



The Tidings

FBC's monthly newsletter

JULY 2023

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Unlearning the Measurements of Our Worth

Our summer "Unlearning" worship series continues this month. If you haven't been to read the board up close in the sanctuary, check out the picture on page 3 to see what we've written on it - *and feel free to continue adding to it as we move through this season.*

In our initial worship committee conversations, and in our first congregational conversation, so much of what we said we were unlearning revolved around questions of worth, of value, of being "good enough," and of what we have to do to earn our belovedness. We know the "right" answer to that last question - *nothing at all* - but why is that so hard to believe, to remember, to trust? Why is that knowledge so hard to act upon?

In July, we'll tackle those questions from several different angles, to see if we can get to what's at the root here, to see if we can deepen our conversation around this and, in so doing, deepen our community as well.

How might we heal, from what might we be freed, if we could unlearn that our belovedness, our value, our worth depends on what we achieve or don't, on what we conform to or don't, on what we believe or don't?

I am so grateful to be in a community that is willing to spend time in these big questions. I look forward to this exploration with you.

-Erika



FBC Celebrates Pride Sunday



On June 25, we celebrated Pride Sunday, with moving personal testimonies, rousing and inspiring music, and wonderful homemade treats. Some kids even came with rainbow hair!

Happy Summer from the FBC Staff!



FBC Building and Grounds Supervisor Ron Richter (at left) hosted an early summer gathering in his backyard. Pictured here are most of the staff (we missed you, Tegan!), wishing you a summer of beautiful moments, good company, meaningful work, and renewing rest.

Year End Financial Report: January 1- April 30, 2023

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YTD	Actual for Period	% of Amount Budgeted
Contributions Income:	\$151,187	107.1%
Total Income:	\$179,693	106.5%
Total Expenses:	<u>\$166,405</u>	98.7%
Net Income:	\$ 13,288	

PLEASE CONSIDER
VOLUNTEERING TO SERVE
ON THE FINANCE/
STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE.
Work begins in the fall
to formulate the
following year's Budget.
WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Financial Update:

If you have signed up for Realm (Church Software Database), you may view a secure page that lists all your financial contributions to First Baptist Church. If you have questions, please contact Treasurer, Don Watson (donjw@comcast.net).

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

Church Board Notes, June 14th

The Church Board met as scheduled on June 14th in person (for the first time this year!). We are taking this decision one month at a time and we will decide at the end of each Board meeting which format is preferred.

We started off with a devotion by Cynthia Parker, who shared a reading that went along with our Pride Month theme. We were joined by future Assistant Moderator Kathleen Verigin as our special guest.

The Board approved a proposal from Dana Libonatti to hold a concert series at FBC, from Sept. to May 2024. More details to come soon on this exciting opportunity!

The Board heard 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. We are excited to be a part of this community effort.

Under Team Reports, we heard updates from each Board representative. Barbara Burr shared the Treasurer's Report, where we learned that we

have a small surplus year-to-date. Thank you again for all your support, so that we can continue to provide the staff and programs of the Church.

The Board discussed the possibility of hosting an electric vehicle charging station. After much discussion, we determined that there were too many concerns to proceed at this time.

The Board also discussed preparations for the Semi-Annual meeting.

Finally, our next Board meeting will be held at 6:30pm on Wednesday, July 12 in person in the FBC second floor conference room. Guests are always welcome at Church Board meetings, so please email me at gbdlinor@gmail.com if you would like to attend online.

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Larmouth, FBC Moderator



Sunday Worship Highlights

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*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** - on hiatus until Fall / 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** - on hiatus until Fall / Contact - gary@portlandconsultinggroup.com

8:45 am - **BEREAN Class** - on hiatus until Fall / Contact - janet@janetlangenwalter.com

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

July 2 - Communion Sunday

Sermon from Luke 15:11-20

Rev. Erika Marksburly preaching

Music led by Robin Pederson

After Worship Fellowship: The Worship and Community Engagement Committee welcomes you to continued communion.

July 9 -

Sermon from Matthew 15:21-28

Rev. Erika Marksburly preaching

Music led by Tegan & the Worship Team

After Worship Fellowship: STARS volunteers will share what a typical morning is like in their program.

