



The Tidings

FBC's monthly newsletter

JANUARY 2024

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Our exploration of *Seasons of Wonder* begins now! See page two for details of this month's theme and invitations to connect.



Visioning the Future of FBC: Strategic Planning Update

Dear Friends,

As you may know, last fall FBC learned we were chosen by the Oregon Organizational Development Network as one of their Community Consulting Partner projects. What that means is we have the opportunity to work with a skilled team of consultants to develop our church's next strategic plan. Having outside help is a real gift, as it's important for us to know and consider the questions, perceptions, and ideas held by folks not as tied to FBC as we are.

The executive committee of the Church Board - moderator Dave Larmouth, assistant moderator Kathleen Verigin, clerk Cynthia Parker, and treasurer Don Watson - and I have been working alongside this team for a few months, sharing about FBC's context and history, and **now is the time to begin the wider phase of the work.**

Our first step here is a congregational survey. We've worked with the CCP team to design questions that will give us a good starting point for the rest of our work. **On January 3, we'll send an email with the survey to our contact list.** It will be easy to complete online. The CCP team has designed the survey to ensure anonymity - there's no way your answers can be traced back to you. If you prefer to fill out a paper copy of the survey, those will be available just outside the church office door beginning that same day, and you can return yours to the office mail window when complete. **We're asking for all the surveys - digital and paper - to be completed/returned by January 13.** Our consultants will spend some time with the answers, and **we'll report very initial findings at our semi-annual congregational meeting on January 21.**

The questions are pretty basic, as this survey is a first step to "take the temperature" of the congregation. Together with our consultants, we will review the results and from there, begin to fashion the next steps of our process. We are anticipating many chances for congregational input and involvement from this point forward, especially as we enter our goal-setting and action-plan-creating phases, so we hope you will be part of this important work!

Thanks very much for your commitment to FBC. Let's continue to discern how to best be faithful to our call as God's people, together, in this little corner of the kingdom.

Take care, Erika



*Everyone's invited to
join in a*

HOOTENANNY!

January 15, 7pm

To honor and continue in the footsteps of
Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., we'll gather on the day
that honors him to sing out for peace and justice.
Come to the Social Hall to listen, play, sing, and dance!

Native Voices Book Group

The first of our monthly meetings will be
Wednesday, January 24 at 6:30 - 8:00 pm.

We'll meet at the church; there will be a
zoom option. **January's book is *Ceremony***
by Leslie Marmon Silko. Erika Marksbury
will lead the discussion this month.

*"Set in the insular world of the Laguna
Pueblo Reservation but resonating far
beyond, this novel tells the story of Tayo,
an army veteran of mixed ancestry who
returns to the reservation, scarred by his
experience as a prisoner of the Japanese.
Only by immersing himself in the Indian
past and its traditions can he begin to
regain the peace that was taken from him.
Masterfully written, filled with the somber
majesty of Pueblo myth, Ceremony is
a work of enduring power."*

-Larry McMurtry



January TRANSCEND DUALITIES



The first invitation in Bonnie Smith Whitehouse's *Seasons of Wonder* is to Transcend Dualities. The beginning of the year, she suggests, is a time to consider all that we hold dear - including our beliefs - and see where those things keep us bound, and where they set us free. If we insist on dualities - right/wrong, good/bad, in/out ways of thinking - we're forever caught; our imaginations, she writes, are burdened, and we become primed to separate, fight, and be defensive. When we can get curious and ask questions that break those binaries open, we free ourselves into more possibility, more mystery, and greater understanding of "the wildness that characterized Jesus' life and teachings."

Where do you find yourself caught in dualistic ways of thinking?

How might you give your imagination "permission to exist, and to wander"?

What in Jesus' life or teachings seems wild to you? What in your life feels wild? How do you respond to wildness?

A couple of ways the author suggests connecting to the weekly themes of this month:

- ♦ Watch - *Ahmal and the Night Visitors*; *Moana*
- ♦ Read - the parables of Jesus in the gospels of Matthew, Mark, or Luke; *The Peace of Wild Things* by Wendell Berry; the blog of rachelheldevans.com

January Seasons of Wonder Gatherings

Various Dates: Small Groups meet for the first time!

(Not yet connected to a small group? Email erika@fbcmac.org and say you want to be!)

