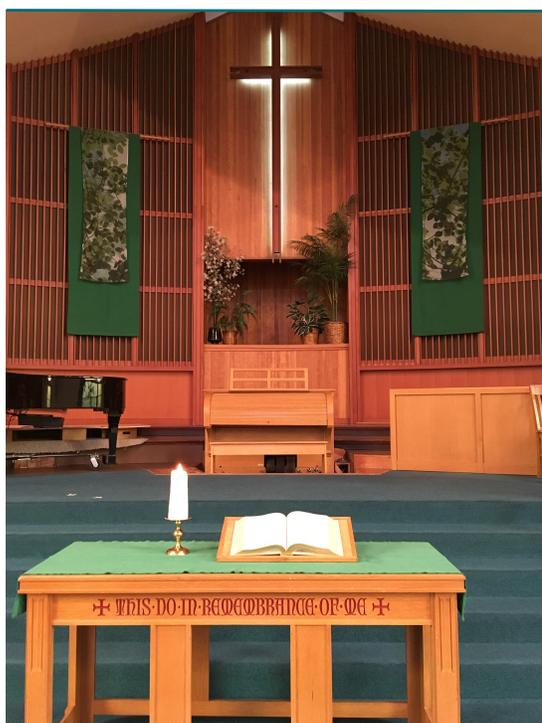


Be a part of this annual summer tradition by setting up your screen outside or bringing something from the outdoors in! And, if you're willing, we'd love to add your face, in your favorite outdoor space, to our worship for that morning. Could you greet us from your garden? Tag on an "and also with you" to the benediction from a hiking trail? Introduce the congregation to your favorite tree? If you're willing to record a 20-second video and send it to Erika (erika@fbcmac.org) or Sean (sean@fbcmac.org), we'll make it happen. We look forward to seeing you virtually and being introduced to the places that inspire you and bring you peace.

Sunday, August 30

Summer Porch Visits

Hi, Friends! If you're at home this summer, and visitors are allowed in your neighborhood, I'd love to come by. I'd bring my own lawn chair and mask, and maybe a member of the Care & Concern team would join me. We'd just like to spend some time face-to-face, saying hi, catching up, sharing pie (isn't everything better with pie, or a gluten-free treat?). If you'd like a porch (or driveway, or curbside, or yard) visit this summer, on a Tuesday or Friday morning or a Sunday evening, contact Donna at office@fbcmac.org or call the church between 9 am & noon and she'll set it up. Thanks for considering this - it'd be great to see you!
Take good care, Erika



Open Sanctuary Dates

Even though the church isn't the building, sometimes just sitting in the sanctuary can help us to center, reflect, and find comfort or peace. FBC is offering two dates in August for sanctuary visits. During your time, you can light a candle in prayer, receive communion at the altar table, reflect on the prompts provided, and listen to organ music provided by Muriel Dresser. Please wear a mask and observe social distancing guidelines. Space is limited, so call or email the church office to RSVP for the time you'd like to visit:

Monday, August 3

music from Muriel Dresser, organ

- 9:30-10 am
- 10:15-10:45 am
- 11-11:30 am

Tuesday, August 25

music from Geoff Clayton, piano

- 6:30 - 7 pm
- 7:15-7:45 pm
- 8-8:30 pm

	Actual for Period	% of Amount Budgeted
Contributions Income:	\$167,355	100.2%
Total Income:	\$188,395	99.4%
Total Expenses:	\$172,308	90.9%
Net Income:	\$ 16,087	

Financial Update:

Building use income has decreased during the pandemic. We are very thankful that Lutheran Community Services have continued to rent space per their building use agreement. Tithes and offerings have been steady. We have a few folks giving a bit extra that has covered those who have not been able to give at the pre-pandemic rate. The strong giving by individuals has enabled us to meet all of our expense for wages, utilities, building maintenance and our mission support - local and ABCUSA.

If you have signed up for Realm (Church Software Database) you may view a secure page that lists all your financial contributions to First Baptist Church. If you have questions, please contact Martha VanCleave (mvcleave@linfield.edu) or Don Watson (donjw@comcast.net).

We are so grateful.

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

Church Board Notes - July 8, via Zoom

This is my first opportunity to submit to you a summary of our Church Board's meeting. Before I do that, let me first say that I am proud to be a part of this group of leaders of our Church. And I am excited to be able to share with you the details of the competent, sometimes exciting, sometimes hard, but always Christ-centered work the Board is doing on your behalf.

The newly elected Church Board met for the first time July 8th online via Zoom, and began with a round of introductions, followed by reports from each committee leader.