July 16 - A Celebration of Baptism

Sermon from Luke 18:15-17

Rev. Erika Marksburly preaching

Music led by Heidi & Matt Reinker

After Worship Fellowship: The Endowment Committee invites you to celebrate reaching a major goal!

July 23 - Service Learning Trip Commissioning

Sermon from John 8:1-10

Rev. Erika Marksburly preaching

Music led by Tegan & the Worship Team

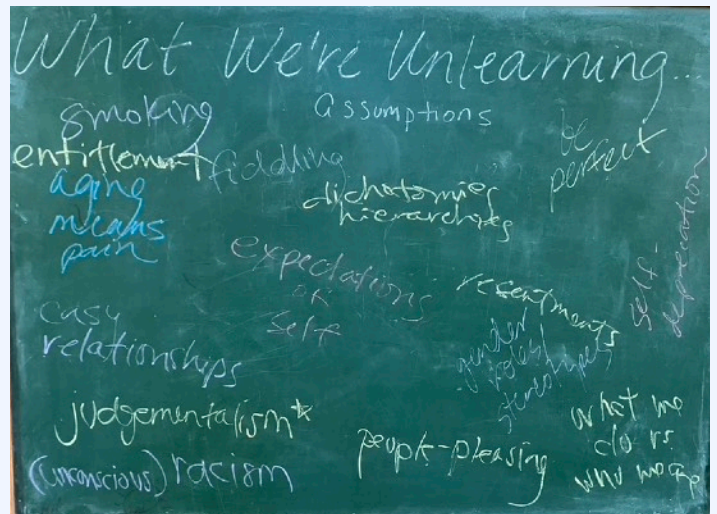
After Worship Fellowship: Come to enjoy snacks and stories from the Hiking Group.

July 30 - 5th Sunday

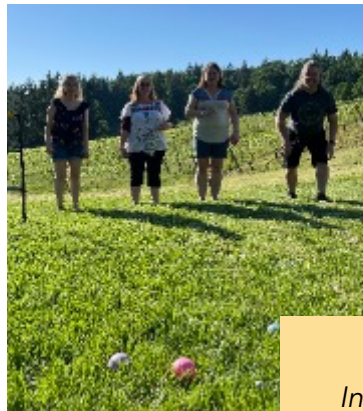
Sermon from Matthew 26:47-52

Rev. Erika Marksburly preaching

After Worship Fellowship: Is your group interested in hosting? Let Erika know: erika@fbcmac.org.



In June, the Bell Choir offered a beautiful performance of *Jubilate!*, dressed for Pride month; we talked together about what we're trying to unlearn, and FBC children led our singing with good energy and great dance moves.



In late May, Joel & Laurie Kiff hosted the Choir and the Bell Choir at their vineyard for an End-of-Year Celebration. Enjoy these snapshots of the fun!

(If you want to make music during the summer, pop into a worship team rehearsal and/or let Tegan know! You can reach her at tegan@fbcmac.org.)



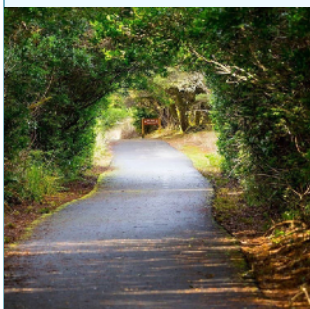
Beach Bound Baptists! FBC Annual Campout returns to South Beach State Park

Friday-Sunday, July 21-23, 2023

A weekend of Fun! Fellowship! Food! Be a Day-Tripper, think of coming for the DAY on Saturday to enjoy fun at the beach!

Contact Dave King for details and/or if space is still available.

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



Situated next to the Yaquina Bay Bridge, South Beach State Park begins in south Newport and stretches several miles down the Oregon coast. This historic park offers access to miles of broad, sandy ocean beach and trails for walking and bicycling. A playground area, horse-shoe pits, and a 9-hole disc golf course are near the campground area.

South Beach is more than just a beach. Walk or bike this mystical paved jetty trail (left photo) or enjoy exploring the freshwater marsh and forested uplands of Beaver Creek Natural Area where you'll find 5 miles of trails winding through the marsh and up into the forest and meadows.

