



The Tidings

FBC's monthly newsletter

FEBRUARY 2023

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As the light of Epiphany turns toward Lent, it gets more focused.

Sometimes it gets focused like a laser on things we would rather keep in the dark.

But, as we heard on January 22, John assures us (or warns us) that this Light "shines in the darkness" and has never been overtaken. Later in John, the writer says, "... all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light so that their deeds may not be exposed." (John 3.30) Light serves the season of Epiphany as an expression of the unfolding reign of God in universal justice and peace. And in order to get there, the light may have to expose those parts of us that get in the way of that reign.

So, as we begin to focus Epiphany's light, we will be preparing by listening and showing up to the things we say we seek: learning and loving and serving with justice and joy.

"Do not be afraid," John says, "this light is seen in the fullness of grace and truth."

Or as Marianne Williamson says: *"It is our light, not our darkness that most frightens us ...*

There is nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other people won't feel insecure around you. We are all meant to shine, as children do. We were born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us. It's not just in some of us; it's in everyone. And as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same. As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others."

Don't be afraid of the Light as we turn toward Lent. Yes. It exposes things. But it also expresses that glory of God "that is within us." Let it shine, beloved ones. - Tim

A special Mike Stern concert of music and song

coming to FBC on Saturday evening,
February 11, from 7-9pm in the Sanctuary.

Mike and friends will bring you an evening of love and peace songs. It will be an evening of warm joyful music as well as songs that touch your heart of peace.

It has been nearly three years since Mike has graced us with his music.

There will be times to join him in some of our favorite songs such as "One World," or to laugh, or to recall those special times of love in our lives. The Concert is titled, **"Love & Peace Concert"** and just in time for Valentines Day the following week.

The concert is family friendly and open to the McMinnville community. Bring your friends for an evening of warm-hearted entertainment. **It will be a perfect early Valentines gift for those you love!**



Happy VALENTINE's DAY

Year End Financial Report: January 1- December 31, 2022

FEBRUARY 2023

YTD	Actual for Period	% of Amount
Contributions Income:	\$349,261	99.8%
Total Income:	\$403,844	101.0%
Total Expenses:	\$381,141	95.3%
Net Income:	\$ 22,703 +	

Financial Update:

If you have signed up for Realm (FBC's 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 Assistant Treasurer Don Watson (donjw@comcast.net) or Treasurer Barbara Burr (barbaracoleburr@gmail.com).

FBC's Finance Team: Barbara Burr, Judee Kunze, Don Watson, Martha VanCleave, Don Watson, Roger Dell, and Jane Apel

During our January 22 Semi-Annual Congregational meeting, we approved our 2023 Church Budget of \$404,762. It includes a Cost of Living & Oregon minimum wage increases, a 9% increase for building maintenance/utilities, and a 2% increase in our Missions budget. There was a minor decrease in other program ministries. The total budget will increase by just 1.2% because of YCAP funds covering our security position plus \$9,438 income that came from savings set aside in 2021.

All of this was made possible by your generous giving to both the general fund and designated mission projects. Note: Our Interim Sabbatical budget of \$20,200 was raised by a group of donors and \$4,446 saved for this purpose since 2015.

We are excited to see how God calls us to ministry in the coming year. Stay tuned for additional information on our finances in the coming months.

FBC Stewardship/Finance Committees

Church Board Notes, Jan. 11th

Marianne Mills shared a devotion from M.J. Ryan, on the positive effects of gratitude. We were encouraged to remember times that we felt grateful.

We were joined by Dr. Rev. Tim Phillips, so we took a few minutes to do introductions. We each shared our role on the Board and the place we were born or grew up. It is remarkable to hear from how far and wide our group has come to be here.

The Board received reports from each committee. During the report of the Sabbatical Interim Group, Jim Kilinsky suggested we invite Randy Woodley to visit again. We also learned that Dr. Rev. Tim's working days would be as follows: Sundays: here for the service. Monday - Wednesday: office hours, evening meetings as needed (Church Board, Care & Concern, Matthew 25, etc.). His email address is tim@fbcmac.org.