Saturday, January 20, 10:30am: Makers' Meeting

This month, we'll be making constellation lamps! FBC will provide the supplies for this project. Please RSVP to Erika so we have enough supplies.

If there's another project that feels connected to this month's theme that you'd like to work on in community, feel free to bring your own supplies for that. And if you try the King's Cake recipe on pages 10-11 and need some folks to share it with, you're welcome to bring that to this gathering!

January's Creation Care Challenge:

Enjoy your leftovers!

All the time, energy, and resources it took to plant, grow, harvest, transport, purchase, and prepare the food is wasted when we don't reuse. We all have leftovers after the holiday season, so get in the habit of eating leftovers regularly this month. You don't necessarily have to rely on a recipe. Use your imagination, and challenge yourself to transform your leftovers into casseroles, salads, stir-fry sandwiches, or soups.

-from *Seasons of Wonder*, page 4

FBC received a grant from the Calvin Institute for Christian Worship to do this work with *Seasons of Wonder* throughout 2024. The grant funding will pay for all the books; supplies for the "makers' meeting" crafts and projects; field trip expenses; food for sharing feasts; special worship elements; and this fall's All-Church Retreat at Camp Arrah Wanna. Heidi Toth and Jack Mandeville, who both serve on the Worship and Community Engagement Team, will be traveling to Grand Rapids, Michigan to meet with the grant providers, to share about FBC's hopes and goals with this project, and to learn from other churches and their projects. We are grateful to have been awarded this funding and hope it makes it possible for anyone who wants to, to be able to participate in these activities by removing the barrier of expense.



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** - 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/

January 7, Communion Sunday, Epiphany

"Gather and Resolve"

Sermon from Matthew 2:1-12, Rev. Erika Marksbury preaching

Music led by Nancy McCann

Offertory from Ames Bierly, Sherill Roberts, and Nancy McCann

January 14

"Stargaze"

Sermon from Matthew 2:13-23, Rev. Erika Marksbury preaching

Music led by Tegan Johnson and the Worship Team

January 21

"Wrestle"

Sermon from the Gospel of Thomas, Rev. Erika Marksbury preaching

Music led by Marilyn Dresser and the Choir

Please stay in the sanctuary after the service for the Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting.

January 28

"Set the Table"

Music led by Tegan Johnson and the Worship Team

Offertory from Doug Verigin

On the morning of Christmas Eve, we added our prayers to the manger and took our own places in the season's sacred story - some of us



wandering with the travelers; some wondering with the shepherds; some singing with the angels; some with the neighbors, hoping to be helpful; some tucked in with Mary and Joseph and the baby.



COULD YOU BE AN USHER/GREETER?

Could you help one Sunday a month, on a regular or substitute basis, by being an usher/greeter for worship? This is what is involved.

On a rotating basis
(one Sunday a month)
4 ushers arrive at 9:30 and share responsibilities to:

- Refill pew cards in pew racks before church
- Greet people as they arrive, handing out the bulletin
- Do a head count of people in the pews
- Take up the offering and take prayer cards up to Erika
- After church, pull out red book attendance sheets for that Sunday

NOT THAT ONEROUS!

But we need more volunteers.
If you might be interested, please contact Kathleen Verigin:
kathleenverigin333@gmail.com
or (503) 9770-3615

Could your class/group/team host an After-Church Fellowship time? It's a great chance to share about who you are & what you do! Tell erika@fbcmac.org the date you'd like to claim!

Year-to-Date Financial Report: January 1-Nov. 30, 2023

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YTD	Actual for Period	% of Amount Budgeted
Contributions Income:	\$295,668	95.2%
Total Income:	\$358,839	96.7%
Total Expenses:	\$354,262	95.5%
Net Income:	\$ 4,577	

Stewardship 2024 - As of December 26th, we had received 76 Estimate of Giving cards for \$298,000. The Stewardship Committee hopes to receive at least 10 more cards by Sunday, January 7.

The Budget Committee has been meeting to trim back our proposed budget in ways that will enable FBC to continue our ministry in meaningful ways. We hope to raise an additional \$20,000 in "Estimates of Giving."

We appreciate each and every gift of talent, time and financial support.

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. Need 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).

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

If you have questions or suggestions, please contact Don Watson, Finance Committee chair.

