For the time being, we continue to stream worship online at 10am every Sunday. Connect here: https://www.facebook.com/firstbaptistmac/

One of the pieces we’ll have to have in place before we can return to in-person worship is a full slate of volunteers. Even after we open the sanctuary to in-person attendees, we plan to continue live-streaming the service so that friends who aren’t comfortable returning, or who live farther away, or who for whatever reason can’t make it in to the building can still join with this community for worship.

So we’re looking to fill four key volunteer roles: ushers/greeters, camera operators, computer operators, and sound board operators. Can you serve in one of those ways once a month? It’s ok if you don’t know how to do one of these roles - we’re happy to train you! Contact Erika or Sean or Georgine Benner if you can volunteer, or want more information about any of these roles. And thanks for considering being part of the team that helps to bring us back together in person!

Enjoy a meditative walk on the unique triple spiral labyrinth in the Gathering Room at First Baptist Church. Drop in between 1pm and 3pm.

Hosted by Kathleen Verigin, kathleenverigin333@gmail.com

FBC will be part of the first ever global humanity research experiment utilizing the labyrinth. What happens when people all around the world walk a labyrinth at the same time with the same intention? On this day everyone around the world, between 1pm and 3pm their local time, is invited to participate in an official research experiment for all of us to interconnect throughout the globe, receiving and sharing the wisdom of that experience. Wear or bring socks.

Change is in the air . . .

Faith Formation/Small Groups/Committees - we’re all wanting to get back to seeing one another! Many of our groups are now meeting in-person again, while some continue to gather virtually - see page 11 for details.

World Labyrinth Day
Saturday, May 1, 2021

Celebrate 154 years of the First Baptist Church of McMinnville

May 2, 11:30am-1pm in the FBC Courtyard

The Tidings
FBC’s monthly newsletter

MAY 2021

First Baptist Church, 125 S.E. Cowls St., McMinnville, OR 97128
503-472-7941 • www.fbcmac.org • office@fbcmac.org
Financial Report: January 1 through March 31, 2021

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Total Income: $107,724, 111.7%
Total Expenses: $93,798, 97.3%
Net Income: $13,926

Financial Update:
Ten families have given 100% of their annual goal so the net income figure, as a result, appears to be larger than would be in a normal cycle. 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), Don Watson (donjw@comcast.net), or Barbara Burr (barbaracoleburr@gmail.com)

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

Church Board Notes - April 14

The light at the end of the tunnel is lit:
The April Board meeting is in the books, and all of your board members expect to be fully vaccinated by the end of May. Which means, this Board will meet in person for the first time in June! Oh yes, FBC, the light at the end of the tunnel is glowing brighter every day.

Georgine Benner, the worship team, and the staff have been working hard to bring the reality of in-person worship back for the first time since COVID shut it down. To make it work, we need VOLUNTEERS. We will need greeters again. And ushers that can help facilitate in-the-building guideline-appropriate distancing. And sound board operators. And people to push the start and stop buttons on all sorts of new and necessary technology that will allow us to keep reaching the congregants we have been reaching. If you have a skill that can help, or just some time on Sunday mornings that you would be willing to lend us, please contact the office or Georgine directly or even me. Thanks FBC, looking forward to seeing you again soon. (see front cover for more details)

Of course, that was not all we had to work on at this month’s meeting. Some of the more mundane business we had to get done included trying to figure out cost-effective ways of having trained replacements available when important people are away.

Sometimes, people come along that see problems that need addressing and just roll up their sleeves and go to work. Martha VanCleave has had her sleeves rolled up for years. She has given years of dedicated hard work and service to FBC and our wider community. And she has done so freely, without complaint, and with extraordinary effectiveness. But now she is preparing to move away, and she will be missed! She will still be loved, of course, and with our newly honed remote-video and remote-everything skills, we hope it won’t even feel like she is all that far away. But she will still be missed.

Of course, she is not gone yet. She will still be here awhile longer. It is even possible that you could have an opportunity to voice some appreciation if she makes it to events like the May 2nd FBC birthday celebration.

