



# The Tidings

FBC's monthly newsletter

SEPTEMBER 2023

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## FALL KICK-OFF SUNDAY

**Adult Classes, Youth Group, and Children's Chapel all return from summer break on September 10. Come to rejoin these gatherings or to try them for the first time!**  
See more details throughout this newsletter.

Hi, Friends,

As we enter back-to-school season - regardless of how long you've been out of school, isn't there just something in the air that still carries that energy? - we'll be thinking about our names. What does it mean to hear your own name, or to learn another's? What does it mean that God calls us by name, and that we are invited to call on God's name? What can we make of the stories where people are renamed by God? What happens when we are invited to name our world and each other? How do all these names speak to both who we are, and who we are invited to be? This fall, we'll explore stories of Adam and Eve, Hagar, Abraham and Sarah, Jacob, Moses, Simon, all those Marys, and Jesus' siblings. We might even put on some nametags ourselves. I look forward to exploring, questioning, and learning with you.

Gratefully, Erika

We are looking forward to kicking off our music ministries at FBC this fall!

## FBC Music Ministries Kick Off Lua'u

Sunday, September 10th

Noon - 3pm

at the Toth Toy Barn

2700 NW Pinehurst, McMinnville

All choir, bell choir, and worship team musicians and anyone interested in joining any of our music groups are invited and encouraged to attend. We would love to have you be part of our music making this year, no matter your music background! ALL are welcome!

Kahlua pork, rice, macaroni salad, and punch will be provided.

Optional: bring a dessert, pineapple, or gluten free side dish to share IF you feel like it.

Following our kick off lua'u, our weekly rehearsal schedule will be:

Thursdays:

- ♦ 5:20-6:20 pm - Bell Choir
- ♦ 6:30 pm - Choir. (Rehearsals will end between 7:30 and 8.)
- ♦ 8 pm - Worship Team. (Rehearsals will end between 8:30 and 8:45.)

We are excited about our Kick-off Lua'u and an exciting year of music at First Baptist this year!

Mahalo!



## SAVE THE DATE!

YOU'RE INVITED TO FBC'S 2ND ANNUAL  
ALL-CHURCH RETREAT

AT CAMP ARRAH WANNA IN WELCHES, OREGON  
FRIDAY-SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20-22

Plan to head to the beautiful, forested Camp Arrah Wanna with your church family in October for a weekend of rest, renewal, creating, and connecting. We'll gather as a large group to sing, pray, and talk together, and have small-group opportunities to explore the grounds, play games, and dwell deep in our spirits. Registration will open and cost info will be provided soon, so keep an eye out for that! Everybody is invited and encouraged to attend. Contact [erika@fbcmac.org](mailto:erika@fbcmac.org) with questions.



### International Day of Peace!

At 12n on Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> listen for FBC's historic tower bell ringing 21 times, joined by other bells around the world. On this day we globally honor the hopes & dreams of PEACE, for all to commit to peace above all differences and to contribute to building a culture of peace.

| YTD                   | Actual for Period | % of Amount Budgeted |
|-----------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Contributions Income: | \$203,171         | 102.8%               |
| Total Income:         | \$243,355         | 103.1%               |
| Total Expenses:       | <u>\$227,947</u>  | 96.5%                |
| Net Income:           | \$ 15,408         |                      |



## Financial Update:

We appreciate your ongoing contributions in support of our ministry. You may check on your financial contributions to First Baptist Church through our secure church software database, Realm. If you would like assistance creating a Realm profile or have other questions, please contact Treasurer, Don Watson ([donjw@comcast.net](mailto:donjw@comcast.net)) or Realm administrator, Barbara Burr ([barbaracoleburr@gmail.com](mailto:barbaracoleburr@gmail.com)).

**FBC Finance Committee:** Don Watson, Barbara Burr, Judee Kunze, Roger Dell, and Jane Apel

## Church Board Notes, August 9<sup>th</sup>

The Church Board met as scheduled on August 9<sup>th</sup>, in person. We started off with a devotion by Kathleen Verigin. She shared some thoughts on leadership from Irish poet, John O'Donahue. These include helpful tips like *"Act out of service," "Be hospitable to criticism," "Work on yourself," "Be gracious in the face of others' failure or disappointment," and embrace the "wisdom of deep listening."*

We heard the team reports from each of the Board members. In the Treasurer's Report, Don Watson shared that the church has been down on revenue, year to date, but that expenses have been down as well, which has allowed us to remain "in the black" for the year so far.

The Board discussed some recent incidents that have resulted in one individual being trespassed from Church property. While we try our best to accommodate all those who seek our help, there are some actions that we simply cannot tolerate, and unfortunately the only remaining solution is to get law enforcement involved. We also discussed "compassion fatigue" among some of our members and volunteers.

The Board heard an update on the Support for Immigrant Families group (MRC-McMinnville Refugee Coalition). There will be a fundraiser concert on September 23<sup>rd</sup> featuring Nancy McCann and friends. We will also host an informational lecture on Ukraine during the week of September 11 (more details about both of these events on page 8). There will also be a

fundraiser dinner sometime in October. Finally, the family will arrive on August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Thanks to all who have helped bring all the resources together for them.

Pastor Erika reported that she submitted the application to the Community Consulting Project. If we are accepted, we will receive assistance in our strategic planning process at a significant discount compared to the consultants' usual rates.

Under New Business, Steve Howard shared the idea of holding a car raffle to raise funds to buy a wheelchair bus to help us bring our friends to service on Sundays. In an email, Sean mentioned that the Mac Youth Collective would also use a bus if it was available.

