

The Tidings

FBC's monthly newsletter

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fall
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POWER

THERE & THEN AND HERE & NOW

Our Scripture is old but not outdated, ancient but not irrelevant. In it we find stories of people calling on God's power and calling forth their own, to do good, to confront evil, to make change in their own lives and in their communities.

This fall during worship, we'll meet Biblical characters who engaged with the powers of their time and participated in making and re-making their world. Paying special attention to the Hebrew prophets (in September) and to the life of Jesus (in October and November), we'll ask where power, privilege, protest, and possibility intersect; how we can stay focused on the common good when we're so isolated; and what the wisdom and boldness of our ancestors can teach us for today about using our own power. "Power at its best is love implementing the demands of justice," the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., said; let's spend a season claiming and practicing that kind of power together.

Praying the Papers

"Keep the Bible in one hand and the newspaper in the other."

-theologian Karl Barth, 1886-1968

It can be difficult to read the paper, or listen to the news. With the onslaught of stories about racist violence, the pandemic, and injustices close to home and around the world, it's easy to feel overwhelmed and to want to shut it all off. But our awareness is crucial as we seek to be people of compassion and action, and our spiritual groundedness is necessary if our compassion and action are going to be sustainable. Join this newly-forming group each Wednesday at 4:30 pm for a mid-week time to pause, pay attention, reflect, and direct our prayers toward what needs healing and hope in our world. Bring names, stories, current events you'd like to lift up, and join the conversation on Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85716461392>.



First Baptist Church Board - Members At Large - working for you!

Wayne Beckwith and JoAnn Sims represent YOU on our Church Board. Their task is to bring issues, ideas, concerns and questions you may have about FBC to the Board. Wayne and JoAnn are happy to chat with you over email or by phone if you have something you'd like to have presented to our Church Board. You may contact Wayne at wb.muleskinner@gmail.com or by his cell phone: (503) 899-0123. You may contact JoAnn at joanncsims@gmail.com or by her cell phone: (425) 802-7220. Let us know what's on your mind!

THANK YOU
Barry & Jeanette House
for creating our beautiful
Hanging Baskets!

THANK YOU Bill Millar
A Special Tribute,
see pages 4 & 5

	Actual for Period	% of Amount Budgeted
Contributions Income:	\$200,992	103.1%
Total Income:	\$225,216	101.8%
Total Expenses:	\$199,893	90.4%
Net Income:	\$ 25,323	

Financial Update: We are so grateful!

Don Watson has faithfully served as FBC treasurer for two terms and is passing the baton to me. Gratefully, Don is still willing to remain as Assistant Treasurer and training master as I step into his very impressive shoes! I ask for your patience and understanding as I take on this new challenge as your FBC Treasurer.

Fortunately, your contributions and gifts have remained steady and even surpassed our budgeted figures. Thank you all so much for your continued support as we join in our worship time virtually. As Don mentioned in his last Tidings report, building usage has decreased and with this, the expenses of running the building have been reduced as well.

Additionally, staff costs for this period have slightly decreased with the child care staff not working, and the Music Director was hired two months after the year had elapsed.

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 or need help signing up, please contact Martha VanCleave (mvcleave@linfield.edu), Don Watson (donjw@comcast.net) or Barbara Burr (barbaracoleburr@gmail.com).

Finance Committee: Barbara Burr (treasurer), Martha VanCleave, Judee Kunze, Don Watson, Roger Dell, Jane Apel

Church Board Notes - August 12, via Zoom

Georgine Benner reported on Worship & Community Engagement. We discussed and agreed that Worship would continue on Facebook Live for the time being.

Barbara Nelson, reporting on Membership, lead a discussion of the challenges in tracking Church attendance through the online form (the new "red book"). The Board provided feedback for the committee to aid in its continuing efforts to make sure that viewers notice the form and be able to fill it out.

Tai James reported groups that fall under the purview of Faith Formation are still meeting, but not meeting as often, and the groups are generally smaller. Even so, Faith Formation is looking into and working on forming a new group –a mom’s group–which Martha Van Cleave has volunteered to mentor. There appears to be a need for such a group during the pandemic.

Myra Huff, our new head of Children and Youth, reports that she is meeting with Sean to figure out how the committee and Sean can and should work together to serve the youth of the Church.

Steve Howard updated us on the continued progress by Buildings & Grounds with the Wi-Fi, phones, and security camera installation.

Don Watson, now our assistant treasurer but still doing so much for FBC, filled in for Barbara Burr providing

good news—our year-to-date income is slightly ahead of goal, and expenses are down a little due to COVID.