Finally, the Board continues to discuss and work hard to support those in service addressing the challenges surrounding the houseless population of McMinnville. It is a challenge to serve as Jesus taught — the Matthew 25 mission — those who desperately need some help, and also strive to be good neighbors to those with homes near us, and a safe place of worship for families with young children. All of these needs require careful thinking, balancing, and perhaps innovation. Solutions to the conflicts that sometimes arise between the different needs of different groups are not easy, but FBC is blessed with loving hearts and innovative thinkers both, and I am optimistic for the future of our work because of that. If you are interested in these issues, there will be a meeting in the Gathering Room on May 4th about the possibility of ‘provision of services’ off-site (the “Adams Street House” proposal). And we will have a neighborhood meeting May 20th. Look for Tidings articles and Worship service announcements for more details.

It’s an interesting and ever-changing world. I’m so glad we have FBC to anchor us. And I am so looking forward to seeing you there again soon.

Dave Ferry - FBC Church Board Moderator
Sunday Worship Highlights & More

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:
(details on page 11)
Faith & Java Class - to connect, contact barbaracoleburr@gmail.com
Chapel Class - to connect, contact gary@portlandconsultinggroup.com

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

May 2
Communion Sunday & FBC’s 154th Birthday!
“God Has Been Our Shepherd”
Psalm 23:1a
Rev. Erika Marksbury preaching
Come to the Courtyard after worship and celebrate 154 of the First Baptist Church of McMinnville! Please wear a mask and respect social distancing guidelines. (No zoom fellowship this day.)

May 9
“What We’ve Never Wanted”
Psalm 23:1b
Rev. Erika Marksbury preaching

May 16, Camp Sunday
“Restoring Our Souls"
Psalm 23:2-3
Rev. Erika Marksbury preaching
This day we’ll sing some favorite songs and tell some old stories from camp... and then on Saturday, May 22, we’ll head up to Camp Arrah Wanna to help with their "Spring Cleaning" so they can be ready for campers (hopefully!) this summer. The work day is 9am until 4pm; we’ll travel in our own cars and meet there, but please let Erika know if you plan to join the fun!

May 23, Pentecost Sunday
“God is With Us”
Psalm 23:4
Rev. Erika Marksbury preaching

May 30: 5th Sunday
“The Goodness and Mercy at Our Heels”
Psalm 23:5-6
Rev. Erika Marksbury preaching

Congregational Meeting to discuss Adams Street House May 4 at 7pm

The Yamhill County Action Partnership has invited FBC to lease the home at 329 Adams Street from them for $1 a year to use as a base of operations for our Community Low-Barrier Warming Shelter. YCAP is supporting a similar shelter model in Newberg and it’s been quite successful. This opportunity brings many potential gifts and lots of questions as well. The Matthew 25 Committee and the Church Board have spent the past few months discussing the possibility and researching the details, and now we’d like to share the information we’ve gathered with you and hear your input. This congregational meeting will be led by Pastor Erika, Shelter Manager Geoff Clayton, YCAP Housing Stabilization Director Mandy Gawf, and members of the Matthew 25 Committee. You’re invited to come in person to the Gathering Room, where we’ll be masked and distanced, or to join the conversation on Zoom here: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85487887532
Introducing the FBC CHURCH BOARD by the numbers . . .
MYRA HUFF, Children's & Youth Ministry

-has worked at British Parts NW for the better part of 40 years in some way, shape, or form. Not because she loves British cars, but because she loves working with her family members: 7 of them join her there ❤

-met John 2 months before graduating from college. 7 months later he proposed. Today they count 25 years of marriage and 3 children, ages 21, 17, and 8.

-The 1913 Lee Ladd house in Sheridan is where the Huﬀs have chosen to raise their children. Myra is comforted knowing that it has had over 100 of experience in housing families.