Steve Howard still capably heads Buildings & Grounds. The re-installation of the First Street gates looks good and provides improved security for the entry alcove. The installation of cameras continues, and completion is pending the long over-due upgrade to the Church's WiFi (which has been delayed by COVID). A new fence & lock into the playground provides better security and access only from inside the Church.

Myra Huff has taken over the Children & Youth Ministry Team, and is excited about the many things Sean Williams is doing with and for FBC's Children & Youth.

Tai James, the new leader of Faith Formation, noted that there are 15 ongoing groups that normally meet but due to COVID have not yet returned. Tai also outlined reopening guidelines for meeting in-person.

Barbara Nelson, newly elected to head Membership, talked about accomplishments & goals during COVID.

Janet Langenwalter, heading up Missions, noted that the Team has held "email" meetings. She also let us know about the World Mission Conference which is available for online drop-in.

Georgine Benner, continuing her supervision of Worship and Community Engagement, reported that they would like to find a "Worship Producer" to help with the technical task of producing the online service. Georgine is also looking for new members to help with the work of the Worship and Community Engagement team.

Wayne Beckwith and JoAnn Sims reported, as at-large members, that JoAnn acquired a volunteer (Georgine) to keep the Church's plants watered for at least another month, until someone steps forward to take over.

Don Watson, now the assistant Treasurer, provided a detailed financial report on behalf of Barbara Burr, the Church's new treasurer. The net income was down for June, but is still up for the year. Don reports a continuing need to stay in touch with Church members through mailings, especially during COVID, including showing appreciation to those who have donated funds that keep the lights on, the staff paid, and enables us to work towards our various goals and missions.

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*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 Classes via Zoom:
Faith & Java (to connect, contact barbaracoleburr@gmail.com)
Chapel (to connect, contact gary@portlandconsultinggroup.com)

10:00 am - WORSHIP streaming live:
www.facebook.com/firstbaptistmac/

Teresa of Avila's reflections on the soul as a home with much to explore will carry us through the month of August, and we'll continue to hear "What I Learned at Home" reflections from congregants, too. And a heads up - this month we'll be asking for you to help us out with brief recordings of greetings, benedictions, prayers, and more, that we can play during worship, because the best part is seeing each other's faces!

August 2, Communion Sunday
"When Everything Seems Lost"
The 6th Dwelling, *Interior Castle*
Rev. Erika Marksburly preaching

August 9
"Mysteries of Humanity"
The 6th Dwelling, *Interior Castle*, continued
Rev. Erika Marksburly preaching

August 16
"What Remains Unexplainable"
The 6th Dwelling, *Interior Castle*, continued
Rev. Erika Marksburly preaching

August 23
"Union & What Follows"
The 7th Dwelling, *Interior Castle*
Rev. Erika Marksburly preaching

August 30, Worship in the Park
(still from home, or your favorite outdoor space with wifi)
"On Having Arrived"
Interior Castle, conclusions
Rev. Erika Marksburly preaching



During my junior year of college, I was selected to be the ambassador for one of Manhattan School of Music's honorary doctoral recipients: Pete Seeger. It was my job to make him comfortable at the school, act as a guide, and be his right-hand person. Although Billy Joel also received the award that year, preparing for and spending time with Pete was life-changing. He is often called the father of modern American folk music, and was a colossal champion for unions, women, and the Civil Rights Movement. I was starkly aware - even then - that I was among greatness that day. He generously described the scene and process behind several of his songs, but the one that stuck with me most was We Shall Overcome. It has become one of my favorite songs / hymns over the years, and is particularly relevant right now. Pete didn't technically write We Shall Overcome; but is one of the people responsible for catapulting it into our common repertoire and psyche.

Like so many American traditions, this song evolved over a vast period of time. Melodically, it's very similar to O Sanctissima, or the Sicilian Mariners' Hymn, published first in 1792. Beethoven wrote perhaps the most commonly sung version of this hymn. However, much of the textual inspiration comes from the 1901 hymn by the Black preacher Reverend Charles Albert Tindley, I'll Overcome Someday. Tindley, though, uses little of the melodic structure of the Sicilian Mariners' Hymn in his piece.

Fast-forward to 1945, strikes were exploding, and unions were forming rapidly. After each day's strike, workers from the Food, Tobacco, Agricultural & Allied Workers Union would join together to sing a new version of this song, using the words, We Will Overcome. Zilphia Horton, who was a musician at the Highlander Folk School, activist, and was involved with labor organizations at the time, learned this version from the workers. She eventually taught it to one of her colleagues at Highlander, none other than Pete Seeger. He is credited with changing the words from "Will" to "Shall". When I asked him about that, he told me that it was primarily to make it easier to sing, and be heard in a large crowd. And also that the vowel in "Will" is harder for many people to sing, and the consonant "Sh" makes for a more dramatic phrase.

