



156 Year
Anniversary

The Tidings

FBC's monthly newsletter

MAY 2023

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The SEASON'S of FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH



SPRING



SUMMER



FALL



WINTER

Our story began 156 years ago with a tiny group of 22, with dreams, aspirations, and visions, who took a step in faith and founded First Baptist Church, McMinnville.

In FBC's archives, it is written:

"We are many textures, we are many colors, each one different from the other, but we are entwined with one another in one great tapestry. We are different instruments playing our own melodies, each one turning to a different key, but we are all playing in harmony in one great symphony"
- to this day.



It's time to Celebrate, two-fold!

Welcome Back Erika! And our church's 156th Birthday!

Sunday, May 7th

10:00 am - Worship with Rev. Erika Marksbury preaching

11:00 am - All Church Luncheon in the FBC Social Hall (downstairs)

Catered sit-down Luncheon (no cost to you)

Featuring some of Erika's favorite foods: Citrus & beet salad, Broccoli Quiche, Spring vegetables, Three Cheese Pasta, and
a Birthday cake for desert!

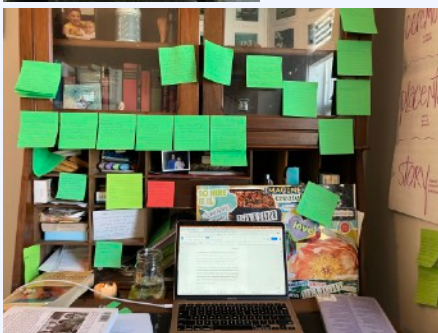
Please Join Us! - Celebrate! - Enjoy the Party!
Welcome Erika back to FBC with smiles and cheers!



As my sabbatical draws to a close, I wanted to say...

Hello, Friends! I hope this note finds you well. I am looking forward to rejoining you for worship, reconnecting with you for serving, and re-engaging with you in the work of seeking justice and joy. I am eager to learn about what your lives have been like these past few months.

The pictures at left are scenes from the two major projects of my sabbatical. On top is a tool introduced to our doula training cohort -- a measuring tool that helps gauge how many centimeters dilated a birthing person's cervix is. With six others, I completed a 42-hour training in Portland that is one step (of many) toward becoming a certified doula, or birth companion. It's not a role I could take on fully at this point in my life, but it was wonderful to be immersed in the world of birthing people and babies, to learn about the supports they need in order to flourish, to hear about the justice work happening in birth work communities, and to consider how the ways a doula might accompany a pregnant woman are similar to the *(continued on page 3)*



Year End Financial Report: January 1- March 31, 2023

MAY 2023

YTD Actual for Period % of Amount Budgeted

Contributions Income:	\$75,790	89.7%
Total Income:	\$ 92,810	91.7%
Total Expenses:	\$100,205	99.0%
Net Income:	- \$ 7,395	- Deficit

FBC's Fellowship Fund welcomes donations during these time of ever increasing needs in our community.

The fund is administered by the senior pastor and office administrator.

It provides funds for utilities, avoiding service shut offs, lodging respites, rental assistance, food, and other needs.

Your donations are so appreciated.

Thanking you in advance!

Financial Update:

Estimates of Giving Contributions are under budget by 10%. 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 Assistant Treasurer, Don Watson (donjw@comcast.net) or Treasurer, Barbara Burr (barbaracoleburr@gmail.com).

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

**PLEASE CONSIDER
VOLUNTEERING TO
SERVE ON THE FINANCE/
STEWARDSHIP
COMMITTEE.
WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

Church Board Notes, April 12th

The Church Board met as scheduled, over Zoom. We are taking this decision one month at a time and we will decide at the end of each Board meeting which format (in person or Zoom) is preferred.

We started off with a devotion by Janet Langenwalter, who sang two hymns written by Carol Gillette. The first hymn had an Easter theme, where we are reminded that in his pain he made us whole again. The second hymn had an Earth Day theme, including that 'creation reminds us of Gods' love,' and that we are God's stewards of the Earth. Pastor Tim shared that he is a big fan of Ms. Gillette.

JoAnn Sims visited the Board to share an update on the Support for Immigrant Families group. Several local churches and other groups are hoping to work together to re-settle a Ukrainian family. The churches would share in ensuring the financial and social support for the family. Together, the total amount to be raised is \$23,000 over two years. The group is working with Church World Services, which was established after World War Two. The Board decided to hold off until the June or July meeting, when we have the benefit of Pastor Erika's counsel.