-drives to and from McMinnville 5 times a day getting everyone where they need to be. (And is counting the days until Frances gets her license - 22! 😂)

-2025 is the year she and John will retire, but 2031 is the year they will be empty nesters!!!

-is excited for 3 months from now, when she and John travel to Panama for the 1st time ever and see what it’s really like (because John wants to retire there).

Mission Moment - Searching for Home

immigration detainees, mostly from Africa, and Southeast Asia. Of these, we have helped file habeus claims and found legal representation, sponsors and bond payments in order to secure the release from detention of more than 60 asylum seekers.

As soon as Covid allows us, we will gather with several dozen of these asylum seekers in my home state of Maryland, where many of them are living, and I will finally have the opportunity to offer some of the hospitality I am longing to pay forward.

Thanks so much for your support of my ministry and this work. If you have any questions about this, or would be interested in sponsoring asylum seekers or refugees, please let me know.

With love and gratitude, Ray
ray.schellinger@internationalministries.org

My IM page: https://www.internationalministries.org/author/r-schellinger/

The project page to help support the shelters and migrant programs we partner with in Latin America: https://www.internationalministries.org/migrant-ministry-a-mile-in-their-shoes/
First Baptist Church gets outside!

Above, the Mom's Group met April 10 at Kena Avila's home for a spring planting led by Geneva Foster-Ward. They planted bulbs and veggies, some to take home and some to give away. The group tries to meet twice a month, once for an in-person activity and once for a discussion on zoom. Left, on April 17 the Hiking Group explored the Tualatin Wildlife Refuge. They hike at a new location each month while the weather allows. See page 11 for this month's events, locations, and times for both of those groups. Below, two of the four new prayer stations in the FBC Courtyard - come by anytime to walk the path and spend time in reflection. Bottom, FBCers joined with friends from First Presbyterian Church and the Greater Yamhill Watershed Council for a tree-planting event on Earth Day. Follow the Climate Action Group for news about more events like that!
Bernie & Roz Turner

Roz was born in Lyons, Kansas, raised with an older brother, who she was always close to. Her dad was an American Baptist Minister and her mom was very active in the community. Her dad pastored churches in Lyons, Chanute, and Winfield, Kansas, where Roz spent 7 1/2 years. Roz was always involved in music, playing the cello and singing in choral groups in high school and throughout the community. Winfield was an important part of her early years.

Bernie was born in Clay Center, Kansas. His dad managed a dairy and his mom was a homemaker. He had one brother. The family moved to Valley Falls, Kansas, when Bernie was 2 1/2, because of the death of his maternal grandparents. They moved into the house Bernie's grandfather had built in the 1920's. His dad started a dairy there and Bernie has fond memories of growing up there in Valley Falls.

Bernie and Roz met in their freshman year at Ottawa University in Ottawa, Kansas, a private American Baptist College. They met at a Get Acquainted party for first year students. Bernie eyed Roz, but she had eyes for the Blond Guy! However, Bernie was persistent and they married in the middle of their senior year.

After graduation, they headed for Berkeley, California and Bernie attended and graduated from Berkeley Baptist Divinity School, while Roz taught 4th grade. She, a first year teacher, was given the rowdy class, and she did so well, she continued on with them into 5th grade. During their three years there, their son, Stanton, was born.

After Seminary, Bernie was called to Seattle, Washington, to start a new church in Gregory Heights. Roz's dad was disappointed because he had hoped his new son-in-law would come back to Kansas and pastor a church there. While in Seattle, their two daughters, Diane and Linda, were born.

Five years later, they were offered the chance to start a new church in Lynnwood, Washington, The Good Shepherd Baptist Church, where they stayed for ten years. The church is now celebrating their 60th Anniversary, and Bernie and Roz hope to attend the celebration this summer.

In 1970, Bernie and Roz came to FBC, where they pastored our church until retirement in 1993. Bernie pastored FBC through challenging times, both in our nation and in our churches. He was able to meet these challenges with dedication, grace, leadership and integrity. I am sure it was not always easy. He and Roz made a real difference in people's lives, always being true to themselves and their Christian values.