And there's so much more! - Come! - Join US! - Explore! - Enjoy!

Dying Well Discussion Group - what's it about?

written by GLoria LaFata

Group meets the 1st & 3rd Mondays, monthly - Contact Lynn Crowell for details.

When Danny and I heard about the Dying Well group being offered, and facilitated by Patriciafaye Marshall and Lynn Crowell, we were curious and a little skeptical too. When we heard it would be an ongoing group, meeting 2X a month for a whole year, we realized it would be a real commitment. Regardless, we decided to go and find out what it was all about. That was 8 months ago, and we are so grateful that we took the chance and made the commitment.

If we had to summarize what the group is all about, we'd have to say it is about preparing for death now, so that at the end of your life, you will not have to leave this Earth carrying regrets with you.

We are a small group of 11 people, including our facilitators. We have become a tight group, sharing deeply and trusting each other, with the highs and lows of our lives. We have been primarily focusing on a book by Stephen Levine called "A Year to Live- How to live this year as if it were your last". Through Meditation and Journaling, we are learning about the power of Forgiveness and Gratitude. We are encouraged to do a Life Review, focusing on who we need to forgive, ask forgiveness from and perhaps, forgiving ourselves. We have made a list of all the people we are grateful for and we are encouraged to let them know what they mean to us. Even if the people are gone now, we can still offer forgiveness and gratitude.

By doing the work of forgiveness and gratitude now, it opens us up to living each day without regret, and with deep joy.

We think this quote from William Sloan Coffin summarizes perfectly what this group is teaching us.

*"The one true freedom in life is to come to terms
with death, and as early as possible,
for death is an event that embraces all our lives,
and the only way to have a good death is to lead a good life.
Lead a good one; full of curiosity, generosity
and compassion, and there is no need at the close of the day
to rage against the dying of the Light.
We can go gentle into that good night."*

If you are interested, there is discussion of another group on this topic being offered in the future!

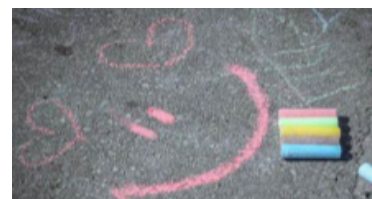


FBC continues to engage the community during the McMinnville Farmer's Market every Thursday, all summer long. by welcoming folks into the shade of our beautiful courtyard.

We'll provide tables and chairs for people to eat their lunch in the shade, and offer water & relief from the heat with a mister.

Community Engagement Event
Thursday, July 20, 11am-5pm

CHALK ART



This weekly event takes a community of Volunteers - contact Susan, 503-435-9952, susanlanechambers@gmail.com

Here is the schedule for this summer:

- > August 17th: Hope, Dream, Prayer Flags
- > September 21st: Climate Action

SAVE-the-DATE:

Worship in the Park
Sunday, August 27, 2023
at Discovery Meadows

A fantastic park with amenities for all ages.

Picnic shelters, playgrounds with moving features, play structures, a climbing wall & climbing boulder, water feature, basketball courts, skateboard area, walking pathways and trails.



Getting to Know your First Baptist Church Family

Meet **TOM AND KIM RIGGS**, a couple who moved fairly recently to McMinnville and soon after found and joined FBC (December 2022). And are we glad they did!

Kim was born near Seoul, Korea., one of six girls (a brother died young). Her father also died early on so Kim was raised by a single mother. The sisters all looked out for each other, sometimes banding together to counter a very strict mother, who, among other things, did not believe that education beyond high school was necessary for girls. At age 22, Kim decided that she wanted to strike out on her own so she got a job at the United States Osan Air Base in Korea. Kim kept her job a secret from her family because they would not have approved. But it was there that she met Tom, whom she said was different than Korean men and different from the gossip she had heard about men in the US military.



Tom was born and raised in Arkansas, the oldest of three children. His father was an electrical engineer and his mother taught math and those were also Tom's inclinations. Getting an industrial engineering degree and an Air Force commission at the University of Arkansas, Tom's first assignment was in Japan. He decided he liked the Far East and was posted next to the Osan Air Base, where he didn't know yet that Kim was waiting to meet him. The couple married in Korea in 1975 and moved back to the States in 1976 where they had a church wedding with Tom's family in the Methodist church he grew up in.