During discussion of old business, the Board discussed the needs created by COVID, agreeing to meet online for at least one more month and continuing to permit people to attend CB meetings. JoAnn & Wayne agreed to get the word out so we could arrange invites for anybody who would like to attend. The Board also agreed to postpone the annual "Board Retreat"— an annual, lengthy meeting when the board sets goals and discusses present & future needs of the congregation.

We are still without a chair for the Stewardship Committee. Erika is presently engaging with a potential candidate, but if you feel called to such a position, please contact me.

Under new business, the Board authorized Marilyn Crouser to draft a letter reflecting those approved by the Board to conduct business on the Church's behalf with First Federal Savings & Loan.

Finally, we discussed the fact, there's a relatively new member to the Church who is a hospice chaplain. The Board decided to invite him to our next meeting to meet him and discuss what he does, with an eye toward the possibility of endorsing him and his service.

See you next week online, and next month right here.
-- Dave Ferry

*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:

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This fall's sermon series invites us to explore how power in lots of different forms, wielded for good and for ill, throughout scripture and in our own time (see page 1 for more details).

In September, we'll look at a defiant queen, a repentant king, and a wild-eyed prophet, to see what their stories have to say still today. Thanks for continuing to tune in on your screens; thanks for sending your faces on paper to the sanctuary. We're grateful to be community in all the ways we can these days.

September 6, Communion Sunday "Belonging and Blessing"

Romans 12:3-18

Rev. Erika Marksburly preaching

This Labor Day Sunday, we'll honor the work that we all do - in our homes, at our workplaces, around our communities, with and for our loved ones, and on behalf of those we may never meet. Bring something to your worship space that symbolizes the work you do, and make sure you have something to eat and drink for our time of communion.

September 13

"The Power of Reading the Room"

Esther 1:1-12

Rev. Erika Marksburly preaching

This Back-to-School Sunday Sean, our Children's & Youth Minister, will lead a Blessing of the Backpacks & Devices for all our students, to start off this new academic year surrounded by support and wrapped in love.

September 20

"The Power of Confession"

Psalm 51:1-17

Rev. Erika Marksburly preaching

September 27

"The Power of Telling It Like It Is"

Amos 4:1-5, 5:11-15

Rev. Erika Marksburly preaching

 As we do our best to experience a service outdoors this week, I thought it would be a fun time to talk about my camp experience.

I grew up going to a United Methodist Church camp called Magruder, in Rockaway Beach. Third grade through my freshman year of high school, I went every summer. It was a wonderland for a kid; it was close to the beach, and had a lake. There was hiking, an amazing rope swing, tie-dye, huge recreational fields for games, and perhaps my favorite activity: campfire.

Campfire was a magical time. There were many fire pits around camp, and the setting was surrounded by trees and coastal nature. You could almost always hear the ocean, and fellowship was extra special. Stories, scripture, skits, and my favorite and perhaps most formative activity, the SONGS.

Some of my favorites include:

Peace Like a River, Lord of the Dance, the Papaya Song, and I am the Resurrection. What are some of your favorites? As we say goodbye to summer, I would really like to feature some of these in our services in September.

Jesse Cromer,
Director of Music Ministries

Thursday Music Rehearsals:
Hand Bell Choir -
upstairs Music Room, 5:30 pm
Music Zoom - from your home, 6:30 pm
Worship Team - in the Sanctuary, 7:30 pm



"Isaiah: A Prophet Within the System" was the subject of his 1st class.

I have been asked to reflect on highlights of the past 36 years of my leading the Berean class, having returned to McMinnville to teach at Linfield in 1984. I was invited to participate in the Berean class by Craig Singletary, a longtime friend and mentor from my earlier days as a student at Linfield.

We left our discussion this spring in March 2020, with Moses leading a band of corvée laborers, defacto slaves, out of Egypt. As FBC moved online, Robert Coote, our author guide, was interpreting the plagues of antiquity as God's means of bringing down the systemic injustice of Pharaoh's empire. We were thus primed to engage—in the social context of our own pandemic—Moses' preparations to make the trek across the desert from events at the Sea, to God's mountain at Sinai where the community would receive an alternate vision of community formation with its contrasting vision of the value of human life and justice.

That core event has informed our conversations over the years at multiple levels as each of us, individually and collectively, have been involved in our contemporary versions of those two visions of community: Empire/ versus the Biblical alternative. I offer some illustrations.