After retirement, Bernie and Roz had second careers! Bernie helped found Habitat for Humanity McMinnville and stayed for 20 years. He was instrumental in helping build 54 houses, as of 2016, and a street is named after him in the Aspire Community: Turner Way. Roz was active in community service: Meals on Wheels, City Outreach Ministries, CASA, and a 23-year career as Children's Librarian.

When I asked Bernie, "What keeps you here?" He answered, "Inertia." I beg to differ! The Turners moved into Hillside four years ago and love it! They have six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

We are so fortunate to have this amazingly kind, dedicated, gifted couple in our midst. Thank you, Bernie and Roz, for what you mean to us and to the McMinnville community. We are truly blessed!
Dave & BJ Larmouth

BJ was born in Hood River, Oregon, but didn’t stay there long! She and her parents moved seven different times before she left home for college, which included stops in New York, Virginia, Arizona, and California. She moved to Salem, Oregon in 1990 to attend Willamette University. Dave was born in Green Bay, Wisconsin and didn’t leave there until he also moved to Salem, in 1991, to Willamette University, where he and BJ met. They sat by each other in band – fun fact, Dave had received a bassoon scholarship! – and eventually BJ “enlisted” Dave to help her communicate to another friend that they were just that, friends, and nothing more. This allowed Dave to be something more than a friend, and the rest is history!

BJ graduated in 1994, and Dave the following year in 1995. Dave was strongly encouraged by his future in-laws to not propose until he had a job, so he got a job in August of 1995 and proposed, and they were married in August of 1996. BJ worked for awhile at group homes in Salem and Hillsboro, but soon went back to school, at Western Oregon University, to get a master’s degree in special education. Dave, an environmental science AND political science major, began working for the Willamette University recycling department while in school, and eventually became the director of the program following graduation, despite a terrible interview for the position.

BJ did her graduate practicum in McMinnville, which led to a job in school district here. Dave was considering going back to school but got a job at the recycling company in McMinnville – which would later become Recology – and he’s been there ever since, for more than 23 years now. They moved to Mac in the summer of 1998; in 2003 BJ’s mom moved here as well; and in 2005, Dave & BJ bought a house in the same cul-de-sac where her mom lived. Their daughter, Morganne, was born on September 12, 2000, which made for a complicated first birthday party. Morganne graduated from McMinnville High School in 2018 and joined the military; she is now serving as a unit supply specialist at Fort Benning in Georgia.

Stacy Martin was the Larmouths’ realtor, who had recommended FBC to them when they were working with her. And, long time FBC member Don Hutchinson was their neighbor. They were attending a church in Newberg that didn’t seem quite right for them, so, one day, BJ asked Don, “You’re gay and a Christian, how does that work?” Don replied, “God made me this way.” BJ then asked, “Where do you go to church?” and Don said FBC. BJ followed up with, “And they’re cool with you?” As soon as Don responded with a yes, the Larmouths knew FBC was the church for them. They love how all people are welcome and loved by God, and how people at FBC are always glad to see you.

They have been involved in the life and work of our church in a variety of ways over the years, but really found a connection through their delightful dinner group, which is still active and has continued to “meet” during the pandemic. It’s connections like these, and who we are and what we stand for as a church, that keeps the Larmouths committed to FBC. And we are so thankful they are part of our community!
Searching for Home

Introducing Global Servant Ray Schellinger

Do you know what it’s like to leave home and everything you have ever known and loved behind? Do you know what it’s like to have no idea where to go except to take one more step forward, in hopes your chosen path might lead to some distant hope that you will survive, or that you can save your family?

Over the last several years, I have had the opportunity meet hundreds, even, thousands of people whose every step is a silent prayer to God that they will find home again. From Rohingyas and Karen and other ethnic minorities refugees fleeing genocide in Myanmar, to Iraqis and Syrians who have escaped civil war. I have walked for days alongside Venezuelans as they traverse half of a continent on foot desperately trying to find a way to keep their children alive and send money back to their starving mothers and fathers so that they can afford medicine and food. And I spent weeks (in October and November of 2018) with an exodus of 7,000 Hondurans as they slowly made their way across Guatemala and Mexico in hopes of finding asylum in the US and a life free of the violence which has made existence all but impossible in their homeland.

