

# The Tidings

FBC's monthly newsletter

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## 2021 Annual Stewardship Campaign *An Anchor in Turbulent Times*

It is with joy, hope, and gratitude that we invite you, once again, to support the work for FBC through our annual stewardship campaign.

The past year has been turbulent in many ways! It is easy to feel off balance as life changes around us. Throughout this year and for the past 153 years, First Baptist Church has been an anchor, providing steady, reliable, faithful support. For this reason, we have chosen to name the 2021 Campaign "An Anchor in Turbulent Times."

About two weeks ago, each of you received a letter from the Stewardship Committee informing you how to make your commitment of financial support to the FBC operating budget. With this request, we ask for your prayerful consideration of your giving for the year of 2021. There are so many ways in which you, the parishioners of FBC, bring hope into the world by giving generously of your time, talent, and treasure.

Over the next few weeks, you will hear short messages from several members of the congregation, sharing how FBC has been an anchor in their lives and in our community.

The Committee would like to thank you for your past support. Your generosity allows us to continue to be an anchor of caring and community for all.

*-Lee Howard, Tai James, Neil Kunze, Russell Mark, & Don Watson*



Top-bottom: Ken Piontek and Cherie Walker beautified our inner courtyard; Zorissa James crafted decor for our van for the Pride Parade; Care & Concern created "Soul Care packages" for everyone.



Top-bottom: Sky Beckwith grew the pumpkins we used as thinking-of-you reminders; we opened the building to give houseless neighbors some relief during the smoky air; the annual FBC campout brought friends together.

## An Ecumenical THANKSGIVING WORSHIP Wednesday, November 25th, 7:00 pm

**In these difficult times, what do we have to be grateful for? How can naming that nourish and sustain us?**

This service, exploring those questions, will feature a collection of voices from First Baptist Church, First Presbyterian Church, McMinnville Cooperative Ministries, and St. Barnabas Episcopal Church. Tune into <https://www.facebook.com/firstbaptistmac/> at the time named above to watch and comment together, or access the video anytime after this airing to watch when it fits your schedule.

	Actual for Period	% of Amount Budgeted
Contributions Income:	\$250,525	100.0%
Total Income:	\$280,912	98.8%
Total Expenses:	\$255,363	89.8%
Net Income:	\$ 25,549	

## Financial Update:

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 ([mvccleave@linfield.edu](mailto:mvccleave@linfield.edu)), Don Watson ([donjw@comcast.net](mailto:donjw@comcast.net)) or Barbara Burr ([barbaracoleburr@gmail.com](mailto:barbaracoleburr@gmail.com)).

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

## Church Board Notes - October 14

Hello FBC community. I miss you all. I am going to get to the part where I tell you what the Board has been up to, but first, I am going to take advantage of my position to communicate more personally to the community that I miss. How is everybody doing?

These are interesting times, that we know. We're in the middle of a presidential election, in a pandemic, shortly after wildfires destroyed quite a chunk of our state. Not easy times for any of us. It's been hard not to let worries and stress drive me to distraction frequently & significantly several times, and that's just today. If you are having a particularly hard time, either because of one of the above reasons, or any other, lean on your FBC family and let us help.

*FBC has been an anchor in turbulent times for many years for many people.* And it is here for all of us during these turbulent times. The office is open. The building is open sometimes, but phone calls and electronic messages are probably the best way to make contact right now. So feel free to call me, Pastor Erika, the office, or anybody else around here that you feel the need to. I freely speak for your whole community (with a great deal of confidence in my assumptions that I am accurately reflecting it) - we welcome your contact and we want to help.

I'm getting through this time with a lot of help myself, but I have been quite fortunate. I've been blessed with good and supportive management at work, and blessed to still have work. I have been required to work from home for months, which is a mixed blessing, but I cannot complain when so many people do not have work at all. So I am thankful. Debbie and the kids are doing well, all healthy, all managing their modified work/school environments.

Nobody gets through unscathed—Logan is missing his senior year in high school; everybody is missing their friends. But we know that we have been fortunate, so we are available to give more this year and **support FBC so it can be an even stronger anchor for those who have not been as fortunate.**

If you've been fortunate like me, and want to communicate your ability and willingness to help more, of course we will appreciate that contact. But if you have been less fortunate, and things are hard, we also welcome that opportunity to help and support you. **As a church community, we all work together to make FBC the anchor that it is.** Sometimes we are in the position of being able to help solidify that support. And sometimes we have need of it ourselves. That is how FBC works, and I appreciate all of you for continuing to keep making that so.

So what was the Board up to at its recent meeting? It's budget time, always challenging to try to prioritize all the good things that the Church wants to accomplish against the resources that we expect to have available, and it is particularly challenging to predict things (an unavoidable part of budgeting) in a rather unpredictable time. We had some productive preliminary discussions, the budget committee is well underway, and the stewardship committee has likely already contacted you. It's an ongoing process. You will be getting more information in the coming weeks.