The second item of New Business was a request to consider updating our restroom use and signage to be more welcoming to those with non-conforming gender identities. We had some discussion, and we hope that you will share your feedback on this topic with us.

We will reach out to the community from the Courtyard during Farmers Market on August 17<sup>th</sup> from 11am – 5pm (creating Hope & Prayer Flags). The last event is Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>, hosted by Climate Action. Please stop by if you are available.

Finally, our next Board meeting will be held at 6:30pm on Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:gbdlinor@gmail.com) if you would like to attend.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dave Larmouth, FBC Moderator



# Sunday Worship Highlights

SEPTEMBER 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** - Contact - [barbaracoleburr@gmail.com](mailto:barbaracoleburr@gmail.com)

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

8:45 am - **CHAPEL Class** - Contact - [gary@portlandconsultinggroup.com](mailto:gary@portlandconsultinggroup.com)

8:45 am - **BEREAN Class** - Contact - [janet@janetlangenwalter.com](mailto:janet@janetlangenwalter.com)

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

## September 3

### Communion Sunday

"A Celebration of Unlearning"

with stories from the congregation

Music led by Robin Pederson

## September 10

### Blessing of the Backpacks

"What's in a Name?"

Sermon from Isaiah 43:1-2

Rev. Erika Marksburly preaching

Music led by Tegan Johnson & the Worship Team

## September 17

"Fields of Peace"

Sermon from Isaiah 2:4

Rev. Charles Busch preaching

Rev. Busch is a United Church of Christ minister,  
and founder of Peace Village Inc., and Fields of  
Peace. He is author of *Soft as Water* - 52

*Meditations on Peace*. Charles and his wife

Cathey live on the Oregon coast.

Music led by Marilyn Dresser & the FBC Choir

## September 24

"In the Beginning, We Were Named"

Sermon from Genesis 2:18-23

Rev. Erika Marksburly preaching

Music led by Tegan Johnson & the Worship Team

*Thank you to all the groups and individuals who have  
hosted our After-Worship Fellowship time in the  
Gathering Room! If you or your group would like to  
host this fall, please tell Erika.*

## WELCOME CLASS

Sundays, September 24, October 1 & 8  
11:30am in the Fireplace Room  
Childcare available on request.

This class is for anyone who wants to learn more  
about our congregation: its history, commitments,  
governance, and ways to get involved.

If you're new to FBC or been here a while,  
considering church membership or just looking  
to connect more deeply, this class is for you.

Here's the schedule for this upcoming round:

- ♦ Sunday, September 24: *Introductions, Sharing Our Stories*
- ♦ Sunday, October 1: *History & Commitments of FBC McMinnville and of American Baptist Churches*
- ♦ Sunday, October 8: *FBC Ministries, Small Groups & Structure*

Interested? Questions? Let Erika know  
([erika@fbcmac.org](mailto:erika@fbcmac.org)).



## Sunday, Sept. 17

A Celebration of those who joined FBC  
40-49 years ago, 15-19 years ago,  
and those since 2020.

One of the tasks of the Membership Ministry  
Team is to celebrate and engage people who  
have made the decision to become members  
of First Baptist Church.

This Celebration Brunch will be a great way to  
meet new people and connect with others  
already known."

The menu is quiche, green salad and fruit salad -  
prepared by our Membership Team.  
For those being honored, please plan to join us in  
your celebration! RSVP to the church office.



## FBC HIKING GROUP hosted Sunday Fellowship



The FBC Hiking Group is completing its 13th year of hiking around Oregon.

If you are interested in joining this group, please contact Gloria via [glowml1@gmail.com](mailto:glowml1@gmail.com) or call 503.931.4846. They would love to have you join a hike. Comments . . .

\* My gratitude to Gloria for leading this group with enthusiasm and dedication, making each hike fun and successful.

\* Gloria, you deserve some rest after each hike; the work you do planning our hikes, providing directions and welcoming each of us. Kudos! We do appreciate you.

And from Gloria . . . Thank you everyone, for your kind words. I appreciate each of you. It has been a fun 13 year experience hiking together. Your continued support is what keeps us hiking! Here's to 13 more years.

## Introduction to Celtic Spirituality

Thursdays, 1:30-3 pm - downstairs Room #102  
Sept 21, 28, Oct. 5, 12

Celtic Spirituality offers ancient teachings, stories and blessings that provide profound insights on the universal themes of friendship, solitude, love, life and death. Seekers of Celtic wisdom are invited to explore the tenets of Celtic Spirituality, as well as a provocative experience of the Triple Spiral, as experienced by Rev. Kathleen Verigin during her 21 pilgrimages to Ireland. She will bring Celtic Spirituality alive through storytelling, song, meditation, and group discussion. She's a licensed, ordained interfaith minister, and member of FBC.

## Becoming Rooted book group

will tour the Chachalu Museum in Grand Ronde  
Friday, Sept. 29 - 11 am, meet at FBC to carpool.  
Chachalu tells the story of the Confederated Tribe.

## A Course of Love by Mari Perron

New Study Group is forming.

Learn to experience a different life, one that draws the mind into communion with the heart and facilitates the dawning of a consciousness that can only be revealed through union and relationships. Details, contact Jace: [joyceearly1949@gmail.com](mailto:joyceearly1949@gmail.com), 503.857.0481

## FBC at Wine Country Pride

FBC will once again have a booth at the Wine Country Pride Street Fair, to share with folks our vision of a church where all people are celebrated and embraced as beloved. The fair will be

**Sunday, September 24**  
**11am-4pm**  
**in the Alpine District**

We'll need volunteers to help set-up and take-down our booth, as well as be there for shifts to welcome guests and talk with them about what it means to be a welcoming and affirming congregation. This Fair is a wonderful opportunity to reach out to our community and live into our vision of a world where God's inclusive love embraces and empowers all. If you want to help the day of, and/or with any preparation for the event, please let Erika know.