What I must say is that in each migrant/refugee community which I have visited, I have been accepted with incredible hospitality. From refugee camps in Thailand and Bangladesh, to roadside migrant encampments in Colombia & Mexico, some of the poorest people on this planet (quite literally) have shared with me everything they could offer to make me feel at home as we shared bread, stories and tears. Just as my experience through 26 years of ministry abroad, I have felt God’s love and grace through the hospitality of the humble people I have been sent to serve. As I returned in the last years to the US, I have longed to be able to offer that same hospitality, love and grace to those same people who have offered it to me.

Instead, the best I can say is that though my heart has been broken into pieces by the stories they have shared with me of the persecution and perils they have faced, it is broken even further as we come to the realization that for most of them, there is nowhere to go, no place where they will be welcomed, nowhere to find home again. Of the 75 million displaced peoples in our world, most will never be welcomed as refugees or offered asylum. Most will never find home again. Most of the 26 million official UN refugees will live forever in the camps where they are found now. They will live forever in the in between, with no way to go forward, and no home to which they can return.

This is certainly true of the Central American asylum seekers who came to our border in November of 2018, denounced by our government as a caravan of criminals. I spent weeks with them, and never met a criminal, just beautiful people who had suffered so much already and who deserved much better. Most of them never got the chance to ask for asylum in the US. They were returned to Mexico under the MPP policy, to wait for an endless process, without legal representation, or even legal status, and through which 99% of them would be rejected before they were even able to present their cases. In March of 2020, the border was closed entirely and no one has been able to even apply until this past month.

I hope things will be different now, but it will take a great deal of the effort of those of us who see not a threat, but a deserving neighbor, in the faces of asylum seekers in order to change our immigration policies. These have always been geared more to suspicion and exclusion than welcome.

I do have some good news to share. Of all the people I met in Tijuana, Mexico waiting for asylum from November of 2018 until the border was closed in March of 2020, two of the dozens of people I had offered to sponsor personally were allowed into the country, and after months of detention were released to our care. Denis, a pro-democracy activist from Russia, and Benson, a lawyer escaping political persecution (for testifying against Deputy President Ruto) from Kenya, are now living with us until their cases are resolved. Furthermore, Benson and I have been working together on the cases of several dozen (continued on page 4)
Linfield University Chaplaincy

Some of you may not know that Linfield University and First Baptist Church have a strong historical connection. Linfield traces its roots to an institution established by American Baptists and was chartered in 1858 by the territorial legislature. First called the Baptist College of McMinnville, then McMinnville College, the school moved with the gift of property and was renamed Linfield College. In the late 1860s a small group of American Baptist ministers formed a chapel for the College, which was located at the present church site. The Baptist principles of freedom of thought, religious independence and service to others still motivate the Linfield community, although faculty, students and staff are not bound by religious requirements.

Linfield Chaplaincy is dedicated to the spiritual nurture and ethical stimulation of the college community. Of primary interest is faith development, but faith development is not an end in itself. The program believes that growth of faith in God requires a clearly articulated understanding of one’s own faith group, an understanding of other religions, and a commitment to a just, sustainable, and participatory society. Religious diversity is very important to Linfield. The program believes that spirituality and/or religious faith is a critical part of personal development and tries to give students the opportunity to learn more about their own faith by encountering and understanding the faith of others. This is encouraged through worship services, fellowship groups, community service, lectures, retreats, individual conversations and a campus resource and meeting center, the Emmaus House. The office sanctions a number of independent campus ministries and serves as a bridge to the community by encouraging student fellowship and involvement in local churches. Linfield Chaplaincy has a team of 8-10 students who are volunteer leaders who assist the Chaplain.