Under Team Reports, we discussed continuing audio issues with the online service. Some who have tuned in to the live stream have heard lots of feedback and other noises that make it hard to enjoy the singing. We are looking into this issue, and it may be that a new computer is necessary because the current one just can't handle the job anymore. The Board authorized Sean Williams to acquire a computer that

will better meet our needs. Cherie Walker shared that Building & Grounds will be working with A Family Place to replace the large outdoor playset with more appropriate equipment that is safe and more suitable for their younger clientele. We are looking for a place to donate or sell the old equipment that is still usable. Marianne reported that a Realm workshop would be given on Sunday April 16, with a few experts on hand to help folks get signed up. Barbara Burr shared the Treasurer's Report, where we learned that giving is down over 10% vs. budget year-to-date. Please consider if you have met your commitment, so that we can continue to provide the staff and programs of the Church.

Under new business, Donna was contacted by Mac Water and Light about the possibility of hosting an electric vehicle charging station. There was some interest, but we have more questions than answers at this point, so we are going to do further research before making a decision.

There are many opportunities to get involved in the Church, and we hope to find new members for the Board, Committees, and Programs like the STAR breakfasts. We could use some spring chickens to go along with our old crows.

Finally, our next Church Board meeting will be held at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, May 10th via Zoom. Guests are always welcome at Board meetings, so please email me at gbdlinor@gmail.com if you'd like to attend online.

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Larmouth, FBC Moderator



Sunday Worship Highlights

MAY 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 - **CONNECTIONS Class** - via Zoom / Contact - barbaracoleburr@gmail.com

8:45 am - **FAITH & JAVA** - 1st Sundays only - in person, Fireplace Room / Contact - schulmanrob@yahoo.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/

May 7 - Communion Sunday

Sermon from Psalm 90

Rev. Erika Marksburly preaching

Music led by Tegan & the Worship Team

Communion led & served by Children & Youth

After Worship Fellowship: All-Church Luncheon in the Social Hall celebrating FBC's 156th Birthday!
(See page 1 for more details.)

May 14 - Mother's Day, "Changing Neighborhoods"

Sermon from Ezekiel 3:12-15

Guest preacher, Rev. Diane Hooze, has served as Senior Pastor of Judson Memorial Baptist Church in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on ABC regional staff in Massachusetts, and has been an Intentional Interim Pastor for both American Baptist Churches and Congregational Churches in Oregon. She was most recently on staff at the Portland Mennonite Church as Interim Pastor of Community Life & Outreach. She deeply appreciates all the shared leadership connections that she has experienced with McMinnville First Baptist over her years of ministry within ABC.

Music led by Marilyn & the FBC Choir

After Worship Fellowship: hosted by Climate Action.

May 21 -

Sermon from Acts 1:3-11

Rev. Erika Marksburly preaching

Music led by Tegan & the Worship Team

After Worship Fellowship: Colton Anderson, FBC youth, invites you to a fundraiser lunch in support of his Eagle Scout project.
(see page 4 for more details)

May 28 -

Sermon from Acts 2:1-18

Rev. Erika Marksburly preaching

Music led by Tegan & the Worship Team

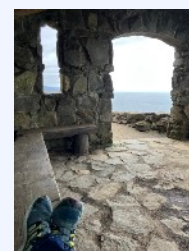
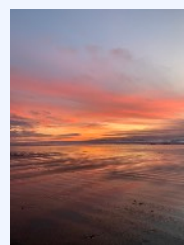
After Worship Fellowship: Let Erika know if your group would like to host the fellowship this day or any future Sunday: erika@fbcmac.org

(continued from page 1) ways a pastor can walk alongside a congregant through times of uncertainty, struggle, joy, sorrow, and change.

The bottom picture on page one is the scene I viewed most days -- the desk I inherited from my grandmother, piled with books and littered with post-it notes, where I sat to write my dissertation, titled "Mothers Making Meaning: An Exploration of Contemporary Ritual Practices Surrounding Childbirth." At the time I'm writing this for the Tidings, I've turned in the dissertation, but I'm not done. My committee will read it, and then I'll have my "defense," which I'm trying to think of as more like a conversation, and less combative, than the name implies. I've received encouraging feedback from my advisor, so I am hopeful that I will graduate in May, but that's not for certain just yet -- a few more steps to complete.

In addition to training and writing, the third way I've spent my time on sabbatical is resting. I've gone to lots of middle and high school track meets to cheer on my kids. I've become a regular at the yoga studio down the street from FBC. I've indulged in the beauty of Yachats, Rockaway Beach, and Manzanita. I've read a book a week, just for fun. I even went to church a couple of times, but that just made me miss you all. 💙

There are not words equal to the gratitude I hold for you all -- for making this time possible for me, for your support, for the community you are. Thank you. And see you soon! *Erika*





FBC will be recognizing
our graduates during
worship on
Sunday, June 4th.

If anyone knows of someone to include, let
Sean know. He's already contacted the seniors
that participate in the MYC program.

Kindly provide others.