## An invitation to make music together

First Presbyterian Church, will be presenting one performance of beloved choruses and solos from the Christmas part of *Handel's "Messiah"* on Friday, December 1.

The conductor will be Robin Pederson, retired teacher of the McMinnville School District. . Professional accompanists Audrey Horowitz and Anne Britt will help through rehearsals and performance.

The chorus is open to the community. As a "prepared" chorus, singers will be expected to know their parts and attend Sunday afternoon rehearsals during the month of November. Soloist auditions will be held on October 7.

If you are interested in more information, please contact Marcia Stratman, Director of Music at First Presbyterian Church, at [marciastratman@gmail.com](mailto:marciastratman@gmail.com) or 971-387-6183.

>> **A Climate Action Retreat** was held in July at the home of Jim Kilinsky. The team spent time setting goals for the fall and into the future. Lara O'Brady led a values exercise in the morning that was very engaging and helping to clarify priorities. A delicious potluck lunch followed, topped by Jim's fresh strawberry sorbet.

Then the team identified the following action items:

1. Reducing the use of harmful chemicals in our homes, specifically putting together a booklet on non toxic cleaners.
2. Inviting a speaker from Recology and hosting a gathering at FBC with other churches.
3. Discontinuing the use of single use plastics at FBC.
4. Making sure everyone who uses our spaces knows where to recycle, and what is appropriate to recycle.
5. Encouraging ourselves and church family to eat a low carbon diet.
6. Continuing to educate FBC about environmental values, specifically advocating to discontinue the use of GMOs.
7. Continuing to educate ourselves about indigenous values and how we can put them into action.
8. Advocating for local and national issues by sending relevant emails to team members for taking action.

>> **A Workday at Eloheh Farm** was held in August.

Eloheh (a Cherokee word meaning harmony, abundance and peace) All who participated experienced regenerative earth practices that were happening at the farm.



>> **CLIMATE ACTION** will host the final **Community Engagement 'Recycling Event'** in the Courtyard, Thurs., Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>, 11a-5p.

Since one of the Climate Action goals for the coming year is to *encourage ourselves and our church family to eat a low carbon diet*, we decided to share a **VEGETARIAN RECIPE** each month.

This one is from Lynn Crowell who says, "This recipe has become a crowd favorite that I make for potlucks. Meatless but very flavorful."

### Slow-Cooker Southwestern Pot Pie

Ingredients:

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|--------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| 2 TBs olive oil, divided | 1 small onion, chopped                 |
| 1 medium carrot, chopped | 1 bell pepper, chopped                 |
| 2 garlic cloves, minced  | 1 C. Fresh or frozen corn kernels      |
| 3 Cs cooked pinto beans  | 1 jalapeno chile, minced               |
| 3/4 C. Vegetable stock   | 1 TB tamari, 2 Tbs fresh cilantro, S&P |

Saute onion and carrot in a skillet with a little olive oil until soft. Lightly oil 3 1/2- 4 quart crockpot, add all vegetables & beans. Cook 5 hours on slow, then turn up to High. Make a favorite cornbread recipe and spoon over top of beans and vegetables. Cook on High for 1 hour.

Climate Action team members: Lara O'Brady, Don Watson, Sally Martin, Lynn Crowell, Roshana Shockley, Jim Kilinsky, and Emily Kerrigan.

Let anyone on our team know if you are interested. We always welcome new members! Contact Lynn Crowell, [herbalynn@comcast.net](mailto:herbalynn@comcast.net) if you are interested.

## McMinnville Keynote CONCERT Series

Begins Wednesday, Sept. 27, 7:30-9 pm  
in the First Baptist Church Sanctuary

September's Concert features  
The Randy Porter Trio

Grammy  
nominated  
Jazz pianist.



Teaches Master  
Class jazz  
piano & theory  
at Lewis & Clark  
College.

This is a once-a-month, September 2023 through May 2024, Concert Series. Starting in October, concerts will be the 3rd Wednesday each month.

Series creator & organizer Dana Libonati is a songwriter, composer, arranger, and has led McMinnville High School's Twilighters & Choir.

Now Dana teaches music at Chemeketa Community College and is adjunct professor of music at Linfield University.

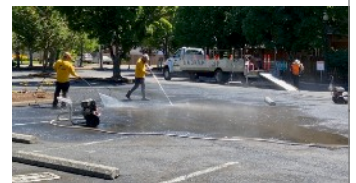
The McMinnville Lions Club and the Performing Arts Association are proud sponsors of this concert series.

## A Personal Mission - Parking Lot Beautification - Phase 1 Complete

A huge "Thank You" to Stacy Martin for her gift in honor of her mother. Stacy shared this with our Building & Grounds Team . . .

"I wanted to do something to honor Mary Martin who had a big heart for the church and for the building and grounds. It was also something I wanted to do as I know it will benefit the larger community."

Improvements included a tree removal, Davis St. parking strip grass removal, painted light poles, new small trees and plants and especially the parking lot repairs, seal coating and painted parking stripes. There will be more improvements coming.