In fact, when David Massey was a Linfield student in the 70’s, he had the opportunity to serve as Bill Apel’s Chaplain’s Intern. To this day, David considers Bill Apel a mentor and close friend. After Linfield, David went to graduate school with the intent to become a college chaplain and professor of Religious Studies. David served in a church for 15 years until his dream jobs of Linfield Chaplain and Assistant Professor of Religious Studies opened in 2001.

Working with students is what David likes best about being the Chaplain. Students are at a time in their lives when they are identifying themselves apart from their families of origin. David’s roll is to companion students, to help them raise the right questions as they search and seek for answers. David tries to help them see the common value systems between denominations/dogmas. He calls this ‘practical theology’, a way of helping students experience their journey through the eyes of different faiths - to see there are more commonalities than differences–which David believes is God’s grace at work. David also serves as a pastoral counselor to students, staff and faculty with a specialty in death and dying, grief and loss.

As a Professor of Religious Studies, David teaches a wide range of topics: an overview of Christianity; religious pilgrimages and life as pilgrimage; forgiveness and reconciliation; and about religious thinkers and what defines ‘Who is my neighbor?’ His roles as Chaplain and Professor pair well because both focus on an educational model. After 20 years as Chaplain and a professor, David will be retiring at the end of this academic year. He hopes to continue teaching as an adjunct professor. He invites folks to check out the Linfield Chaplain’s Team Instagram where there are seven, 7-14 minute, meditation exercises available through IGTV.

Congratulations on your retirement, David!
Support the McMinnville Youth Collective with your empty cans & bottles!

The McMinnville Youth Collective now has an account with BottleDrop, which means the Oregon refund value of your beverage containers can directly benefit our youth!

There are two ways to be part!

ONE: Take your cans and bottles to any BottleDrop location, bring your reimbursement receipt to the counter, and ask that it go to “First Presbyterian Church McMinnville.”

TWO: Get a blue bag from Sean, fill the bag with your cans & bottles, and simply drop the blue bag off at any BottleDrop location where they will count & credit our account.

We are busy getting ready for a fun & safe summer for children, youth, and families at FBC. While plans are still tentative, here are some dates to put on your calendar now!

**June 12**
Drive-Thru Graduate Celebration
(for the whole church)

**June 13**
MYC Summer Kickoff
(for youth)

**July 5-9 (tentative)**
Summer Camp at Camp Arrah Wanna
(for all children/youth)

**July 26-30**
Vacation Bible School
(for children)

Plus, youth events, family gatherings, the all church campout, and more! All the details & dates are coming soon!

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**New laundry room will help many ministries**

A dream of having a washer & dryer installed at FBC has rumbled around for years. When A Family Place again expressed the need to assist their clothing ministry, Zorissa James became inspired via her mother, Tai.

This was truly a community effort. Zorissa and AFP secured some funding that covered the infrastructure work. A donor generously provided the used washer/dryer set. Our own Jorge Domínguez agreed to make or arrange the room upgrade. A community volunteer did the painting. FBC’s Ron helped clean out the room, Sean’s encouragement kept the project going, and the list goes on. Special thanks to Zorissa, Tai, and Jorge for so much donated time and materials. This room will be utilized by A Family Place and by several FBC ministries: the Social Team, the STAR Room, and the Warming Shelter, to name a few.
FAITH FORMATION Keeps Us Together! MAY 2021

Stay connected with your church family!
There are many FBC Committees, Classes, and Small Groups continuing to meet, both in-person or via Zoom, to help our community stay connected. Join one!