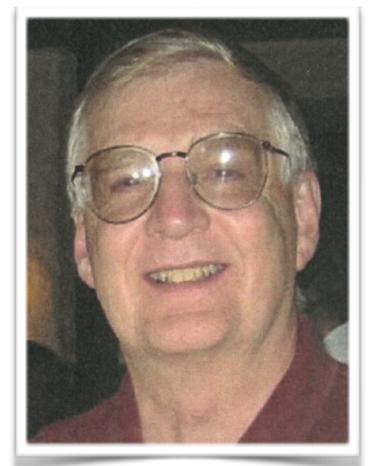
In the 80s we drew energy from the Jesus Seminar and the publication of their work on the parables. Their theory was that church folk and professional scholars could learn from each other. They openly debated portions of the New Testament attributed to Jesus. Did Jesus actually say what is claimed he said? Or are some of the Jesus-passages really the voice of the Gospel writers and others? Their publications are color-coded in such a manner, so we could identify and discuss the issues and then vote among ourselves—which we did.

Coming up on the millennium, Marcus Borg organized a "God at 2000" for the region at OSU which brought together a number of well-known people to offer their thoughts on God: Joan Chittister, Bishop Tutu, Karen Armstrong, Marcus Borg, and the like. What we learned was that people from multiple faith traditions can reason profoundly about God. We gathered tapes from the event and explored our own thinking about God. It allowed us to rediscover that we and the Bible have many pictures of God: God the Father, the Judge, the Shepherd, the Warrior, the King, the Husband, etc. The images shift as our focus moves to the full story that is being told.

With 9/11/2001, it became imperative that we become informed about Islam. This led to our reading of Reza Aslan, No god but God. Aslan immigrated to the US from Iran in 1979. From this conversation we learned that the Koran contains stories of Mary & Jesus, indeed they are heroes within Islamic tradition. This encourages us to think in terms of 3 Abrahamic faiths: Judaism, Christianity, & Islam. We are kinfolk who have much to share.

So much more could be said in the spirit of Moses' trek from the Sea to Sinai in our quest for the biblical alternative vision of community to Pharaoh's Empire. Herb Anderson introduced us to the J writer, or Yahwist, the first historian of David's court, who took us clear back to the Sumerians; we've discussed the impact of oral and written tradition on the creation of the Biblical text; we have followed the leadership of Elaine Pagels and Phyllis Tickle on the complex years of early church formation leading to the conversion of the Roman Emperor Constantine.

I've been blessed more than I can say having the conversation partners that have made up the Berean class over the years. Phyllis Tickle says that every 500 years a culture goes through a transformation period guided by the Spirit. I believe we are going through such a period now. And I also believe that FBC, as evidenced by groups reading books by such as Ibram X. Kendi and hearing the wisdom from Erika from the likes of Teresa of Avila, we are in touch with the wisdom emanating from Sinai. I thank you for the journey and the gift of the class. - Bill Millar