From there, the song spread far and wide, and became a main rallying cry of the Civil Rights Movement. Martin Luther King cited it in 1965, while speaking at Temple Israel in Hollywood, and it has been used for various causes throughout the world since. Louis Armstrong, Joan Baez, Guy Carawan, and Bruce Springsteen are just a few artists to create their own versions of the song. The tone and message behind We Shall Overcome is entwined with what it means to be an American. This country was built on our ability to resist, outlast, and adapt against all odds. And now, with the current focus on equity for ALL Americans, it's more important than ever. As protests rage and this song is on our lips, a line from Lin Manuel Miranda's musical Hamilton comes to my mind: "Tomorrow there'll be more of us". We shall overcome, indeed.

Jesse Cromer, Director of Music Ministries

CB Notes continued . . .

Pastor Erika reported on the success of the “purple” float prepared by volunteers from the Church who entered the Pride Parade.

Dave Larmouth volunteered to take over as the new chair for the Matthew 25 Committee. Matthew 25 is preparing a manual for the minimal barrier warming shelter so that it will be in place when the weather turns cold again.

The Board is also looking for a new chair for the Stewardship Committee.

The Board is working on strategies and planning for re-gathering when feasible, given the safety concerns created by the pandemic. The Board also preliminarily discussed having a socially-distanced backyard retreat in-person at some point in order to have a longer opportunity to get to know each other and work on goal formation and long-term planning.

Pastor Erika discussed the new and exciting program underway regarding the Anti-Racist book groups. Currently, there are 48 people signed up, which are being divided into 4 discussion groups. A quarter of those individuals are community members.

The Board discussed the possibility of establishing a joint-symposium/lecture series with Linfield University. Any substantial plans in that regard will have to await changes in what the pandemic allows for gatherings.

And that summarizes the July meeting. I want to give a special thank you to Marilyn Crouser, our able secretary/clerk, for keeping wonderfully detailed notes (stored, as always, in the Church’s office) that I could lean on to enhance my recollection. Thank you for caring enough to read, and for being involved with me in this wonderful community. See you online, and right here next month.

Dave Ferry, Moderator.

Thanks go out to Church Board members who recently stepped down from office in June:

Helen Anderson (Children & Youth Ministry Team leader)
Jace Early (Membership Ministry Team leader)
Les Toth (At-Large member)

And for those who took other positions within the CB:

David Ferry (Asst. Moderator -to- Moderator)
Dave Larmouth (Faith Formation -to- Asst. Moderator)
Don Watson (Treasurer -to- Asst. Treasurer)
Barbara Burr (At-Large -to- Treasurer)
JoAnn Sims (Moderator -to- At-Large)

Introducing the FBC staff, by the numbers



JESS MASON ***Summer Intern***

-graduated high school in the class of **2020**.

-has been attending their home church, the First United Methodist Church of Portland, for **18** years. Their internship with FBC McMinnville is funded through a scholarship from FUMC Portland.

Jess drives **43** miles, from their home in Vancouver, **2** times a week to gain experience here.

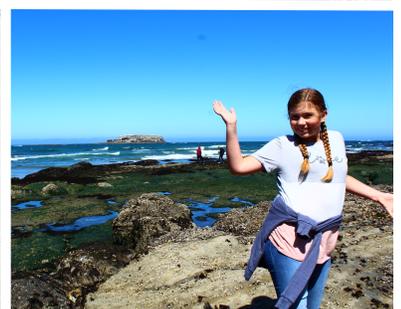
-has been playing music since they were **5** years old. Plays **7** instruments but their favorite is trumpet.

-has traveled to **8** countries: Canada, Mexico, England, France, Switzerland, Lichtenstein, Austria, and Germany.

-has performed in **3** Broadway musicals: *Annie*, *Anything Goes*, and *Bye Bye Birdie*.

-will be attending Pacific Lutheran University for the next **5** years, studying music education & Spanish. They're with us just a short time, as they're headed off to school in early September.

**FBC All Church
CAMPOUT**
South Beach State Park
Newport, Oregon
July 24-26



Getting to Know Our First Baptist Church Family



LARA O'BRADY was born and raised in Idaho. After HS in Moscow, ID, she continued on to college at the University of Idaho where she graduated with a degree in chemistry and with minors in math and physics. Her parents divorced when she was twelve. After her parents divorced her mother was an inspiration to Lara, continuing on to college. In fact, Lara's and her mom's college experiences overlapped for one semester.