If you would like to increase your 2024 Estimate of Giving, please contact financial secretary Roger Dell, lledmr@gmail.com

Church Board Notes, December 13th

The Church Board met as scheduled on December 13th in person (we had advertised it as a hybrid meeting, but no one elected to join via computer). Nadia King shared a devotion from the Cherokee tradition, asking the blessing in each of the directions.

The Board received the team reports with one addition: Heidi Toth announced that our grant proposal was accepted by the Calvin Institute for Christian Worship. That is great news! The grant will fund books, events, supplies and next year's all-church retreat. See page 2 for more about this.

The Board affirmed the membership application of Matt & Cherie Young (who then joined on Dec. 17th).

The executive team reported that we have continued our work with the consultants from CPP on our strategic plan. A meeting of the FBC reps will be held next week to make progress on the survey that will be shared with church members, friends, and other stakeholders.

The Board discussed the topic of gender-neutral bathrooms again. Our plan needs some adjustment so that our actions align with our intentions. More to come on this topic soon.

Our winter shelter had its first weather-related opening of the season. We had a great turnout, but can definitely use some additional volunteers to take shifts, provide food, and provide other support.

Please contact Geoff Clayton if you are able to assist with this important work.

Erika shared that the Youth have been working on a land acknowledgement, where we take time to recognize the presence and experience of the native people who inhabited this land before white settlers moved into the area. We will be discussing how best to incorporate this into our activities.

Erika provided an update on the Pastoral Relations Committee. Georgine Benner will be the new chair, Mike Burr will step down from the chair role, but will stay on the committee, where he will be joined by Linda Watson and Dave Ferry. We thank them all for their important work supporting Erika.

In personnel news, the Board approved updated job descriptions for the Office Manager and Building & Grounds Supervisor positions.

We are still in search of a special person to fill a vacant position on the Board representing the membership team, so if you are interested, please contact me or Erika for more information.

Our next Board meeting will be held at 6:30pm on Wednesday, January 10th in hybrid format; in person in the FBC second floor conference room AND also on Zoom. Guests are always welcome at Board meetings; please email me at gbdlinor@gmail.com if you would like to be added to the agenda, or if you would like a meeting invite to attend via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Larmouth, FBC Moderator

Sharing the gifts of song this Christmas season

FBC celebrated Christmas in song this year - these photos capture only some of it! Top to bottom - the Jubilee Bells the morning they performed *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*; a group of carolers serenading FBC friends at home; the Ukulele Ukestra leading *Mele Kalikimaka* at the Christmas Concert; the Worship Team offering an *African Noel*; Sherill Roberts performing a cello offertory; and the FBC Choir presenting their cantata, *O Holy Night*. Thanks to all!



FBC's 6th Annual Word of Intention Workshop

Jan 7, 12:30-3pm in the Fireplace Room
Led by Rev. Kathleen Verigin

In ancient times people viewed January as a "time between time." No work was done, no contracts made, no ceremonies took place. Instead, they took this 31-day void to say a meaningful goodbye to the past, while preparing to look ahead to a future that is productive, inspiring, and alive.

In this workshop, you'll be guided through an engaging, experiential 4-part process:

- Mortification -
- Purgation -
- Invigoration -
- Jubilation -

Join in, and start the new year with intention, in a community of friends.

World Class Music in McMinnville! ~ Keynote CONCERT Series ~

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

in the First Baptist Church Sanctuary

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

Receptions to follow concerts.

Featuring Bart & Clark
from HIT MACHINE



Keynote is a once a month, 3rd Wednesday Concert Series thru May, 2024, featuring music ranging from classical to jazz to pop and more. The opening acts each month will be local schools ensembles and/or local musicians.

Sponsored by The McMinnville Lions Club and McMinnville Performing Arts Association.

Getting To Know The Classes & Small Groups at FBC

Sew & So's Quilting Ministry, By the Numbers...