The majority of the meeting was devoted to a review of the latest draft of the 2023 Calendar Year Budget. After much discussion, the Board voted to submit the budget as amended to the congregation, January 22 at the semi-annual meeting. This was a challenging year, and it took Barbara and her team a lot of work to get this done. Prior to the meeting, the Executive

Committee voted to put off the Strategic Plan. I am hopeful we can revisit this project soon, but we were hesitant to commit to these expenses, as we would have had to tap our special funds to cover the costs, as there was no room in the budget for additional expenses. We also discussed the use of Realm for planned giving. We are working to determine how best to support those folks who are not comfortable with using the app. I want to take a moment to thank all of you who turned in estimate of giving cards this year. These cards help us to plan our income for the year, which is a vital piece of the budgeting process.

We also discussed the plans for the Semi-Annual meeting. I will share some remarks, Barbara Burr will present the budget, and Tim Duerfeldt will share a safety presentation to help us all understand what to do in case an emergency occurs during the service.

Finally, our next Board meeting will be held at 6:30pm on Wednesday, February 8th on Zoom. Guests are always welcome at Church Board meetings, so please email me at gbdlinor@gmail.com if you would like to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Larmouth, FBC Moderator



Sunday Worship Highlights

FEBRUARY 2023

*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."*

Adult Sunday Classes: (details on page 11)

- ✦ 8:30 am - FAITH & JAVA - 1st Sundays only - in person, Fireplace Room / Contact - schulmanrob@yahoo.com
- ✦ 8:30 am - CONNECTIONS Class - via Zoom / Contact - barbaracoleburr@gmail.com
- ✦ 8:45 am - CHAPEL Class - in person, Chapel Room, also via Zoom / Contact - gary@portlandconsultinggroup.com
- ✦ 8:45 am - BEREAN Class - in person, Berean Room / Contact - janet@janetlangenwalter.com

10:00 am - **WORSHIP** in person, in the sanctuary - or -
streaming live: www.facebook.com/firstbaptistmac/

February 5 - Communion Sunday

Sermon from John 17.19-26, *"Showing Up for Learning and Loving"*
Rev. Tim Phillips preaching / Music led by Dave Ferry & Doug Verigin
After Worship Fellowship: Come to the Gathering Room hosted by the Missions Ministry Team.

February 12

A Music filled worship with inspirational lyrics and song.
Sermon from Ecclesiastes 3: Psalm 85 - Mike Stern preaching,
"Revive Us Again" / Music led by Marilyn Dresser & FBC Choir.
After Worship: Come to the Gathering Room for snacking, sharing, and learning with the Climate Action Group and to meet Mike Stern.

February 19 - Scout Sunday (Scouts help usher, read scripture/prayer)

Sermon from Luke 18.1-9, *"Showing Up for Justice & Joy"*
Rev. Tim Phillips preaching / Music led by Tegan Johnson & Worship Team.
After Worship Fellowship: Come to the Gathering Room hosted by the FBC Singles group.

February 22 - Lent Begins on Ash Wednesday, 7 pm

Pastor Tim will lead a quiet time of reflection in the Gathering Room.
In the spirit of our Lenten theme of twisting and turning, we will listen to Isaiah who promises *"to give a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit."* (Isaiah 61.3) *Please join us as we begin this Lenten journey together.*

Mike Stern CONCERT Information:

No charge - with Free Will offering.

Mike will have his music available for purchase after the concert. Sharing the table with Mike's music selections will be JoAnn Sims who just published a book of her paintings called, *"Under the Same Sky."*

Proceeds from Free Will offering and purchases will be shared with the World Friendship Center in Hiroshima, Japan.

First Baptist supports their work for peace in the world. WFC's motto is *"Promote Peace, one friend at a time,"*

LENT: A Time for Twists & Turns - Lent is a season when we explore how arguments (etc.) can be holy (see banners, page 5); how loss can turn to gain and gain be twisted into loss; how beginnings turn into endings and endings into beginnings; how giving up can be an opening for taking up something new; etc.

When we think that life should be straightforward, Lent reminds us that real life is full of twists and turns.

The followers of Jesus thought his ministry was a direct path to the restored Kingdom.

But he kept disorienting their expectations, twisting their plans, and turning plain old water into wine.

Nothing was seen as it may have appeared at first.

February 26 - 1st Sunday of Lent

Sermon from Luke 4.1-13 (HBM translation), *"Turning Stone into Bread"*
Rev. Tim Phillips preaching / Music led by Tegan Johnson & Worship Team.
After Worship Fellowship: Come to the Gathering Room, hosted by the Sew & So's group.

January 8th **Word of Intention Workshop** -
these are the words that were claimed by
16 people, and photo of our Arrows.