Singing and handicrafts have been a part of Lara's life since she was a child. Her father played the guitar and Lara sang with him from an early age, nourishing her love of singing that we continue to see today in church and in the Women's Choir. Her favorite books were what she called "make books", which some of us might call how-to books. You may have seen her knitting on one of her beautiful projects back when we had church in the sanctuary. Besides handicrafts, Lara loves cooking and preserving food.

Lara and her husband, Steven, have 3 adult children—2 sons and a daughter—all of whom live nearby. Lara taught for several years, including one year with her family in Mexico City. She admits that she didn't find teaching her best fit. In 2003, Lara and Steven relocated to this area for her husband's job and in 2009 Lara accepted a position as an Energy Educator for YCAP, which she says fit well with her personality and passion, helping low-income residents improve their homes' energy efficiency. She currently has a similar job with Washington County, working out of Hillsboro, a long commute, considering that Lara and Steven live outside of Sheridan.

In 2017 when a lesbian friend was feeling the need of a group with which to connect, Janet Langenwalter, also a McMinnville Women's Choir member, suggested FBC. Lara felt she couldn't just send her friend alone to the church so decided to come too for moral support. Lara loved Erika's sermons and FBC's passion for climate and social justice, so much so that she is currently the chair of the Climate Action Committee.

Lara feels blessed to be living in such a beautiful part of the country, where she loves camping and hiking. And we are happy that Lara is part of FBC, currently adding to our online church services with her animated singing as part of the Worship Team.

WALT and LEEANN PARRY have been part of our FBC family since 2015, a year after moving to Yamhill, Oregon from Fresno, California. They met while working at Oregon Caves National Monument near Cave Junction, Oregon. LeeAnn, a college student, was a desk clerk; Walt, a seminarian, was bus driver/cave guide/student minister. They married three years later in 1965, in the United Methodist Church, in Sherwood, Oregon.



LeeAnn was born and raised in Sherwood, Oregon, a fourth generation Oregonian. Her dad had a Trucking Delivery Service and her mom, who served for many years as church organist or choir director, was raised on a peach farm in Cornelius. During H.S., LeeAnn was an exchange student to the Netherlands for a year, and told me, she did not want to come home! She attended college at Portland State and the University of Oregon, graduating with a Sociology Degree. In later years, she got a Masters Degree in Social Work from Fresno State University. Her career included Early Childhood Education, Social Work with Adoptions and Foster Care and working for Fresno's Kaiser Permanente as a Community Benefits Manager, building partnerships and coalitions to address the needs of vulnerable populations.

Walt and LeeAnn Parry continued...

Walt was born and raised in Knoxville, TN. His dad was a P/T Southern Baptist Minister and a F/T time keeper in a large Factory. His mom taught grade school. Walt attended Berea College in Berea, KY, which was founded in 1855. The College offers a free education, students work for their tuition. It was the first Southern College in the U.S to be coeducational and racially integrated. His Degree was in Philosophy and Religion. He continued his education at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, TN and American Baptist Seminary of the West in Berkeley, Ca. During his career, he was an Assistant Minister and Youth Pastor in the Bay Area, He worked for the American Baptist Home Mission Society, doing consultant work throughout the U.S. He was also a College Chaplain for 10 1/2 years. Walt worked for 23 years as Executive Director of Fresno Metro Ministry addressing community issues from both a service delivery and public policy perspective. He and LeeAnn have lived in CA, NY, PA, IL, and now Oregon.

Together, Walt and LeeAnn raised 6 children, four of them adopted, two as infants, and two at ages 9 and 14, both of African-American heritage. They have 9 grandchildren. Walt and LeeAnn retired in 2008. They enjoy photography, especially flowers, exploring Washington and Oregon parks, gardens, small towns, and covered bridges, because that takes them to "roads less traveled". LeeAnn loves to read, sew, do needlework, as well as paper crafting. LeeAnn has made 100 masks for family and friends! Walt volunteers with the Democratic Think Tank and the Yamhill County Democrats. They are happy to be part of the family of FBC, because they embrace our commitment to Peace and Justice Issues. We are so honored that they have chosen to be part of our family.



McMinnville is very fortunate to have **ROB PORTER** as manager of the Aquatic Center. He has developed a successful swim program which is enjoyed by many Yamhill County citizens.

Rob and his wife, Margy, and their three young children, daughters Katy, Rosemary and son Jacob, arrived in McMinnville in April 1999 from Texas A & M University located in College Station Texas. Immediately they fell in love with the area and became involved in local activities. They still live in the same house they rented when they first arrived.