We also had the pleasurable task of admitting a couple of new members, one of my favorite things to do during a Board meeting.

And that's all I have room for this month. Remember, FBC is your community. And it is here for all of us.

- Dave Ferry, FBC Church Board Moderator

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](mailto:barbaracoleburr@gmail.com))  
Chapel (to connect, contact  
[gary@portlandconsultinggroup.com](mailto:gary@portlandconsultinggroup.com))

10:00 am - WORSHIP streaming live:  
[www.facebook.com/firstbaptistmac/](http://www.facebook.com/firstbaptistmac/)

## November 1

### All Saints' Day

#### Communion Sunday

#### "The Power of Doing it Yourself"

Mark 6:30-44, Rev. Erika Marksburly preaching

## November 8

#### "The Power of Being Present"

Mark 9:1-9, Rev. Erika Marksburly preaching

## November 15

#### "The Power of Knowing What's Possible"

Mark 10:17-27, Rev. Erika Marksburly preaching  
with music from *BOOTLEG JAM* (the bluegrass  
trio of Joel Kiff, Rob Higgins, & Dave Sumner)

## November 22

#### Stewardship Sunday

#### "The Power of Knowing Our Own Power"

Mark 11:27-33, Rev. Erika Marksburly preaching

## Wednesday, November 24, 7pm

### ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE

with pastoral and congregational sharing from  
First Baptist Church, First Presbyterian Church,  
McMinnville Cooperative Ministries, and St.  
Barnabas Episcopal Church. Tune in on our  
Facebook page (FBC McMinnville, OR) to watch  
and comment together.

Be on the lookout for Advent bags to arrive  
on your porch Friday-Saturday, November  
27-28 - they'll have what you need to  
participate in this season at home!

## November 29, the 1st Sunday in Advent

#### "With Us in Our Doubt"

Matt. 1:18-24, Rev. Erika Marksburly preaching

## Zoom Speaker Series with BIPOC Musicians

### J'Nai Bridges

Wednesday, November 4th at 7:00pm

J'Nai Bridges, known for her "plush-voiced mezzo-soprano" (*The New York Times*), has been heralded as "a rising star" (*Los Angeles Times*), gracing the world's top stages. Her recent operatic engagements in the U.S. include her debut at The Metropolitan Opera, singing the role of Nefertiti in Philip Glass' opera *Akhmaten*, and her house and role debut at Washington National Opera performing Dalila in *Samson et Dalila*. A native of Washington, she earned her Master of Music degree from Curtis Institute of Music and her Bachelor of Music degree from the Manhattan School of Music. To learn more, visit [www.jnaibridgesmezzo.com](http://www.jnaibridgesmezzo.com).

### Charles Anthony Bryant

Wednesday, November 18th at 7:00pm

C. Anthony Bryant is emerging as one of the most versatile, powerful, and technically sound voices today. A sought-after minister, vocalist, instructor, composer, conductor and coach, he has performed in houses of worship, clubs, and concert halls around the world. A resident of NYC, Bryant began singing with his family and in church at age two in his hometown of Washington, DC. Today his career is in vocal music, composition, conducting, pedagogy, and program management. After a residency at Minton's Playhouse, he was invited to return to Dizzy's Club Coca-Cola at Jazz at Lincoln Center for the role of "Big Chief" for Mardi Gras Celebrations with Alphonso Horne and The Gotham Kings.

### Ithica Tell

Wednesday, December 2nd at 7:00pm

Ithica is a PAMTA winner whose vast Portland resumé includes: Yitzhak in *Hedwig and the Angry Inch* and Voice Six/Mrs. Alexander in *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* (Portland Center Stage), Judas in *Jesus Christ Superstar* (StreetScenes), Wanda in *Crowns* (Portland Playhouse), Othello in *Othello* (Post5 Theatre), Frances in *Melancholy Play* (Third Rail Repertory Theatre), Mitch Mahoney in *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* (Anonymous Theatre), and Ursula in *Bon Temps Rouler at the Shakespeare Cafe* (Bremer Shakespeare Company). She has appeared on *Grimm* (NBC), *The Librarians* (TNT), and more.

I'm so excited for you to meet them! These conversations about what it's like to be an artist of color in these times will be engaging and interesting for musicians and non-musicians alike. Look for zoom info soon. -Warmly, Jesse





Our Classifieds are for members & friends of FBC who have services or items to give away or sell or for those who need something. The only requirement is that it be a member or friend of FBC who is doing the offering or asking. All communication will be between the person needing the service or item and the one offering the service or item.