Welcome - Tranquility
Empowerment - Moxie
Confidence - Satisfied
Weave - Joy
Trust - Connect
Rejoicing - Grace
Peace - Trust
Home - Purpose



January 16th **Hootenanny for Peace**
in honor of MLK Day - 16 people shared
songs and stories.



An Inspiration . . .

from Gloria LaFata

This writing from Father Richard Rohr speaks to our theme of Belonging:

"The depth and mystery of God leaves all of us as perpetual seekers and searchers, always novices and beginners. It is the narrow and dark way of Faith. There is something inherently valuable about an attitude of spiritual curiosity and persistent "knocking."

The ego is formed by contraction; the soul is formed by expansion. The ego pulls into itself from others, "I am not like that" - comparing, competing and separating itself from others.

The soul, however, does exactly the opposite. "I am that." It sees itself in God, the others, flowers, trees, animals, even the enemy. Spiritual seeking will make a person be a perpetual and humble student instead of a contented careerist, a questioner rather than a settler, an always impatient, yearning, and desirous lover. I will bet on such spiritual seekers anyday. They are on the real and only quest."

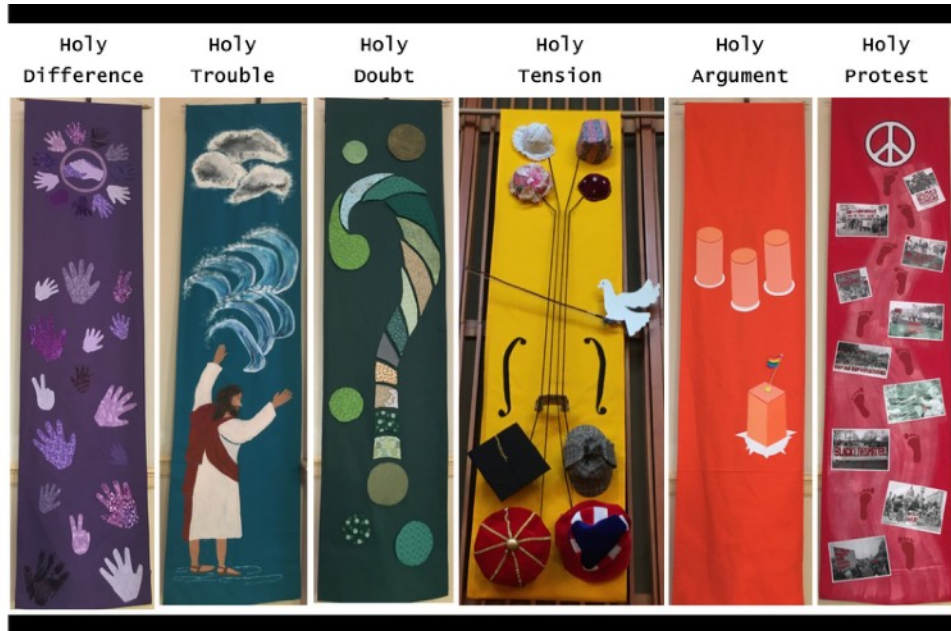
And to our theme of Connection, from Sarah Love, consider this:

- Every one of your ancestors lives in your DNA.
- The plants and trees breathe in your exhale, and you theirs.
- You were created in a cave of darkness called your mother's womb, and so was every other mammal on the planet.
- Your blood is made of almost exactly the same stuff as the ocean.

Can you take a moment to tune in and feel your connection to all that is? Let your mind be blown again and again, while you simply bask in your connectedness to it all."

We belong to each other.... We are all one....

The LENTEN SEASON



A Time
for
Twists
and
Turns

When I first met with the Worship and Community Engagement Team, Georgine showed me the photo of the Lenten banners from 2020. I was overwhelmed. They are beautiful and profound. Apparently, Pastor Erika led a series using William Layton's *"Holy Disunity: How What Separates Us Can Save Us."* The banners express the sacredness of what appear to be not so sacred. I was intrigued and I'm reading the book now.

In the conversation that followed, the Team talked about how Lent brings us face to face with the other side of things: loss can be gain and gain can be loss; beginnings can turn into endings and endings to beginnings; the tradition of giving up things for Lent can make an opening to take up new things. Even the notorious "Seven Deadly Sins" have their sacred side.

Lent reminds us that the temptation to think life should be straightforward is not the way life works. Life is full of twists and turns. The followers of Jesus thought his ministry was a direct path to the restored Kingdom. But Jesus kept disorienting their expectations, twisting their plans, and turning plain old water into wine. He left nothing as it appeared on the surface.