## Getting to Know your First Baptist Church Family



### Linette & Paul Studebaker

Linette was born in Waterloo, Iowa, but her family moved to Fruitland, Idaho when she was three years old. She was the eldest of five children. She grew up in Fruitland on a farm, her father being a farmer and her mom a school-teacher. Her family worshipped at the Church of the Brethren. After graduating from H.S., Linette went to southern California to attend college at the University of La Verne, which was historically a Church of the Brethren college. It was there she met Paul in the choir, a traveling choir, which gave them many opportunities to get well-acquainted. Linette was a Biology Major and studied for a 5th year to get her Teaching Credential, as well.

Meanwhile, Paul was born in San Francisco, growing up alongside a brother and sister. His dad was a Church of the Brethren pastor, and later taught High School. His parents divorced when he was seven years old; he and his brother stayed with their dad, and their sister went with their mom. When Paul was twelve years old, his dad remarried; his stepmom was also a High School teacher. After Paul graduated from H.S., he headed off to the University of La Verne. He received his Liberal Arts Degree in Speech and later received his Masters in Applied Psychology.

Paul and Linette married in 1971. They lived in various places after college, including Costa Mesa, CA, Wenatchee, WA, and Tonasket, WA, where their only child, a daughter, Elaine was born in 1975. Elaine was born with multiple birth defects. When she was 3, the family moved back to Fruitland, Idaho to be near better medical care and to be near family. Paul and Linette bought an apple orchard and Paul farmed and Linette taught in Head Start.

The family moved to McMinnville in 1990, so Elaine could attend an excellent private Special Ed. school in Ballston they had heard about. Elaine has done very well and has been on her own since H.S., living independently.

Paul worked for Yamhill County Mental Health for 19 years, retiring in 2009. He has volunteered with the Native Plant Society, 1,000 Friends of Yamhill, Co, and was instrumental in starting The NW Earth Institute. Paul is passionate about Climate Change, and has spent years researching and writing about it, while looking for solutions to this very real problem.

After moving to McMinnville, Linette worked as a Head Start Director and later worked part time at Linfield in their Adult College Degree Program. She retired in 2012 and has volunteered as a Hospice Worker, was a member of the Yamhill County Parks Board, worked at A Family Place and the Aspire Program in the H.S., helping students get ready for college. Linette enjoys watercolor painting. She loves to read and is a Master Gardner. Both she and Paul love the outdoors and were avid campers and hikers in their earlier days. Now they say they "Motel Camp", still enjoying nature.

The Studebakers found FBC when they first moved to McMinnville in 1990. They had met with Bernie Turner, and found out we were a Progressive Christian Church, which is what they were looking for. They both enjoy Faith and Java, and Linette has been with Sister Circle many years. They say they stay connected to FBC because this is their church, and this is where many of their friends attend as well. We are grateful for this couple and all they bring to us. Thank You.



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### Judy Larmouth

Judy moved here from Green Bay, WI about 2 years ago to be near her son Dave, whom we know as our church moderator. You will often see the two of them sitting on the piano side of the sanctuary on Sunday mornings.

Born and raised in Duluth, MN, Judy met her husband, Don, at the University of MN, Duluth, from where she earned her teaching degree. After marrying and teaching awhile in Minnesota, the couple moved to Green Bay, WI, where Judy taught, mostly 4th grade, for 40 years, 35 of which were in the same school. Meanwhile Don was a linguistics professor. Judy and Don had 2 children-- Dave, and a daughter, Mary Margaret, who lives in St. Paul, MN. There are also three grandchildren--all girls.

In 2001, Judy retired from teaching, after her husband was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease. She says that the next 10 years or so were very hard. He died in 2013. Then in 2014, Judy, herself, was diagnosed with Parkinson's, which is the reason she now needs a walker or walking sticks to navigate. Her children decided that Judy would benefit from living close to one of them and Dave provided the best option. Obviously moving here from the Midwest has been a big adjustment for Judy. Not only leaving her friends and her dog, but the winter rains get to her! And she misses the snow. But she is making friends at Vineyard Heights, in her local PEO chapter, and in her Parkinson's exercise group.

Visiting Dave at least annually, Judy would attend FBC. So when she moved here, she already knew about our church and that it felt comfortable to her. Back in Green Bay she had been active in the Union Congregational/ United Church of Christ. When asked what appeals to her about FBC, she says it's the honesty, purposes, social involvement, and Erika's reaching out to her. Judy joined FBC in 2022 and is currently the church Archivist and is getting involved with welcoming the Ukrainian family, possibly using her ESL skills to help them with a new language.

During her earlier life, Judy and her husband, and sometimes Judy on her own, did a lot of traveling. Apparently during many of these trips, husband Don took advantage of his love of fishing, trying his hand in the lakes and streams of various countries. Judy's traveling days may not yet be over since, this last April, she and BJ, her daughter-in-law, went on the group trip that Kathleen Verigin led to Scotland. Way to go, Judy!

As far as what Judy enjoys in her spare time, she puts reading at the top of the list, especially historical fiction and mysteries with a historical connection. And she enjoys PBS television. She also knits, especially small project like baby hats (because they don't take so long!).

We are fortunate indeed to welcome Judy Larmouth into our fellowship. She is an interesting and valuable addition to our congregation.





**Great News!** The McMinnville Refugee Coalition (MRC) announces that the Ukrainian family we've been in communication with was cleared to travel from Germany (where they spent the last few months) to the USA, arrived in Mac Aug. 22, and are settling in.



Please enjoy their picture. The family of six is multi-generational: Alex, father of 2 year old Arthur, and husband of Ira; Ira has a daughter named Kristina; Ira's mother, Olga and brother Ivan complete the family.

MRC has found the family a lovely rental home. The brother, Ivan, will stay with a McMinnville family close-by for several weeks until all are settled.