- > Two thoughts immediately come to mind about Bill's leadership of Bereans. His openness to opposing ideas, even to the point of encouraging crazy 'art' displays, and his ability to bring Biblical knowledge to make a point for a current situation. Bill, thank you so much for all the years of huge effort you gifted us. - **Wayne Beckwith**
- > What a joy it was to look forward to Berean Class on Sunday mornings. Dr. Bill Millar was so knowledgeable and informative that it gave those of us who attended an entirely new awareness to the Bible. From the early meetings when we followed scholars in voting on which part of the parables and words of Jesus were accurate, to the study of the latest books on religion, we were led by Bill who helped us to gain a better grasp of religion. I will be forever grateful to Bill for sharing with us. - **Marilyn Crouser**
- > On my first Sunday at the Bereans class, Bill asked each of us our definition of "God". Fifteen years later I've changed my definition of "God" four times and working on a fifth. Bill Millar changed my life. - **Danny Browne**
- > Bill has been instrumental in my understanding of spirituality across a wide spectrum and opening my mind to spiritual beauty. I am grateful for his perspectives. Thank you Bill! - **Bob Crawford**
- > Bill Miller is an extremely well versed biblical scholar. His knowledge of the bible and the history of ancient times is incredible. Bill's class led me through a journey of spiritual identification and it allowed me to think outside the box. - **Lee Howard**
- > In Bill's class we read, discussed, and were challenged by ideas we didn't expect to encounter in a "Baptist Church". Over the years, we got to know and share perspectives with such diverse thinkers. What a journey! Thanks, Bill! - **Judee and Neil Kunze**
- > The breadth and depth of Bill's biblical knowledge is remarkable. He fed my thirsty soul. Having attended the Boston University School of Theology in 2002-2004, I didn't think I would again experience the pure joy I found in theological discussions with professors and eager, questioning students. However, my soul rejoiced when I had that same experience right here in McMinnville. The Berean class has been an inspiring Sunday school class with a nationally noted professor and eager, questioning students. Thank you, Bill! - **Janet Langenwalter**
- > Bill Millar showed me what anthropologists have uncovered as they studied the time and culture of the Bible. "Can you imagine a pregnant woman in her ninth month walking or riding on the back of a donkey from McMinnville to Portland"? - **Tom Meicho**
- > Bill Millar explained scriptures and culture that I could understand. - **Jean Meicho**
- > I became a dedicated class member of Bill Millar's class because he taught a class that combined human history and archaeology in explaining the role of Christianity in the evolution of humanity. - **Helen Redbird-Smith**
- > Bill provided me with an incredible background of history, culture, and theological evolution. His keen intellect awakened in me an ever increasing appreciation of the Bible and the essence of its meaning in my life. Thank you Bill. - **JoAnn Sims**
- > Bill's academic abilities and knowledge of historical and geopolitical matters made the classes quite informative. Because of this, class discussions were often very interesting. Thanks! - **Larry Sims**
- > Bill Millar's class opened me to a deep exploration of my faith. He created an environment in which long-held beliefs could be questioned and new ideas examined. My spiritual life is richer because of his leadership and inspiration. - **Martha VanCleave**
- > The EARLY YEARS. Each Sunday Noel Martin waited with anticipation for your teaching the Bereans. Thank you Bill for expanding our minds over these many years. - **Mary Martin**
- > Every Berean's class was special because Bill's knowledge and understanding of early Church history is so complete. His comments and interpretation of whatever we were studying made the difference, and listening to him was a rare and wonderful experience. - **Charlie Walker**
- > The Berean Class was a "mind-expanding" experience. Bill introduced new ways of looking at every aspect of the traditional parts of our Christian heritage. An intellectual delight! - **Cherie Walker**
- > Bill's classes have given me new ways of thinking about the nature of God, and the relationship between God and humanity. Bill helped me find an approach to the divine that is informed by both the heart and the intellect. He also introduced the idea of thinking of "God" as a verb. - **Doug Verigin**

If you would like to send your own response to Bill, here is his contact information:
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Getting to Know Our First Baptist Church Family

ROB SCHULMAN was born and raised in Long Beach, CA, alongside an older brother. He attended both Public School and Hebrew School. At 13, he was Bar Mitzvahed and at 16 took Confirmation. He was taught how to read ancient Hebrew from the Torah, and to speak some Modern Hebrew. In his graduating class from H.S. there were 1,400 seniors, and Rob says, he couldn't wait to get out of Long Beach.



After graduation, he went to Israel to live with an Aunt and Uncle and cousins. He worked for his Uncle in the import-export business for a time. His Aunt was a survivor of Auschwitz, never wanting to talk about that time in her life. After a year, he went to live on a Kibbutz, as a volunteer, with 18 others, from 11 different countries, meeting many interesting people.

Rob then toured Europe for two years, including Greece and Italy, where he bought a Camping Van. Next, he went to Germany where he lived on an American Army Base in Oberammergau, home of the famous Passion Play, held every 10 years. Rob had a civilian job as a bartender in the Officer's Club. One famous visitor: Henry Kissinger! Rob lived in the army barracks, built by the Nazis.

On his return to the U.S., he attended and graduated from Chico State with a degree in Agriculture. After graduation he was recruited by the Peace Corp and sent to the Congo, where he taught Agriculture. This was near Angola, very remote, without running water, electricity or radio. While there he got deathly ill, and had to be transported out by Land Rover and then to an airfield, and finally, sent back to DC, where he was treated and told to stay near a hospital!

Instead, he returned to Europe: on to France for two years, teaching English in a Catholic School. He lived with a French family and learned to speak French, fluently. In late 1980, he went back to southern California and worked for a YMCA after-school program and for one year for an international chemical company. From 1984-1987, he lived on Whidbey Island, WA, teaching middle school special ed.

In 1987, Rob came to Linfield College to get his Masters in Education. He worked at Linfield part-time for 12 years in his favorite Teaching job ever, working for Upward Bound, a Federal Program. His boss was wonderful and really valued Life Experiences in her teachers. She said, "Teach it anyway you want, just TELL US WHAT YOU'RE DOING."

In 1989 he met the love of his life, his future wife, Pat Crissey, who taught Special Ed. Pat had three school age children, and she and Rob have been together 31 years!