Tom had a 20-year career in the Air Force, living in Florida and Nebraska, with a three-year stint back at Osan Air Base from 1985-1988, where he was able to take Kim and their two young daughters. During those three years back in Korea, Kim went to school to learn advanced sewing techniques and how to draft clothing patterns, skills she used later back in the States.

After Air Force retirement, Tom worked for another couple of decades in Omaha, NE as an owner's representative for major construction projects. Kim worked as a seamstress, altering clothing for a high-end clothing store. During their years in the States, until Covid, they were fortunate to be able to go back annually to Korea to visit Kim's family and culture. They are planning another trip there this year.

When both daughters moved to the NW, Tom and Kim decided to follow (Kim in 2019 and Tom in 2020). A daughter and son-in-law (Diana and Todd) own Mac Market here in town. For a while, Kim and her daughter ran the food truck called Heart and Seoul. The other daughter, husband and granddaughter live in Seattle.

Kim was raised Buddhist but became a Christian in the year after arriving in the states. Over the years, they had worshiped at base Chapel programs (military), Methodist and Lutheran churches. So hearing about FBC from their daughter, via Paige Benner, they decided to try FBC. It was the right fit. Besides attending church almost every Sunday, Tom has been very involved with STARS and the Shelter, and is on the church Building and Grounds committee, where his engineering background is valued. Kim keeps busy with a local group of Korean women, and she loves to sew and garden. Here are two interesting people for us to get to know even better.

Getting to Know your First Baptist Church Family

Joel & Laurie Kiff first laid eyes on each other in a ballroom dancing class at UC Davis and from there, it was history, as they say! A year later, they were married and beginning life's adventures as newly married young couples do. And although UC Davis is known for its viticulture program, neither of them were taking that path – at the time! And, as we know now, they are the owners of **J (Joel) L (Laurie) Kiff winery**. More about that later!

Laurie spent most of her growing up years in Salem, Oregon, but was born in Hawaii. Her first 18 months were on Midway Island as her dad was in the Navy. Her grandparents didn't get to meet her for 18 months! Laurie attended Salem schools and graduated from Sprague High School. She was involved in track and field and enjoyed gymnastics while also part of the student government in high school. Laurie found her "academic home" (as well as Joel) at UC Davis after other educational experiences.

One interesting McMinnville-FBC-Linfield connection for Laurie is that her grandparents, Cliff and Bernice Skinner, met at Linfield and attended FBC. Her grandfather was an educator and was the McMinnville High School principal at one point in time. Her mother played tennis for McMinnville High School and was a state champion. Laurie's mom and dad got married at First Baptist! So many connections!

Joel grew up in California, although was born in Helena, Montana. Perhaps, it was inevitable that Joel would end up doing what he is doing, as his folks' ranching plans in Montana didn't materialize. His dad grew up on a 16,000 acre ranch. His mom was a "city girl" from Marin County, which is where his folks eventually moved. The family moved north several times before landing in Healdsburg, CA. Meanwhile, his father became an educator. It was in Healdsburg that Joel signed up for Ag classes in high school and was exposed to grape growing and making wine which he thought was the coolest thing ever. During this time, he also cooked beer in the kitchen! (A theme is growing, here!) It was here that he became charmed by the aesthetics of the wine industry, seeing it as very seductive. Healdsburg was also a prune growing region and he thought the aromatic combination of the drying prunes and grapes was just the best.

Joel went to Santa Rosa Junior College before enrolling at Davis. He found himself in the engineering track in junior college and ended up with a degree in physics from Davis. Before the move to Oregon in 2004, Joel spent 20 years in analytical chemistry where he tested environmental samples including soil! (back to his ag/dirt days!)

Since Laurie was from the Willamette Valley, there were frequent visits to see her folks. They would look at property from time to time. Eventually Laurie, in Oregon alone that time, looked at something that immediately captured her interest. She called Joel and told him about it. He came up to look....and despite thoughts of "we aren't leaving Davis," he, too was captivated by the acreage and began dreaming and planning. Soon, they were here...four kids in tow and ready to embark on a new journey.