Today, Katy is a physical therapist at Willamette ESD, Jacob is a grad student at OSU in Mechanical engineering, while Rosemary is working in

Newberg, studying at Chemeketa, and hopes to attend Linfield in the near future. Margy has a successful career as a Midwife at Bella Vie Gentle Birth Center in Hopewell. She also has taught classes at Willamette Medical Center.

The Porters became aware of our youth programs at First Baptist Church when they first arrived in McMinnville. They met with Stacy Martin and she introduced them to the FBC Sunday School program. Jacob and Katy went to Mexico with the YAHOO group twice. They found that they shared the same philosophy of encouraging love and compassion as the people at FBC.

At 18, Jacob developed a passion for motorcycle riding. Rob decided he would join his son and learn to ride also. Today, you can still see him enjoying riding around town on his motorcycle.

Rob has contributed many hours of enjoyment to the FBC congregation through his music. He's written music all his life but never learned to play an instrument. So after arriving in McMinnville, he decided to learn to play the guitar & ukulele, crediting his musical growth to JP Bierly & Nancy McCann. He is now a member of the Ukulele Ukestra. He is grateful to be able to write and sing with such a talented group of people.



Rob and Margy have been a great addition to the First Baptist Church family. They share their many talents which have been enjoyed by all. Thank you.

August 6, 1945. It is an already hot clear day. Middle school and high school students are at assigned spots around Hiroshima. Students are making firebreaks, working in munitions and making military boots. Families at home are on their way to market or walking to nearby gardens. The all-clear sirens rang out and no one expected what happened next.

75 years ago at 8:15 am on August 6 the first Atomic Bomb exploded over Hiroshima. In a flash, a city of more than 400,000 people disappeared.

His name is Gene. He and his family moved from Seattle back to Hiroshima so his father could run the family farm. Gene was, in his own words, "a sassy teenager." He and his school-mates were to build a firebreak and build it fast according to their strident and sometimes cruel teacher. The teacher left the scene to get another crew started. Gene convinced his buddies it was too hot to work and they should cool off in a nearby bomb shelter. They had just settled down against the cool earth walls and an enormous boom sounded. Then silence. They waited. No sound. They figured that a transformer had blown close by. Gene talked one of his buddies to go up and check out what had happened. The friend returned. The color drained from his face. "It is gone. It is all gone. There's nothing left but smoke & ashes."



Gene and others, to be known as Hibakusha, survivors of the Atom Bomb, tell their story. Each story is different, amazing, tragic, and heart wrenching. Those who survived were shunned and left to forage unaided along the rivers in Hiroshima. People feared the illness they carried was contagious.

In 1951 Barbara Reynolds was in Hiroshima with her scientist husband as part of research studies about the effects of the bomb on survivors. Barbara heard their stories and provided a place where survivors could find acceptance, could learn trades, and create Japanese crafts for sale. Barbara was convinced that if their stories were heard around the world, the destruction of people and places from nuclear weapons would cease. The birth of The World Friendship Center began.

Today, The World Friendship Center (WFC) exists in Hiroshima, celebrating its 55th birthday. WFC goals are to: (1) Tell Hibakusha stories in Hiroshima and around the world, (2) Actively promote Peace and Justice, (3) Work toward a nuclear weapon free world. Larry and I, with your support, spent 2 ¼ years as Volunteer Directors at WFC from 2011-2013. McMinnville First Baptist Church (FBC) hosted Peace Ambassadors from Hiroshima in 2009 and 2013. In 2011 FBC sent more than 1,000 cranes to be dedicated and registered at Sadako's Children memorial at Peace Park. Larry and I registered them in First Baptist Church's name.



As part of directing WFC, we hosted at the guesthouse over 1,800 guests from around the world. We connected visitors with the story of Hiroshima and survivors. We assisted in peace and justice programs. One particular peace program was sponsoring an outdoor Peace Camp in Hiroshima for young people from Korea, China, and Japan. In one week, strangers became friends and all vowed to work for peace in their respective countries.



Larry and I continue to be connected to WFC. In July of this year, we accepted the position of Chair of the WFC/American Committee that selects Peace Ambassadors to visit Hiroshima, organizes and hosts Peace Ambassador visits to the USA, raises funds for WFC and their peace activities, and selects directors to live and work in Hiroshima for a two year stay. Larry and I are very grateful that FBC includes yearly support of WFC through our Mission distributions.

FBC is truly a Peace and Justice congregation.