It was while Rob was at Linfield that he met both Bill Millar and Bill Apel, and heard about FBC. At first, Rob attended the Bereans, and later, Faith and Java. When Reed Sheard, who taught the class, moved away in 2004, Rob took over the class and held the position until this year. Rob was an inspirational, compassionate facilitator for Faith and Java and really valued each and every participant. We are so grateful for his dedication and care for so many years.

Because of Rob's interest in both the courtroom and Social Psychology, he started his own Trial consulting Business in 1992, followed later by another consulting company, involving Strategic Planning for engineers and manufacturers. He retired in 2008.

Today, Rob and Pat have 6 grandchildren. Of their 3 adult children, two have spouses from Thailand and the 3rd is married to an Aussie. One grandchild is adopted from Africa, two live in Western Australia and five of them speak Thai so Rob says, it's like they have their own United Nations! The families now live in Alaska, Washington and Western Australia.

Rob's hobbies are playing golf, traveling and studying Theoretical Physics. He is in touch with professors from all over the world and figures he has spent 9,000 hours of study and communication. In 2013 Rob developed a Unified Field Theory that received interest from a number of physicists in the U.S. and Israel. Rob also plays guitar and writes his own music. FBC is blessed that he shares his music during worship from time to time.

Rob was fun to interview and here are some interesting numbers he shared with me:

14 Skin Cancer Surgeries, Visited **39** Countries, Owned **42** cars and **6** Motorcycles, his favorites being: a **1974** Cadillac Sedan DeVille, and his most recent, a Honda Pilot that drives itself!, Golfing, made **6** Holes-in-**1** and **1** Double Eagle. Rob is thankful for being part of our FBC Family.

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MARY BAKER grew up in the small town of Yoncalla, Oregon (between Eugene and Roseburg.) She enjoyed growing up with an older brother, her twin brother Larry, and a younger sister. Her family had a large farm where she learned from her parents the importance of perseverance and a commitment to hard work. Mary started milking cows at age 5, picked walnuts and filberts in their big orchard and baled more hay than you can imagine. Mary learned at an early age to drive a tractor and a pickup on the farm's fields. She rode horses which sparked an interest in 4-H, which was led by her parents. On most Saturdays through high school she worked at her dad's feed store.

Following the example of her parents who were very involved in the local Methodist Church, Mary loved singing in the church choir and playing the piano. Seeing how much Mary loved music, her mom started her in a tapdancing class, and she has loved dancing ever since. She was a cheerleader and played trumpet and drums in the high school band.

Mary was married at 19 and has two wonderful sons, Alan and Rick. She loves her four amazing grandchildren – two in McMinnville and 2 in Kirkland, WA. She took classes to be a nurse, but changed her mind to become a Realtor in 1976. So in 1978, Mary and her husband decided to move to McMinnville and open up a real estate office with his cousin. Moving to McMinnville was the best decision she ever made! Mary has been active in McMinnville Soroptimists for over 25 years.

In 1979, when her son Rick wanted to be a Boy Scout, she met Ken Rogers, the scout leader who told her about FBC. That same year her family started attending FBC. Ken and Anita, his wife, became like family to the Bakers. In the early years of attending FBC, Mary sang in the choir and was active in a number of women's groups including American Baptist Women's Ministry. She enjoyed serving as the Wedding Coordinator along side Anita Rogers, and then became that ministry leader. The last wedding she coordinated was for JP and Amelia Bierly. One of her favorite memories of FBC was in 1984, when FBC asked if anyone could draw a picture of the church building to be on the cover of the handout that was given to all new members. Her son Rick's drawing was accepted and used on the handout for years. Mary has loved being a part of the FBC hiking group since it began, as she has always had a love of nature. For the last 20 or more years, Mary has served as a Greeter (what we used to call ushers) for our Sunday worship services, and became the coordinator of this ministry. She really misses 'greeting' the FBC family with services currently on Facebook.

Mary is keeping fairly busy during the pandemic with her Real Estate business, Premiere Property Group, where she is proud to be a partner with her son Alan in their small downtown McMinnville office. She has been making improvements in her back yard and has recently resumed listening to great music and dancing at local outdoor music concerts put on under tall trees and fresh air so they can be at a safe distance. "I feel so blessed to live in this beautiful community and I sure look forward to seeing everyone again in person!"

The FBC Membership Ministry Team exists to welcome, celebrate and engage members and friends of the church, as well as assist staff to encourage and celebrate a deeper connection to the church through membership. And the team - Barbara Nelson, Sean P. Williams, Susan Chambers, Judee Kunze, and Martha VanCleave - continue to work to figure out how to best do this in these different times that we are living. If you have a question, idea, or need, please let us know!