Since many worshippers did not have a chance to see the banners in 2020, they will be hung again during Lent this year. They will help us consider the twists and turns that bring us, at last, to the Kin-dom of God.

For Grace and Peace, Tim

JUST SO YOU KNOW. There is a First Baptist Church group known as the Care and Concern Team. They offer care, concern, assistance or advice when someone who is part of the church is interested. They are not trained professionals. They are experienced lay people who are ready to share care and concern privately when it is appropriate.

The seven members of the Team are Jane Apel, Miles and Muriel Dresser, Joy Hallett, Charlie Walker, Don and Linda Watson. During this Sabbatical Interim, please contact Tim Phillips who will coordinate with the Team - tim@fbcmac.org or call the church office (503) 472-7941.

JUST SO YOU KNOW.

Getting to Know your First Baptist Church Family



A native of California, **Pattie Waltz** moved to Oregon as a 3rd grader when her folks moved north to find a better way of life for their family (Pattie and her older sister, at that time). They settled in Silverton where Pattie graduated from Silverton High School. When Pattie was 14 and her sister (Linda) was 17, her folks added another daughter (Debbie) and they became a family of five. Both sisters still live in Silverton and Pattie's mom (92) resides in Mt. Angel. Pattie went on to OSU and Oregon College of Education (now, WOU) and got a degree in Elementary Education. She was the first in her family to attend college. It was the beginning of a long career as an educator.

Pattie remembers that at around ten years of age, her mom took her and her sister to a small church in the Silverton area. She recalls making friends, enjoying the youth activities and learning the books of the Bible. A white, gold zippered Bible with her name printed in gold on the front was a reward for

memorizing the books of the Bible. That Bible remains with Pattie after all of these years. She also enjoyed singing in church as a teen and even sang "How Great Thou Art" in a school talent show as an eighth grader.

McMinnville School District beckoned in 1986. She had been commuting from Salem to her first grade teaching position at the old Columbus Elementary School. After an initial stint at Columbus, she moved to Memorial Elementary where she continued teaching for 15 years as she continued her education and earned her Administrative licensure. She was an elementary principal for eight years (at Columbus and Cook Elementary Schools) before heading to the District Office in various capacities in 2016. She retired from McMinnville School District in 2016 with 30 years of service and well over that in total years as an educator. Although, officially retired, Pattie did some work with the district post-retirement. She truly embraced her role as an educator.

Pattie's daughters live in Oregon, one in Madras and one in Eugene. She also has a bonus son in Tennessee. Her six grandchildren range in age from 10-16 and she loves attending her grandkids' activities as she can. When her children were in school, life revolved around school activities—sports, concerts, dramatic productions—whatever the kids were involved in and what her school was doing.

Pattie will tell you that, while her kids were growing up and she was being mom to a blended family, her interests were her kids' activities. She loved to take classes, as well as her various roles in education. NOW, however, she has taken up skiing and golf, at the encouragement of friends. She does most of her skiing at Timberline and Mt. Hood resorts, but has been on the slopes in Colorado, Montana and Washington. She is also an avid reader and loves travel. She recently went to Europe for the first time, exploring Amsterdam and the Amalfi Coast of Italy. Now, she is trying to figure out where that next trip will take her.

Service was encouraged of MSD administrators and Pattie became a member of the McMinnville noon Rotary Club. She eventually became President of the organization and is still a member, 15 years after joining. She is also on the board of Community Homebuilders, which builds neighborhoods of affordable housing where families provide labor and help build their houses as well as those of their neighbors. As an educator, she saw the value of all children having a safe place to call home.

Pattie began attending FBC about 20 years ago. She was drawn to the nature of the services and the opportunity to reflect and learn. She did spend one term on the Church Board. Recently, she has been attending online.

We thank Pattie for all she has done for the children of McMinnville and for the service to the community at large that she still gives to. Thanks for being a part of FBC, Pattie. And, stay safe on those slopes!!!

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Get to know the Linders! Jen Ruh was born in New Jersey in 1971 and grew up in Derry, NH. She attended Middlebury College in Vermont for two years, and then transferred to the University of New Hampshire, in Durham, NH, and got a degree in psychology. Following graduation she worked in the psychology lab, before ending up at the University of Minnesota for five years to get her PhD in Child Development. Meanwhile...