MRC furnished their home with all the donations from many people from the community and especially from MacHub/Swede Mom, and the Habitat For Humanity ReStore. The home now has beds, dressers, sofas, rugs, end tables, lamps, and a fully equipped kitchen. Many friends from our church family have helped supply items and helped move and arrange furniture.

At this point, their only need is to have a car, either on loan or as a gift. If you have any leads, please contact JoAnn or Larry Sims, (425) 802-7220, [joanncsims@gmail.com](mailto:joanncsims@gmail.com).

The first several weeks after their arrival will be spent adjusting to their new home and surroundings. The coalition is assisting them in completing paper work for assistance programs, establishing a doctor and learning about pharmacies and medical needs, discovering where grocery stores are located, as well as introducing them to our city library. Our own Judy Larmouth has volunteered to be their ESL teacher and will work with them to be more comfortable using English. Lynn Crowell organized a "first home cooked meal" for the family during their first week in McMinnville. The working members of the family plan on looking for work as soon as they are established. If you have any job leads, pass them onto Larry or JoAnn.

The MRC is appreciative of everyone's assistance and wishes of welcome for the Ukrainian family. **We hope you will continue to support and welcome the family by attending and participating in upcoming benefit programs this fall.**



Mark your calendars to attend the Musical Concert in the FBC sanctuary on Saturday, September, 23<sup>rd</sup> from 7-9pm. Nancy McCann's Band and others

are donating their time for your enjoyment and the Ukrainian family's benefit. **Let everyone you know about the concert and, hopefully, we will have a full house!**



## A CONCERT Fundraiser

**Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**7-9 pm in the FBC Sanctuary**

**followed by a Reception to meet the family.**

You'll be entertained by Nancy McCann & Friends, the Baptist Babes, Good News Gospel Choir, Ukulele Ukestra, and other musicians & singers from FBC and the wider community.



A Goodwill Offering will be collected with proceeds benefiting the McMinnville Refugee Coalition, (First Baptist, First Presbyterian, Cooperative Ministries, Unitarian Universalists and St. Barnabas Episcopal) who are sponsoring the relocation of a Ukrainian family to McMinnville.

## SPEAKER TALK A Community Ukraine Lecture

**Dr. Dawn Nowacki,**  
professor of Political  
Science at Linfield  
University



**Tuesday, Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> - 7-9 pm**  
at the First Baptist Church sanctuary

**Dr. Nowacki will provide an overview of Ukraine's geography, history, culture, religion and current perspectives on politics and the war. She will welcome questions and comments at the end of the presentation.**

Sponsored by the  
McMinnville Refugee Coalition

Information on how you can welcome our Ukrainian family will be available. To provide ongoing support

there will be a **FreeWill offering** given and an opportunity to purchase a **great T-shirt with the Ukraine flower** (see left) for \$25 each.





## McMinnville Youth Collective Service Learning Trip 2023

In July, a team of youth & adults from the McMinnville Youth Collective participated in a cross-cultural service and learning experience on the Yakama Reservation in Washington state. We spent six days serving the community members, learning about their history, traditions, and culture, and building relationships. It was a fun, educational, and transformative trip for all of us, and we are excited to share about our time there and figure out ways to continue to be connected with and supportive of the native people we came to know people and care for. And thanks for First Baptist Church, the other MYC churches, and all our family and friends in this community and beyond for their support to make this possible for all of us!

### A Reflection on the Service Learning Trip from Rebecca Arredondo

Hello, my name is Rebecca Arredondo. I attend McMinnville Cooperative Ministries and this summer I had the opportunity to go with the McMinnville Youth Collective on a SLAM trip. Part of my interest in going on this trip was because my son was going, and part was because of my job. I work in Willamina School District where I am currently an Attendance Family Advocate and was previously a teacher. This grant funded position enables me to work in partnership with the school district, families and the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde. I have learned so much about our local tribe over the last 17+ years and this trip was an opportunity to learn more about other tribes in our area. I was also very excited to go with my son Adrian and see how the activities and experiences we were going to take part in would impact all of our youth.

The biggest highlight has to be the connections and relationships built not only within our group of youth, but also between the youth groups there and with the SLAM staff and others who joined us throughout the week. I was continuously impressed with the thoughts and reflections our youth had during our small group gathering times as we processed what we'd seen and learned. I thoroughly enjoyed having Owen and AJ on my cleaning crew, making moccasins with my son, Adrian, watching the youth play card games, Mafia, or dance their hearts out on the Wii (especially Adrian and Owen with Dash and others joining at times). I enjoyed our conversations in the van with Tayah and Oscar, especially about where plants should or should not be growing and the placement of windows in a house. And the pure joy that filled the van as we all sang to songs together on "Boy Band Monday," "Diva Tuesday" and "Disney Thursday" on our way to and from the worksite. I'm so impressed with how hard everyone worked at the house to clean up the yard and make it look nice. (Thank goodness there was a big tree there that shaded us most of the time and it wasn't 100 degrees!)

There were so many lovely joy-filled, God present moments, but as I neared the end of the week, I discovered what was going to be a big impact or take-away for me on this trip. As it turned out, it did not have to do with the boarding schools we learned about, or the history of how reservations came to be, or the atrocities conducted on the indigenous peoples of this land. It ended up being something we all have a part in our everyday lives and all around the world. What I'm going to share with you next is a moment of *yaych' unakl* (y-eye-ch' oo-nock + the sound made when you put the tongue at the top of your mouth behind your teeth and breath out) for me—which is the Sahaptin, or Ichishkīn (the Yakama Nation's language) word for courage.

