



The Tidings

FBC's monthly newsletter

MAY 2024

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Saturday, May 11, 10:30am, Walker Hall Visioning the Future of FBC: Strategic Planning Event



For three months, we've been meeting to talk in-depth about the issues you identified as important in January's congregational survey: honoring our commitments to justice, peace, and inclusion; stewarding our resources and sharing our space; and engaging our community and telling our story. We've talked in large groups and small groups; we've worried and wondered and dreamed; we've written SO many ideas on SO many post-it notes. And on May 11 - our 157th birthday! - we'll bring all of that pre-work together and dive into the depths of our strategic planning work. What better way to celebrate our rich heritage than by plotting for our faithful future? Come prepared to talk about questions like:

- **How will we continue to learn, love, serve, and seek justice and joy in the years ahead?** In the survey, we said our mission statement still resonates with us. What is it inviting us to do - or to be - next?
- **What community needs are we uniquely positioned to address?** We might consider physical/material needs, spiritual/intellectual needs, social/emotional needs, and more. How do all those resources we named in March equip us to speak meaningfully to the struggles and possibilities of our context?
- **What are our own hopes, desires, and needs as we move forward?** Already in this process, we have named the very real burnout folks experience. How can we care for one another, honor each other's gifts and contributions and boundaries, even as we attempt to care for the collective?

At this event, we'll create specific goals, with action steps and accountability plans. Our consultant friends from the Oregon Organizational Development Network will be there to guide us. We'll think better on full stomachs, so grab some pancakes across the street (see below for details) and then head over to FBC!

On April 22, Earth Day, folks gathered in the FBC courtyard for an Earth Blessing, bringing favorite prayers, poems, and songs to share. Read/see more about FBC's Earth Day celebrations on page 9.



Saturday
May 11
9 to 10:30am

at First
Presbyterian
Church

**PANCAKE
FUNRAISER**

Support the McMinnville Youth Collective's
summer Service Learning Trip
to Wapato, Washington

See page 5 for 'Alive at Five'
Dance Party Fundraiser, June 8th



May ADORE CREATION



The fifth invitation in Bonnie Smith Whitehouse's *Seasons of Wonder* is Adore Creation. She writes that "adoration" can manifest as deep love, affection, and gratitude, and that this month is a perfect time get in touch with the parts of ourselves that care and to motivate those we love to love and care, too. This is the season - still Eastertide, moving into Pentecost - when we all might "rise in love." What could it look like to indulge those parts of ourselves that crave the eternal, hunger for depth, and yearn to connect, to adore and to be adored? Some specific ways to Adore Creation might include:

- Forsaking time for just a day by putting down our watches and phones.
- Learning the names of birds and plants we didn't know before.
- Pondering the idea that the Earth is God's body.

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

- ✦ Check out these apps - *Seek* to identify plants and animals; *Merlin* to identify birds and their songs
- ✦ Read - *What It's Like to Be a Bird* by David Allen Sibley; *Visitation* by Maggie Blake Bailey; *Mother God* by Teresa Kim Pecinovsky
- ✦ Fly a kite on Pentecost (May 19) "to experience what it feels like to be liberated by the wind for love, movement, and new possibility" - *Seasons*, pgs. 117-136

May Seasons of Wonder Gatherings

Small Group Meetings

Small groups will continue to meet monthly throughout 2024. If you're connected to a group but unsure of its next meeting time, contact the church office.

Field Trip: Fernhill Wetlands, Sunday, May 19, leave from FBC after worship

Fernhill is part of more than 700 acres in Forest Grove owned by Clean Water Services for water resources management. In the summer, five million gallons of water are cleaned each day at Forest Grove and then Fernhill before flowing to the Tualatin River. In 2014, 90 acres of old sewage lagoons were transformed into treatment wetlands. The water has been managed to encourage the growth and establishment of over one million native wetland plants and four billion seeds, planted for water quality and for habitat. Birds and wildlife have taken to the 180 logs and snags that were anchored into place. Head over with FBC friends to enjoy the scenery, observe the wildlife, and travel the 1.1 mile ADA-accessible loop around Fernhill Lake. Birder Jessica Payne will help guide us. RSVP to erika@fbcmac.org and the church will purchase a Harvest Fresh boxed lunch for you for our picnic.

