



The Tidings

FBC's monthly newsletter

OCTOBER 2023



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YOU'RE INVITED TO ARRAH WANNA
FOR FBC'S 2ND ANNUAL

ALL-CHURCH RETREAT

FRIDAY-SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20-22



Everyone is invited to a weekend getaway with your church family! Our second annual All-Church Retreat will be held later this month at our denomination's camp and conference center, Arrah Wanna.

We'll have time together to sing and pray and play, time on our own to rest and wander, and chances to participate in great workshops/activities like:

- ♦ Candle Making with Steve Howard
- ♦ Drumming with John Sullivan
- ♦ Heart's Ease with Nadya King
- ♦ Mandala Art with Karen Olson
- ♦ Medicine Basket with Nadya King
- ♦ Soap Making with Steve Howard
- ♦ Prayer Walk (on your own or with others)
- ♦ Nine-Square-in-the-Air Game

During free time, you can join in a hike with Lynn Crowell, head to the lodge to play board games, or enjoy some quiet time in your room or explore the beautiful, forested grounds along the Salmon River.

Cost is \$160-\$180 per person, and includes two nights' lodging, six delicious meals (dinner Friday through lunch Sunday), and all workshop supplies. Financial assistance is available, and the family cap is \$500. Please talk with Erika about these options.

Ready to register? Do that here: <https://forms.gle/XKuUv5f3iw8sZL5VA>.

Do it soon, registration closes October 6!



FBC gains partners in strategic planning

Each year, consultants with the Oregon Organizational Development Network give back to the community by offering their expertise to non-profit organizations seeking help with specific projects through their Community Consulting Project program. Since the 1990s they have served more than 120 non-profits in Oregon. This summer, FBC applied for their help with our strategic planning process, and we just got word that our project was chosen. Our church board will soon meet with a team of OODN consultants, and together we'll design the process that will guide this church in discerning and developing a plan that will take us into the future. This will be a congregation-wide process, so stay tuned for chances to be involved!

A new chance to learn from one another

FBC is full of deep wisdom and wonderful stories. We're looking to celebrate that in our new speaker series, featuring congregants sharing their passions and expertise. On the first Sunday of each month, a friend will share about a significant learning, a life-changing adventure, a nagging question they've been wrestling with, or a unique experience that has shaped how they understand life, faith, or the world. Everyone is invited to stay after the service on those days, bring a lunch, listen to the sharing, and enjoy a conversation about it.

Here's what we can look forward to this fall:

October 1: Kathleen Verigin shares about measuring time by the Celtic Wheel of the Year

November 5: Kathy and Wayne Beckwith share about their recent sabbatical in India

December 3: Virginia Holmstrom shares about interreligious dialogue and friendship

YTD Actual for Period % of Amount Budgeted

Contributions Income:	\$224,857	99.6%
Total Income:	\$270,437	100.2%
Total Expenses:	<u>\$258,071</u>	95.6%
Net Income:	\$ 12,366	

CURRENT VOLUNTEER OPENINGS

- Budget & Stewardship Committee Members
- FBC/Scout Troop Liaison



Tell Pastor Erika or Moderator Dave Larmouth if you can help.

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) or Realm administrator, Barbara Burr (barbaracoleburr@gmail.com).

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

Church Board Notes, September 13th

The Church Board met as scheduled on September 13th in person. Erika started us off with a devotion from Brian Doyle, who challenged the traditional list of five methods of prayer in his (Catholic) tradition. Some say that work is prayer, as well as actions we take with God in mind. Doyle said we are beings composed of prayers.

Tim Duerfeldt shared information with the Board about building safety. He reminded us of the acronym "ALICE": Alert, Lockdown, Inform (those present and 911), Counter, Evacuate. No one wants to think about a terrible thing happening during our service, but we need to be prepared to respond. The Board approved the placement of an air horn at the sound booth that could be used to get everyone's attention.

Sean gave us a presentation on the grant he was awarded by the Duke Divinity School. His plan is to spend time researching ways to improve the McMinnville Youth Collective. Congratulations Sean!

The Board discussed the use of Robert's Rules of Order and the Consensus model. We agreed that some more structure would be good, but we do not plan to follow Robert's Rules to the letter.

We were reminded that the All-Church Retreat will be held at Camp Arrah Wana on Friday, October 20th - Sunday the 22nd. We hope as many of you can attend as possible. We were promised great food and great fun!