Please send accurate contact info and details to Judee Kunze, [jkunze@gmail.com](mailto:jkunze@gmail.com). Listings will appear in the weekly Happenings email

Thank you to Bernie Turner for giving us documents from his files that fill in more church history. Thank you also to Charlie and Cherie Walker for their information on the property that is now the main church parking lot.

We've all said it many times: 2020 has been an unusual year. Our church has had to make adjustments to keep all of us safe. As your church archivists, we decided to create a file to record some of our church's responses to the pandemic. We've included such items as the church email of March 13, 2020, explaining how we'd move forward during this time. We've also included items from the caring sacks delivered to our porches and a newspaper article about the Sew 'n Sews making masks. Please suggest items you think we should include.

Remember, material submitted for the archives must include a date-month and especially the year. Unfortunately, we have many things, photographs particularly, that we cannot date. Thank you,

Tim and Diane Marsh

**Monthly Meetings:** (Z - via Zoom) (IP - in-person)

Church Board	2nd Wed., 6:30 pm - Z
CB Ministry Teams	
- Children & Youth	varies
- Missions	1st Mon., 4:00 pm - IP
Climate Action	2nd Mon., 6:30 pm - Z
Matthew 25	4th Mon., 6:00 pm - Z
- Building & Grounds	Tues. prior to CB, 9 am - IP
- Membership	3rd Wed., 3:00 pm - Z
- Worship/Engagement	1st Mon., 6:45 pm - Z
- Faith Formation	1st Tues., 6 pm - Z
- Care & Concern	3rd Mon., 7:00 pm - Z
Personnel	1st Mon., 12:30 pm - Z
Pastoral Relations	4th Tues., 4:00 pm - Z

## CONTUITION: *Learning to See as God Sees*

A takeaway from the CHAPEL Class's summer read, *Coming Home to Earth*, by Pastor Mark Brocker, St. Andrew Lutheran Church, Beaverton, Oregon

One of the key concepts in my book, *Coming Home to Earth*, is contuition. Contuition is a process of learning to see Earth and all of its inhabitants as God sees them. In writing *Coming Home to Earth*, Genesis 1:31a emerged as a hinge verse, as it expresses how God sees all God has created: "God saw everything that God had made, and indeed, it was very good." The Hebrew word meodh, translated as "very" in the NRSV, actually means "exceedingly." Thus this verse from Genesis affirms that God delighted in Earth and all its inhabitants.

I have become convinced that fear of impending ecological catastrophe is not adequate in itself to motivate us to make the needed radical changes in our way of life. We need to learn to see Earth and all of its inhabitants as God sees them. God's delight in and affection for all God's creatures explains why God grieves deeply with the victims, human and nonhuman, of our ecologically destructive and abusive actions.

*The first step in addressing the urgent ecological crisis we face is to see Earth and all of its inhabitants with delight and heartfelt grief. We share this Earth home with them. We are far more likely to make necessary sacrifices for Earth and all its inhabitants if we share in God's delight in and affection for them and recognize them as fellow members of our Earth household.*

(A slightly revised passage from *Coming Home to Earth*, 13)



## Report from the Endowment Committee

The last meeting of the Committee was July 14th. At it we learned that the value of the Major Maintenance Endowment was \$210,041. So the church continues to make progress in reaching the agreed on \$500,000 goal. Growing this Fund to help with major maintenance is the key task of our group. And, we reviewed all of our responsibilities as outlined in the 6/12/16 Congregational Resolution.

Then we talked about the possibility of eventually hosting a "fun and enjoyable event" for those who would attend and at the same time generate a small amount to add to the Endowment. In all, the group came up with eight different and possible ideas. The intention is to hold such an event when Oregon reaches a normal state re the Virus. We will talk more about this when the Committee meets next.

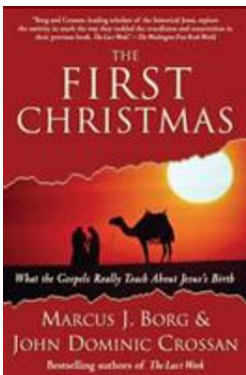
There was discussion of an earlier gift of 30 shares of stock that will be redeemed quite soon. This gift will add \$12,000 to the Endowment. (As of the end of September the stock was redeemed and the Church received a check for \$12,000. This will be added to the Endowment Fund.)

Now, when we are each at home more and cleaning out closets and drawers and seeing old jewelry, coin collections, antiques, and other valuables, we want you to know that such objects can be donated to the Church to help build the Endowment. The gifting of these valuable objects can have tax benefits for the donor. (Anyone willing to think about such a gift should let a Committee member know.)

Also, we have talked with the Oregon Community Foundation people and they are willing to work with us when a person chooses to give the church a gift of property or other asset, and then receive a guaranteed life income through OCF. Again, we are ready to meet with anyone who might be interested in learning more about this possibility.