FBC Office: 503-472-7941, office@fbcmac.org
Sean, Youth Minister: sean@fbcmac.org



Eagle Scout Project & Fundraiser Lunch

Colton Anderson is an FBC youth and 17 year
old junior at McMinnville High School, and
has reached the Eagle Scout stage of his
scouting journey. This includes organizing
and leading a project in the community.

Colton will be doing his this summer.
He will be removing the fence on the north
side of the FBC playground and replacing it
with a taller privacy fence to help create a
safer environment on the playground. We are
so excited, and thankful, to be the recipient
of this project!

**On Sunday, May 21, Colton will be holding a
lunch to share more about himself and his
Eagle Scout process, and to raise funds for
this project. You are invited to join us in the
Social Hall following worship for a delicious
meal and to support Colton. We are simply
asking for a donation of whatever
you are able to give.**

INSPIRATION - HOLLY ANGEL

In February, I was in a car accident. Thankfully, no one was hurt but afterward, my body vibrated and buzzed like I'd overdosed on caffeine. I grabbed my shoulder bag and stepped out of my car. I tried to call 911 but my hand shook. I finally told Siri to make the call. My car had come to rest in the center turn lane. Cars whizzed by, a few rubberneckers slowed, gawked for a second, then sped away. I froze, confused and unsteady, afraid I'd fall crossing the highway.

On the other side of the road, a young couple stood near the black car I'd hit. A white van had pulled in behind and a woman stood nearby, watching me. A moment later, she crossed the busy highway and took my arm. "C'mon with me."

Shards of plastic wreckage crunched underfoot as we crossed Route 18. "You okay?", the other driver said as we approached. I nodded. "Just really shook up. You both alright?" They nodded.

My rescuer led me to her van and opened the double side doors. "Here. Sit," she said, handed me a bottle of water then sat next to me. I stuck out my hand. "I'm Dave." She took my hand. "Holly." She leaned behind me and retrieved a puppy that had nested in a blanket on the floor next to the driver's seat. I smiled. "Aww, he's adorable. Can I hold him?" As soon as I snuggled his soft, golden fur against my shoulder and cheek, my pulse slowed, my body stopped shivering. "Nothing like a warm puppy to calm the nerves."

Holly and I watched the police and fire and rescue people do their work. After what seemed like hours, the officer emerged from his cruiser and walked over to us. "Any preference for a tow?" I thought for a minute. "Gales, I guess." He nodded. "I'll stay with your car until the truck gets here." He handed me the papers I'd need for my insurance. "Do you have someone to call for a ride home?" I shook my head. Holly looked at the officer then me. "I can give him a ride, if that's okay?" "I'd really appreciate that. I don't live far."

The next day, my brain birthed a worry monster as I replayed the accident. What was I going to do without a car? But then I thought of sitting in Holly's van, watching the drama unfold like a movie. My anxiety seemed to drain away. In that hour, she'd paused her life to help a stranger, created a warm, peaceful space where all was well. She was the Good Samaritan.

She probably didn't know she was a Holly-Angel to me that afternoon. How many of us really know what impact a seemingly small deed can have on a person's life?

- Written by Dave King



Sunday Chapel Class - Sunday, 8:45 am

In-person in the Chapel OR via Zoom.

Starting April 16, the Chapel Class will be discussing a New York Times bestseller, "*Learning to Walk in the Dark*," by Barbara Brown Taylor. This book provides a way to find spirituality in those times when we don't have all the answers.

Taylor has become increasingly uncomfortable with our tendency to associate all that is good with lightness and all that is evil and dangerous with darkness. Doesn't God

work in the nighttime as well? In "*Learning to Walk in the Dark*," Taylor asks us to put aside our fears and anxieties and to explore all that God has to teach us "in the dark." She argues that we need to move away from our "solar spirituality" and ease our way into appreciating "lunar spirituality" (since, like the moon, our experience of the light waxes and wanes). Through darkness we find courage, we understand the world in new ways, and we feel God's presence around us, guiding us through things seen and unseen. Often, it is while we are in the dark that we grow the most.

Chapel Class is group discussion instead of a lecture; volunteers take turns facilitating the class. We meet from 8:45 - 9:45 in the chapel. Hope to see you there. Questions? Call Gary (971) 221-8155, or gary@portlandconsultinggroup.com.

NEWS from FBC's Climate Action Team

Congratulations FBC! 57 people took 107 actions to benefit the earth during our "Be the Climate Change" campaign from November 2022 to April 2023.

May 10 - Sign up for Interfaith Power and Light **Advocacy Day** in person at the legislature in Salem. Go to their website to sign up. Let Lynn Crowell now if you want to carpool to Salem, herbalynn@comcast.net

June 3 10:30a - 2:30p - Climate Action Retreat at Jim Kilinsky's home in Dallas. He will provide lunch. Maybe you can't come to our regular meetings but you'd like to have some input on our focus for next fall. Let Lara O'Brady know if you would like to come - lara_obrady@yahoo.com.