STAR Ministry - Serving Those Around us



Since mid-March, we have been serving our STAR breakfast on the First Street Porch of our church building. The change in venue was a challenge for guest and servers. Each Monday and Friday we provide a Breakfast-to-Go bag with 1 1/2 sandwiches, a bag of chips, fruit, a hardboiled egg, and sometimes a chocolate treat plus coffee and bottled water. On our second table we have personal items - bandaids, razors, socks, tissues, and other donated items. Laundry cards are available a few times per month. Serving is open from 9:15 - 10am.

While our numbers are smaller, usually 18 - 24, we continue to serve & support a local group of about 40 different folk who stop by. The conversations over the table verify just how important this work is. The sincere thank you's, smiles, and conversations are important to guests and servers.

Here is a list of our most frequent volunteers:

Prep Team: Nancy Carlson, John Sullivan, Gina Foster, Vicki Cartwright, Gloria LaFata, Melva Proctor, Kathleen Verigin

Servers: Chad Eason, Ella Eason, Geneva Foster-Ward, Liam Ward, Tai James, Zorissa James, Erika Marksbury with Oscar & Beckett, and several others who have dropped in

Leadership Support: Danny Browne, Mike Burr, Gina Foster, Judee Kunze, and Don Watson

If you would like volunteer, or donate items or funds,



On behalf of American Baptist Churches USA, the American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS) and International Ministries (IM) continue to seek One Great Hour of Sharing COVID-19 emergency support to help families, churches and community find relief and recovery.

This is a two-part appeal. Part one provides relief across the United States and Puerto Rico, including the funding of programs supporting the well-being and mental health of faith leaders, congregations, and communities. Part two of this appeal provides international relief, with funds being used to respond to requests by international partners for emergency grants. Gifts will meet immediate needs for feeding, housing, and providing healthcare for persons impacted by COVID-19, with particular support for emergent and unmet needs of refugees, asylum seekers, and immigrant populations. These funds will also support global partners at risk of having to suspend vital services to vulnerable members of their communities.

To give support within the US and Puerto Rico, in the memo of your check write: OGHS-COVID Response: US & PR. To give to International relief efforts, in the memo of your check write: OGHS-COVID Response: International. If you prefer to give online, please visit the FBC website, fbcmac.org. Click on the 'GIVE' tab and a list of funds will appear for you to choose from. Both the US/Puerto Rico and International appeals are listed.

American Baptist Churches, USA, "stands with you in prayer for the many needs within your own congregations and communities in the coming months" and shares their gratitude for all support given. One hundred percent of donations go to relief efforts; no dollars are retained for administrative costs.



We have one more in-person gathering and one more virtual gathering for our youth this summer!

Below are dates, with more details and times still to come. And, of course, this is all subject to change, depending on the world!

Sunday, August 16

Virtual Talent Show & Karaoke
5-6:30 pm on Zoom

Sunday, August 30

Outdoor Movie Night
at the Toth's



FBC families!
We're headed to the 99W Drive-In on Friday night, August 7.

Load up your fam in your vehicle and we'll all meet at the drive-in at 6:30 pm and find parking together.

We will know the movie showing and more about health guidelines one week prior (around July 31).

Please let Sean know if you plan to attend, and if you have any questions.



In August/September, we are offering a six week class for youth, Dismantling Racism: A Youth Curriculum.

The class will help youth have conversations about race, become allies, and build relationships to address systemic racism in their context. The goal is to help youth connect their faith with racial healing in our communities.

The dates/times of the class, and format, will be based on the participants, so let Sean know if you want to be part.

Thanks to all the children, families, and volunteers for being part of VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2020!

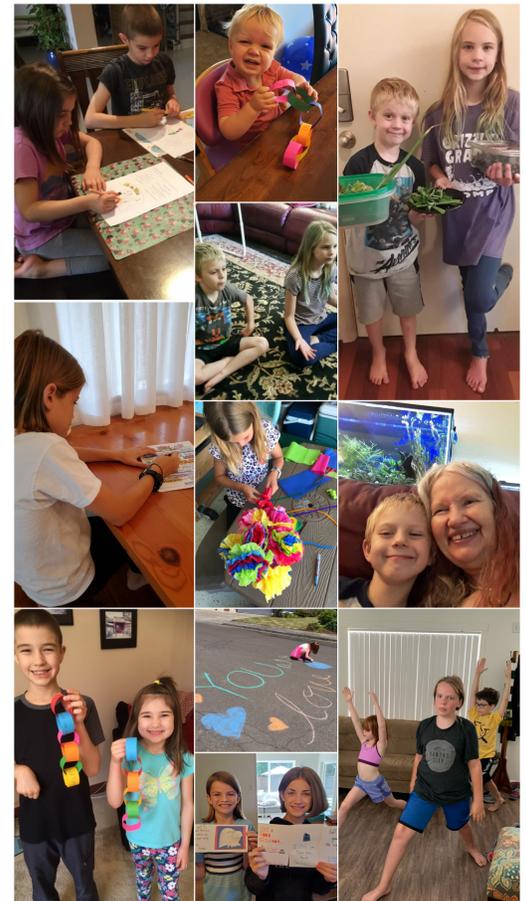


There were live Zoom gatherings every morning, and at-home activities & pre-recorded videos to do throughout the day. We sang songs, heard stories, made crafts, took action, and even did yoga each day!