That's a brief review of what we have been doing. Finally, we thank you to those who have already given to build the Endowment that will help maintain our church building.

With gratitude from the Committee: Barbara Burr, Lee Howard, Judee Kunze, Les Toth, & Charlie Walker, chair



### ***The First Christmas: What the Gospels really Teach about Jesus' Birth*** CHAPEL CLASS's new book discussion starting next Sunday, Nov. 1st.

What do the birth stories of Jesus really mean? In *The First Christmas*, two of today's top Jesus scholars, Marcus J. Borg and John Dominic Crossan, join forces to show how history has biased our reading of the nativity story as it appears in the gospels of Matthew and Luke. As they did for Easter in their previous book, *The Last Week*, here they explore the beginning of the life of Christ, peeling away the sentimentalism that has built up over the last two thousand years around this most well-known of all stories to reveal the truth of what the gospels actually say. Borg and Crossan help us to see this well-known narrative afresh by answering the question, "What do these stories mean?" in the context of both the first century and the twenty-first century. They successfully show that the Christmas story, read in its original context, is far richer and more challenging than people imagine. This book will rearrange your mental furniture, in a very good way.

Join our Chapel Class in a lively and enriching conversation from 8:45 to 9:45 Sunday mornings, November 1 through December 27. We're meeting on Zoom. Contact Gary Langenwalter, (971) 221-8155, or [gary@langenwalterwellness.com](mailto:gary@langenwalterwellness.com) for the link.

## Getting to Know Our First Baptist Church Family

**The CURRY FAMILY** has been connected to First Baptist Church for a long time now! Nicole grew up in McMinnville, and her family lived on Cowsls Street and attended FBC. Her parents were married by Bernie and she was baptized here at age 12! Shane grew up in northern California and came to Linfield in 2003; the two met in 2006 during his senior year. Tayah was born in 2007, they moved to California in 2008, they got married in 2009, and Kelton was born in 2010... it was a busy few years! During their four years in California, they lived in Grass Valley (an actual town name) and Rough and Ready (another actual town name)! The family moved back to McMinnville in 2011.



Since their return, Shane has worked for the judicial department for nine years, the first four in Salem and the last five in Yamhill County, and Nicole was busy taking care of the kids, earning an associate's degree from Chemeketa, and working part time at Juliette's House. She's now a secretary at McMinnville High School. Tayah is 12, a 7<sup>th</sup> grader at Duniway, and enjoys dance, soccer, piano, reading, and math. Kelton is 10, a 5<sup>th</sup> grader at

Newby, and plays soccer, piano and video games. They love the outdoors and spend time running, disc golfing, camping, and hiking whenever they're able.

Once back in McMinnville, it just made sense to come back to FBC, with Nicole's mom still here, and the connections they have with other families and the relationships their kids have with other children in this church community. And they especially like Sean. ;) Well, we especially like them, and are so thankful they are a part of our First Baptist Church family.

**EMILY DIESBURG** is originally from Amish country in Pennsylvania and Adam grew up in Iowa. They met as camp counselors at Waldsee, a German summer language camp in Bermidji, MN. They had their first small "Familie" learning group together at this camp, running an extensive art program, and they taught swing and ballroom dancing to children. They then spent the next five years in a long-distance courtship as she lived in Germany as a Fulbright scholar and he finished up undergraduate studies in German, Biology and Art. Emily says that Adam is a Clydesdale and she is a racehorse, and they tend to make up for each others' shortcomings in every way.

They came to Oregon because they were looking for a place where their children could know and be known.

Adam wanted to run an old-fashioned dental practice that treats people from 0-100, caring for people their whole lives. Emily needed a place close enough to the big city but small enough where she could see the impact of her writing and community efforts. He wanted green. She wanted blueberries. They wanted a home that would weather the coming global climate crisis with a measure of grace.

Tai James first brought Emily to FBC, several years ago. Emily saw how welcome the children were at the services and she also connected to Erika's approach. Emily usually attends by herself or with Dash and Griffin, while Adam prefers (mostly) to spend his Sunday Mornings in conversation with the 80 bonsai trees he cultivates.



# Getting to Know Our First Baptist Church Family

## Emily Diesburg continued...

In addition to loving Erika, Emily stays because 1.) She always hears something she needs to hear that week. 2.) Steve, Annette, Don, Mary, and other members of the Back Row Bunch are such good people. 3.) Sean 4.) Lots of smarties in the room. 5.) Values are aligned with hers and many other reasons.