I would like to take you on a mental journey . . .



Close your eyes and visualize the most beautiful place you have ever seen.



Now open your eyes.

Did you picture a view from a mountain or looking at a mountain?

Did you see the ocean with rolling or crashing waves?

Or, like me, did you envision a beautiful waterfall?



The Climate Action Committee members are passionate about these places and many more. We are also passionate about the less beautiful places: the garbage dump, the strip mine, and the polluted lake. We care because this Earth is precious and we humans are using it in ways that kill animals, plants AND people.

Social Justice is another reason we care about our climate. Did you know that the lower your socio-economic class, the more likely you are to bear the brunt of climate change? Our friends in Nicaragua are already experiencing hazards associated with climate change including extreme heat. Thirty percent of Nicaraguans are employed in agriculture. Extreme and unpredictable weather causes crop damage and animal death. This leads to malnutrition, less money for other "luxuries" like medical care, clean drinking water, and political instability.

Communities of Color are also under attack from climate change and environmental degradation. These communities are more likely to live near toxic facilities, more likely to face flooding, more likely to suffer during severe weather events, and less likely to have access to good housing and drinking water.

So, what can we do? We can get involved and support local and national agencies and politicians that prioritize preserving our climate and the environment. We can choose to use energy more wisely in our personal lives. We can do an Energy Audit on our Church to see where First Baptist can save energy. An Energy Audit can create a win-win-win for First Baptist. It will allow us to see where our energy is being used. This way the church leadership can make sound choices. We are already on our way with our LED light retrofit! Some other churches in Mac are exploring solar photo-voltaic panels to lower their energy usage. From my work I know that conservation is ALWAYS the most cost-effective and easy place to start using less. Saving energy saves money. A more energy efficient church will also be more comfortable during extreme heat or cold weather events. Finally, it will lower our carbon footprint which helps slow down climate change. -- written by Lara O'Brady, lara_obraady@yahoo.com

Are you interested in learning more about Climate Action? We meet on the second Monday of each month at 6:30 pm via Zoom. Here is the information and link: Meeting ID: 979 7110 1532 - Password: 5bHCk0 <https://zoom.us/j/97971101532?pwd=bHVjR2N6QTZhL0Z6OENxK3RQZWZ6Zz09>



A Family Place Is Meeting Urgent Needs

The pandemic has brought increased challenges for us all, but for families already struggling, the support provided by A Family Place has been critical. Since the program was shut down in March, A Family Place has been able to do the following due to the generous support from donors and the efforts of exceptional volunteers and partner organizations:

- They're delivering over 200 meals and food boxes weekly to high-stressed families who have been struggling with extreme food insecurity for the past several months. You may have seen wine boxes that are filled with food (not wine) at the FBC Washington Street entrance!
- The drive through diaper bank, virtual home visiting, and enrichment box delivery programs continue to serve as a lifeline for over 400 previously isolated children and families.
- Since Yamhill County started re-opening, the Relief Nursery has begun to provide respite care to the most stressed families in the program. This care has been mostly provided on the FBC playground using free meals offered by the public schools this summer.
- Beginning the week of September 21, A Family Place will be getting all the kids into a classroom time-slot once a week...a scaled down model of the pre-pandemic program. Modified to comply with new regulations, breakfast and lunch meals will resume being prepared in the FBC kitchen.



The silver lining of the ongoing Covid crisis is that collective community efforts are working! While an unprecedented number of new families have reached out, desperate for help, this time has allowed A Family Place to build relationships with high-stress families who might have otherwise remained in the shadows. But what is around the corner for these families?

With continued community support A Family Place finds hope. With enduring partnerships, A Family Place will meet the forecasted surge in childhood trauma head on. With steadfast generosity they will develop relationships with newly-introduced families and gently transition them to enhanced countywide programs with increased capacity at two new locations. Existing Relief Nurseries

are currently located in Newberg and McMinnville (at FBC). A West Valley Relief Nursery remains on track to open in late 2020. At the east end of the valley where location and square footage has severely limited the number of children who can be served, a generous grant from the Austin Family Foundation has allowed A Family Place to build momentum toward the final phase of their countywide expansion.

Please keep A Family Place in your prayers as they are constantly adapting to keep everyone safe while trying to meet the needs of families in the program. For more information and to find a current wish list of needed items, please visit the website at www.familyplacelerelief.org. Sean Williams is the FBC liaison with A Family Place, so if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Sean for a referral to someone at A Family Place.