Beach Bound Baptists! FBC Annual Campout returns to South Beach State Park Fri-Sat-Sun, July 21-23, 2023

\$78.00 per site buys a weekend of Fun!

Fellowship! Food! Contact Dave King -

503-472-9666 (text or talk) OR email kavedina@earthlink.net



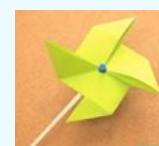
Community Engagement during the McMinnville Farmer's Market Thursday, May 18, 11am-5pm

After an overwhelming success of four community engagement activities last summer, we are planning five activities, once a month from May through September, for 2023! **These activities are meant to engage the community members who attend the McMinnville Farmer's Market by welcoming folks into the shade of our beautiful courtyard, with a fun and creative activity.** We also provide tables and chairs for people to eat their lunch in the shade, and offer water & some relief from the heat with a mister.

Last year 20 different church volunteers engaged over 260 people in the community!



On Thursday, May 18th, the first activity of this year will be folding Origami. Folks will be able to choose to make a pinwheel, peace crane, fortune teller, or several other simple shapes. Tables, chairs, and a tarp for shade and/or rain will be provided because you never know in Oregon!



We need volunteers to help for one-hour shifts during the afternoon of May 18th to welcome guests and help create origami. All supplies will be provided and no experience is needed! Please contact Susan Chambers (503.435.9952 or susanlanechambers@gmail.com) to be a part of this fun way our church engages the community!!

Here is the full schedule for this coming season:

- > May 18th: Origami
- > June 22nd: Nine Square in the Air
- > July 20th: Chalk Art
- > August 17th: Hope, Dream, Prayer Flags
- > September 21st: Climate Action

Getting to Know your First Baptist Church Family



Californians by birth, **Georgine and Carson Benner** have become full-fledged Oregonians and are firmly ingrained in the life of our community. Georgine grew up in the San Fernando Valley, a Los Angeles suburb, and attended 12 years of Catholic school. Carson grew up in the Bay area and then in Sierraville, a small town in northern California. They both escaped California when they attended Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Prescott, Arizona. They met and started dating their senior year. After graduation, they moved to Oregon where she worked for Evergreen Helicopters and he worked at Evergreen Airlines. This was back when Evergreen was at its peak in 1990 and was one of the largest employers in McMinnville. Georgine continued her career working for a construction accounting software company and then Online Northwest as the Finance Director. After 15 years at Evergreen, Carson became co-owner of Cellar Ridge Construction for which he is now the sole owner.

After marrying in 1994, they bought a house and settled in McMinnville, excited to start a family in such a great community. They raised two great kids. Paige is now 24, living in Portland, and is a video editor. Prescott is 22 and will graduate from OSU this June as an architectural engineer. Georgine is a recovering Catholic who really struggled with the "rules" of Catholicism. Since college, she floundered trying to find a faith community where she could connect. After 9-11, her friend Nikki Mead invited her to FBC when Nikki was also struggling to understand the world we live in. FBC, McMinnville was what Georgine was looking for, a faith community that is welcoming, inclusive, and focuses on helping our neighbors in need. Her favorite Bible verse is Micah 6:8, *"And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."* FBC helps her to be that person.



Georgine always felt a calling to work with youth so when FBC was looking for a Youth Coordinator she applied. She worked at FBC from 2004 to 2010. Many know her for leading the Y.A.H.O.O. Mexico Mission trip for 13 years during Spring Break. During that time she coordinated over 500 youth to build about 50 houses in Mexico for families in need. Her work with the youth confirmed that these were the people she wanted to help so she returned to school and earned her Masters in School Counseling from OSU. She now works for McMinnville High School and is the Department Chair for the school counselors.

Over the last 20 years, Georgine has been very involved in worship. She's on the Worship Committee, decorates the Sanctuary, and takes the lead in banner decorations. Since Covid, she has been one of the folks on the computer so worship can be streamed live. She has also been on the Church Board as the Worship & Community Engagement Chair, Secretary, and now the Vice Moderator. Besides running his business, Carson has been involved with Habitat for Humanity and was heavily involved in the planning for the Aspire subdivision where Habitat is currently building. He also served on the Habitat Board of Directors. Carson has also been a tireless servant of McMinnville School District in his role as a Board Member and currently serves as Chair of the McMinnville School Board.



The couple loves the outdoors. They have epic Benner family expeditions - white water rafting, backpacking in the High Sierras, and cross-country skiing. The couple loves to mountain bike in Bend and road bike in wine country. It was hard to find a picture of the couple where they were not wearing bike helmets or ski gear. In 2017, Georgine and Paige hiked the 425 miles of the state of Oregon's Pacific Crest Trail. When not on adventures, Carson can be found in his shop working on converting an ambulance into a camper van and Georgine is reading or working on a jigsaw puzzle.