Now, JL Kiff Vineyard is an estate winery (grapes and wine grown and made on site), the closest estate winery to downtown McMinnville, and produces, primarily, Pinot Noir. They graciously host many an event in their space, including for Habitat, FBC and music teachers. Check out their website to learn more!

BUT, wine alone does not define Joel and Laurie. They have long been involved in the music and educational programs with McMinnville School District. As a youth, Joel fell in love with the banjo and plays that instrument as a member of "Bootleg Jam," a local bluegrass group. He has participated in various capacities with FBC music programs through the years. Laurie is a self described, "music appreciator."

Joel and Laurie belonged to a church in which they felt very much "at home" in Davis. They started to look for a church when they got to McMinnville and ended up meeting folks who attended FBC. Joel grew up Catholic and Laurie, a Methodist. They found FBC a very comfortable spot for their family. The Kiff's four children are scattered about the country. Son Robin lives in Tillamook. Daughter Erin and her husband reside in Dayton and have a 2 year old daughter (Joel and Laurie's first grandchild!). Son Adam and his wife live in Oklahoma City and will soon add a new grandchild to the family. And son Jason is currently in the Army serving in North Carolina and is in the US Army band!

For now, Joel and Laurie are busy with their winery and family. At some point, they hope to do a little more traveling, including exploring more of Oregon which they deem to be such a beautiful place. We are grateful to have the Kiffs in our midst and such a vital part of our community. Thanks, Joel and Laurie, for your graciousness and gifts that you share with us all.





Welcoming the Stranger



We are soon to open the doors of our community to a refugee family from the Ukraine. This is being done by a local group called the **McMinnville Refugee Coalition (MRC)** in cooperation with **Church World Service and the Federal Humanitarian Parole program.**

Recently the FBC Board agreed to be an official part of the MRC, consisting of five McMinnville churches: First Baptist, First Presbyterian, Saint Barnabas Episcopal, Cooperative Ministries, and the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. Two core members represent each church and each church has promised to raise \$9,000 over a two year period. FBC has already provided the coalition with our initial \$2,000 ,demonstrating our commitment to MRC. Collectively the coalition needs to demonstrate its ability to sponsor a refugee family for at least two years.

Together, the coalition will sponsor a family coming to McMinnville. We are working with Church World Services, an agency, which has worked with the Federal government since World War II to re-settle refugees from war-torn countries. Since February of 2022 our government has expanded a program called the Humanitarian Parole program for the Ukraine. It allows vetted refugees to come to the United States through private sponsors. The Humanitarian Parole program allows refugees to immediately work and participate in many social service programs without a green card for up to two years.

MRC core members have completed training and are now in the process of reviewing the files of potential families as part of a matching process. The stories from the various candidates are heart breaking, all desirous of safety and new opportunities in the United States. Once a family is matched with MRC, our responsibility is to greet them at the airport, find a rental home and furnish it, help them to enroll in school, find health care and doctors, aid them in finding employment, assist them with English language if needed, and help them with the adjustment to a new culture. MRC anticipates a family will arrive late this summer.



Ukraine Sun Flower



Each member of FBC will have an opportunity to welcome the Ukrainian refugee family by providing household items, funding their support, and embracing friendship in our community.

Larry and JoAnn Sims, FBC Core members of McMinnville Refugee Coalition



This fall FBC will host a Fundraising CONCERT to welcome & celebrate the coming of this new family to our community.

SAVE the DATE - Saturday, Sept. 23, 7-9 pm (FBC Sanctuary) followed by a Gathering Room Reception.

Performances by our own Nancy McCann & Friends, the Baptist Babes, Good News Gospel Choir, Ukulele Ukestra, and other musicians & singers from FBC and the wider community. Please place this on your calendar! There will be a Good Will offering to help support the Ukrainian family.



Community Concert Series begins this fall - details soon!

Organizer Dana Libonati is planning to bring performers from around the area to entertain our community. Concerts will be held in the FBC sanctuary each month, September to May 2024. We look forward to the amazing talent that will be scheduled each month.