Don Watson shared the Financial Report, and we are holding steady in the black year to date. Thank you for all the ways that you support FBC. We appointed the Budget Committee, though we are in search of one more non-board member, so please let Don know if you are interested.

Kathleen offered to look into hosting a First Aid/CPR class at the church to allow folks to renew their lapsed certifications or obtain one for the first time.

Finally, our next Board meeting will be held at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, October 11th, 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 be added to the agenda.

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Larmouth, FBC Moderator



Sunday Worship Highlights

OCTOBER 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
- ✦ 8:45 am - **FAITH & JAVA** - 1st Sundays only - in person, Fireplace Room / Contact - schulmanrob@yahoo.com
- ✦ 8:45 am - **CHAPEL Class** - Contact - gary@portlandconsultinggroup.com
- ✦ 8:45 am - **BEREAN Class** - Contact - doug.verigin@outlook.com

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

October 1, Communion Sunday

"You are the One Who..."

Sermon from Genesis 16:1-14

Rev. Erika Marksbury preaching

Music led by Marilyn Dresser & the Choir

Speaker Series, Kathleen Verigin shares about the Celtic Wheel of the Year

October 8

"The Blessing of Change"

Sermon from Genesis 32:22-31

Rev. Erika Marksbury preaching

Music led by Marilyn Dresser & the Choir

Fellowship hosted by the Climate Action Team

October 15

"A Name to Grow Into"

Sermon from Exodus 3:1-15

Rev. Erika Marksbury preaching

Music led by Marilyn Dresser & the Choir

Fellowship hosted by the Missions Team

October 22

"Call It Like You See It"

Sermon from John 10:22-38

Rev. Erika Marksbury preaching

Music led by Tegan Johnson & the Worship Team

October 29

"Mary, Mary, Quite Contrary"

Sermon from John 19:25-30

Rev. Erika Marksbury preaching

Music led by Tegan Johnson & the Worship Team

Fellowship hosted by the Hiking Group

FBC shares the love at Wine Country Pride Street Fair



Climate Action - Recipe of the month: **Vegan Zucchini Bread or Muffins** (Makes 2 loaves or 21 muffins)**Ingredients:**

- 6 tablespoons (1/3 cup) ground flax meal/seeds
- ½ cup warm water
- 1 cup brown sugar
- ½ to 1 cup white sugar (depending on your taste)
- ½ cup oil
- ½ cup apple sauce
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 to 2½ cups grated zucchini (3 medium sized)
- 2 cups all purpose flour
- 1 cup whole wheat flour (you can change the ratio of white to whole wheat flour)
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- ½ teaspoon baking soda
- 1 tablespoon cinnamon
- 2 teaspoons nutmeg • 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup raisins -Optional
(you can substitute chocolate chips or raisins)

Instructions:

1. Preheat oven. 350 for loaves or 365 for muffins.
2. Grease 2 loaf pans or 21 muffin tins.
3. Mix the flax meal & warm water to make "flax egg."
4. Add sugar, oil, applesauce, vanilla. Beat well.
5. Add the grated zucchini. Stir until combined.
6. In a separate bowl, sift together remaining dry ingredients. Then add the flour and gently stir up the dry ingredients so they are mostly mixed.
7. Stir the dry ingredients into the wet ingredients until JUST mixed and everything is incorporated evenly. A few lumps are fine as long as they are smaller than ½ teaspoon.
8. Fold in raisins or other optional ingredients.
9. Put batter into loaf pans or muffin tins.
10. Cook loaves at 350 for 50 minutes. A knife inserted should come out clean. Cook muffins at 365 for 20 minutes. A toothpick should come out clean.



**SAY NO
TO PLASTIC!**

The Plastic Project

Next Collection

**SAY NO
TO PLASTIC!**

Next plastic collection is October 14th 2023, 10am-1pm.
First Baptist Church, 125 SE Cowls, McMinnville.