And, the bonus good news is that all of VBS is available online!

If you want to do it again, weren't able to join us for the week in July, or know someone that might want to participate, contact Sean to get the links and supplies.

And remember to show yourself compassion, and share compassion with others and the world!





Keep in touch with your church family!

There are many FBC Committees, Classes, and Study Groups continuing to use Zoom chat room online to meet, stay connected and have good discussions. Join one or two!

Sunday Faith & Java Class - 8:45 am

Contact barbaracoleburr@gmail.com

Join this thoughtful discussion with friends.

Sunday Chapel Class - 8:45 am - via Zoom

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The Chapel Class invites you to join this discussion on "Almost Everything - Notes on Hope" by Anne Lamott. She calls for each of us to rediscover the nuggets of hope and wisdom that are buried within us that can make life sweeter than we ever imagined.

Contact: Gary Langenwalter,

gary@portlandconsultinggroup.com

Congregational Fellowship - 11 am

After Worship, **via Zoom** - password: 297765

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Friday Bible Study - 12 noon

In-person in the Fireplace Room (please wear a mask and observe physical distancing)

OR via Zoom - <https://zoom.us/j/381023726>

A conversation about the promises and challenges of each week's Scripture, and its connection to our lives.

Soul Care Packages

Following Teresa of Avila's guidance to tend to our souls, to treat them like the "precious things" they are, FBC will be delivering a "soul care" package to your doorstep in late July / early August.

The package contains items we hope will bring you comfort, help you rest and play, enable you to reach out to another, and remind you that you are loved.

If you need anything during this time, the staff and the Care & Concern Team are here to listen, to pray, and to provide whatever help we can. Take good care, friends, of yourselves and of each other.

Climate Action Group - Continues to meet the 2nd

Monday, each month at 6:30 pm via Zoom - All are welcome to join us in discussing relevant issues:

[https://zoom.us/j/97971101532?](https://zoom.us/j/97971101532?pwd=bHVjR2N6QTZhL0Z6OENxK3RQZWZ6Zz09)

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Password: 5bHXk0

Contact Lara, lara_obrady@yahoo.com

Summer Book Group - How to Be an Antiracist

These groups are currently full, but please let Erika know if you'd like to be part of this antiracist conversation in other ways - erika@fbcmac.org.

Tuesdays - 2:30 pm, Virtual Group

Tuesdays - 4 pm, Virtual Group

Wednesdays - 2:30 pm

In-Person Gathering, outside, Linfield's campus

Sundays - 4 pm

In-Person Gathering, outside, member's yard

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) when we feel comfortable gathering in-person again. Missing each other! Contact: Gina, 971-237-2789

Meditation Practice - on hiatus

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

Sister Circle - not meeting in-person

We continue to keep in touch via email, phone, and a Zoom chat room. Contact Sherill, shrobert@linfield.edu

Sew & Sos - Will be creatively sewing over the summer, with weekly opportunities for 1-2 to sew at a distance together. Contact Susan, susanlanechambers@gmail.com

PM Knit Wits - Meeting 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7-9 pm at Gina's home. [RSVP](mailto:Gina) to Gina, 971-237-2789

AM Knit Wits - Meeting outside at Gina's - Aug. 13, 20, 27
Contact Gina, 971-237-2789

Gluten Free Friends - Supporting each other via email.

To be added to our list, please contact Susan Chambers, glutenfreefriendsmcminnville@gmail.com / 503-435-9952

Men's Breakfast - Let's Stay Healthy!

Stay tuned for info regarding future events.