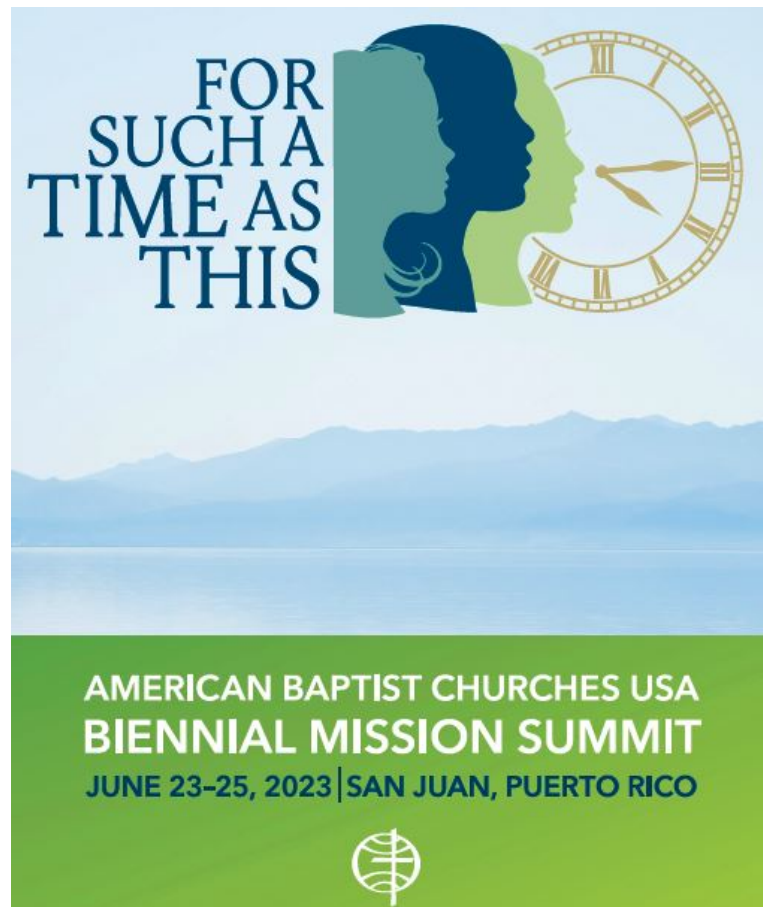
Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon welcomes new executive director, celebrates change-making ministries

Frank So has served as a diplomat in Latin America, the Caribbean, and Northern and East Africa; with the United Nations in Darfur, Sudan and the Republic of South Sudan; and, most recently, with the office of Vice President Kamala Harris. Late last year, he accepted EMO's offer to return to his childhood home of Oregon and guide this multi-faceted organization. His energy and passion have ignited even more of the same in the EMO staff, and together they are continuing the life-changing work they have long been about: community ministries, creation justice, public policy, and theological education.

Here's a glimpse of what just some of what EMO has achieved in the first quarter of 2023:

- ✦ 62 refugees were resettled by SOAR (EMO's Sponsors Organized to Assist Refugees program); countries of origin include Congo, Burma, Afghanistan, Somalia, Iran, Syria, former Soviet Union, & Central African countries
- ✦ 764 clients were served at SOAR Legal, including 88 Afghan parolees
- ✦ 40 families received ongoing domestic violence/sexual assault case management support, housing assistance, safety plans, and more at EMO's Slavic Oregon Social Services program
- ✦ 12,439 families received 373,170 pounds of food at EMO's Northeast Emergency Food Program
- ✦ 5,167 meals were provided to 133 HIV services clients
- ✦ 4 of 5 of EMO's Second Home seniors graduated in June, while the fifth continues to work toward graduation

EMO is planning a fundraising gala celebration on September 19 at the Oregon Convention Center with a theme of "Love in Action." FBC will work to get a table together to attend, as we have long been supporters of EMO's work. Let Pastor Erika know if you'd like to come and be part of FBC's presence at this celebration: erika@fbcmac.org. To learn more about the work of EMO and the ministries they conduct in Portland and throughout the state, visit emoregon.org or talk with Erika, who serves on their Board of Directors.





Dinner

Wednesday, July 19 from 6-7pm
at Sandwich Express
drop off & pick up there
just bring money for dinner & friends

Wednesday, August 30 from 6-7pm
at Nancy Jo's Burgers & Fries
drop off & pick up there
just bring money for dinner & friends

Pool Party

Sunday, July 16 from 5-7pm
at the Carlton Pool
swimming & dinner - friends welcome
drop off & pick up there

Family Fun!