We will be Collecting the following:

Non-curb side items sorted and bagged separately. (Must be sorted, clean, and dry to be accepted)
\$4 per full paper grocery bag of -

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| Straws & Utensils | Bread bag Clips |
| CD Cassette cases | Plastic screw-on caps |
| #1 PET plastic, Clear/no color (water, soda bottles, and some packaging) | |
| #2 HDPE plastic (milk, juice, water bottles & laundry products) | |
| #4 LDPE plastic, Low Density Polyethylene- transparent film
(used to make shopping bags, dry cleaning bags & flexible bottles and lids) | |
| #5 PP plastic (applied to packaging, commonly used in: Yogurt containers) | |
| #6 PS plastic, Polystyrene/Styrofoam (disposable coffee cups, to-go food containers) | |



Call (503) 207-5482 or email theplasticprojectZWM@gmail.com with questions.

Also, a 'how to sort' video - <https://www.zerowastemcminnville.com/about-3>

**Witchy Women of McMinnville,**

including several FBC members, will again gather on Halloween for our yearly dance on **Tuesday, October 31 - at 3rd & Evans.**

Not yet sure of time yet. For more information, including rehearsal dates/times, contact:

kathleenverigin333@gmail.com It's always great fun, for the dancers and the watchers!

A THANK YOU to all those who continue to support and keep me in your thoughts. It has been a process throughout my medical issues and now, as I navigate this new life.

~ Richard Belgard (503) 560-8120

CHRISTMAS CHOIR RETREAT

Saturday, Oct. 28 at FBC
9:30a - 1:00p with lunch

Have fun with other musicians as we kick off learning our Christmas music.

Rehearsals; Nov 2, 9, 16, 30, &
 Dress Rehearsal, Wednesday, Dec 6.

Bells 5:20p / Christmas Choir 6:30p
 Worship Team 8:00p

Dress Rehearsal for all participants, 5-9p
 (including Sound techs), Thursday, Dec. 7.

Come for as many as you can
 (a minimum of three, to know the music).

The Christmas Choir will be part of
 our FBC Christmas Concert
 And will also be a very special
 part of leading our worship service
 through music on Sunday December 17th
 Contact marilyn@fbcmac.org to
 RSVP or with any questions

**First Baptist Church's Annual
 Christmas CONCERT**
Sunday, December 10th
4 pm, FBC Sanctuary

World Class Music in McMinnville! ~ Keynote CONCERT Series ~

Wednesday, October 18

in the First Baptist Church Sanctuary

Doors open at 7pm. Concert starts at 7:30 pm.

Receptions to follow concerts.

**Featuring Michael Allen Harrison &
 Julianne Johnson**



KEYNOTE IS DIFFERENT

The McMinnville Keynote is a once a month
 3rd Wednesday Concert Series that will feature music
 ranging from classical to jazz to pop and more.

The McMinnville Lions Club and McMinnville Performing
 Arts Association will be partnering with us on our inaugural
 season. We are excited to have featured acts from our local
 area, as well as from all around the country. Our opening
 acts will be local schools ensembles and/or local musicians.
 The Concert Series goes through May 2024.

MARK your Calendar: Community HOLIDAY Events

A performance of beloved choruses and solos
 from the Christmas part of
Handel's "Messiah"

Friday, December 1st
at First Presbyterian Church

Conducted by Robin Pederson and professional
 accompanists Audrey Horowitz & Anne Britt.
 Sunday afternoon rehearsals in November.
 Soloist auditions will be held on October 7.

If you are interested contact Marcia Stratman,
 Director of Music at First Presbyterian Church,
marciastratman@gmail.com or 971-387-6183.

**McMinnville Women's Choir presents a
 'Winter Concert'**

Saturday, December 9th at 4 pm
in the First Baptist Church sanctuary

MWC is a strong singing community of self-identifying
 women of all ages and orientations, who sing for self-
 expression, camaraderie, and social justice.

Rehearsals during October & November,
 every Tuesday, 6:30-8:30 pm at FBC.

Dress Rehearsal, Friday, Dec. 8 in the sanctuary.

Concert Day, Dec. 9, 2pm - final rehearsal time.

Participants are committed to attend every rehearsal.

Contact: Patty Harris-Herdener, nandesmom@gmail.com

Membership Celebration Lunch

One of the tasks of the FBC Membership Ministry Team (MMT) is to celebrate and engage people who have made the decision to become members of the church. The MMT started this tradition in 2018 by celebrating people who had been members for 50 or more years. In 2020, right before the Covid-19 lockdown, the MMT celebrated people who had become members in the last 10 years. The purpose of these celebrations is to provide a way to meet new people and connect with people already known.