On Thursday, the last full work day, as I took my morning walk around the building before breakfast, I finished listening to Robin Wall Kimmerer's book "Braiding Sweetgrass" (which I highly recommend to anyone, especially in audio book form). She talks a lot about relationship and reciprocity with each other, the land and living beings that share the earth with us. How two-leggeds, humans, were put on this earth as protectors of the land and life; to live in reciprocity with the land, never take more than we need, always offer gratitude and thanks, and to speak up for those animals and plants who cannot speak for themselves. Yakama Nations' legends and stories shared with us during the week also talked of us as protectors of the land. And so, on Thursday as I finished "Braiding Sweetgrass" and reflected on the week, a felt an ache building in my heart. There was no option for recycling while we were there, there was no separation between yard debris and trash at the site, there were plastic forks and spoons tossed at the end of each of our shared meals. I did what I could to minimize my addition to the trash by rewashing and reusing the plastic ware and sandwich bags throughout the week. I even saved some students' paper lunch bags that hadn't been thrown away and had them reuse them the next day. I ferreted away empty bread bags and tabs that I could bring back home to recycle in the special recycling events organized by First Baptist and the Unitarian church. But at that final day at the worksite, it was very hard to see the mountain of trash bags going to the dump. Let me emphasize that in no way is this a reflection on the people whose house we helped clean up. We all add to the world's dump heaps; sometimes in larger amounts, sometimes in smaller. My sadness came from reflecting on how the colonialist culture that was brought to this land, and which we are all a part of today, is all about altering the land to suit our needs and consuming and buying things that are easily disposable, to minimize work for ourselves. It doesn't take into account the land and life that we are surrounded by or what we are setting the world up to be in the future; how our trash and consumption as a society, all in the name of progress and ease, has altered our world so much that there may not be time to turn it around. We are at a turning point. Can we restore our world to balance and reciprocity? Or are we already at the point of no return? I felt heartbroken and helpless. All of my emotions, aided by sleep deprivation, came pouring out Thursday evening during our Open Circle service and in our small group times.

I left the week feeling very happy to have gone with such an amazing group and having provided such a service to an elderly couple, who could never have cleaned their yard on their own, but also with a lot to reflect on and process as I contemplate how I can have an even greater impact on the world around me for environmental justice and reciprocity. My family does a lot already to minimize our footprint on the world, but I know there is more we can do. There is more we must all do if we are to preserve and protect our world for generations to come. All tribes have a way of thinking that focuses on connecting the past to the present and future, often within the number seven. You think back to past generations, understand your place in the current generation and look ahead to future generations, making sure that what you're doing will be beneficial to those that come after you. It's going to take a lot of work for us to make sure that the world is a good place to live for the two-legged, the four-legged, the winged ones and the ones that swim and crawl, seven generations into the future. It can be done, but not without a lot of change.

OK, I know I got deep there, but that's what can happen on these kinds of trips; you go to provide service for others with an open heart to God and come out having been changed in unexpected ways. Thank you for reading this and letting me be vulnerable with you in a moment of *yaych' unakl*. As I continue to move forward from this week, I will remain open to the ways in which God can use me to help restore the world and all creation to God's loving embrace. Thank you.





## Youth Group September 10 & 17

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  
September 24  
High School Fall Beach Retreat

## Youth Dinner

Wednesday, September 27 at 6 pm  
at Gordo Tacos

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



Children, Youth, and Families!  
Join us on Sunday, September 10  
as we celebrate the beginning  
of a new school year!

Blessing of the Backpacks  
during the children's time  
at the 10am worship service

Children's Chapel (returns!)  
following the children's time  
during the 10am worship service

Youth Group (returns!)  
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



## The McMinnville Youth Collective Fall Beach Retreat is back!

HIGH SCHOOL  
9th-12th grade youth  
Friday, September 22  
through Sunday, September 24

MIDDLE SCHOOL  
6th-8th grade youth  
Friday, September 29  
through Sunday, October 1

Learn more and register at:  
[fbcmac.org/myc-fall-beach-retreat-2023](http://fbcmac.org/myc-fall-beach-retreat-2023)  
We hope you will join us!



## REFLECTIVE LEADERSHIP GRANT



I have been selected to receive a \$15,000 grant from Leadership Education at Duke Divinity! I will use the funds to focus on the McMinnville Youth Collective - connecting with youth and families in our community, learning from others doing similar ministry, and discerning what God is calling the MYC to be and do in the years ahead, as well as determining how we will operate as an organization. This work begins with a convening with all grantees at Duke at the end of September, and goes through the spring of 2025. I'm excited about this opportunity and will update the FBC community as we move forward. Read below for general information about this grant program.

- Sean P. Williams

Leadership Education aims to create lasting change in U.S. congregations by supporting Christian leaders and the institutions they serve. Leadership Education designs educational services, develops intellectual resources and facilitates networks of institutions that cultivate a coherent vision of Christian institutional leadership and form Christian leaders. Leadership Education is a non-degree-granting initiative of Duke Divinity School funded by Lilly Endowment Inc. and based in Durham, N.C.

We have been selected to receive a Reflective Leadership Grant from Leadership Education at Duke Divinity. These grants of up to \$15,000 support an opportunity for structured reflection for leaders of Christian organizations that are advancing their mission in the midst of today's rapidly changing context. Thirty-one Christian leaders from a variety of faith-based organizations are funded in this third year of the Reflective Leadership Grant program.