Makers Meeting: Birdhouses & Birdfeeders - Saturday, May 25, 10:30am

Come to Walker Hall to join in this fun project for all ages. Make a birdhouse, birdfeeder, or both. Bring stories and/or photos of the neatest birds you've seen!

May's Creation Care Challenge: *Shift from plastics*

Be mindful of the plastic you're using. If you're using plastic baggies for school lunches, switch to reusable silicone of beeswax-covered cloth.

Trade out plastic shampoo bottles for shampoo bars. How might you make some shifts away from plastic?

- *Seasons*, page 121

FBC received a grant from the Calvin Institute for Christian Worship to do work with *Seasons of Wonder* throughout 2024. The grant funding will pay for books; supplies for the "makers meeting" crafts/projects; field trips; food for sharing feasts; special worship elements; and this fall's All-Church Retreat at Camp Arrah Wanna. We are grateful to have been awarded this funding and hope it makes it possible for everyone to be able to participate in these activities by removing the barrier of expense.



Sunday Worship Highlights

MAY 2024

*FBC is inspired by the words of Jesus in Matthew 25,
"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 - **CHAPEL Class** - Contact - gary@portlandconsultinggroup.com
- ✦ 8:45 am - **FAITH & JAVA** - 1st Sundays only - in person, Fireplace Room / Contact - schulmanrob@yahoo.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/

May 5, Communion Sunday

"Name"

Music led by Marilyn Dresser, with pieces from the FBC Choir and Jubilee Bells



We welcome **Frank So** as our preacher on May 5. Frank is the Executive Director of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, an organization meeting needs of communities through direct service programs, while seeking long-term solutions through state-wide public policy and

advocacy work. EMO's direct service programs support refugees and immigrants, food insecure people, low-income people living with HIV, youth experiencing homelessness, and survivors of domestic violence. EMO's Public Policy Advocacy team provides pathways for clients, community members, and Oregonians of faith to bring about change in all levels of government.

Frank holds degrees in Peace Studies and Conflict Resolution and International Studies, and came to EMO directly from the Office of the Vice President at the White House. For over a decade, Frank served as a U.S. diplomat in Latin America, the Caribbean, and Northern and East Africa. He worked with USAID in Colombia in Honduras. He's also served with the United Nations in Darfur, Sudan, and the Republic of South Sudan. Working with refugee and immigrant populations has been one of his lifelong passions.

Stay after the service this day to meet Frank and chat with him in Walker Hall about his vision for the future of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon.

May 12

"Birdwatch," Sermon from Psalm 84:1-4

Rev. Erika Marksbury preaching

Reflection from Roshana Shockley

Music led by Marilyn Dresser and the FBC Choir

The Worship & Community Engagement Team invites you to Walker Hall for a birthday reception for FBC! Grab a treat, share a memory, and celebrate 157 years of faithful communion.

May 19, Pentecost Sunday

"Fish," Sermon from John 21:4-14

Rev. Erika Marksbury preaching

Music led by Tegan Johnson and the Worship Team

After worship, join the Children, Youth, and Families Team for a reception and learn more about the McMinnville Youth Collective (the youth partnership between First Baptist Church, First Presbyterian Church, McMinnville Cooperative Ministries, and McMinnville Covenant Church.

May 26

"Commune," Sermon from John 14:8-17

Rev. Erika Marksbury preaching

Reflection from Geoff Clayton

Music led by Tegan Johnson and the Worship Team

If your class or small group would like to host this After-Church Fellowship Time, let Sean know at sean@fbcmac.org.

| YTD | Actual for Period | % of Amount Budgeted |
|-----------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Contributions Income: | 89,749 | 102.5% |
| Total Income: | \$105,615 | 99.5% |
| Total Expenses: | \$104,728 | 98.6% |
| Net Income: | + \$ 887 | |

Financial Update - Financial giving in March was very strong. We also made our first transfer of funds from memorial savings to the general fund. We ended the first quarter with a positive net income for the first time for 2024. We are so appreciative.