Adam is also Dr. Diesburg, McMinnville's sustainable family dentist, and he spends his free time tending his trees, playing Magic the Gathering with Dash and Griffin, brewing cider, mountain biking, indulging in Emily's DIY house dreams, or just drinking Flag and Wire coffee and enjoying the moment. Emily is the Editor of *Oregon Home* magazine, teaches in the journalism department at Linfield, runs a distance learning school with the children, and writes an occasional essay or two for her pandemic writing project "The Hen is Brooding Again."

We at FBC are so blessed to have this talented, caring family in our community and in our church.

**DAVID HALLETT** spent his early years on a dairy farm in upstate NY. After earning his BA in English through the State of NY university system, he and his wife, Joy, moved to Ohio where David pursued a law degree at the University of Akron. After that David practiced law for a while in Pennsylvania, while also teaching law classes part time at Penn State University.



By this time, David had decided that he did not want to continue practicing law but was more interested in a career in higher education. Joy's parents had recently moved to Bend to retire, so Oregon seemed appealing if at least one of them could find a job, which Joy quickly did at the newly-built Willamette Valley Medical Center. That was 1996.

After 10 years in a different higher ed position, David became connected with Chemeketa Community College, where he currently serves as Vice President of Governance and Administration. About that same time, David and Joy were looking for a church with a vibrant children's program for their two daughters, Eliza and Lillian. One Sunday David attended FBC by himself, sitting in the balcony. That Sunday there was a lively discussion of a potential Nicaragua Mission, involving a

possible future trip there, and David remembers that there were a lot of kids running around. That clinched it and began the family's involvement with FBC.

David went on the first FBC AMOS trip to Nicaragua about 2009 and discovered that his love of photography could help share the story of AMOS and La Pimienta with the church and beyond. The very next year, he took his Nicaragua and AMOS passion to Chemeketa and was instrumental in beginning their program of taking groups of students to Nicaragua during spring break, initially for a class called "International Service Learning in Action". His interest in FBC and the Nicaragua Mission has led to his currently sitting on the Board of Directors for AMOS Health and Hope.

During his spare time, David's love of photography sometimes finds him on the street where he does photo portraits of the folks he encounters there. He sees this as a kind of ministry, hearing and sharing stories with them, bringing a sense of humanity to those who happen to be homeless.

David and Joy are thankful that they have found a home at FBC, that their family has felt so welcomed as part of this extended church family. And we are so glad that they found us!





### An Update from Henderson House

As the Executive Director of Henderson House, I want to express my deep gratitude to all of the incredible donors that have answered our call for help and have given generously to ensure that advocacy services, emergency shelter, and support groups continue to be available to survivors of domestic and sexual violence in our community especially during these unprecedented times. - Nancy Perez-Flores, Executive Director of Henderson House

Since 1981, Henderson House has served our community, showing up to some of the most difficult situations any of us will ever face with genuine care and transformative resources. One of the most rewarding experiences I have is when a client approaches me in public and I don't recognize them - not because I have forgotten them, but because they have undergone such a transformation in their life that they don't even resemble the person they were when they first reached out to us.

I am so proud of the work we do and of the impact we have on our community. Let me share a bit about that impact. Here are some stats regarding what we were able to accomplish in 2019:

- Total Persons Sheltered: 141
- On-scene Crisis Responses: 28
- Support Group Attendees: 347
- Phone Calls for Support: 809
- Total Nights in Shelter (by # of people): 3,370
- Safety Plan Calls & In-Person Meetings: 971
- Restraining Order Assistance Meetings: 79
- Presentation Attendees: 1,068

In addition, I want to share with you some of the feedback we have received from clients that we served:

"You good folks have been a crucial stepping stone for me and my children to find our way to stability. I am beyond words grateful for all the help, care and support I received. Thank you, thank you for being the miracle that this family needed. God bless each and every one of you for all you good caring work!!"

"Leaving in the middle of the night and jumping on a Greyhound with nothing was one of the scariest things I have ever done. I had no idea what I was doing or even where I was going and it was just plain challenging. Your house and services were just what I needed. Although all that downtime was hard, I realize now that it was really good for me. I needed that time to heal and have a safe environment to be able to fall apart. I really want to thank the advocates for all the time and effort you put into my success! You were so patient with me and I appreciate you! So, thanks again for everything."

These words are echoed again and again by the survivors we serve. The genuine care that they experience comes from a very personal place for each advocate. We meet each client where they are and bring no judgement to our work. Many of us know firsthand the traumas that our clients have endured. I too am a survivor of abuse from my childhood - it is the reason I have dedicated over a decade of service at Henderson House. Helping someone find hope, safety and empowerment is the most rewarding work I can imagine. Thank you again to all of you for your truly meaningful support! - by Nancy Perez-Flores

### Regional Meeting of American Baptist churches of the Central Pacific Coast (ABC- CPC)

On Saturday, Oct. 10 our Region met through Zoom. There was a full screen of of approximately 35-40 people representing many churches of our region. Erika, Mike Burr, and JoAnn Sims represented FBC.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the items of business were quickly discussed on Zoom. The slate of officers and budget were previously approved by the Executive Committee. JoAnn brought up the question of communication between the region and its churches in relation to the General Administration expense which refers to website and newsletter production and maintenance. Rev. Steve Bils, our Region Executive Director, suggested we ask to be invited to the Facebook presence of the region. Rev. Wheeler suggested each church send in a note of their activities, projects, or news to the Regional office and that perhaps that would make the creation of a newsletter easier.