During the lockdown, since we couldn't meet in person, the MMT celebrated all members by giving them a wooden ornament with the date they joined. The ornaments were included in the Lent bags that were delivered to households to make online worship more interactive. The MMT continues the tradition of giving new members an ornament.



On Sunday, September 17th, the MMT held a brunch after worship, inviting members who joined 40-49 years ago, 10-14 years ago and since 2020. A total of 58 people were invited and 40 were able to attend. The group feasted on crustless quiche (egg and vegan options,) green salad, local melon, and brownies, provided by the Church Board members who were able to attend. Peggi Lilly and Susan Chambers did the cooking, and Marianne Mills set the tables and delivered all the food to the tables, which was served family style. Dave Ferry provided lovely piano music as folks were arriving from the Fellowship Time after worship. The event

ended with a lively game of Jeopardy: FBC History and Trivia. The Jeopardy game was created by Susan, who used a Jeopardy game as a review session for her classes at Linfield. All the questions came from the timeline that was created for the 150 Anniversary Celebration, except for the Final Jeopardy question which came from Realm, the FBC database. If you haven't seen a copy of the timeline, there are two binders in the church office and there is a digital format on the Church Website. The church has a fascinating history!

Thanks to Peggi, Susan, Marianne, and to Cynthia Parker and Sean Williams who were key additions for a successful clean-up after the brunch. And, thanks to Pastor Erika who swept and mopped the floors!



Here are a few questions from our Jeopardy game, how well do you know First Baptist Church?

- 1. The year the FBC was chartered.**
- 2. The year the current Sanctuary was built.**
- 3. The number of buildings FBC has had on the current site.**
- 4. In 1958, FBC bought this downtown building to be the church parsonage.**
- 5. The decade when average attendance on a Sunday was 465 people.**

- ANSWERS**
1. What was 1867?
 2. What was 1926?
 3. What is 3?
 4. What is the current City Hall building?
 5. What was the 1960s?

Getting to Know your First Baptist Church Family

Kris Blaha and Cindy Miller are longtime FBC attendees whose participation in the congregation began when Bernie Turner was senior pastor, whom they fondly remember (Cindy reports that he made her laugh!).

They both started attending when others from their group home (many will remember Victor and Patty) found a "home" at FBC. They enjoyed their Sunday School Rainbow Class for a number of years, and now Cynthia Parker plays a special role in their church lives as she accompanies them to church and sits with them.

When asked what made them decide that FBC was a good fit for them, they both heartily responded that the people make their experience so positive. Kris fondly remembers interactions with Myrtle Fricke and both women recall how Mary Martin brought them treats and clothing. Kris and Cindy both became members of FBC in 2012.

Geoff Clayton ranks high on Cindy's list of favorites because she loves church music, but he has also been an integral part of her playing the piano as part of the church service. Kris and Cynthia have recently done the opening and communal prayers as part of recent worship services. The outdoor worship service is also one of Kris' favorite experiences.

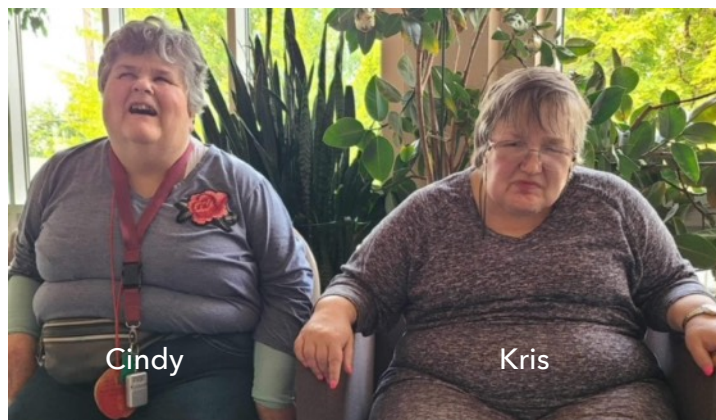
Both women were born and raised in McMinnville. Cindy has sisters in the area and Kris grew up with a brother. Cindy had two dogs, "Muffy" and "Duffy", whom she loved along with a cat named "Boots". Cindy developed a real love of music and plays piano with a lesson every Wednesday. She enjoys Merle Haggard and says that church music helps cheer her up! Kris is a Beach Boys fan. (That is cheer up music, too, Kris!) Kris' dog's name was "Kappy-K".