You may check on your financial contributions to First Baptist Church through our secure church software database, Realm. If you need assistance or have 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

Church Board Notes, April 10th

The Church Board met as scheduled on April 10th in person with Mary and Nadia joining by computer, and Kathleen, Heidi, and Kerry absent.

Virginia shared a devotion from Seasons of Wonder on the topic of Incarnation, meaning that Jesus is alive in all of us. Bonnie Smith Whitehouse said God “Whooshed” life into us. The Message reads *“The Word became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighborhood.”* God has no body on Earth but ours. We are the hands and feet of Jesus, and he acts through us.

Thank you to all who turned out to help with the church clean-up project before Easter. Your efforts were noticed and appreciated by several attendees. We are looking for someone to coordinate activities in the Courtyard during the Farmers Markets. One suggestion was to offer the space to host the music performers for the Market.

Don Watson reported that we are doing better financially year to date. Revenue has been close to predictions, and reduced expenses have been helpful as well. Some items like utilities continue to exceed their budgeted amounts. We have a big, beautiful building, but it takes a lot to keep it running.

As I have stated before, we are still in search of some new members to join the Church Board. I will not be

seeking another term as Moderator. As you may know, I changed jobs last year in March, and moved out to the Newport area in August. I still plan to attend church worship and special events as possible, but First Baptist deserves to have its leader in the same area code. A special thank you to Judee, Emily, and other folks who have helped with getting my mother to functions that I am unable to attend. We will also have openings for Membership, Faith Formation, and possibly Children & Youth as well.

We also learned that the YCAP Shelter is looking at September 1st as their new target opening date. They are working on hiring staff and will be helping out with our shelter nights to ease the transition. We will be keeping many of our supplies on hand in case there is an unexpected need, such as a heat shelter, fire evacuation, or other community emergency.

Finally, due to scheduling issues, our next Board meeting will be moved back a week to 6:30 pm on Wednesday, May 15th. The meeting will be in hybrid format; in person in the FBC second floor conference room AND also on Zoom. 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, or if you would like a meeting invite to attend via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Larmouth, FBC Moderator

SAVE-the-DATE . . .



5-8 pm at the McMinnville Grange
 1700 SW Old Sheridan Road, McMinnville

Alive at Five Party Dance the Night Away

Adults Only - \$10 per ticket

Consider booking an entire friend or family table!

- Finger food & alcohol-free beverages provided -

Note: It will be an evening for adults only due to liability issues connected to The Grange.

Live music! Dance lessons!

We'll have our own DJ for dance performances and mini lessons - just watch or tap your toes or get up and dance to whatever moves . . .

Ballroom Dancing - Irish Jigs & Reels - Line Dancing

Funds raised will help support First Baptist Church's Fellowship Fund and AMOS Health & Hope.

Through the Fellowship Funds, we serve locally, helping congregants and community members in need of clothing, food, rent, utilities, gas, car/RV repair, and other monetary needs.

Through AMOS, A Mission Of Sharing Health & Hope, we serve globally, equipping local people in 25 Nicaraguan villages and in two urban clinics, with training and resources to treat illnesses, prevent death and disease, and strengthen collaboration to facilitate health care for the community.

Want to help? contact Kathleen,
kathleenverigin333@gmail.com

If you'd like to donate something for the silent auction, contact Vicki,
cartwright3909@gmail.com

Gift Baskets we've already received for the Silent Auction....
 Gardener's Dream - Everything Irish - Wild bird Whimsy
 Family Fun Outings - Dog Lover's Delight
 - Silent Auction items will make this Fundraiser a Success -
 Have an idea?? Contact Vicki

World Class Music in McMinnville!

- Last Concert of the Season -
Wednesday, May 15th

~ Keynote CONCERT Series ~

in the First Baptist Church Sanctuary

7 pm - Doors open / 7:30 pm - Concert begins

Featuring - Element String Quartet

You'll be dazzled with its virtuosity while still promoting the comforting feelings people crave from in-person performances.

The ensemble consists of members of the Newport Symphony Orchestra - concertmaster, Casey Bozell; associate concertmaster, Irene Gadeholt; principal cello Barbara Johnston; and principal viola, Shauna Keyes.