We've decided to take it one month at a time this fall as the McMinnville Youth Collective, so here are our youth plans for Sundays this month!

MYC Gathering

monthly in-person event Sunday, **September 13** from 3-4:30 pm
Nine Square in the Air & Serendipity on the First Presbyterian lawn

High School Youth Group

September 20 from 5-6 pm via Zoom

Middle School Youth Group

September 27 from 5-6 pm via Zoom



On Sunday, September 13 during worship on Facebook Live we will do a special blessing of the backpacks AND devices for all children and youth as the new school year begins.

At the beginning of September we will mail backpack tags and device stickers to all families. Then join us for a special blessing during the children's story as we remind all our children & youth that **YOU ARE LOVED.**



Our Dismantling Racism class for youth begins soon!

The goal is to help youth connect faith with racial healing in our communities.

The class will happen on Tuesdays, September 15 through October 20 from 7-8:30 pm.

We will meet in-person, with masks and social distancing, at First Baptist Church.

Reviewing the parents meeting video and answering a set of intro questions is required in order to participate. Please contact Sean if interested.

SUMMER 2020

Here are some photos from our in-person game night with the youth in the FBC sanctuary in July!

We played "I Dissent" & "Do You Know Me?" all while social distancing & with masks! Plus we each got our own pizza for dinner. :)

We also did a summer kickoff with yard games and a water balloon fight at the Toth's and an outdoor movie night at the Toth's.

And we had a virtual trivia night and virtual movie night, both on Zoom.

Plus every week we delivered care packages and visited with several youth outside of their homes.

It was definitely different than any other summer but was still full of fun and meaningful time together!





Keep in touch with your church family!

There are many FBC Committees, Classes, and Small Groups continuing to use Zoom to meet, stay connected and have good discussions. Join one or more!

FBC BIKE RIDE - Saturday, Sept. 12

Meet in Amity City Park at 9:00 am



A fun way to spend quality time with family and friends and get some great exercise. Bring a water bottle, lunch snacks, and wear your helmet! Some gravel roads, best for ages 14+.

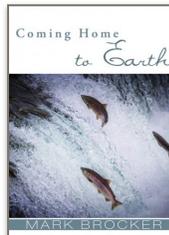
Sunday Faith & Java Class - 8:45 am via Zoom

Contact: Barbara Burr, barbaracoleburr@gmail.com.
Join this thoughtful discussion with friends.

Sunday Chapel Class - 8:45 am via Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86070684306?pwd=NHNtVmRvZEdvRkRrWVlxOEJRC3BwQT09>

The Chapel Class will be discussing *Coming Home to Earth* by Mark Brocker from September 13 through October 25. Rev. Brocker's foundation is Genesis 1:31. "God saw everything God had made and indeed, it was very good." He calls for a third great commandment: "You shall love the creation" along with God and neighbor. Rev. Brocker is pastor of St. Andrew Lutheran Church (ELCA), Beaverton and was President of the International Bonhoeffer Society (English Language Section). Books are available from Gary Langenwalter. Join us on Zoom at 8:45 am for a stimulating conversation. Questions? Call Gary at 971-221-8155 or send a note via email: gary@portlandconsultinggroup.com



Sunday mornings following Worship . . .

Congregational Fellowship - 11 am via Zoom

Zoom Meeting ID - 84167771310, password - 297765
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84167771310?pwd=ZXFpUFpoV2ZiYUdlQ3lvRXdiRkYyQT09>

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.

Climate Action Group - via Zoom

Continues to meet the 2nd Monday, each month at 6:30 pm. All are welcome to join us in discussing relevant issues.
Contact: Lara O'Brady, lara_obrady@yahoo.com
<https://zoom.us/j/97971101532?pwd=bHVjR2N6QTZhL0Z6OENxK3ROZWZ6Zz09>
Password: 5bHXk0

Senior Breakfast - NOT currently meeting

Will resume once we can meet together safely.
1st Wednesday each month we gather for breakfast at the American Legion Post 21 (126 NE Atlantic St).
Contact: Gina Foster, 971-237-2789

Meditation Practice - NOT currently meeting

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

Sister Circle - via Zoom

Continuing to keep in touch via email/phone and Zoom.
Contact: Sherill Roberts, shrobert@linfield.edu

Sew & Sos - meeting in-person

Weekly opportunities for 1-2 to sew at a distance together.
Contact: Susan Chambers, susanlanechambers@gmail.com

PM Knit Wits - meeting in-person, Sept. 1 & 15

Meeting 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7-9 pm, at Gina's home.
Contact: Gina Foster, 971-237-2789

AM Knit Wits - meeting in-person, Sept. 3 & 17

Meeting 1st & 3rd Thursdays at 10 am, at Gina's home.
Contact: Gina Foster, 971-237-2789

Gluten Free Friends - NOT currently meeting

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

Men's Breakfast - NOT currently meeting

We plan to resume gatherings when safe.
Contact: Neil Kunze, kunze@sou.edu

COMING SOON... a new MOM'S GROUP!