Through FBC, the couple appreciates the values and mission of the church and is grateful to have made some lifelong friends and connections in the community.

Getting to Know your First Baptist Church Family

Get to know Jennifer Scott & Russell Weaver!

Jennifer Scott was born in McCloud, California. She has two siblings and her dad worked for the U.S. Forest service and her mom was a registered nurse. By the time she was 12 years old, she had lived in 5 different places. She graduated from High School in Atlanta and continued her education at the University of Georgia in Athens. She graduated with a BA from the University in 1980 and while there, she met Russell Weaver.

Russell was born in Georgia and has three older brothers. His first five years were spent in four different towns in Georgia. At age 6, he and his family moved to Alaska, where he spent the next four years, following his parents' teaching careers. They lived in Barrow, Fairbanks, Kwigillingok and Wainwright. He moved back to Georgia in time for Jr. High and High School. He attended one year at the University of Alaska Fairbanks and then continued his education, graduating from the University of Georgia in Athens, in 1980.

Russell's first job was teaching English at a H.S. in Gainesville, Georgia, along with coaching basketball and starting a soccer program. He stayed there for eight years. Jennifer had various secretarial jobs during this time. They both continued their education at Georgia State, while working. Russell got his MA in Library Media and Jennifer earned her MS in Nutrition Education and became a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist. Jennifer worked for the WIC Program (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, & Children). Jennifer and Russell were married in 1983 and will soon celebrate their 40th Anniversary.

In 1992, when their son Dylan was 18 months old, Russell took a job in McMinnville. They wanted to move to Oregon to be closer to Jennifer's parents, who lived in Portland. Russell worked at Memorial Elementary as a Librarian for 8 years. He then moved to McMinnville H.S., working as a Librarian and teaching Math. At the end of his career, he also coached Track and Soccer. Jennifer again worked for the WIC program and then as a Dietitian at Providence/ Newberg. Jennifer had a 20 year career with Physician's Medical Center as a Dietitian. During this time their daughter Lillian was born in Oregon.

Jennifer and Russell met Kent and Trisha Harrop at a children's birthday party in 1994 and that is how they got connected to FBC. They also knew the Chambers family. Jennifer was part of Joan Kushner and Trisha Harrops' Moms' Group, and Kent started a Dads' Group that Russell was involved in. Russell spent 20 years helping with the church sound system and on camera rotation. Jennifer is coordinator with the Nicaragua Team and has participated in Mission Trips to Nicaragua. While their daughter Lillian was in H.S., they hosted students from Thailand and Ecuador.

Russell retired in 2021 and Jennifer in 2022. That same year they both became Master Gardeners! They have a "house in the woods" in Skamania Co., Washington, that belonged to Jennifer's parents, that they both enjoy. Jennifer visits her mom weekly, in Portland.

They both love to read and travel. All of Russell's family is still in the South, so he visits twice a year. Russell is also a serious runner and has won the Portland Shamrock ½ Marathon for his age group, in both '22 and '23.

They say they love FBC for the acceptance and welcoming of all people and for the Outreach Programs the church supports. Both their grown children, Dylan and Lillian, are back living in Oregon now, and that is great too. We are so fortunate to have this loving, generous, talented couple in our church and community. We are grateful.



A Night of Glitz, Glamor, and God's Love at Rainbow Acres, Arizona

On a beautiful February evening, Rainbow Acres was transformed into a magical wonderland, filled with twinkling lights, shimmering stars, and a red carpet leading to a night of celebration and joy.

- Thanks to the annual high-energy, inspirational 'Night to Shine', sponsored by the Tim Tebow Foundation -

With the help of volunteers and local churches worldwide, the Tim Tebow Foundation provides an unforgettable prom night experience centered on God's love for people with special needs. Night to Shine recognizes that each King & Queen shines in their own unique and special splendor. And together, all of our Shining Stars create a beautiful symphony of love and light.

This year, Rainbow Acres hosted its own **Night to Shine**. Dressed to the nines, with a brilliant smile on every face, the Ranchers danced the night away while being reminded that they are loved. The evening was a huge success thanks to the many volunteers who generously contributed their time and energy.

Special Needs Adults pick prom outfits for the event. Many beautiful dresses and nice dress shirts were donated. Several members of staff carried items from house to house here on the Ranch, helped our residents choose party clothes from among the colorful options. Each Rancher found an outfit that expressed their own personal style, and volunteers stepped in to alter the clothing for a perfect fit.