Both women stay busy during the week with various activities offered through various programs. Cindy attends school for the blind and both women eagerly look forward to outings to movies, the coast, and the State Fair. Kris was able to go camping for a week up on the Santiam River this summer and so enjoyed sticking her feet in the water, a simple pleasure that would behoove all of us to experience from time to time. During down time, TV is an option and "Golden Girls" and "Wheel of Fortune" rank high on their list of favorites.

As part of a good Baptist congregation, both women have some favorite foods. Kris loves good macaroni and cheese and Cindy is partial to chicken enchiladas!

These two women have long graced us with their presence in our congregation. We are lucky to have them in our midst. Do say hello sometime if you see Cynthia and her friends, Kris and Cindy, coming in and/or departing from the sanctuary. (Let you in on a secret....they are usually sitting along the right hand side of the sanctuary (if you are entering from the back), relatively close to the front). And, I hear they like treats!

Thanks for being part of our congregation, Kris and Cindy!



World Mission Offering - collected Sundays in October

Kyle & Katrina's stories offer a glimpse into what God is doing through International Ministries' 120+ global servants and 250+ international partners in 70 countries. Give Generously!

A note from Global Servants Kyle & Katrina Williams

Dear Friends, Thank you for all the support of our ministry and our partners as they work to strengthen the Church in SE Asia. We had a wonderful summer. When school let out in June, I commissioned Katrina to teach near the border. We had so much fun teaching together, working with the Master's Program there. The kids accompanied us for the long drive and found ways to keep themselves busy while there. We treated ourselves to one of my favorite Burmese restaurants in Thailand, which is somewhere between Indian and Thai flavors and styles.

We made a July trip to the US for the Conference for Missionaries (CFM) in New York. It was so life-giving to be with our colleagues. This CFM was special because all the IM families with children were invited. Missionary kids (MKs) around the world struggled with isolation during the height of the pandemic. It was wonderful to see the MKs from International Ministries get together with their peers to play, learn, and strengthen relationships. We are thankful for the dedicated staff that made this possible for our families. Just before the conference, we stayed at Kyle's family's beautiful lake house in Washington. It was a week of cousins, fishing, jumping in the lake, and late nights. After two weeks in the States, we returned to Thailand with tired bodies and wonderful memories.

We're now back in Thailand. Katrina started back to work at CRICS (Chiang Rai International Christian School) shortly after our arrival. Their school year was beginning just as the first quarter of my students' year was ending. Katrina is currently in week four and between teaching a new class, working with academic success program, and homeschool with Adi and Abram, her margins have been narrowed.

Some specific prayer requests:

- I (Kyle) am planning another class for this coming quarter that will start next week. You can be in prayer for me and for our students.
- Ian returned to the States for school.
- KDSF is trying to hire a program director for their relief program. It's been hard finding the right candidate.
- Pray for wisdom for Karen leaders in Myanmar. There are a lot of opinions and ideas about how to move forward against the violence they face.

We are full of gratitude for all of you who pray, give, and share your lives with us. Lives are being changed through God's love and we are blessed to participate in this kingdom work.



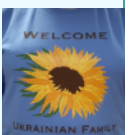
A Taste of Ukraine - Saturday, Oct. 28, 5:30 pm

at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, 822 SW 2nd Street

A special sit down dinner to include appetizers, salad, a variety of main dishes, and dessert from Ukrainian recipes. **\$40 per ticket, Reserved seating only.**

Contact Bettie Egerton, bettqndkiki@yahoo.com.

PLUS an opportunity to purchase a **great T-shirt** with the Ukraine flower (right) for \$25 each. All to benefit the Ukrainian family now living in McMinnville.





Delegation from World Friendship Center To Visit McMinnville October 13-16.

The visitors from Hiroshima include two survivors of the Atomic bomb and two members of World Friendship Center. The survivors (called Hibakusha) will personally share their story of survival and their plea for a world without nuclear weapons. Each visitor will share their story and passion for peace.

While here, they'll meet the FBC congregation on Sunday, October 15 for a special sharing during after worship fellowship in our Gathering Room. You will have a chance to hear their story and to meet them personally. They're also scheduled to visit First Presbyterian on the same Sunday at 9:15 am. I urge you to attend either or both sessions. This may be your last opportunity to meet a living survivor of the Hiroshima Atomic bombing in 1945.