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/86107684306?pwd=NHNtVmRvZEdvRkRrWVlxOEJrR3BwQT09
SAVE the DATE - July 16-18, 2021
Summer All Church CAMPOUT
at South Beach State Park on the beautiful Oregon Coast (south of Newport)

The Forgotten Books of the Bible
Jewish practice has elevated these books to a special place. Robert Williamson brings their meaning home to our lives today.
- Song of Songs explores human sexuality and God’s desire for us;
- Ruth calls our immigration practices into question;
- Lamentations looks at the suffering of Black people;
- Ecclesiastes explores death anxiety and what it means to live a meaningful life, and
- Esther reflects on White Nationalism and the resurgence of ethnic hatred.
Come join us for a lively discussion - all viewpoints are welcome and honored. We rotate leadership weekly; this is a discussion group, not a lecture. We meet via Zoom. Contact Gary Langenwalter at (971) 221-8155, or gary@langenwalterwellness.com to get the link.

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=ZXFPuUFp0V2ZiYUdlQ3lvRXdiRkYyQT09

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=bHViR2N6QTZlOlZ6OENxK3RQZnZ6Zz09
Password: 5bHxK0

Hiking Group - meet in-person at 8:30 am, FBC parking Saturday, May 15, hike on the Oregon Coast (location TBD)
Contact: Gloria LaFata, golowl1@gmail.com

Senior Breakfast - in-person, 1st Wednesday each month
May 5, 8:00 am, at the American Legion Post 21, 126 NE Atlantic, McMinnville (near Highway 18)
Contact: Gina Foster, 971-237-2789

Meditation Practice - meeting in-person
Meeting Tuesdays from 3 - 4 pm in the Meditation Room for centering prayer with masks and distance.
Contact: Lindsay Wagner, 619-933-8402

Sister Circle - via Zoom
Continuing to connect weekly via Zoom, currently reading The Choice: Embrace the Possible by Dr. Edith Eva Eger.
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 - May 4 & 18 @ 7 pm - at Gina’s
Meets in-person, the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays each month
Contact: Gina Foster, 971-237-2789

AM Knit Wits - May 6 & 20 @ 10 am - location TBD
Meets in-person, the 1st & 3rd Thursdays each month
Contact: Gina Foster, 971-237-2789

Sew & Sos - meeting in-person
Weekly opportunities for 1-2 to sew at a distance together.
Contact: Susan Chambers, susanlanechambers@gmail.com

Moms’ Group - meets twice each month
IN-PERSON - Join us May 1st, 12 noon at First Baptist Church.
We will carpool/caravan to Wooden Shoe Tulip Festival - $20
Hope you can join as we delight in 40 acres of beautiful tulips.
RSVP to Tai James 503-454-6824
VIRTUAL - May 18th at 7pm on Zoom (ID: 894 6527 4345)
Martha VanCleave will share her wisdom on fostering positive, lifelong parent child relationships.

Men’s Breakfast - NOT currently meeting
Will resume once we can all meet together safely.
Contact: Neil Kunze, kunze@sou.edu

Dad’s Group - NOT currently meeting
Planning to resume meeting soon.
Contact: John Linder, john.linder93@gmail.com

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.

SAVE the DATE - July 16-18, 2021
Summer All Church CAMPOUT
at South Beach State Park on the beautiful Oregon Coast (south of Newport)
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Violet Zimmerman 2
Jacob Harmon 5
Jean Meicho 7
Amanda Witter 7
Izzy Ward 8
Mary Martin 10
Rob Schulman 11
Joe Wilkins 11
Sean P. Williams 13
Meridith Symons 13
Zander Dressel 15
Adison Williams 15
Beckett Marksbury Page 18
Liam Ward 19
Darrel Eacret 20
Mickey Howard 20
Marianne Mills 20
Myra Huff 25
Charlotte Hendricks 26
Erika Marksbury 26
Paul Studebaker 26
Heidi Douglas 27
Barbara Kauer 28
Kyle Williams 28
Henry Anderson 30
Lennox Leach 30
Paul Kushner 31
John Huff 31
Claudia Brown 31

**MAY Anniversaries:**
Danny Browne & Gloria LaFata 21
Ina & Verle Kropf 21
Peggi Lilly & Ken Piontek 23
David & Joy Hallett 26
Rob & Margy Porter 28
Roger & Beth Dell 29
Claudia & David Brown 31