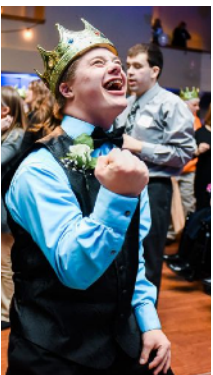
In the hours before, volunteers converged on Rainbow Acres to make it the best night ever, transforming the Community Center into **A Night of Glitz & Glamor!** They hung stars from the ceiling, created balloon arches, and fixed strings of bead lights to cascade down the wall. Other volunteers created a photo booth, crafted huge letters to spell out "Shine" beneath the projector screen, and covered the windows in cut out stars. Others set up tables for refreshments, artfully arranged cookies and candy on silver trays, set up soda and frozen fruit at a beverage station, and 200 tiny umbrellas were opened in preparation for the many sparkling drinks soon to be created.

Another group of volunteers established hairdressing, makeup, and accessory stations. Chattering Ranchers sat in line waiting their turn to be transformed into the most physically beautiful version of themselves. Our lady Ranchers loved choosing what color their nails would be, holding up their hands watching the light glint off the freshly applied polish. Eyes closed, they sat still for the application of their makeup, and when they looked in the mirror, their reactions were ones of delight. Organized chaos swirled around the hairdressing stations as the volunteers worked their magic - buns, braids, and bouncing curls, each hairdo was stunning. At a nearby table, a selection of snazzy ties, pretty hair bows, and lovely jewelry awaited the Ranchers. Volunteers assisted in choosing the perfect accessories to match their dresses or suits. They did not stop until every Rancher was happy and smiling from ear to ear.

As the event began, music could be heard throughout the building, and twinkling lights and a red carpet greeted our VIPs. As they entered each Rancher was reminded that they are Kings and Queens, each given a crown or a tiara. They were dressed in all their finery. Some were shy. Some were bold. A few were happy to show off, opening their suit jackets and spinning around so everyone could see how handsome they were. When the announcer called their names, each beaming King or Queen ducked through the streamers, under the balloon arch, and walked down the red carpet to the cheering of their friends, family members, staff, and volunteers.

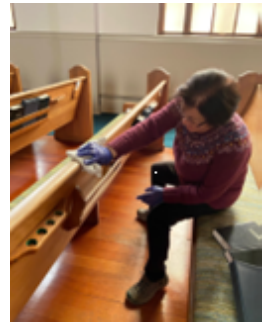
A video presented fun dance routines with easy-to-follow instructions, as dancers crowded into the center of the room, arms lifted, smiling brightly. Everyone danced with joy. All evening the Kings & Queens were reminded that they are royalty because they are children of God and that God loves them. A musical playlist began, and the dancing continued into the night. **These minutes of wonder, pride, and joy were the highlight of the evening. Each Rancher was recognized and applauded for being the beautiful, amazing person they are. They shone as brightly as stars.**

A Note: FBC Missions provides support for Rancher, Patti W, at Rainbow Acres.





Sprucing up our church home, inside & out,
just in time for Easter!



These Saturday Clean-up volunteers assisted building superintendent, Ron Richter: Tim Duerfeldt, Dave Hallett, Heidi & Matt Reinker, Kim & Tom Riggs, Shelly Sanderlin, Jennifer Scott, Russell Weaver, Charlie & Cherie Walker, Don Watson.



EASTER SUNDAY




Guest organist & Yamhill River
Brass



Bell Ringers



The 
Hallelujah
Chorus
was so
powerful!
The Spirit
of Easter
was alive
at FBC!



Children listened to an
Egg-stra special Easter Story!



Mr. & Ms. Bunny



EASTER BRUNCH with our church family



Interim Pastor Tim

We are so PROUD of FBC's EASTER Celebration - Thank you all for making it memorable!

McMinnville Youth Collective

Youth Group May 7 & 21

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

NO Youth Group
May 14 - Mother's Day
May 28 - Memorial Day Weekend

Youth Dinner

Wednesday, May 24 at 6 pm
at Tacos El Gordo

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

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL & KIDVENTURE

Children's Chapel!

Sunday mornings following the Children's Time during worship. Children of any/all ages are invited to join us in the chapel, for songs, a story, reflection, and snack.

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

Kidventure - JUST FOR KIDS!

Monday nights from 5:15-6:30pm
at First Presbyterian Church
for children Pre-K thru 5th Grade.

We meet for dinner, games, music, a story and activities, and our focus for this year is on stories of the Old Testament.

LOCK OUT SPRING 2023

The McMinnville Youth Collective is doing a first ever Spring Lock Out!

6th-12th grade youth and friends

Friday, May 12 @ 5pm
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Friday, May 12 @ midnight

We're headed to the North Clackamas Aquatic Center and Bullwinkle's for swimming, playing, dining, and more!
And the cost is just \$50!

Learn more and register now at
fbcmac.org/lock-out-spring-2023
the deadline is Sunday, May 7!

SUMMER 2023!

Save the dates for these exciting plans for the summer,
and stayed tuned for more details and even more fun coming soon!