Join us Sunday, July 9
for a Family Picnic
and Whiffleball Game!

We'll meet at Discovery Meadows Park
at 11:30am (following worship).

Bring your family, lunch,
and whatever you need for whiffleball
(we'll have bats & balls & bases).

Anyone and everyone is welcome!

This summer a team of youth & adults
from the McMinnville Youth Collective
are participating in a cross-cultural
service and learning experience on the
Yakama Reservation in Washington state.
The week of July 23-28 will be spent
serving the community members,
learning about their history, traditions,
and culture, and building relationships.

**And everyone is invited to attend our
celebration gathering after the trip!
On Sunday, July 30 at 2pm, we will
share pictures & stories from our
week, and enjoy a dessert buffet all
together, in the Social Hall at First
Baptist Church.**

MYC Summer Kickoff

Thanks to the Toth's for hosting our summer kickoff,
and to Joe Wilkins for grilling the burgers!
We swam, played nine square in the air, and shared a meal together.



**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



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!



Classes & Small Groups

Bible Study - Tuesdays, 12 noon

This group meets with Pastor Erika. All are welcome! In-person in the Fireplace 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

NOT meeting on July 2, will resume on August 6

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 Adult Classes on Summer Break

Sunday Connections

Contact: Barbara Burr, barbaracoleburr@gmail.com

Sunday Chapel Class

Contact: Gary Langenwalter, gary@portlandconsultinggroup.com

Sunday Berean Class

Contact: Janet Langenwalter, janet@janetlangenwalter.com

Sunday Rainbow Class - for Special Needs Adults

Contact: Cynthia Parker, cynp007@gmail.com

First Baptist Church Beach Trip

Join us on Saturday,
July 29 at the beach!



The FBC Faith Formation Team is hosting this gathering in Neskowin, Oregon, for our church community.

We'll meet in Neskowin at 1pm and anyone is welcome.

Bring your own lunch/snacks, beach toys/gear, and games to share/play with others.

Stay as long as you would like, the plan is to head home before dark.

If you have questions or need more info, contact Sean at sean@fbcmac.org

Ongoing Small Groups

Climate Action Group - Saturday, July 8, 10:30 am -

A Group Retreat at Jim Kilinsky's home in Dallas.

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

Dying Well - July 3 & 17, at 11:30 am, in-person

1st & 3rd Mondays - Fireplace Room

Contact: Lynn Crowell, herbalynn@comast.net.

Together Works - July 10 & 24, at 7 pm, in-person

Fireplace Room at FBC - 2nd & 4th Mondays

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

Dads Group - July 10 at 8 pm, in-person

2nd Mondays each month at McMennamins - please RSVP

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

Meditation Practice - every Tuesday, in-person

Meditation Room (2nd floor) at 10:30 am for centering prayer

Contact: Lindsay Wagner, 619-993-8402

Senior Breakfast - July 5 at 8 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

Sew & Soss - 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 pm, in-person - Meets 1st & 3rd Tuesdays

July 18, at Gina's

Contact: Gina Foster, 971-237-2789

AM Group - 9:45 am, in-person - Meets 2nd & 4th Thursdays

July 13 & 27, at Linda's

Contact: Linda Watson, 971-237-2793

FBC Singles - Saturday, July 29, 5 pm @ Lynn's

2nd annual BBQ. Bring whatever you want to put on the grill and a dish to share. Share a story of an outdoor adventure.

Contact: Lynn Crowell, herbalynn@comcast.net

New Moms' Group - Pool Party in July (date/time TBD)

Contact Heidi Toth, tothfive@gmail.com.

Hiking Group - July 22, location/time TBD

Contact: Gloria LaFata, glowml1@gmail.com

Men's Breakfast - on summer break, will return in the fall

Contact: Neil Kunze, kunze@sou.edu

Sister Circle - every Wednesday, in-person.

Interested in joining? Contact: Sherill Roberts, shrobert@linfield.edu or 971-237-3630

Sister Circle is a women's group at FBC.

Our dual purpose is to offer an emotional support system to each other, and to explore how women may experience elements of spirituality differently than men.