There is a new church from California that has joined the ABC-CPC and they were welcomed. The meeting was then adjourned after the announcements of possible next gatherings depending on the virus situation:

- (1.) 2021 Spring Mission Conference at Cedar Hills
- (2.) 2021 Regional Meeting at New Community Church in Menlo Park, CA on Oct. 15-17, 2021. - Reported by JoAnn Sims



ECUMENICAL MINISTRIES OF OREGON PRESENTS

## SHALOM IN DIVIDED TIMES

CAN WE CREATE A JUST PEACE & REAL UNITY?

2020 Collins Summit

Online Lecture and Q & A, Wednesday, November 18th, 7-8:30 pm

It's no secret we are living in unprecedented and divided times. Racial unrest, political tensions, and COVID-19 have impacted nearly every aspect of our lives. What does shalom and unity look like in 2020? Shalom is a Hebrew word that means wholeness, harmony and peace. It's a complex idea, often oversimplified, similar to the way "unity" becomes a euphemism for sameness.

Through a virtual format, The Collins Summit will explore these racial, political and social divisions, asking how we bring our whole selves to the table and stay engaged in light of our differences, not in spite of them. The Summit will include a lecture from Lisa Sharon Harper, a live Q&A, and the opportunity to hear from members of the Common Table and their important work.

### FEATURING

#### Lisa Sharon Harper

A prolific speaker, writer and activist, Ms. Harper is the founder and president of Freedom Road (<https://freedomroad.us>) She is one of today's leading voices on the topics of poverty, racial and gender justice, and transformational civic engagement. Learn more at her website (<https://lisasharonharper.com>)



#### The Common Table

An Oregon-wide collection of interfaith leaders who have committed to learning more about one another, trusting one another and standing together – even in the midst of real differences. Learn from this groundbreaking effort to cultivate shalom and create real unity. Learn more at their website - (<https://commontableoregon.org>)

### ABOUT THE COLLINS SUMMIT

Since 1967, the Collins Summit (previously the Collins Lecture) has explored the intersection of faith, ethics and public life. They have been a signature event of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon and its predecessor.

**THE MISSIONS MINISTRY TEAM WANTS YOU TO PARTICIPATE,  
THEREFORE REGISTRATION SPOTS ARE AVAILABLE  
FOR 25 PEOPLE/FAMILIES!**

Contact Susan Chambers, 503-435-9953 or [susanlanechambers@gmail.com](mailto:susanlanechambers@gmail.com)  
to reserve your spot!



Here are our November plans for the McMinnville Youth Collective!  
We hope you'll join us in-person or online. Friends are always welcome!

**High School Youth Group**  
November 1 from 5-6 pm via Zoom

**Middle School Youth Group**  
November 8 from 5-6 pm via Zoom

**MYC Gathering**  
*monthly in-person event*  
Sunday, November 15 from 5-6:30 pm  
Gathering Room at FBC  
A Night of Gratitude, with dinner,  
and thanksgiving games & activities!



Kids Connection continues in November!  
This is a way for children and families to focus on a particular component of our faith throughout the month through Zoom meetings, at home activities, and an in-person gathering.

We'll start each month on the first Sunday, so November 1, with a Zoom meeting following worship to introduce the theme, which in November is the harvest! We'll explore how this time of year reminds us of how God provides for us, our call to share with others from our abundance, and all we have to be thankful for.

And we'll wrap up the month at Martha VanCleave's home to do apple pressing all together on November 22!



Hey youth!  
We want to make sure you look good for all the distance learning you're doing this year, so we're making McMinnville Youth Collective shirts!

Kate and Sean will continue making home visits this fall & as soon as we have shirts ready we will deliver one to you!

**We just need to know your size, so please let Sean know your preference.**

And if anyone wants an extra shirt please let us know and we'll add it to our order.

## Support A Family Place this Christmas

A Family Place (AFP) is the Relief Nursery of Yamhill County, which supports 60 families throughout the county. AFP runs early childhood classrooms, offers parent education, provides basic needs assistance, and more, all from their First Baptist Church location. And they have continued to find new & different ways to do all of this during the pandemic! In the past we've offered these families Boxes of Hope, filled with perishable and non-perishable food and home items, but AFP is currently partnering with YCAP to deliver food boxes to many of their families each week. So, this year, we're doing something new!