The group will be joined by local musician Sherill Roberts, who was the principal cellist with the Portland Opera.

The 2nd Season of KeyNote's 3rd Wednesday Concert Series will begin Sept. 18th thru May 2025, featuring music ranging from classical to jazz to pop and more. The opening acts each month will be local school ensembles and/or local musicians.
www.keynoteconcertseries.com for Tickets

Sponsored by The McMinnville Lions Club and McMinnville Performing Arts Association

Native Voices Book Group

Cathy Clark will led the discussion
"Black Elk Speaks: Being the Life Story of A Holy Man of the Oglala Sioux"

The next monthly meeting is
Thursday, May 23rd, 6:30 - 8:00 pm,
 in the FBC Fireplace Room, in person
 Unable to attend? A Zoom option is offered.



Little Caesars Pizza Kitchen
 will be in
 McMinnville
 Sunday, May 19th
 from
 5-6:30 pm

in the FBC Parking Lot (corner Davis & 1st St.).
 Serving those less fortunate, as well as, our MYC Youth who'll have their Pizza dinner at 6 pm.

Getting To Know the Classes & Small Groups at FBC

CONNECTIONS is a dynamic interactive gathering of folks exploring the intersection of modern spirituality, technology, and the psyche.

When COVID struck, Mike Burr asked me (Barbara), "How would you like to have Faith & Java online every Sunday?" My answer? "No way!"

After giving it some more thought, we decided to try it out on Zoom. Many Faith & Java members were interested in trying that format and off we went, never looking back to in-person meetings!

Group members are members of FBC as well as friends of FBC and friends of friends. A few years later, our group was renamed "CONNECTIONS" when some Faith & Java folks who weren't attending online wanted an "in person" meeting once a month.

We continue to meet via Zoom at 8:25 a.m. each Sunday morning. There are anywhere between 7 and 12 attendees, and we begin with a presentation that serves as the discussion generator for the session. Topics that are selected include a spiritual component along with everyday living concerns/dynamics.

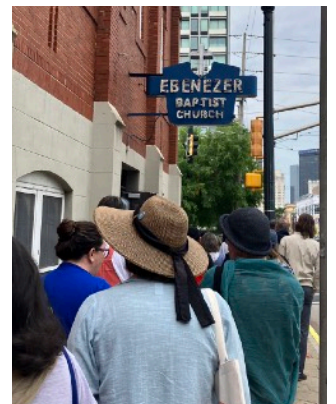
We are proud to say that we meet most months of the year and welcome any who feel comfortable with an online-only format to join us. CONNECTIONS is co-facilitated by Barbara Burr and Kathleen Verigin.

Women Clergy Colloquium 2024: Resistance · Resilience · Joy

Hi, Friends! I'm writing this note from Atlanta, where I get to spend the week with clergy women colleagues from around the country, sharing with, learning from, and encouraging one another. We are gathered at the invitation of the Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board. This is year two of our three-year cohort, during which we gather for one week each year for a time of collegial support, financial education, and rest and renewal. We each take turns leading different parts of the program; this year, I am sharing leadership of the closing communion service with Carla, who pastors an ABC church in New Jersey. Other pastors are leading times of lectio divina, prayer, meditation and movement, and sharing case studies from their own congregational contexts - I find the case studies so helpful, and come away with new ideas for how to approach issues at FBC Mac based on our conversations about churches elsewhere.

One of the gifts of the week is the chance to immerse ourselves in the area's cultural offerings. Today, we spent time at Ebenezer Baptist Church, the King Center, and the National Center for Civil and Human Rights (where the mural pictured here welcomes you). Our theme for the week is Resistance | Resilience | Joy, and this theme, together with the rich history of the Atlanta area, is such an important reminder of the role of the church in movements for social justice and change.

Long story short: I am grateful, both to MMBB and to you all, for this week away. And I am inspired, and eager to return to you and to keep thinking and working together about how we are called to be agents of good and bearers of love in our own context. See you soon, friends. Take care, *Erika*



Getting To Know Your First Baptist Church Family



Miles & Muriel Dresser

On June 7th, this wonderful couple will be celebrating 65 years of marriage. They've had a long and endearing relationship, all these many years. Congratulations! Here's their story.