We have been meeting on Wednesday evenings for 20 years. Each meeting we spend a little while checking in with each other, and then discuss a book we are reading.

JULY at FBC

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 8:45 - Faith & Java, in person 10 am - WORSHIP in person & Live Stream	3 9:15a - STARS Breakfast 11:30a - Dying Well		5 8a - Senior Breakfast at American Legion Post 2p - Summer Book Group @ Linfield Evening Sister Circle	6 11a-5p - Community Engagement in the Courtyard Worship Team Rehearsal TBD - Cct Tegan	7 FBC Office Closed 9:15a - STARS Breakfast 7:30p - Friday Shelter	8 10:30a - Climate Action Retreat
9 10 am - WORSHIP in person & Live Stream 11:30a - Children, Youth, & Family Picnic at Discovery Meadows	10 9:15a - STARS Breakfast 12n - Personnel Committee 4p - Mission Team 7p - Worship Planning 7p - Together Works	11 9a - Building & Grounds 10:30a - Meditation, in-person 12n - Bible Study in person & via Zoom	12 6:30p - Church Board Evening Sister Circle	13 9:45a - KnitWits 11a-5p - Community Engagement in the Courtyard Worship Team Rehearsal TBD - Cct Tegan	14 FBC Office Closed 9:15a - STARS Breakfast 7:30p - Friday Shelter	15
Summer CAMP at Arrah Wanna, July 10-15						
16 10 am - WORSHIP in person & Live Stream 5-7p - Youth Party at Carlton Pool	17 9:15a - STARS Breakfast 11:30a - Dying Well 7p - Care & Concern	18 10:30a - Meditation, in-person 12n - Bible Study in person & via Zoom 7p - Matthew 25 7p - KnitWits, Gina's	19 1p - Membership via Zoom 2:15p - Faith Formation in person, conference room 2p - Summer Book Group @ Linfield 6p - Youth Dinner	20 11a-5p - Community Engagement CHALK ART in the Courtyard Worship Team Rehearsal TBD - Cct Tegan	21 FBC Office Closed 9:15a - STARS Breakfast 7:30p - Friday Shelter	22 HIKING Group location/time TBD
23 10 am - WORSHIP in person & Live Stream	24 9:15a - STARS Breakfast 7p - Together Works	25 10:30a - Meditation, in-person 12n - Bible Study in person & via Zoom	26 Evening Sister Circle	27 9:45a - KnitWits 11a-5p - Community Engagement Worship Team Rehearsal TBD - Cct Tegan	28 FBC Office Closed 9:15a - STARS Breakfast 7:30p - Friday Shelter	29 5p - FBC Singles
SLAM (Students Learning About Missions) MYC Service Learning Trip, July 23-28						
30 10 am - WORSHIP in person & Live Stream SLAM Trip sharing & Dessert Buffet	31 9:15a - STARS Breakfast	Those born in July are joyful, spirited, friendly and are people pleasers. They're amazingly wonderful, kindhearted, peaceful and unique in their own way. . .				

JULY Birthday

Jane Apel 1
Julie Tyer 1
Ames Bierly 1
Kathy Beckwith 5
John Olson 5
Walter Wilkins 6
David Hallett 9
Emily Kerrigan 11
Beth Starner 11
Ed Boggie 13

Gina Foster 14
Pat-Fasana-Lynn 14
Margie Sayler 14
Michael Vincent 14
Lee Bakner 15
Ken Rogers 16
Barbara Nelson 18
Katrina Williams 18
(Missionary in Thailand)
Matt Reinker 19
Tegan Johnson 19

Susan Chambers 20
Lloyd Galer 20
David King 22
Marty Purdy 23
Wendell Martin 24
Griffin Diesburg 24
Linette Studebaker 25
Nancy Carlson 29
Ron Richter 30
Larry Sims 31

JULY Anniversary:

Joe & Liz Wilkins 3
Brian & Dayna Gilbert 6
Carson & Georgine Benner 9
Don & Linda Watson 11
Steven & Laura Park 12
Jack Allerding & Rachel Frame 12
Jim & Tai James 20
John & Myra Huff 20
Robert & Nancy McCann 27
Adam & Emily Diesburg 30