The Peace Ambassador visitors will visit Linfield University classes Monday morning to speak with all students. Then at 4:30 pm, there'll be a Public Forum for the McMinnville community in the Linfield Library.

The World Friendship Center is a recipient of funds through FBC's Missions budget. **We now have the opportunity to provide them with a host family while they visit our location. Home-stays are needed for each member of the visiting team and their driver.** A homestay family would provide meals, a bed, and transportation to a class visit or scheduled presentation. On Saturday, October 14, the visitors will be the guest of the homestay families for sightseeing or joining your adventures for that day.

We need homestay hosts for 4 guests, two male and two females. Please contact JoAnn Sims, either by phone (425) 802-7220 or via email joanncsims@gmail.com if you are interested in hosting these very special visitors from Japan and the World Friendship Center.

News from Hiroshima, Japan ~

Hi, all! My given name is Malachi, and friends call me Dot. I've been part of FBC since September 2019, and became a member of FBC in Autumn 2020.

I currently live in Hiroshima, Japan working with the World Friendship Center, which shares the stories of atomic bomb survivors (hibakusha) and is a place for people to come to listen to and talk with hibakusha and leave changed.

Every August, the city of Hiroshima and pursuers of peace all over the world remember the wanton death caused by the dropping of the atomic bomb on August 6th, repeated on August 9th in Nagasaki. It's commonly argued that the bombs were necessary to end World War II and save lives--the historic record and recently declassified documents reveal the exact opposite. These bombs were dropped by the US to intimidate Russia and other empires and to study the survivors of the bombings and radiation (called hibakusha) as if they were no more than guinea pigs.

I deeply admire hibakusha for not letting the narrative of empire dictate their reality. They make their own meaning when they speak with conviction and strength against violence, war, and nuclear weapons, and strongly urge all who listen to "pursue the conditions which make for peace," to borrow from the writers of the book of Romans.

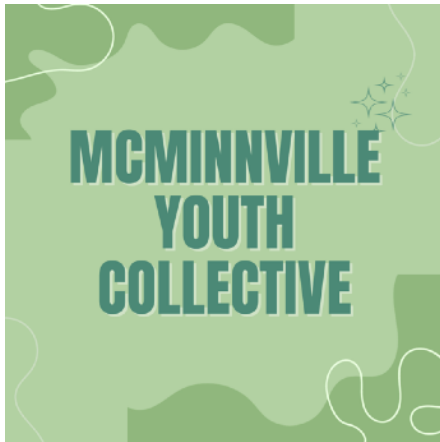
And their meaning-making is not without effect. Large-scale action like the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW), and the International Campaign Against Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) have been created by hibakusha and their allies, providing actionable steps for individuals and societies to create peace.

One critical condition which makes for peace is collective action. To educate ourselves and write letters to congresspeople is a start, but to end there is to fall prey to American individualism which is ultimately ineffective (even if it might feel good). It is by community solidarity against nuclear weapons and for local and national initiatives that makes our world more "joyful and just".

Being this close to a community of peace pursuers while living what feels like apocalyptic times (wars and rumors of war, seas and temperatures rising, fires blazing) is an exercise in acting with conviction while releasing the outcome.



To release control is quite the challenge for me, but being in contact with so many of you and building community here has been good for my health. I miss you and love you so much. I can't wait to return to Yamhill County and get into some good trouble with you.



Youth Group

October 8, 15, 22 & 29

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
October 1

Middle School Fall Beach Retreat

Youth Dinner

Wednesday, October 25 at 6 pm
at Mikey's Pizzeria

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

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 Gospels.

The McMinnville Youth Collective Fall Lock Out is BACK!

6th-12th grade youth and friends

Friday, November 3 @ 5pm
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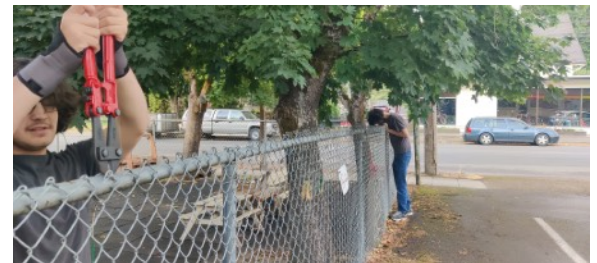
Friday, November 3 @ midnight

We're headed to the Salem area to do an
escape room, have fun swimming, and
play some video games!
And the cost is just \$50!