Muriel was born and raised in Boise, Idaho. She grew up with two younger brothers. After her early education was completed, she came to Linfield College in McMinnville, Oregon, graduating in 1959. While attending college, she attended First Baptist Church.

Meanwhile, Miles was born and raised in Spokane, Washington, with one sister. His father was an auto mechanic and owned his own repair shop. After graduating from High School, Miles headed for Linfield College, graduating in 1957, with a degree in Physics. It was here at college that Muriel and Miles met and fell in love.

Muriel's parents made it clear to her that she had to finish college before she could marry Miles. She graduated on a Sunday and the following Sunday, she married him. Their honeymoon was spent driving cross-country to Ames, Iowa where Miles planned to complete his PhD at Iowa State. On that trip across the U.S.A., they remembered staying in one town that advertised \$5/night rooms and another time, they had to sleep in their car, as there was "No Room at the Inn". They smiled remembering that time so long ago, when they were just starting their life together.

Miles completed his PhD in Physics in 1963. Meanwhile, Muriel was a music teacher for Kindergarten-High School students, at three different schools. Their son Don was born during this time in Iowa. Miles took a position at Washington State University in Pullman, Washington, where he taught physics for 38 years. Their two girls, Laura and Marilyn, were born during those years. Muriel retired in 1996 and Miles in 2001.

After retirement, Muriel and Miles moved to Lincoln City, Oregon, where they lived for 11 years. In 2014, they decided to move to McMinnville, to be near their daughter Marilyn, who taught music education in the primary grades. They moved into Hillside Retirement Community at that time. Miles and Muriel have three grandchildren who live in Portland, Oregon, Madison, WI, and Japan.

Muriel and Miles are active participants in our church. Both sing in the choir and Muriel is our Organist. They are participating in the year long book study this year, "Seasons of Wonder." Muriel knits with Knit Wits, and has made numerous fingerless gloves, hats and prayer shawls. When I asked the couple what keeps them coming to FBC, they said it is the music program, the fellowship, and they appreciate our church theology.

Both are avid readers. In fact, Muriel told me that, when she retired, she started a Book List of all the books she was reading, now over 2,000! Miles enjoys working in the wood shop at Hillside, creating candle sticks, bowls and vases on the wood lathe. Miles shared with me that when he was working at WSU, he was the voice of "News from the World of Science" for 20 years, a program sponsored by the Radio department of WSU.

They also enjoy traveling with their daughter, Marilyn. On a recent trip, they traveled over 5,000 miles, visiting State and National Parks all over the United States. Another recent trip was to Madison, Wisconsin, during Thanksgiving last year, making wonderful memories.

We are grateful to have this talented couple at FBC, sharing their wisdom and love with us. Thank You!



My name is Nancy, I am a court appointed special advocate, a CASA and I've been asked to write about what that means to me, and that's fine - I'm happy to do this. But I am also writing this in case anyone reading it might be willing to become a CASA themselves. There are a whole lot more children in foster care than there are CASA's who have their backs.

If the only information you have about Child Protective Services is from the news, you could understandably have a view that it is all pretty dismal. Traumatized kids, drug addicted parents, dysfunctional agencies. And sadly every once in a while a child dies from abuse or neglect and foster care and the media goes crazy pointing fingers at agencies that are absolutely supposed to prevent these tragedies.

I want you to know that here in Yamhill County, things are different. Yes, we have parents suffering from addiction, and children neglected or abused. But once Yamhill County Department of Human Services decides that the level of abuse or neglect has risen to the point where the child's safety is at risk, (and yes we all wish that would never happen), and the kids are taken into care, there are an abundance of resources and services, and we CASA's are a part of that.

My husband and I are Co-CASA's. We have been able to help drug addicted parents get counseling for both addiction and mental health issues. We've been able to make sure the caseworker, who in our experience is competent and caring, albeit an overworked professional, is accessing whatever Counseling and Skill Building Services that the children need. While they are in foster care we can make sure that their soccer fees are paid, they're educational needs are met, and they get registered for a summer camp that will be an amazing experience for this child.

And sure, there is heartbreak involved, but also so much more hope.