John Linder was born in Minnesota in 1971 and raised in a suburb of Minneapolis. John also went to Middlebury College, primarily because he wanted a liberal arts school in the northeast that was close to good skiing! However, though they had mutual friends and their paths may have crossed, they did NOT meet while they were at the same college at the same time. John got a degree in economics - while also doing some pole vaulting - and stayed for a fifth year to get his teaching degree and certification in mathematics, though he never ended up teaching. After some carpentry, waiting tables, working for UPS, and skiing in Lake Tahoe for a year, John finally landed at UNC Chapel Hill to get his master's degree in accountancy. From there he took a job at an accounting firm in Minneapolis, and, finally, in 1998 he and Jen met, being introduced by mutual friends. Their first date was at The Poodle Club (a dance club also described as a dive bar); they were married in 2001, and the rest is history!

In 2002, Jen got a job at Linfield College, so they moved to McMinnville, and in 2003 they built and moved in to the house that they still live in today. Jen has taught psychology at the now university since then, and John has worked in institutional investment consulting and sales, which meant commuting to Portland for 15 years, but has done this remote/virtually for the for last several years. Emma was born in 2004, and is now a freshman at Connecticut College, which is close to where Jen's mom still lives in New Hampshire. Emma loves dancing, and is considering psychology and sociology as possible majors.



Jack was born in 2006 and is a junior at McMinnville High School. He's runs cross country and track, likes working on cars with his friends, and enjoys fishing - he's considering western colleges and universities that, like his dad, are close to good skiing, which he does a lot and hopes to continue. Jen is on sabbatical this year and in the fall she and John competed in the CrossFit Australian Open Masters competition, and got second place in their age and class division! They are both runners and enjoy skiing and backpacking; John has been part of shows at Gallery Theatre and likes getting his boat out on the lake for some water skiing, and Jen likes to cook. Plus they have a dog, Maisie, who has been certified to be part of a pet therapy team.

Jen grew up Catholic and John in the Missouri Synod Lutheran church. The Linders did some church shopping when they arrived in McMinnville, and were eventually invited to FBC by Stacy Martin, and became members in 2003. They have been involved in the music program over the years, and have served on the Church Board, the children, youth, and families team, and search committees. The kids have participated in summer and winter camps, VBS, church campouts, and other children/youth programs over the years. And Emma had an amazing experience on the YAHOO Mexico Mission trip several years ago. The Linders shared that they are part of FBC because of the people, and because this church meets both their social and spiritual needs. We are thankful for them and blessed that they are part of our community!



Fostering Peace

Greetings from Matthew and Malachi at World Friendship Center (WFC)! They are pictured here with one of the WFC board members, Kido Sensai.

World Friendship Center is one of the peace organizations FBC supports through FBC's mission budget.

Matthew, Malachi and WFC are preparing for the up-coming Peace Ambassador Exchange (PAX) program to the West Coast of USA.

It will be held on February 13 & 14 from 6pm-8pm.

World Friendship Center is preparing a similar program for the US East Coast on February 15 & 16. Barbara Reynolds, the founder of WFC, created the guiding motto for World Friendship Center, *"Promote peace, one friend at a time."*

PAX is designed to do just that. This year's program is a two-day virtual opportunity to learn more about WFC, listen to a survivor (Hibakusha) of the atomic bombing, including opportunities on each day to ask questions during planned Q & A times, and to hear what is happening to promote peace on the US West Coast.

Day one will feature Kiyomi Kohno, a Hibakusha, telling her story entitled, *"I will never forget that day."*

Day two will feature our own Don Watson, who will describe our long time STARS program and our recent blending of inclement weather shelter with our Friday Community Low Barrier Shelter. The title of his presentation is, *"Reflections on Serving Those AROUND uS."*

Day two will also provide a presentation by the *Physicians For Social Responsibility from the Seattle area*. The title of their sharing is, *"Opposing Nuclear Weapons in Washington State."*

Details about registration for this virtual program by either group or individuals will soon be available online. They will also make registrations available as soon as WFC sends the registration links. **Please contact Larry and JoAnn Sims for those details joanncsims@gmail.com.**

It is our hope that as many as possible will take advantage to see and hear a Hibakusha and find out what is happening on the West Coast *to promote peace, one friend at a time!*

FREE Dental Hygiene Clinic Available for Friday & Sunday appointments.

Contact Dental Hygienist Candace Gaver,
via TEXT to schedule
your appointment,
(503) 476-4303.