Sew & So's Quilting Ministry was founded **23** years ago by Lucita Duke, who led the ministry for **15** years. Susan Chambers has been the ministry leader for the past **8** years. Most Tuesdays, **4** people (Shelly Sanderlin, Teri Spalding, Valerie Anton, and Susan) meet at church to sew quilt tops and put on binding after the quilts are tied. In addition, **3** people (Cherie Walker, Dianne Belgard and Barbara Kauer) tie the quilts and/or hem the bindings at home. The sewing room has **4** sewing machines, **1** serger, over **300** yards of fabric and over **100** spools of thread, most of which has been donated!!! At the beginning of the Covid Pandemic, a group of **10** sewers from FBC made over **1,000** cotton facemasks that were donated throughout the community! The most unusual request for sewing services was when Sean Williams asked the group to make **24** potatoes out of pantyhose, stuffed with quilt batting!



In **2023**, the ministry made **64** 'comfort' quilts, which were donated to individuals, non-profit or assisted living organizations. Of the **64** quilts, **37** went to parents and children in Transitional Treatment Recovery Services, a Yamhill County Health and Human Services program. The goal of this program is to provide drug and alcohol-free housing along with intensive substance use treatment, and other supportive and family stabilization services, in a structured, supervised environment for parents and their children. This program is designed to promote the return of children to their parent's care sooner or eliminate the need to place children in foster care by providing

treatment, support, and guidance. Sew & So's also made **17** prayer bags for FBC HS graduates and AMOS Board Members and **12** stoles for the Handbell Ensemble.

The Sew & So's Ministry is currently looking for:

- People who like to sew! Starting in **2024**, Sew & So's will be looking for people who would like to sew prayer bags and/or quilt tops at home. A prayer bag takes about **1** hour and the quilts take **3-4** hours to make. They will provide the patterns and fabrics, and even pre-cut the fabrics for you, if needed! The reason they are looking for this help is to start thanking volunteer board members at non-profit organizations, who serve the community. The best way to become better at sewing is to practice!
- **2-3** people who want to learn how to tie quilts in your home. Training and all supplies will be provided!
- Cotton fabric of any design/color! Look through your stash to see if there is anything you won't use.

For More information:

Please contact Susan Chambers, the Sew & So's ministry lead, if you would like more details on any of the above information.
Email: susanlanechambers@gmail.com or phone: 503-435-9952



Getting To Know Your First Baptist Church Family



JIM & TOM KILINSKY

Jim was born in 1950 in Merced, California, an only child. His father was a wholesale salesman, and his mother was Credit Manager for McMahon's Furniture Company. After graduation from Merced High, Jim enrolled and graduated from Linfield College in 1972 with a BA in Sociology, and a Minor in music.

He then began graduate education at the American Baptist Seminary of the West, in Covina, California. In 1975, 12 units short of graduation, he withdrew for personal reasons. He accepted a position at Whittier Medical Center doing the hospital's census. After 9 months he was then invited to train as a programmer for their new computer system. He accepted the offer and became Senior Programmer Analyst until 1982.

It was during this time that Jim married Linda Upton in 1976. They met at Temple Baptist Church in La Habra. In 1983 Jim returned to seminary, at an extension center of the American Baptist Seminary in Berkeley, to complete his Master of Divinity.

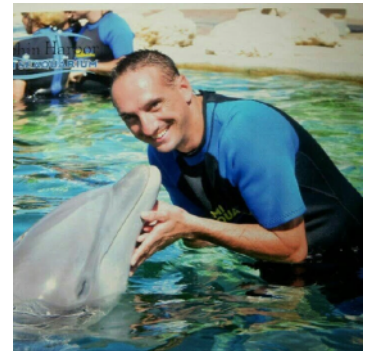
His first pastoral position was with First Baptist Church of West Covina, California, as an Associate Pastor and Children's Minister, staying for 12 ½ years. It was in 1984 that Jim and Linda adopted twin sons, Tom and Keith, who were almost 8 years old and had been in foster care for most of their lives.

In 1996 Jim moved his family to Chula Vista, California, becoming Senior Pastor of First Baptist Church of National City for 20 ½ years. In 2012, Linda died from a medical mistake, leaving Jim devastated. Two years later, Jim remarried, then retired in 2016.

The next year Jim and his wife moved to Dallas, Oregon, where they built a home together. The marriage didn't last, and they separated in 2021. Jim's 96-year-old mother lived nearby in Dallas Retirement Village. Jim invited her to move in with him and Tom moved in to assist with care.

Tom and his twin brother Keith were born pre-maturely to a mother and father with 7 other children. They spent much of their first year in the hospital. Because their parents could not take care of them, they spent the next 6 years of their lives in five different foster care homes until they were adopted by the Kilinskys.