**a family place**  
RELIEF NURSERY OF YAMHILL COUNTY

As a way to care for these families, a part of our FBC community, we will provide a BAG and a CARD for each family - a Christmas bag filled with \$10 worth of staple items for the home, and a \$20 gift card to help families buy gifts for their children. We hope this will meet a need for these families AND help them give personal, meaningful gifts to one another. Here's how it works!

- ◆ **Let Sean know that you want to help, and how many families you want to support.**
- ◆ **For each family:**
  - ◆ buy \$10 worth of staple items that can't be purchased with food stamps (like toilet paper, laundry detergent, cleaning supplies, soap, zip lock bags, tin foil, paper towels, etc.)
  - ◆ buy a \$20 gift card to a local store where families can buy gifts for their children (Walmart, Bi-Mart, etc.)
- ◆ **Put the staple items & gift card in a nice Christmas bag, and put a note with your name on the bag.**
- ◆ **Drop off the bag at the church by December 11 so that the AFP staff can deliver the next week.**

Contact Sean if you have any questions. Thank you for being part of this special way to support these families this Christmas!





## Stay connected with your church family!

There are many FBC Committees, Classes, and Small Groups meeting in-person or continuing to use Zoom to meet, to help our community stay connected. Join one or more!

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

Contact: Barbara Burr, [barbaracoleburr@gmail.com](mailto: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>

Contact Gary Langenwalter, 971-221-8155 or email, [gary@portlandconsultinggroup.com](mailto:gary@portlandconsultinggroup.com) (Details pg 5)



### Congregational Fellowship - 11 am via Zoom

Sunday mornings following worship on Facebook  
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 join us 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.



Our new Moms' Group is continuing to meet twice every month, once in-person and once via Zoom.

**Here are our plans for November!**

#### IN-PERSON

We'll meet on **Saturday, November 7** at 7pm at the Toth Toy Barn for an Enneagram Workshop with Pastor Erika.

#### ZOOM

And we'll connect on **Tuesday, November 17** at 7pm for a virtual gathering hosted by Heidi Reinker.

**Contact Heidi Toth ([xtoth5@gmail.com](mailto:xtoth5@gmail.com)) if you'd like more info and/or are interested in helping coordinate one of the gatherings.**

#### **Other Gatherings HAPPENING at FBC:**

9a-1p Tu-We-Th, Main level - AFP Relief Nursery  
6:30a Daily, Gathering Room - AA Recovery  
7p Th & Sa, Social Hall - NA Recovery/ Support  
6p Fr, Social Hall - NA Recovery/ Support

### Praying the Papers - via Zoom

**NEW conversations each Wednesday at 4:30 pm**

Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85716461392>

"Keep the Bible in one hand & the newspaper in the other" (theologian Karl Barth). We take pause, pay attention, reflect, and direct our prayers towards what needs healing & hope in our world. Bring a current event article/headline, and we'll learn a new prayer practice each time we gather.

### 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](mailto:lara_obrady@yahoo.com)  
<https://zoom.us/j/97971101532?pwd=bHVjR2N6QTZhL0Z6OENxK3RQZWZ6Zz09>  
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 connect weekly via email/phone and Zoom.  
Contact: Sherill Roberts, [shrobert@linfield.edu](mailto: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](mailto:susanlanechambers@gmail.com)

### PM Knit Wits - meeting in-person, Nov. 3 & 17

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

### AM Knit Wits - meeting in-person, Nov. 5 & 19

Meeting 1st & 3rd Thursdays at 10 am - FBC Chapel  
Contact: Gina Foster, 971-237-2789

### Gluten Free Friends - meeting virtually


For information about monthly meetings, or to be added to our communication list, please contact Susan Chambers, [glutenfreefriendsmcminnville@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:kunze@sou.edu)