Candace is able to preform Exams,
Digital X-rays, Fillings, Cleaning,
and Extractions.

Location: FBC 2nd floor Room #318

MARY'S CLOSET

Items needed by our houseless friends got a big boost from a Linfield 'Matthew 25' Clothing drive held recently in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.



There's always a continued need for Sturdy shoes/boots, socks, large long sleeve t-shirts, jeans, sweatshirts, waterproof rain gear, COATS, jackets, scarves, gloves,

THE PLASTIC PROJECT COLLECTION EVENTS

Who: The Plastic Project
What: Plastic Collection Event
When: Saturday, February 11, 10am - 1pm
Where: First Baptist Church, McMinnville
Why: To keep hard-to-recycle plastics out of incinerators and landfills

WHAT WE TAKE

Cost is \$4 per standard grocery bag.

We have a 12-bag limit. Cash or check only, please.

Make out check to Zero Waste McMinnville with TPP on memo line.

All bags must be sorted, clean, dry, and bagged together as follows:

Miscellaneous items:

- Bag all straws, utensils, and bread bag clips together.
- Bag all screw-on and flip-top caps together, with or without a number.

Numbered Items:

Does it have a number on the bottom?

Bag together by its number:

- #1s CLEAR ONLY plastic clamshells, to-go containers, and cups (no color).
- #2s, #4s, #5s, #6s - EXAMPLES:
cold/hot drink cups and lids, prescription pill bottles, tub lids, take-out containers, plant pots under four inches, tubs under six ounces, and clear plastic deli tubs.

No Styrofoam, compostable items, or curbside recycling items.

Questions? Call 503.207.5482 or Email

theplasticprojectZWM@gmail.com

Or Call/Text/Email Don Watson 503-510-2816,

donjw@comcast.net



The next Recycle Events will be June 10 and October 14,
both with the same format at First Baptist Church.

MCMINNVILLE YOUTH COLLECTIVE

Youth Group

February 5 & 26

(NO Youth Group on February 19)
at First Presbyterian Church
Middle School from 5-6 pm
Dinner for ALL from 6-6:30 pm
High School from 6:30-7:30 pm

Super Bowl Party!

Sunday, February 12

from 3:30 pm to END of the game
Toth Toy Barn - 2700 NW Pinehurst Dr

Youth Dinner

Thursday, February 23 at 6 pm
at Nancy Jo's Burgers and Fries

Drop off & pick up there,
bring money for dinner, and friends!

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

Our special worship time just for children continues in February!

Following the Children's Time during
worship on Sunday mornings
(except the first Sunday of every month),
children are invited to join us
for Children's Chapel.

We'll meet in the chapel to sing songs,
hear a story, reflect on & respond to the
story with art materials, and have a snack,
all together.

*Our nursery is also open on Sunday
mornings, for infants through preschool
children, from 9:30 am to 11:30 am.*

KIDVENTURE

KidVenture is back in January!

And, as always, it's just for kids!

Join us every Monday night
from 5:15-6:30pm at First Pres
for children Pre-K thru 5th Grade.

We meet for dinner, games, music, a
story and activities. We're partnering
with First Presbyterian Church for
Kidventure and our focus for this year is
on stories of the Old Testament.

And there are lots of ways
for youth and adults to be involved
if you're interested in helping!

**KidVenture will NOT meet
on February 20 this month.**



YOUR MOUNTAIN HOME FOR CAMPS, CONFERENCES & EVENTS

Winter Camp is BACK!

Join us at Camp Arrah Wanna from Friday, February 17 through Monday, February 20
All children and youth, grades 1-12, are welcome to participate.

Registration will open in January at camparrahwanna.org
and the deadline to register is February 10.

Grades 1-4: \$185 ~ Grades 5-8: \$190 - Grades 9-12: \$195

And CAW is in need of volunteers to help make Winter Camp happen!
Contact Corey Hughes (program@camparrahwanna.org)
if you are interested or to learn more.

Stay connected with your church family!

There are many FBC Committees, Classes, and Small Group Opportunities that meet, both in-person or via Zoom, to help our community stay connected. Join one!



Bible Study - Tuesday, 12 noon

This group meets on Tuesdays with Pastor Tim.

All are welcome to join in!

In-person in the Fireplace Room OR online

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

Sunday Faith & Java Class - Sunday, 8:45 am

1st Sunday ONLY - in-person, Fireplace Room

Join this thoughtful discussion with friends.