After Tom graduated from La Habra High School in Orange County, he was trained as a Class A Heavy Duty Tow Operator and Recovery Specialist. He spent 23 years working in San Diego and in the Central Valley, in his field of expertise. In 2016 he moved to Merced to be the caretaker for his grandmother until 2019, when his grandmother moved to Dallas, Oregon to be near her son, Jim. Tom moved too, working in a hardware store until he was laid off when the company was sold.



In 2021, he moved in with his dad to help care for his grandmother. Together, the three of them worshipped virtually with FBC and in March that year, Jim, Tom and his grandmother joined FBC McMinnville. Three days later she died at age 97, after celebrating a wonderful birthday with her family and best friend. Two weeks later, Jim suffered a stroke, spending six weeks in the hospital and in rehab, and was later placed in hospice care. That was two years ago! Tom has been his primary caregiver ever since.



Both Jim and Tom have embraced our church and give of themselves tirelessly. Tom is our sound system guru, helping on Sundays and whenever he is needed. He works with our Music Directors, and the Worship Committee. He donates time to the Low Barrier Shelter every Friday, delivering bakery goods that have been donated. His hobbies are photography, gardening, and working on cars.

Jim is very active with the Climate Action Team, has participated in the choir and served one year on the Church Board. He loves gardening, especially growing Oriental Lillies. We are so grateful for these two men and all the gifts and wisdom they bring to FBC. Thank you!

The Soup Kitchen at St. Barnabas

Mission Statement: With God's help, we will feed the hungry of Yamhill County, treat our guests with the dignity and love that we would a guest in our own home, and provide others the opportunity to serve.

The idea of a Soup Kitchen was created nearly 100 years ago with the lingering depression. What historically was literally soup and bread has become at St. Barnabas a place where healthy delicious meals are prepared five days a week. The mission statement is to feed the hungry of Yamhill County, treat our guests as we would a guest in our own home, and provide others the opportunity to serve. That mission is realized each day the Soup Kitchen is open.



This fall the operation manager unexpectedly resigned and volunteers stepped in to pick up the slack. Meals were planned, food ordered and prepared. The Soup Kitchen volunteers prepared and served meals without an official kitchen manager. Sonja Suter is now the Interim Manager with experience in cooking with the Ribslayer and doing catering. She loves the job and says it fulfills her heart to know she is preparing good food for guests at the Soup Kitchen.

Besides supporting The Soup Kitchen with a portion of FBC's mission budget, Kyle and Larry Sims continue to be the volunteer "Friday Chefs." They too enjoy the magic of creating delicious food for every guest. Kyle says that Sonja is a great cook and is quickly learning the ins and outs of the kitchen.

The Soup Kitchen depends on faithful volunteers. People are needed for meal prep in the morning and to serve meals in the afternoon. You can serve alone, with friends or family members, a club or most any other group you are part of. Some volunteers serve once a week; others once a month. Interested? The first step is to call 503-472-3711 or email us at sk@stbmac.org and leave your name, contact info.

There are also spots available on the Board of Directors of the Soup Kitchen. Contact The Rev. Cathy Clark at rector@stbmac.org.

**Mark your calendars for Saturday, February 10, 2024
for the first *Soup Kitchen Soul Food Banquet*.
\$25 a seat or \$20 a seat/for a table of 6 (\$120 for the table).**

Change of location, continuity of mission ahead for sheltering in McMinnville - a note from Geoff Clayton, shelter manager

Hi all. This is an exciting time in the story of shelter work here in McMinnville. We've come a long way in the last few years. Big changes lie ahead. So, I asked for this column space to talk about where we've come from and where we're headed.

In the beginning, of course, was C-WISH. It lasted nearly a decade, a great success in which so many of our longtime FBC folks (those still with us and those who've gone on before) played a crucial part.

Then, when an alternative approach to shelter was needed, First Baptist stepped up again. In time we partnered with YCAP, brought in ever larger grant funding, hired a shelter manager and then other paid shelter staff, built a dedicated core of volunteers, and weathered enormous changes. Pandemic. Recession. Hard "La Niña" winters with ice or freezing temps a week at a time - challenges we met head on. Changes in state law allowed us to offer a night of shelter each week, regardless of weather, just because that's a good thing. Average guest numbers grew and grew: when I started as shelter manager fifteen guests was a busy night, where today it's more like fifty. Together we work wonders.