A wise man said '*nothing you do for children is ever wasted.*' I am proud, motivated and happy to be a CASA. I hope you might consider it too.



The mission of the Yamhill County CASA Program (YC CASA) is to speak up for the best interests of abused and neglected children under the jurisdiction of the court. Our program, founded in 1992, recruits, screens, trains, and supports volunteers who are appointed by a judge as Court Appointed Special Advocate volunteers (CASA's) for children in dependency cases.

We recruit volunteers who understand the value of family history, are sensitive to barriers that traumatic experiences introduce, and who are culturally mindful. We cultivate volunteers who are driven to work collaboratively to help children and families connect with tools to process trauma, rebuild trust, and regain a sense of safety. Through robust training and support, our volunteers become knowledgeable about the array of services available to help families reunite stronger and safer. If you'd like more information: <https://www.yccasa.org/volunteering-information>

Thank you for starting your journey to make a difference in the life of a child!

FBC Celebrates Earth Day with Community Partners and Inspired Action

Many partners came together to create a long weekend's worth of activities celebrating, honoring, and taking action to protect our planet.

On Saturday morning, the McMinnville Youth Collective joined with environmental studies students at Linfield University for a Cozine Creek Clean-up, tackling and clearing invasive blackberry bushes along the edges of the creek and planting native species in their place.

On Saturday afternoon, FBC's Climate Action Team, together with Zero Waste McMinnville, First Presbyterian Church, McMinnville Cooperative Ministries, and the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of McMinnville hosted a program featuring a keynote address from CJ Lacy-Hanks, music from Nancy McCann, and tabling displays/demonstrations in Walker Hall from: The Plastic Project, Reducing Plastic, Sustainable Rituals, Chapul Farms, Food Forest, Seedling Giveaway, Soil-Blocking, Composting, Eloheh Farm, Art Cards & Books, Health Care, Peace Circles, Earth Day Events, Bonnie Tarwater, McMinnville Tool Library, Kids Table, and Plant-Based Refreshments. A prayer gathering Monday at noon - raising our voices with others around the world at that same time - and showing of the movie Common Ground on Monday evening rounded out the festivities.

Thanks to all who planned, promoted, and participated!





Youth Group

May 5 & 19

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 on May 12 & 26)

Pickleball & Picnic!

Friday, May 10 from 10am-1pm

drop off & pick up at Lower City Park

we'll be playing pickleball

& having lunch at the park

bring a picnic lunch & friends

Youth Dinner

Wednesday, May 29 at 6 pm

at Gordo Tacos

Drop off & pick up there,

bring money for dinner, and friends!



Children's Chapel & KidVenture

Children's Chapel!

Sunday mornings following the Children's Time during worship. (except for first Sundays of each month) 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 Sundays, 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, music, a story and activities, and our focus for this year is on stories of the Gospels.



Parents Night Out

It's time for Parents Night Out!

Friday, May 31 from 5-9pm at First Baptist Church for children age zero through 5th grade (and we need youth volunteers to help!)

FREE!

Registration Required
Deadline is Wednesday, May 29

While the parents are OUT... Nursery/Childcare and dinner will be provided for infants/toddlers/preschoolers. And we'll have games, dinner, and a movie for elementary children.

To learn more and/or register, visit fbcmac.org/parents-night-out-may-2024

SUMMER 2024!

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



Vacation Bible School 2024!

VBS is back June 24-28 and we're partnering with First Pres for Seekers in Sneakers, an interactive VBS where children learn that everyone can make a difference in the world!

VBS is for children K through 6th grade (youth & adult volunteers needed!).

Registration is now open at:

fbcmac.org/vbs-2024

JOIN US!



Summer Camp at Camp Arrah Wanna is back in July 2024!

There will be ONE WEEK of camp for ALL children and youth, 1st through 12th grade

Monday, July 15 through Friday, July 19 for ALL campers

cost for ALL campers = \$300

Registration now open!
www.camparrahwanna.org/programs



MYC Service Learning Trip 2024
This summer we are excited to be partnering AGAIN with S.L.A.M. (Students Learning About Missions) Trips for a cross-cultural service & learning trip in an indigenous paradigm.