Learn more and register now at
fbcmac.org/myc-lock-out-2023
The deadline is Sunday, October 29!

THANK YOU Colton Anderson!

Colton Anderson is an FBC youth and 17 year old senior at McMinnville High School. Colton has reached the Eagle Scout stage of his scouting journey, which includes organizing and leading a project in the community. Colton completed this at FBC in August! With the help of other scouts, and family and friends, Colton and company removed the fence on the north side of the FBC playground and replaced 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! Well done, Colton, and good luck with completing your Eagle Scout!



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 Connections - Sunday, 8:30 am, via Zoom

Each week this class watches a short video by an interesting speaker, on various topics, with lively discussions that follow by all participants. 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 Bereans Class - Sunday, 8:45 am, in person

This fall the class is selecting various lecturers and writers to examine Christianity within our modern world. We are examining the history and current situation from various points of view, looking for meaning in the post-modern society.

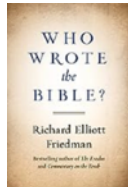
Contact: Doug Verigin (503) 913 3401

Sunday Chapel Class - Sunday, 8:45 am, in person

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 Elliott Friedman's book, *Who Wrote the Bible*, as the foundation for our lively, thoughtful conversation. Differing viewpoints are very welcome and honored. Hope you join us for a facilitated discussion/conversation.

Contact: Gary Langenwalter with 971-221-8155 (mobile), or gary@portlandconsultinggroup.com.



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

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

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

Contact: Rob Schulman, schulmanrob@yahoo.com

Sunday Rainbow Class - for Special Needs Adults

Contact: Cynthia Parker, cynp007@gmail.com

FBC SINGLES will gather Saturday, Oct. 14th
6 pm at Lynn's home, 1737 SW Songbird St.

For a HARVEST PARTY & FALL CELEBRATION

> Wear something with a FALL color

> Bring a potluck that includes something from the harvest

> Think about what you might want to "fall away" from
and something you'd like to harvest.

RSVP appreciated, Lynn

(503-472-8196, herbalynn@comcast.net)

FBC Small Groups

Climate Action Group - Meeting times/locations vary

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

Dying Well - October 2 & 16 at 11:30 am, in-person

1st & 3rd Mondays - Fireplace Room (last in the series)

Contact: Lynn Crowell, herbalynn@comcast.net.

Together Works - October 9 & 23 at 7 pm, in-person

Fireplace Room at FBC - 2nd & 4th Mondays

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

Dad's Group - October 9 at 8 pm, in-person (please RSVP)

2nd Mondays each month, location varies

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

'A Course of Love' Book Group: Tuesdays at 1:30 pm

in the Fireplace Room.

Contact: Jayce Early, joyceearly1949@gmail.com

Senior Breakfast - Wednesday, October 4 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

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

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

October 3 & 17 at Gina's

Contact: Gina Foster, 971-237-2789

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

October 12 & 26 at Linda's

Contact: Linda Watson, 971-237-2793

FBC Singles - Saturday, October 14 - Harvest Party

Contact: Lynn Crowell, herbalynn@comcast.net

Hiking Group - October 21, location/time TBD (last hike of 2023)

Contact: Gloria LaFata, glowml1@gmail.com

Sister Circle - Every Friday at 11 am, Fireplace Room

Reading "Reimagining the Divine" by Dara Malloy

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

Men's Breakfast - October 28 at 9:00 am

Les Toth's Toy Barn, 2700 NW Pinehurst Drive

The speaker will be Brad Berry, Yamhill County District Attorney,
"We are Killing our Communities with Drugs".