Vacation Bible School 2023!

VBS is back June 26-30
and we're partnering with First Pres
for Changemakers Lab,
an interactive VBS where children
learn that everyone can make a
difference in the world!

Registration will open in May
for children K through 6th grade
(youth & adult volunteers needed!).

JOIN US!



Summer Camp at Camp Arrah Wanna
is back in July 2023!

There will be **ONE WEEK** of camp for
ALL children and youth,
rising 2nd grade through graduates.

Here's the schedule for the week:

July 10: ALL campers arrive
July 14: rising 2nd - 9th grade depart
July 15: rising 10th grade - grads depart

rising 2nd - 9th grade = \$300
rising 10th grade - grads = \$350

Registration now open!
www.camparrahwanna.org/programs



MYC Service Learning Trip 2023

This summer we are excited to be
partnering with S.L.A.M.
(Students Learning About Missions)
Trips for a cross-cultural service &
learning trip in an indigenous
paradigm.

The trip is July 23-28 for current
5th-12th grade youth.
And registration is now open!

You can find our more details,
register here:
fbcmac.org/myc-service-learning-trip-2023/

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!

Spring Classes & Small Groups

Bible Study - Tuesdays, 12 noon

This group meets with Pastor Erika. All are welcome!

In-person in Staff Conference Room OR via Zoom.

A discussion-based Bible study with opportunity to delve deeper into highlighted scripture for the week. It's a great forum for asking difficult faith-based questions and/or sharing life's ups and downs, and requesting prayer, too.

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

1st Sunday ONLY - in-person, Fireplace Room.

A different topic each gathering, join for a thoughtful and lively 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, followed by discussion. Our format gives us the ability to connect with one another and with others beyond our local area. Join Us!

Contact: Barbara Burr, barbaracoleburr@gmail.com

Sunday Chapel Class - Sunday, 8:45 am

In-person in the Chapel OR via Zoom.

The Chapel Class is currently discussing a New York Times bestseller, Learning to Walk in the Dark, by Barbara Brown Taylor.. This book provides a way to find spirituality in those times when we don't have all the answers. Hope you join us. Questions?

Contact: Gary Langenwalter (971) 221-8155, or gary@portlandconsultinggroup.com. (details page 5)

Sunday Berean Class - Sunday, 8:45 am

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

Watching and discussing videos from "Painting the Stars," a series on science, religion and an evolving faith. Contact: Janet Langenwalter,

janet@janetlangenwalter.com

Sunday Rainbow Class - for Special Needs Adults

Contact: Cynthia Parker, cynp007@gmail.com

Ongoing Small Groups

Climate Action Group - hosting Sunday Fellowship, May 14
This group meets periodically and works on projects.
Contact: Lara O'Brady, lara_obrady@yahoo.com

Dying Well - May 1 & 15, at 11:30 am, in-person
1st & 3rd Mondays - Fireplace Room
Contact: Lynn Crowell, herbalynn@comast.net.

Together Works - May 8 & 22, at 7:00 pm, in-person
Fireplace Room at FBC - 2nd & 4th Mondays
Contact: Dee Moore, 971-241-8256, deerocksmoore@gmail.com

Dads Group - May 8 at 8 pm, in-person
2nd Mondays each month at McMenemy's - Please RSVP
Contact: John Linder, john.linder93@gmail.com

Meditation Practice - every Tuesday, in-person
Meditation Room at 10:30 am for centering prayer
Contact: Lindsay Wagner, 619-993-8402

Senior Breakfast - May 3 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 Wisdom Way of Knowing* by Cynthia Bourgeault.
Contact: Sherill Roberts, shrobert@linfield.edu

Sew & Sos - in-person
Weekly opportunities for individuals and/or small groups to sew together at FBC (2nd floor sewing room).
Contact: Susan Chambers, susanlanechambers@gmail.com

Knit Wits - Knitting hats, hand/neck warmers & prayer shawls!

PM Group - 7:00 pm, in-person - Meets 1st & 3rd Tuesdays
May 2 & 16, at Gina's
Contact: Gina Foster, 971-237-2789

AM Group - 9:45 am, in-person - Meets 2nd & 4th Thursdays
May 11 & 25, at varying locations
Contact: Linda Watson, 971-237-2793

FBC Singles - Tuesday, May 9 at 1 pm
Meet for lunch and conversation at Mezcal, 1208 SW Baker St.
Friday, May 12 - '9-5' at Gallery Theater at 7:30 pm.
(If you want to sit together let Lynn know by May1 and she will buy a block of tickets, otherwise buy your own ticket.)
Meet at Bierly's 6:00 pm for food and drink before the show.
Contact: Lynn Crowell, herbalynn@comcast.net

New Moms' Group - May Date TBD
Going to the movie "Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret."
Contact Heidi Toth, tothfive@gmail.com