The trip is July 28-August 2 for current 5th-12th grade youth. And registration is now open!

You can find our more details, register here:
fbcmac.org/myc-service-learning-trip-2024

A Month Full of Opportunities!

Gather with a small group or class of FBC friends to make the ordinary sacred.

FBC Adult Classes

Classes will be on hiatus June-July-August

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. The format provides 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 class continues its exploration of the evolving church in modern times, using contemporary videos and theological texts and articles. They examine how religion and spirituality are manifest in everyday life.

Contact: Doug Verigin, (503) 913 3401

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

This class is reading/discussing "How to Know a Person" by David Brooks, which explores the art of seeing others deeply and being deeply seen. (The class rotates book choices between a Bible-orientated book and a current issue-related book.) Class members can volunteer to lead a class discussion on any specific chapter they choose. The open discussion is insightful and fun!

Contact: Gary Langenwalter, 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. The class is led by Rob Schulman who presents a new topic each time, followed by interesting discussion.

Contact: Rob Schulman, schulmanrob@yahoo.com

Sunday Rainbow Class - for adults with special needs

Contact: Cynthia Parker, cynp007@gmail.com

Dave King THANKS his church family for care, comfort and support during his brother's illness and his passing.

Climate Action Group - Meeting times/locations vary

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

Senior Breakfast - Wednesday, May 1 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

Together Works - May 13 & 27 at 7 pm, in-person

Fireplace Room at FBC - 2nd & 4th Mondays

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

Dad's Group - May 13 at 8 pm, in-person (please RSVP)

2nd Mondays each month, location varies

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

Sew & Sos - in-person

Weekly opportunities for individuals and/or small groups to sew together at FBC (2nd floor sewing room).

Currently sewing prayer bags & making quilt kits to take home.

Contact: Susan Chambers, susanlanechambers@gmail.com

Knit Wits - Knitting scarves, hats, and hand warmers!

PM Group - 7 pm, in-person (meets 1st & 3rd Tuesdays)

May 7 & 21 at Gina's

Contact: Gina Foster, 971-237-2789

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

May 9 & 23 at Linda's

Contact: Linda Watson, 971-237-2793

FBC Singles - Saturday, May 4, 5pm at FBC

We'll enjoy the McMinnville Women's Choir Concert followed by dinner out together at Abuela's on 3rd

3rd Tuesday Lunch - May 21 at Gerald's, 1pm, Food & Conversation

Contact: Lynn Crowell, herbalynn@comcast.net

Sister Circle - Every Friday at 11 am, Fireplace Room

Reading "Ladder to the Light" by Steven Charleston

Interested in joining? Contact: Sherill Roberts,

shrobert@linfield.edu or 971-237-3630

Mom's Group - Gathering TBD

Contact Heidi Toth for details, tothfive@gmail.com

Hiking Group - Saturday, May 25

Touring The Connie Hanson Garden in Lincoln City

followed by a beach hike. Meet at FBC at 9am to carpool.

Contact: Gloria LaFata, glowml1@gmail.com

Men's Breakfast - Saturday, May 25 at 9:00 am

Les Toth's Toy Barn, 2700 NW Pinehurst Drive

Tom Riggs will speak about "A Young Air Force

Lieutenant in Korea 50 years ago."

Contact: Neil Kunze, kunze@sou.edu (on hiatus June-July-August)

Mark Your Calendar! FBC's Annual All-Church Campout, this year at Beverly Beach State Park on the Oregon Coast! July 19 - July 21, 2024, Contact Dave King for more information - kaveding@earthlink.net.