"The Reflective Leadership Grant at Leadership Education at Duke Divinity recognizes and supports the faithful and innovative work of lay and ordained Christian leaders who find themselves at a pivotal moment in their ministry," says Mycal Brickhouse, a director of program and grants at Leadership Education. "Using Harvard professor Ron Heifetz's language, we want to help leaders experience 'balcony time,' which allows them to move from the dance floor to the balcony to gain a broader picture of the work, organization, community and trends. We want to encourage grantees to continue to develop their leadership capacities in ways specific to their work and context. For some, this might look like attending interdisciplinary conferences; for others it might look like observing similar work in different settings. We are excited about the interest in this grant program from both traditional and non-traditional Christian leaders. We look forward to learning alongside them and their communities."



## 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!

### FBC Classes

#### 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 Adult Classes RETURN in September!

##### Sunday Connections - Sunday, 8:30 am

Returns Sept. 10 - 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](mailto:barbaracoleburr@gmail.com)

##### Sunday Berean Class - Sunday, 8:45 am

Returns Sept. 10 - In-person at FBC, on the 2nd floor

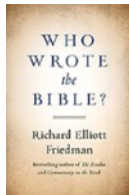
Starting the year with a short video lecture by Theologian, Phillis Tickle, providing a review of her 500-year cycle of western civilization - what she's dub'ed, "the great emergence." We are currently in the midst of a profound shift in spiritual & theological development. We'll also be exploring some of the emergent spiritual movements that are developing at this time; what these developments mean for mainstream churches such as First Baptist, society, and our own spiritual growth.

Contact: Doug Verigin (503) 913 3401

##### Sunday Chapel Class - Sunday, 8:45 am

Returns Sept. 10 - In-person in the FBC Chapel OR join via Zoom  
*Who Wrote the Bible?*

This controversial question has intrigued faithful followers of Jesus for almost 2000 years. Join our class in the Chapel each Sunday (for those members who cannot join us physically, see you on Zoom). We'll use Richard Elliot Friedman's book, *Who Wrote the Bible*, as the foundation for our lively, thoughtful conversation. Differing viewpoints are very welcome and honored. Each week is led by a different volunteer. The book is widely available, both new and used. Hope you join us for a facilitated discussion/conversation. Contact: Gary Langenwaller with 971-221-8155 (mobile), or [gary@portlandconsultinggroup.com](mailto:gary@portlandconsultinggroup.com).



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

1st Sunday ONLY - in-person in the FBC Fireplace Room

Returns Sunday, September 3

This class is dedicated to exploring questions, issues, and experiences in finding spirituality and bliss in everyday living.

Contact: Rob Schulman, [schulmanrob@yahoo.com](mailto:schulmanrob@yahoo.com)

##### Sunday Rainbow Class - for Special Needs Adults

Contact: Cynthia Parker, [cynp007@gmail.com](mailto:cynp007@gmail.com)

### FBC Small Groups

#### Climate Action Group - Meeting times/locations vary.

Contact: Lara O'Brady, [lara\\_obrady@yahoo.com](mailto:lara_obrady@yahoo.com)

#### Dying Well - September 4 & 18 at 11:30 am, in-person

1st & 3rd Mondays - Fireplace Room

Contact: Lynn Crowell, [herbalynn@comast.net](mailto:herbalynn@comast.net).

#### Together Works - September 11 & 25 at 7 pm, in-person

Fireplace Room at FBC - 2nd & 4th Mondays

Contact: Dee Moore, 971-241-8256, [togetherworksinfo@gmail.com](mailto:togetherworksinfo@gmail.com)

#### Dads Group - September 11 at 8 pm, in-person (please RSVP)

2nd Mondays each month, location varies

Contact: John Linder, [john.linder93@gmail.com](mailto:john.linder93@gmail.com)

#### Senior Breakfast - September 6 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 & 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](mailto:susanlanechambers@gmail.com)

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

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

September 5 & 19 at Gina's

Contact: Gina Foster, 971-237-2789

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

September 14 & 28 at Linda's

Contact: Linda Watson, 971-237-2793

#### FBC Singles - September 16 - Activity TBD

Contact: Lynn Crowell, [herbalynn@comcast.net](mailto:herbalynn@comcast.net)

#### New Moms Group - September Activity TBD

Contact Heidi Toth, [tothfive@gmail.com](mailto:tothfive@gmail.com).

#### Hiking Group - September 16, location/time TBD

Contact: Gloria LaFata, [glowml1@gmail.com](mailto:glowml1@gmail.com)

#### Sister Circle - Meets every Friday at 11 am, in-person beginning Friday, September 8

Interested in joining? Contact: Sherill Roberts, [shrobert@linfield.edu](mailto:shrobert@linfield.edu) or 971-237-3630

**Sister Circle is a women's group at FBC.**

We offer an emotional support system to each other and explore how women may experience elements of spirituality differently than men.

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

#### Men's Breakfast - September 30 at 9:00 am

Les Toth's Toy Barn, 2700 NW Pinehurst Drive

The speaker for this breakfast will be Dave King.