Now another season of big changes lies ahead. YCAP's big project on Adams Street nears completion. On Adams Street, YCAP's **AnyDoor Place** complex will offer: a whole building converted to provide low-barrier **nighttime shelter seven nights a week**; **AND a day center** where houseless neighbors can gather safely, have basic comforts and snacks, charge devices, and so on; **AND a "navigation center"** where unhoused folk can receive wrap-around case management designed to address the many different facets of their needs. It's not a magic wand, but it will change the face of how we support our unhoused friends and neighbors.



A matt, pillow, & blanket is given to each guests during a Shelter Night stay.

When **AnyDoor Place McMinnville** stands up, around the end of spring in this new year, First Baptist's long-serving, altogether remarkable shelter operation will stand down. **Operations will transfer from one place to the other**; many of the folks who get paid to do the work here likely will go do it over there, too. That's big, and exciting, and bittersweet. Down in the Social Hall we haven't just kept people warm or offered a clean mat to sleep on. We have built together - those who serve and those we serve - a sense of community, a place to belong, at least a handful of those many qualities that go into a sense of home. That's been our greatest achievement, born of our values and beliefs, and the thing we most want to carry over from our shelter to the new one.



The cold and wet of WINTER brings many difficulties for folks who live outside. Please bring warm jackets, coats, boots/sneakers, and warm clothing to FBC for Mary's Closet.



Youth Group

January 7, 14, 21, 28

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

Youth Bowling

Friday, January 19

Walnut City Lanes from 5-7pm
Bring \$20 for bowling, shoes & dinner!

Youth Dinner

Wednesday, January 31 at 6 pm

at Gordo Tacos

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



Our special worship time just for children continues in January!

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

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

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



KidVenture is back in January! And, as always, it's just for kids!

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

We meet for dinner, games, music, a story and activities. We partner with First Presbyterian Church for Kidventure and our focus for this year is on the stories of Jesus & the Gospels.

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

KidVenture will NOT meet on January 1 and 15 this month.



YOUR MOUNTAIN HOME FOR CAMPS, CONFERENCES & EVENTS

Winter Camp is BACK!

**Join us at Camp Arrah Wanna from Friday, February 16 through Monday, February 19
All children and youth, grades 1-12, are welcome to participate.**

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

Grades 1-4: \$180 ~ Grades 5-8: \$185 - Grades 9-12: \$190

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

A New Year full of Opportunities! Gather with a small group of FBC friends to make the ordinary sacred.

FBC Sunday 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

In the new year this class will be 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

In January the class will begin reading and discussing an issue-based book which is soon to be selected. Class members can volunteer to lead a class discussion on any specific chapter they choose. The open class discussion is spontaneous. Time for prayer begins the class.

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

New Book Group - NATIVE VOICES

4th Wednesday each month, January -to-June
(see front cover for details)

Climate Action Group - Meeting times/locations vary

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

Together Works - January 8 & 22 at 7 pm, in-person

Fireplace Room at FBC - 2nd & 4th Mondays

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

Dad's Group - Jan. 8th at 8 pm, in-person (please RSVP)

2nd Mondays each month, location varies

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

Senior Breakfast - Wednesday, January 3 at 8 am

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

January 2 & 16 at Gina's

Contact: Gina Foster, 971-237-2789

AM Group - 9:45 am, in-person

January 4 & 18, at Linda's / normally meets 2nd & 4th Thurs.

Contact: Linda Watson, 971-237-2793

FBC Singles - Saturday, January 6 at 4 pm

New Year's Potluck Party at Lynn's, 1737 SW Songbird St.
What are your hopes, plans, dreams for the New Year?

3rd Tuesday Lunch - January 16 at Mezcal, 1pm

Contact: Lynn Crowell, herbalynn@comcast.net

Sister Circle - Every Friday at 11 am, Fireplace Room

Reading "Chatter" by Ethan Kross

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

Mom's Group - Saturday, January 20 - 6:30 pm

A basket party at the toybarn.

Contact Heidi Toth for details, tothfive@gmail.com

Men's Breakfast - January 27 at 9:00 am

Les Toth's Toy Barn, 2700 NW Pinehurst Drive

Jeremy Richards, Linfield Chaplain and Director of Service Leadership, will be talking about "Loving God and Loving Neighbors: The Role of the Linfield Chaplain".