MAY at FBC

MAY 2024

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | 1 8a - Senior Breakfast at VFW Post, Atlantic Ave | 2 Music Rehearsals: 5:20p Bells / 6:30p Choir 8p Worship Team | 3 FBC Office Closed & Pastor's Day Off 9:15a - STARS Breakfast 11a - Sister Circle 7:30p - Friday Shelter | 4 5p - Singles at MYC Concert & dinner at Abuela's |
| 5 8:45 - Faith & Java, in person <i>Adult Classes (see pg 11)</i> 10 am - WORSHIP in person & Live Stream 5-7:30p - MYC at FPC | 6 9:a - STARS Breakfast 11a - Matthew 25 12n - Personnel 4p - Mission Team 5:15p - KidVenture 7p - Worship Planning | 7 12n - Bible Study in person & via Zoom 7p - KnitWits at Gina's | 8 | 9 9:45a - KnitWits at Linda's Music Rehearsals: 5:20p Bells / 6:30p Choir 8p Worship Team | 10 FBC Office Closed & Pastor's Day Off 9:15a - STARS Breakfast 11a - Sister Circle 10a-1p - MYC Pickle ball at Lower City Park 7:30p - Friday Shelter | 11 FBC Birthday Work Party |
| 12 <i>Adult Classes (see page 11)</i> Celebrate FBC's Birthday 10 am - WORSHIP in person & Live Stream | 13 9:a - STARS Breakfast 5:15p - KidVenture 7p - Together Works 8p - Dad's Group | 14 9a - Building & Grounds 12n - Bible Study in person & via Zoom | 15 1p Membership Team 2:15p Faith Formation 6:30p - Church Board 7:30p - KeyNote CONCERT at FBC | 16 12-5p - McMinnville Farmer's Market Music Rehearsals: 5:20p Bells / 6:30p Choir 8p Worship Team | 17 FBC Office Closed & Pastor's Day Off 9:15a - STARS Breakfast 11a - Sister Circle 7:30p - Friday Shelter | 18 |
| 19 <i>Adult Classes (see page 11)</i> 10 am - WORSHIP in person & Live Stream After Worship - <i>Seasons of Wonder Field Trip to Fernhill Wetlands</i> 5-7:30p - MYC at FPC | 20 9:a - STARS Breakfast 5:15p - KidVenture 7p - Care & Concern | 21 12n - Bible Study in person & via Zoom 1p - Singles Lunch at Gerald's 7p - KnitWits at Gina's | 22 | 23 9:45a - KnitWits at Linda's 12-5p - McMinnville Farmer's Market Music Rehearsals: 5:20p Bells / 6:30p Choir 8p Worship Team 6:30p - Native Voices Book Group | 24 FBC Office Closed & Pastor's Day Off 9:15a - STARS Breakfast 11a - Sister Circle 7:30p - Friday Shelter | 25 9a - Hiking Group 9a - Men's Breakfast 10:30a - <i>Seasons of Wonder Makers Meeting</i> |
| 26 <i>Adult Classes (see page 11)</i> 10 am - WORSHIP in person & Live Stream | 27  FBC & STARS CLOSED | 28 12n - Bible Study in person & via Zoom | 29 6p - Youth Dinner at Gordo's Tacos | 30 12-5p - McMinnville Farmer's Market Music Rehearsals: 5:20p Bells / 6:30p Choir 8p Worship Team | 31 FBC Office Closed & Pastor's Day Off 9:15a - STARS Breakfast 11a - Sister Circle 5-9p - Parent's Night Out 7:30p - Friday Shelter | |

MAY Birthday

Scott Chambers 1
Violet Zimmerman 2
Jacob Harmon 5
Jean Meicho 7
Amanda Witter 7
Ethan Collins 7
Izzy Ward 8
Rob Schulman 11
Joe Wilkins 11
Sean P. Williams 13
Meridith Symons 13

Zander Dressel 15
Beckett Marksbury Page 18
Nora Olson 18
Liam Ward 19
Darrel Eacret 20
Marianne Mills 20
Jonathan Davis 21
Justin Lunberg 25
Myra Huff 25
Charlotte Hendricks 26
Erika Marksbury 26
Paul Studebaker 26



Barbara Curtis 26
Heidi Darling 27
Barbara Kauer 28
Henry Anderson 30
Lennox Leach 30
Paul Kushner 31
John Huff 31

Global Servant Birthday

Adison Williams 15
Kyle Williams 28

MAY Anniversary

Tom & Kim Riggs 2
Dave & Anne Marie Jacob 20
Danny Browne & Gloria LaFata 21
Scott & Laura Sutherland 22
Peggi Lilly & Ken Piontek 23
David & Joy Hallett 26
Rob & Margy Porter 28
Roger & Beth Dell 29