AUGUST at FBC

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
FBC Office Hours: 9 am-12 noon, M-F. STAFF Contacts: Donna/Office: office@fbcmac.org - 503-472-7941 Pastor Erika: erika@fbcmac.org - 913-558-1037 Sean/Children's & Youth Minister: sean@fbcmac.org - 717-271-1221 Jesse/Director of Music Ministry: jesse@fbcmac.org - 503-949-5806 Ron/Building Superintendent: ron@fbcmac.org - 971-237-2532						1 9a-1p - McMinnville Free Medical Clinic - contact MFC directly how offering services.
2 8:45 am - Faith & Java / Chapel Classes via Zoom Streaming Live - 10 am - WORSHIP 11 am - Fellowship Zoom 4p - Summer Book Group in-person	3 9-10a - STAR Breakfasts To-Go Open Sanctuary (see page 1) Zoom Meetings - 12:30 - Personnel Team 4p - Missions Ministry Team 7p - Boy/Girl Scouts	4 9a - Building & Grounds Team 2:30p & 4p - Summer Book Groups via Zoom 7p - Knit Wits at Gina's	5 2:30p - Summer Book Group, in-person at Linfield	6 6:30p Music Gathering via Zoom Pastor's Day Off	7 9-10a - STAR Breakfasts To-Go 12n - Bible Study via Zoom Family Movie Night at HWY 99 Drive-in	8
9 8:45 am - Faith & Java / Chapel Classes via Zoom Streaming Live - 10 am - WORSHIP 11 am - Fellowship Zoom 4p - Summer Book Group in-person	10 9-10a - STAR Breakfasts To-Go 7p - Boy/Girl Scouts 7p - Care & Concern via Zoom 7p Together Works via Zoom	11 4p - Pastoral Relations Committee 2:30p & 4p - Summer Book Groups via Zoom	12 2:30p - Summer Book Group, in-person at Linfield 6:30p - Church Board via Zoom	13 9:30a - KnitWits at Gina's 6:30p Music Gathering via Zoom Pastor's Day Off	14 9-10a - STAR Breakfasts To-Go 12n - Bible Study via Zoom	15 9a-1p - McMinnville Free Medical Clinic - contact MFC directly how offering services.
16 8:45 am - Faith & Java / Chapel Classes via Zoom Streaming Live - 10 am - WORSHIP 11 am - Fellowship Zoom 4p - Summer Book Group in-person 5p Virtual Talent Show	17 9-10a - STAR Breakfasts To-Go 6p - Matthew 25 Mtg. 7p - Boy/Girl Scouts	18 2:30p & 4p - Summer Book Groups via Zoom 7p - Knit Wits at Gina's	19 2:30p - Summer Book Group, in-person at Linfield 3p - Membership Committee via Zoom	20 9:30a - KnitWits at Gina's 6:30p Music Gathering via Zoom Pastor's Day Off	21 9-10a - STAR Breakfasts To-Go 12n - Bible Study via Zoom	22
23 / 30 8:45 am - Faith & Java / Chapel Classes via Zoom Streaming Live - 10 am - WORSHIP 11 am - Fellowship Zoom 4p - Summer Book Group in-person	24 / 31 9-10a - STAR Breakfasts To-Go 7p - Boy/Girl Scouts Sunday the 30th Youth Outdoor Movie Night	25 2:30p & 4p - Summer Book Groups via Zoom Open Sanctuary (see page 1)	26 2:30p - Summer Book Group, in-person at Linfield	27 9:30a - KnitWits at Gina's 6:30p Music Gathering via Zoom Pastor's Day Off	28 9-10a - STAR Breakfasts To-Go 12n - Bible Study via Zoom	29

AUGUST Birthdays:

Susan Allen 2
 George Cabrera 2
 Pam Watts 2
 Teresa Fugit 6
 Kristy Blaha 6
 Michael Roberts 8
 Mark Bolden 9
 Eliza Hallett 10
 Tim Duerfeldt 11
 Eli Zimmerman 13
 Jessica Payne 13

Jay Payne 14
 Rowan Clayton 15
 Jennifer Williams 17
 Raina Banu-Clayton 18
 Kathleen Toth 20
 Marcy Anderson 20
 Roz Turner 21
 Cindy Miller 22
 Lauren Anderson 23
 Diane Chladek 25
 John Davis 26
 Jody Purdy 26

Richard Belgard 27
 Frances Huff 27
 John Kerrigan 30

AUGUST Anniversaries:

Bill & Jane Apel 1
HAPPY 50TH!
 Mike & Barbara Burr 1
 Gary & Janet Langenwalter 5
 Jennifer Scott & Russell Weaver 5
 Michael & Margaret Saylor 5
 Charlie & Cherie Walker 7

Neil & Judee Kunze 8
 Dave & BJ Larmouth 10
 Ron & Jennifer Richter 10
 Donna & Richard Weed 12
 Tim & Pat Lynn 13
 Sid Winfield & Chip Topping 17
 Tim & Emily Duerfeldt 20
 Lisa & Helios Ovando 26
 Sheila & Ron Lenker 27
 Richard & Diane Belgard 29
 Gordon Dromgoole & BJ Matthews 30