All moms are welcome, beginning in September.
Join us via Zoom on Wednesday, September 2 via Zoom to discuss meeting times and hopes/desires for this group.
Contact: Sean P. Williams, sean@fbcmac.org
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89987188703>

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Aug. 31 12:30p - Personnel Committee via Zoom	1 7p - Knit Wits at Gina's	2	3 10a - Knit Wits at Gina's 6:30p Music Gathering via Zoom Pastor's Day Off	4 9-10a - STAR Breakfasts To-Go 12n - Bible Study via Zoom	5 McMinnville Free Medical Clinic closed Contact directly 971-261-6128 for services providing.
6 8:45 am - Faith & Java / Chapel Classes via Zoom Streaming Live - 10 am - WORSHIP 11 am - Fellowship Zoom	7 FBC OFFICE & STAR closed for Holiday 	8 9a - Building & Grounds Team	9 4:30p - Conversations via Zoom (see cover) 'Praying the Papers' 6:30p - Church Board via Zoom	10 6:30p Music Gathering via Zoom Pastor's Day Off	11 9-10a - STAR Breakfasts To-Go 12n - Bible Study via Zoom	12 FBC BIKE RIDE 9 am - Amity City Park
13 8:45 am - Faith & Java / Chapel Classes via Zoom Streaming Live - 10 am - WORSHIP 11 am - Fellowship Zoom 3 pm - MYC Nine Square 4 pm - Antiracist Bk Group follow-up mtg (in-person)	14 9-10a - STAR Breakfasts To-Go 4p - Missions Team in Chambers' yard Meetings via Zoom: 6:30p - Climate Action 7p - Together Works	15 4p - Antiracist Book Group follow-up meeting (virtual) 7p - Knit Wits at Gina's	16 3p - Membership Committee via Zoom 4:30p - Conversations via Zoom (see cover) 'Praying the Papers'	17 10a - Knit Wits at Gina's 6:30p Music Gathering via Zoom Pastor's Day Off	18 9-10a - STAR Breakfasts To-Go 12n - Bible Study via Zoom	19 McMinnville Free Medical Clinic closed Contact directly 971-261-6128 for services providing.
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27 8:45 am - Faith & Java / Chapel Classes via Zoom Streaming Live - 10 am - WORSHIP 11 am - Fellowship Zoom 5-6 pm - MS Youth Zoom	28 9-10a - STAR Breakfasts To-Go 6p - Matthew 25 Mtg 7p Together Works via Zoom 7p - Boy/Girl Scouts	29 6:30 pm - Cub Scouts	30 4:30p - Conversations via Zoom (see cover) 'Praying the Papers'	<p>O hushed October morning mild, Thy leaves have ripened to the fall; Tomorrow's wind, if it be wild, Should waste them all. - Robert Frost</p> 		

SEPTEMBER Birthdays:

Nadya King 2
Vickie Cartwright 4
Millie Boggie 6
Cliff Watts 7
Kerry Ballati 10
Peggi Lilly 14
Donna Weed 14
Michael Burr 15
Annabelle Pacheco 19
Michael Saylor 19
Gregg Hendricks 17
Jeanette House 20
Carl Aplin 21
Jen Linder 23

Brian Anderson 23
Louis Jacobs 23
Dianne Belgard 24
Kim Kushner Dominguez 24
Marilyn Switzer 24
Sue Brandt 24
Tim Lynn 25
Rob Porter 25
Pat Crissey 27
Judee Kunze 27
Sidonie Winfield 27
Hunter Buck 29
Steve Howrad 29

SEPTEMBER Anniversaries:

Tom & Jean Meicho 1
HAPPY 70th
David & Debbie Ferry 2
Marvin & Donna King 4
Jace Early & Jan Whipp 5
Don & Laura Christensen 10
Walt & LeeAnn Parry 11
Scott & Susan Chambers 15
Paul & Cheryl Polte 18
Darrell & Molly Eacret 25
Jordan Robinson & Megan McCrossin 27
Russell Mark & Michael Bone 30

**FBC Office Hours: 9a-12n
Monday -to- Friday**

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