Contact: Neil Kunze, [kunze@sou.edu](mailto:kunze@sou.edu)

#### Meaningful Movie Night @ the Co-op, 544 NE 2nd St.

Thurs., Sept. 14, 6:30 pm - "Displaced: The Climate Exodus"



# SEPTEMBER at FBC

SEPTEMBER 2023

| Sunday                                                                                                                                                                             | Monday                                                                                                                                                        | Tuesday                                                                                                                             | Wednesday                                                                                                                   | Thursday                                                                                                                                                    | Friday                                                                                                                                                        | Saturday                                                  |
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| <b>3</b><br>8:45 - Faith & Java, in person<br>10 am - WORSHIP<br>in person & Live Stream                                                                                           | <b>4 - Office Closed</b><br><br>11:30a - Dying Well<br>7p - Worship Planning | <b>5</b><br>12n - Bible Study<br>in person & via Zoom<br>7p - KnitWits at Gina's                                                    | <b>6</b><br>8a - Senior Breakfast at<br>VFW Post, Atlantic Ave.<br>2p - Summer Book<br>Group                                | <b>7</b><br>Worship Team Rehearsal<br>TBD - Cct Tegan                                                                                                       | <b>8</b><br><b>FBC Office Closed</b><br>9:15a - STARS Breakfast<br>11a - Sister Circle<br>7:30p - Friday Shelter                                              | <b>9</b>                                                  |
| <b>10</b><br>Kick-Off a new Season of<br>classes/events/activities<br>10 am - WORSHIP<br>in person & Live Stream<br>12n - Music Ministry<br>Kick-Off Lua'U<br>5-7:30p - MYC at FPC | <b>11</b><br>9:15a - STARS Breakfast<br>12n - Personnel Committee<br>4p - Mission Team<br>5:15p - KidVenture<br>7p - Together Works<br>8p - Dad's Group       | <b>12</b><br>9a - Building & Grounds<br>12n - Bible Study<br>in person & via Zoom<br>6p - Matthew 25<br>7p - Ukraine Talk<br>at FBC | <b>13</b><br>6:30p - Church Board                                                                                           | <b>14</b><br>9:45a - KnitWits at<br>Linda's<br>Music Rehearsals:<br>5:20p Bells / 6:30p Choir<br>8p Worship Team<br>6:30p - Meaningful Movie<br>a the Co-op | <b>15</b><br><b>FBC Office Closed</b><br>9:15a - STARS Breakfast<br>11a - Sister Circle<br>7:30p - Friday Shelter                                             | <b>16</b><br>Hiking Group,<br>details TBD                 |
| <b>17</b><br>10 am - WORSHIP<br>in person & Live Stream<br>Membership Lunch<br>5-7:30p - MYC at FPC                                                                                | <b>18</b><br>9:15a - STARS Breakfast<br>11:30a - Dying Well<br>5:15p - KidVenture<br>7p - Care & Concern                                                      | <b>19</b><br>12n - Bible Study<br>in person & via Zoom<br>7p - KnitWits, Gina's                                                     | <b>20</b><br>1p - Membership via Zoom<br>2:15p - Faith Formation<br>in person, conference room<br>2p - Summer Book<br>Group | <b>21</b><br>1:30p Celtic event (1)<br>Music Rehearsals:<br>5:20p Bells / 6:30p Choir<br>8p Worship Team                                                    | <b>22</b><br><b>FBC Office Closed</b><br>9:15a - STARS Breakfast<br>11a - Sister Circle<br>7:30p - Friday Shelter                                             | <b>23</b><br>7p - CONCERT<br>Ukraine Fundraiser<br>at FBC |
| <b>24</b><br>10 am - WORSHIP<br>in person & Live Stream<br>11:15a - Welcome Class<br>11a-4p<br>Wine Country PRIDE<br>on Alpine Ave.                                                | <b>25</b><br>9:15a - STARS Breakfast<br>5:15p - KidVenture<br>7p - Together Works                                                                             | <b>26</b><br>12n - Bible Study<br>in person & via Zoom                                                                              | <b>27</b><br>6p - Youth Dinner<br>7:30p - KeyNote<br>CONCERT at FBC                                                         | <b>28</b><br>9:45a - KnitWits at<br>Linda's<br>1:30p Celtic event (2)<br>Music Rehearsals:<br>5:20p Bells / 6:30p Choir<br>8p Worship Team                  | <b>29</b><br><b>FBC Office Closed</b><br>9:15a - STARS Breakfast<br>11a - Sister Circle<br>11a - Becoming Rooted<br>book group trip<br>7:30p - Friday Shelter | <b>30</b><br>9a - Men's Breakfast                         |
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## SEPTEMBER Birthday

LeeAnn Parry 1  
 Nadya King 2  
 Tim Craig 2  
 Vicki Cartwright 4  
 Millie Boggie 6  
 Cliff Watts 7  
 Kerry Ballati 10  
 Tom Kilinsky 10  
 Peggi Lilly 14  
 Donna Weed 14  
 Michael Burr 15  
 Gregg Hendricks 17

Michael Sayler 19  
 Jeanette House 20  
 Carl Aplin 21  
 Momo Scarboro Ford 22  
 Jen Linder 23  
 Brian Anderson 23  
 Dianne Belgard 24  
 Kim Kushner Dominguez 24  
 Marilyn Switzer 24  
 Sue Brandt 24  
 Tim Lynn 25  
 Rob Porter 25  
 Pat Crissey 27  
 Judee Kunze 27



Sidoney Winfield 27  
 Suzanne Scarboro Ford 28  
 Mylinda Baits 28  
 Abram Williams 29  
 Global Servants  
 Steve Howard 29  
 Cynthia Parker 30

## SEPTEMBER Anniversary:

Kyle & Katrina Williams 1  
 Global Servants  
 David & Debbie Ferry 2  
 Tim Craig & Jonathan Davis 3



Marvin & Donna King 4  
 Jace Early & Jan Whipp 5  
 Eric & Virginia Holmstrom 9  
 Don & Laura Christensen 10  
 Walt & LeeAnn Parry 11  
 Scott & Susan Chambers 15  
 Paul & Cheryl Polte 18  
 Darrell & Molly Eacret 25  
 Jordan Robinson & Megan  
 McCrossin 27  
 Russell Mark & Michael Bone 30