Contact: Rob Schulman, schulmanrob@yahoo.com

Sunday Connections - Sunday, 8:30 am, via Zoom

Connections class is ever evolving thanks to technology.

Each week we share a 10 minute video that has a spiritual message about being human. Our format gives us the ability to connect with one another and with others beyond our local area. A recent guest, Dara Molloy's newest book, *"Re-Imagining the Divine: A Celtic Spirituality of Experience,"* will be discussed. Join Us!

Contact: Barbara Burr, barbaracoleburr@gmail.com

Sunday Chapel Class - Sunday, 8:45 am

Chapel in-person, and via Zoom.

Book discussion - "Born of a Woman: A Bishop Rethinks the Virgin Birth and the Treatment of Women by a Male Dominated Church," by John Shelby Spong.

People can join any time; each week stands on its own.

Contact: Gary Langenwalter, gary@langenwalterwellness.com

Sunday Berean Class - Sunday, 8:45 am

Meeting on Sunday mornings at FBC on the 2nd floor.

Usually includes a short video followed by discussion.

Contact: Janet Langenwalter, janet@janetlangenwalter.com

Updates from FBC Singles

Since the birth of this group, September 2022, we've enjoyed monthly meetings involving food and getting to know one another. But at our last meeting, when we met in the Fireplace Room to play Trivial Pursuit, we had an opportunity to expand our definition of belonging. One of our STAR and shelter guests joined us. She said, with tears in her eyes, "I can't remember how long it's been since anyone invited me to anything." The Singles group has also become partial to seeing a Tuesday (\$5) movie together, and last time went out for food afterwards. The group is open to suggestions from anyone for group activities, even on days outside our regular first Saturday gatherings. Contact Lynn Crowell herbalynn@comcast.net

Ongoing Small Groups

Climate Action Group - February 12, at 11:15 am, in-person

All are welcome to join.

This group hosts after worship fellowship on 2nd Sundays.

Contact: Lara O'Brady, lara_obrady@yahoo.com

Dying Well - February 6 & 20, at 11:30 am, in-person

1st & 3rd Mondays - Fireplace Room

Contact: Lynn Crowell, herbalynn@comcast.net

Together Works - February 13 & 27, at 7:00 pm, in-person

Fireplace Room at FBC - 2nd & 4th Mondays

Contact: Dee Moore, 971-241-8256, deerocksmoore@gmail.com

Dad's Group - February 13 at 8 pm, in-person

2nd Mondays each month at McMennamins

Contact: John Linder, john.linder93@gmail.com

Meditation Practice - every Tuesday, in-person

Meeting at 10:30 am in the Meditation Room for centering prayer. Contact: Lindsay Wagner, 619-993-8402

Senior Breakfast - February 1 at 8:00 am, in-person

1st Wednesday each month at American Legion Post 21

126 NE Atlantic, McMinnville (near Highway 18)

RSVP: Gina Foster, 971-237-2789

Sister Circle - every Wednesday, on Zoom

Reading the book *Einstein's God* by Krista Tippett.

Contact: Sherill Roberts, shrobert@linfield.edu

Sew & Sos - in-person

Weekly opportunities for individuals and/or small groups to sew together at FBC.

Contact: Susan Chambers, susanlanechambers@gmail.com

Knit Wits - Knitting hats, scarves, and more, for winter!

PM Group - 7:00 pm, in-person - Meets 1st & 3rd Tuesdays

February 7 & 21, at Gina's

Contact: Gina Foster, 971-237-2789

AM Group - 9:30 am, in-person, - Meets 2nd & 4th Thursday

February 9 & 23, at Linda's

Contact: Linda Watson, 971-237-2793

FBC Singles - February 4 at 5:00 pm - in person

Meet at Bierly Brewing to enjoy their 'Great Meltedown' entry (YCAP fundraiser) or other Gluten Free delights. Details TBD

Contact: Lynn Crowell, herbalynn@comcast.net

Hiking Group - on winter hiatus, back in March 2023!

Contact: Gloria LaFata, glowml1@gmail.com

New Moms' Group - February 13 - 6:30 pm

Galentine's Yoga Class (Yoga with your gal friends!)

Contact Heidi Toth, tothfive@gmail.com

Men's Breakfast - February 25 at 9:00 am

Les Toth's Toy Barn, 2700 NW Pinehurst Drive

The speaker for this breakfast will be Dave Ferry who will be talking about "Profile of a Public Defender."