Contact: Neil Kunze, kunze@sou.edu

OCTOBER at FBC

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:45 - Faith & Java, in person <i>Adult Classes (see pg 11)</i> 10 am - WORSHIP in person & Live Stream 11:15a - Welcome Class MYC Youth return from Beach Retreat	2 9:15a - STARS Breakfast 10:30a - Matthew 25 11:30a - Dying Well 12n - Personnel Committee 4p - Mission Team 5:15p - KidVenture 7p - Worship Planning	3 12n - Bible Study in person & via Zoom 1:30p - book group, 'A Course of Love ' 7p - KnitWits at Gina's	4 8a - Senior Breakfast at VFW Post, Atlantic Ave.	5 1:30p Celtic event (3) Music Rehearsals: 5:20p Bells / 6:30p Choir 8p Worship Team	6 FBC Office Closed 9:15a - STARS Breakfast 11a - Sister Circle 7:30p - Friday Shelter	7
8 <i>Adult Classes (see pg 11)</i> 10 am - WORSHIP in person & Live Stream 11:15a - Welcome Class 5-7:30p - MYC at FPC	9 9:15a - STARS Breakfast 5:15p - KidVenture 7p - Together Works 8p - Dad's Group	10 9a- Building & Grounds 12n - Bible Study in person & via Zoom 1:30p - book group, 'A Course of Love ' 7p - KnitWits, Gina's	11 6:30p - Church Board	12 9:45a - KnitWits at Linda's 1:30p Celtic event (4) Music Rehearsals: 5:20p Bells / 6:30p Choir 8p Worship Team	13 FBC Office Closed 9:15a - STARS Breakfast 11a - Sister Circle 7:30p - Friday Shelter World Friendship Center visit	14 10-1p - Plastics ReCycle at FBC Singles Group 6p - Harvest Party Potluck
15 <i>Adult Classes (see pg 11)</i> 10 am - WORSHIP in person & Live Stream 5-7:30p - MYC at FPC	16 9:15a - STARS Breakfast 11:30a - Dying Well 5:15p - KidVenture 7p - Care & Concern	17 12n - Bible Study in person & via Zoom 1:30p - book group, 'A Course of Love ' 7p - KnitWits, Gina's	18 1p - Membership Team 2:15p - Faith Formation in person, conference room 7:30p - KeyNote CONCERT at FBC	19 Music Rehearsals: 5:20p Bells / 6:30p Choir 8p Worship Team	20 FBC Office Closed 9:15a - STARS Breakfast 11a - Sister Circle 7:30p - Friday Shelter All-Church Retreat at Arrah Wanna	21 Hiking Group, details TBD
22 <i>Adult Classes (see pg 11)</i> 10 am - WORSHIP in person & Live Stream 5-7:30p - MYC at FPC Retreat ends	23 9:15a - STARS Breakfast 5:15p - KidVenture 7p - Together Works	24 12n - Bible Study in person & via Zoom 1:30p - book group, 'A Course of Love ' 7p - KnitWits, Gina's	25 9a-3p - American Red Cross Blood Drive at FBC 6 pm - Youth Dinner	26 9:45a - KnitWits at Linda's Music Rehearsals: 5:20p Bells / 6:30p Choir 8p Worship Team	27 FBC Office Closed 9:15a - STARS Breakfast 11a - Sister Circle 7:30p - Friday Shelter	28 9a - Men's Breakfast 5:30p - Dinner, A Taste of Ukraine at St. Barnabas
29 <i>Adult Classes (see pg 11)</i> 10 am - WORSHIP in person & Live Stream 5-7:30p - MYC at FPC	30 9:15a - STARS Breakfast 5:15p - KidVenture	31 12n - Bible Study in person & via Zoom HAPPY HALLOWEEN Witchy Women of Mac perform on 3rd St.				

Welcome sweet November,
 the season of senses.
 One can feel
 a sort of delightful
 menace in the air!

OCTOBER Birthday

Bob McCann 2
 Kay Calkins 2
 Eric Holmstrom 3
 Joan Kushner 6
 Michael Bone 6
 Sam Robinson 10
 William Millar 11
 Holly Darling 11
 June Hoch 11
 Pete Van Patten 12
 Lynn Crowell 12
 Paul Polte 12



Karen Van Patten 14
 Ava Olson 15
 Barry House 15
 Jorge Luis Doinguez 16
 Nicole Curry 19
 John Sullivan 19
 Roger Dell 20
 Max Dixon 20
 Daniel Ford 21
 Cherie Walker 22
 Art Engen 23
 Carson Benner 28

Global Servant,
Glen Chapman 29

Karl Severance 29
 Jordan Robinson 31

OCTOBER Anniversary

Kena Avila &
 Karl Severance 4
 Cliff & Pam Watts 6



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