Contact: Neil Kunze, kunze@sou.edu

Hiking Group - on hiatus until March 2024

Contact: Gloria LaFata, glowml1@gmail.com

JANUARY at FBC

JANUARY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1  Happy New Year FBC Office Closed	2 12n - Bible Study in person & via Zoom 7p - KnitWits at Gina's	3 8a - Senior Breakfast at VFW Post, Atlantic Ave	4 9:45a - KnitWits at Linda's Music Rehearsals: 8p Worship Team	5 FBC Office Closed 9:15a - STARS Breakfast 11a - Sister Circle 7:30p - Friday Shelter	6 4p - Singles Potluck
7 8:45 - Faith & Java, in person + Adult Classes (see pg 11) 10 am - WORSHIP in person & Live Stream 12:30p - Word of Intention Workshop 5-7:30p - MYC at FPC	8 9:15a - STARS Breakfast 10:30a - Matthew 25 12n - Personnel Committee 4p - Mission Team 5:15p - KidVenture 7p - Worship Planning 7p - Together Works	9 9a- Building & Grounds 12n - Bible Study in person & via Zoom	10 6:30p - Church Board	11 Music Rehearsals: 5:20p Bells / 6:30p Choir 8p Worship Team	12 FBC Office Closed 9:15a - STARS Breakfast 11a - Sister Circle 7:30p - Friday Shelter	13
14 Adult Classes (see pg 11) 10 am - WORSHIP in person & Live Stream 5-7:30p - MYC at FPC	15 9:15a - STARS Breakfast 7p - Care & Concern 7p - MLK Celebration/ Hootenanny for Peace	16 12n - Bible Study in person & via Zoom 1p - Singles Lunch 7p - KnitWits at Gina's	17 1p - Membership Team 2:15p - Faith Formation in person, conference room 7:30p - KeyNote CONCERT at FBC	18 9:45a - KnitWits at Linda's Music Rehearsals: 5:20p Bells / 6:30p Choir 8p Worship Team	19 FBC Office Closed 9:15a - STARS Breakfast 11a - Sister Circle 5p - Youth Bowling 7:30p - Friday Shelter	20 10:30a - Seasons of Wonder Makers' Meeting 6:30p - Mom's Group
21 Adult Classes (see pg 11) 10 am - WORSHIP in person & Live Stream Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting after the service 5-7:30p - MYC at FPC	22 9:15a - STARS Breakfast 5:15p - KidVenture 7p - Together Works	23 12n - Bible Study in person & via Zoom	24 6:30p - Book Group - Native Voices	25 Music Rehearsals: 5:20p Bells / 6:30p Choir 8p Worship Team	26 FBC Office Closed 9:15a - STARS Breakfast 11a - Sister Circle 7:30p - Friday Shelter FBC Delegation travels to AMOS	27 9a - Men's Breakfast
28 Adult Classes (see pg 11) 10 am - WORSHIP 5-7:30p - MYC at FPC	29 9:15a - STARS Breakfast 5:15p - KidVenture	30 12n - Bible Study in person & via Zoom	31 6p - Youth Dinner			
FBC Delegation travels to AMOS Health and Hope in Nicaragua, January 26 - February 3						

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JANUARY Birthday

Oscar Marksbury Page 2
 Jan Whipp 3
 Eowyn Clayton 6
 Parker Williams 6
 Robin Knauerhase 6
 Nia Soto 6
 Beth Dell 7
 Myrtle Fricke 7
 Emily Diesburg 7
 Russel Mark 8
 Hannah Hendricks 10
 Sybil Williams 10

Kayleen Dressel 11
 Gary Langenwalter 11
 Russell Weaver 12
 Molly Eacret 14
 Robin Pederson 16
 Malachi Nelson 17
 Marilyn Dresser 19
 Global Servant's child,
 Ian Williams 19
 Gloria LaFata 21
 JP Bierly 30



Dave Ferry 31
 Anne Marie Jacob 31

JANUARY Anniversary

Global Servants,
 Adalia Guterrez &
 Ray Schellinger 12

Sally Martin & Jim Sloss 15
 Mary & Matt Dressel 31