Contact: Neil Kunze, kunze@sou.edu

FEBRUARY at FBC

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Interim Pastor Tim's Schedule: Preaching Sundays, Feb. 5, 19, 26 In Office: Mo-Tu-We			1 8a - Senior Breakfast at American Legion Post Evening Sister Circle	2 Music Rehearsals: 5:30p Bells, Music room 6:30p Choir, Sanctuary 7:30p Worship Team	3 Friday Office Closed 9:15a - STARS Breakfast 7:30p - Friday Shelter	4 5p - FBC Singles
5 8:30a - Faith & Java, in person 8:30a - Connections, Zoom 8:45a - Bereans (in person) & Chapel (in person & Zoom) 10 am - WORSHIP in person & Live Stream 5-7:30p - MYC at FPC	6 9-15a - STARS Breakfast 11:30a - Dying Well 12n - Personnel Committee 4p - Mission Team 5:15p - KidVenture 7p - Worship Planning	7 9a - Building & Grounds 10:30a - Meditation, in-person 12n - Bible Study in person & via Zoom 7p - KnitWits, Gina's	8 6:30p - Church Board Evening Sister Circle	9 9:45a - KnitWits@Linda's Music Rehearsals: 5:30 Bells, Music room 6:30 Choir, Sanctuary 7:30p Worship Team	10 Friday Office Closed 9:15a - STARS Breakfast 7:30p - Friday Shelter	11 Mike Stern's Love & Peace Concert 7 pm at FBC
12 8:30a - Connections, Zoom 8:45a - Bereans (in person) & Chapel (in person & Zoom) 10 am - WORSHIP in person & Live Stream 11:15a - Climate Action 3:30p - Youth Super Bowl Party @ Toth's	13 9:15a - STARS Breakfast 5:15p - KidVenture 7p - Together Works 8p - Dad's Group 6:30p - New Mom's	 14 VALENTINE'S DAY 10:30a - Meditation, in-person 12n - Bible Study in person & via Zoom 7p - Matthew 25, via Zoom	15 1p - Membership via Zoom 2:15p - Faith Formation in person, conference room Evening Sister Circle	16 Music Rehearsals: 5:30 Bells, Music room 6:30 Choir, Sanctuary 7:30p Worship Team	17 Friday Office Closed 9:15a - STARS Breakfast 7:30p - Friday Shelter	18
19 8:30a - Connections, Zoom 8:45a - Bereans (in person) & Chapel (in person & Zoom) 10 am - WORSHIP in person & Live Stream	20 President's Day Chrch office Closed 9:15a - STARS Breakfast 11:30a - Dying Well 7p - Care & Concern	21 10:30a - Meditation, in-person 12n - Bible Study in person & via Zoom 7p - KnitWits, Gina's	22 Evening Sister Circle 7p - <i>Worship Ash Wednesday FBC Sanctuary</i>	23 9:45a - KnitWits@Linda's 6p - Youth Dinner Music Rehearsals: 5:30 Bells, Music room 6:30 Choir, Sanctuary 7:30p Worship Team	24 Friday Office Closed 9:15a - STARS Breakfast 7:30p - Friday Shelter	25 9a - Men's Breakfast at Toth's Toy Barn
Arrah Wanna Winter Camp, Feb. 17-20						
26 8:30a - Connections, Zoom 8:45a - Bereans (in person) & Chapel (in person & Zoom) 1st Sunday of LENT 10 am - WORSHIP in person & Live Stream 5-7:30p - MYC at FPC	27 9:15a - STARS Breakfast 5:15p - KidVenture 7p - Together Works	28 10:30a - Meditation, in-person 12n - Bible Study in person & via Zoom 4p - Pastoral Relations				

FEBRUARY Birthdays

Ken Piontek 2
 Mark Pederson 5
 Virginia Holmstrom 5
 Mary Dressel 7
 Doug Verigin 7
 Jim Kilinsky 7
 Bill Apel 9
 Sandy Sutherland 10
 Nancy Ross 11

Laura Christensen 13
 Molly Robinson 13
 Jim Sloss 14
 Lynne Vincent 15
 John Linder 17
 Geneva Foster-Ward 18
 Jace Early 20
 Briar Kind 21
 Zorissa James 23
 Mary Baker 25
 Emma Linder 25

Steven Park 26
 Joy Hallett 27
 Cyrus Scarboro-Ford 27

FEBRUARY Anniversaries

No February Anniversaries

Interim Pastor Tim Phillipa
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