Hiking Group - May 20, meet at FBC at 9am to carpool.
Location TBD, bring water & a lunch.
Contact: Gloria LaFata, glowml1@gmail.com

Men's Breakfast - May 27 at 9:00 am
Les Toth's Toy Barn, 2700 NW Pinehurst Drive
The speaker for this breakfast will be Charlie Walker, "Two Linfield Risks and Joys from the 1970s"
Contact: Neil Kunze, kunze@sou.edu

MAY at FBC

MAY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 9:15a - STARS Breakfast 11:30a - Dying Well 12n - Personnel Committee 4p - Mission Team 5:15p - KidVenture 7p - Worship Planning	2 10:30a - Meditation, in-person 12n - Bible Study in person & via Zoom 7p - KnitWits, Gina's	3 8a - Senior Breakfast at American Legion Post Evening Sister Circle	4 Music Rehearsals: 5:30 Bells, Music room 6:30 Choir, Sanctuary	5 9:15a - STARS Breakfast 7:30p - Friday Shelter	6
7 8:30a - Connections, Zoom 8:45 - Faith & Java, in person 8:45a - Bereans, in person & Chapel, in person & Zoom 10 am - WORSHIP in person & Live Stream 11a - Luncheon 5-7:30p - MYC at FPC	8 9:15a - STARS Breakfast 5:15p - KidVenture 7p - Together Works 8p - Dads Group at McMenamans	9 9a - Building & Grounds 10:30a - Meditation, in-person 12n - Bible Study in person & via Zoom 1p - FBC Singles lunch	10 6:30p - Church Board Evening Sister Circle	11 9:45a - KnitWits Music Rehearsals: 5:30 Bells, Music room 6:30 Choir, Sanctuary (last rehearsal 'till fall) 7:30p Worship Team	12 9:15a - STARS Breakfast 7:30p - Friday Shelter 7:30p - Singles at Gallery Theater 5p-12m - Youth LOCK-OUT	13
14 Mother's Day 8:30a - Connections, Zoom 8:45a - Bereans, in person & Chapel, in person & Zoom 10 am - WORSHIP in person & Live Stream	15 9:15a - STARS Breakfast 11:30a - Dying Well 5:15p - KidVenture 7p - Care & Concern	16 10:30a - Meditation, in-person 12n - Bible Study in person & via Zoom 7p - Matthew 25 7p - KnitWits, Gina's	17 1p - Membership via Zoom 2:15p - Faith Formation in person, conference room Evening Sister Circle	18 End of year CHOIR Celebration at JL Kiff Vineyard Music Rehearsals: 5p Bell Choir, Music room 7:30p Worship Team	19 9:15a - STARS Breakfast 7:30p - Friday Shelter	20 HIKING Group 9a meet at FBC
21 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	22 9:15a - STARS Breakfast 5:15p - KidVenture 7p - Together Works	23 10:30a - Meditation, in-person 12n - Bible Study in person & via Zoom	24 6p - Youth Dinner Evening Sister Circle	25 9:45a - KnitWits Music Rehearsals: 5p Bell Choir, Music room 7:30p Worship Team	26 9:15a - STARS Breakfast 7:30p - Friday Shelter	27 9a - Men's Breakfast
28 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	29 MEMORIAL DAY holiday Office & STARS closed	30 10:30a - Meditation, in-person 12n - Bible Study in person & via Zoom 4p - Pastoral Relations	31			

MAY Birthdays

Scott Chambers 1
 Violet Zimmerman 2
 Jacob Harmon 5
 Jean Meicho 7
 Amanda Witter 7
 Izzy Ward 8
 Rob Schulman 11
 Joe Wilkins 11
 Sean P. Williams 13
 Meridith Symons 13
 Zander Dressel 15
 Becket Marksbury Page 18
 Nora Olson 18
 Brianna Richards 18
 Liam Ward 19

Darrel Eacret 20
 Marianne Mills 20
 Jonathan Davis 21
 Myra Huff 25
 Charlotte Hendricks 26
 Erika Marksbury 26
 Paul Studebaker 26
 Barbara Curtis 26
 Heidi Douglas 27
 Barbara Kauer 28
 Henry Anderson 30
 Lennox Leach 30
 Paul Kushner 31
 John Huff 31
 Claudia Brown 31
 Esther Richards 31

Missionary Birthdays:

Adison Williams 15
 Kyle Williams 28

MAY Anniversaries

Tom & Kim Riggs 2
 Sally Godard & Ron Osier 15
 David & Anne Marie Jacob 20
 Danny Browne & Gloria LaFata 21
 Scott & Laura Sutherland 22
 Peggi Lilly & Ken Piontek 23
 David & Joy Hallett 26
 Rob & Margy Porter 28
 Roger & Beth Dell 29
 Claudia & David Brown 31

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