# NOVEMBER at FBC

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>1</b></p> <p>8:45 am - Faith &amp; Java / Chapel Classes via Zoom</p> <p><b>Streaming Live - 10 am - WORSHIP</b></p> <p>11 am - Fellowship Zoom and Kids Connection</p> <p>5p - HS Youth, zoom</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>9-10a - STAR Breakfasts To-Go</p> <p>Zoom Meetings - 12:30 - Personnel Team</p> <p>4p - Missions Team</p> <p>7p - Boy/Girl Scouts in-person at FBC</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>6p - Faith Formation group via Zoom</p> <p>7p - Knit Wits at Gina's</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>4:30p - Conversations via Zoom</p> <p>'Praying the Papers'</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>10a - Knit Wits, in-person</p> <p>FBC Chapel Room</p> <p>5:30p - Hand Bells</p> <p>6:30p - Music Zoom</p> <p>7:30p - Worship Team</p> <p>Pastor's Day Off</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>9-10a - STAR Breakfasts To-Go</p> <p>12n - Bible Study via Zoom and in person</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>McMinnville Free Medical Clinic operating remotely. Contact directly 971-261-6128 for services providing.</p>
<p><b>8</b></p> <p>8:45 am - Faith &amp; Java / Chapel Classes via Zoom</p> <p><b>Streaming Live - 10 am - WORSHIP</b></p> <p>11 am - Fellowship Zoom</p> <p>5p - MS Youth, zoom</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>9-10a - STAR Breakfasts To-Go</p> <p>Zoom Meeting - 1:30 - Climate Action</p> <p>7p - Boy/Girl Scouts in-person at FBC</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>9a - Building &amp; Grounds Team in-person, FBC Gathering Room</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>4:30p - Conversations via Zoom</p> <p>'Praying the Papers'</p> <p>6:30p - Church Board via Zoom</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>5:30p - Hand Bells</p> <p>6:30p - Worship Team</p> <p>Pastor's Day Off</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>9-10a - STAR Breakfasts To-Go</p> <p>12n - Bible Study via Zoom and in person</p>	<p><b>14</b></p>
<p><b>15</b></p> <p>8:45 am - Faith &amp; Java / Chapel Classes via Zoom</p> <p><b>Streaming Live - 10 am - WORSHIP</b></p> <p>11 am - Fellowship Zoom</p> <p>5p - MYC in-person, FBC</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>9-10a - STAR Breakfasts To-Go</p> <p>7p - Boy/Girl Scouts in-person at FBC</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>7p - Knit Wits at Gina's</p> <p>6:30p - Cub Scouts in-person at FBC</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>3p - Membership Committee via Zoom</p> <p>4:30p - Conversations via Zoom</p> <p>'Praying the Papers'</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>10a - Knit Wits, in-person</p> <p>FBC Chapel Room</p> <p>5:30p - Hand Bells</p> <p>6:30p - Worship Team</p> <p>Pastor's Day Off</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>9-10a - STAR Breakfasts To-Go</p> <p>12n - Bible Study via Zoom and in person</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>McMinnville Free Medical Clinic operating remotely. Contact directly 971-261-6128 for services providing.</p>
<p><b>22</b></p> <p>8:45 am - Faith &amp; Java / Chapel Classes via Zoom</p> <p><b>Streaming Live - 10 am - WORSHIP</b></p> <p>11 am - Fellowship Zoom</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>9-10a - STAR Breakfasts To-Go</p> <p>7p - Care &amp; Concern Committee</p> <p>7p - Boy/Girl Scouts in-person at FBC</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>6:30p - Cub Scouts in-person at FBC</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>4:30p - Conversations via Zoom</p> <p>'Praying the Papers'</p> <p>7p - Virtual Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service</p>	<p><b>26</b> </p> <p>FBC Office CLOSED</p> 	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>12n - Bible Study via Zoom and in person</p>	<p><b>28</b></p>
<p><b>29</b></p> <p><b>1st Day of ADVENT</b></p> <p>8:45 am - Faith &amp; Java / Chapel Classes via Zoom</p> <p><b>Streaming Live - 10 am - WORSHIP</b></p> <p>11 am - Fellowship Zoom</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>9-10a - STAR Breakfasts To-Go</p> <p>6p - Matthew 25 Mtg</p> <p>7p - Boy/Girl Scouts in-person at FBC</p>	<p>The promise of Advent is Emmanuel: God-With-Us. This year, we'll look at how difficult the journey of Mary and Joseph might have been - both the physical journey and the relational/emotional one - that brought them to the birth of their child. We'll reflect on the difficult journey 2020 has been for all of us. And we'll remember, and name, the ways God has been with us throughout, and we'll consider what it means for our fear, our distress, our anxiety, to know that God is with us in it all.</p>				

## NOVEMBER Birthdays:

 Colton Anderson 01  
 Anthony Pacheco 01  
 Edith Reynolds 01  
 Matt Dressel 02  
 Randy Dull 02  
 Anne Engen 03  
 Phyllis Martin 03  
 Coralyn Reinker 03  
 Aliyah Ferry 06  
 Linda Gilbert 06

Tayah Curry 08  
 Alisha Payne 10  
 Brian Gilbert 11  
 Martha VanCleave 11  
 Pattie Waltz 14  
 Don New 15  
 Nancy McCann 16  
 Tai James 16  
 Richard Weed 19  
 Susie Alin 23  
 Lara O'Brady 23



Les Toth 23  
 Nancy Vasquez 24  
 Harper Eacret 28  
 Megan McCrossin 29

## NOVEMBER Anniversaries:

Asherlee La Plante & Steven Smith 10  
 Barry & Jeanette House Nov. 13, 1998

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