



The Tidings

FBC's monthly newsletter

JUNE 2024

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DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY!

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

Adults Only - \$10 per ticket

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

Live music! Dance lessons!

We'll have a DJ for dance performances and mini lessons.

You can watch, tap your toes, or get up and dance to whatever moves you...

Ballroom Dancing - Irish Jigs & Reels -
Line Dancing - or your own creative dance!

- FBC will provide finger food & alcohol-free beverages -

Through the Fellowship Fund, FBC serves locally, helping congregants and community members in need of 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 volunteer at the event?

Contact Kathleen at kathleenverigin333@gmail.com

Want to donate something for the silent auction?

Contact Vicki, cartwright3909@gmail.com

>> See page 8 for a list of Silent Auction Items & Gift Baskets donated <<



On May 11, we gathered for the next step in FBC's Strategic Planning Process - the goal-setting. See page 5 for the draft-stage goals that were developed that morning, and if one sparks your interest, contact Erika and/or the folks listed there to join in this work for the future of our faith community!



SEMI-ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

JOIN Church Board members, staff, and ministry leaders in celebrating the ways FBC has been living out its mission of *"learning, loving, serving, and seeking justice and joy for all."*

We'll begin with a Ministry Fair, where the teams that make up the Church Board will share a bit about what they've been up to this year, and how you can get involved. Then we'll vote to install a new Church Board slate of officers for the 2024-2025 term. We've also got a few by-laws changes to consider and some people to say big "thank you"s to! Please plan to attend, in person or via zoom with this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89090057614>. This twice-a-year meeting allows us to tend to the details that help make our community strong, inclusive, and congregationally led. Thank you for your participation!

June COME ALIVE

The sixth invitation in Bonnie Smith Whitehouse's *Seasons of Wonder* is Come Alive. This month, she suggests, our own creatureliness might be a way to encounter God's Spirit moving in and through creation. She reminds us of the wise counsel of Howard Thurman: "*Don't ask yourself what the world needs. Ask yourself what makes you come alive, and go do that, because what the world needs is people who have come alive.*" How might we use our holy imaginations to come fully alive this month, and to connect to God's aliveness, and one another's blessedness?

A few ways the author suggests exploring the weekly themes of this month:

- ✦ **Make & Listen to - a Morning Playlist.** You might include Cat Stevens' *Morning Has Broken*, the Five Stairsteps' *O-o-o Child*, Drew Holcomb's *Dragons*, and your own favorite waking-up melodies.
- ✦ **Play and Reflect On -** Simon and Garfunkel's song *Blessed*, then compose your own riff on the Beatitudes.
- ✦ **Create -** an offering that embodies Love, and give it away.

-*Seasons*, pages 137-158

June 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, or if you'd like to get connected to a group, contact erika@fbemac.org.

Makers Meeting: *Altar Cloths* - June 15, 10:30am, Walker Hall
Make a special cloth for ceremonial use at your home, and/or participate in making altar cloths to be used at FBC for worship and ritual. Georgine Benner will guide our efforts. RSVP to erika@fbemac.org so we have plenty of supplies. And be thinking about what elements, colors, images, textures, and designs help to create a meaningful space for you.

June's Creation Care Challenge: *Shop Local*

Caring for community can also be a way to care for creation. Invest in your community and reduce your carbon footprint by committing to buying local whenever possible, and eschew buying from nonlocal retailers when a local alternative is available. You may find that putting money back into the hands of local businesses brings you a sense of joy! -*Seasons*, page 141

Scenes from May's *Seasons of Wonder* birdwatching field trip to the Fernhill Wetlands



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

JUNE 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** - on summer hiatus

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

June 2, Communion Sunday

"Wake," Rev. Erika Marksbury preaching
Music led by Marilyn Dresser

After worship, head to Walker Hall for our First Sunday Speaker Series, this month with Dee Moore, leader of Together Works. Dee will give a LGBTQIA+ crash course on pronouns, terminology, language, gender identity and sexual orientation, and the radical changes and advances that the internet has brought and continues to bring to the Queer community. She will be taking questions following the presentation.

June 9

"Sing," Rev. Erika Marksbury preaching
Reflection from Heidi Toth
Music led by Tegan Johnson + More Friends!

The Climate Action Team invites you to Walker Hall for a time of sharing and learning more about the Plastics Project, coming again to FBC on June 15.

June 16

"Lavish," Rev. Erika Marksbury preaching
Music led by Tegan Johnson and the Worship Team

June 23

"Bless," Rev. Erika Marksbury preaching
Reflection from Judee Kunze
Music led by Tegan Johnson

If your class or small group would like to host the After-Church Fellowship Time on June 16 or 23, please let Sean know at sean@fbcmac.org.

June 30, PRIDE Sunday

"Come Alive," Rev. Erika Marksbury preaching
Music led by Dave Ferry

After worship, head to Walker Hall for our Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting, which will begin with a Ministry Fair. Check out the six ministry teams that make up the Church Board, and see what each of them are up to! Then stay to hear strategic planning updates, affirm new Church Board members, vote on by-law changes, and offer much-deserved thanks to folks who have given a great deal to FBC over the years. Thanks for doing the work of being church together!



Save-the-Dates for *FBC's 3rd Annual All-Church Retreat!*



LIGHT A FIRE: Friday, October 11 - Sunday, October 13 at Arrah Wanna

We'll gather at the beautiful Camp Arrah Wanna in forested Welches, Oregon, and spend the weekend relaxing, reflecting, connecting, hiking, singing, creating, feasting, and spending time around the campfire. Our *Seasons of Wonder* grant will pay for up to 40 people to attend at no cost. RSVP to erika@fbcemac.org to claim your spot!

YTD	Actual for Period	% of Amount Budgeted
Contributions Income:	115,445	98.9%
Total Income:	\$135,800	95.9%
Total Expenses:	\$140,782	99.6%
Net Income:	- \$ 4,982	(deficit)

Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting
 Sunday, June 30th - after church in the Sanctuary
 Join us in person, or via Zoom with link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89090057614>
 A copy of the SA Report will be emailed June 26th
 Paper copies will be available at FBC.

Financial Update - The Finance Committee is carefully watching our financial status. April income was at 85% of budget while expenses were at 100%, mostly due to facility maintenance and utility cost increases. We appreciate each gift!

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, May 15th

The Church Board met as scheduled on Wednesday, May 15th in person with Mary, Heidi, and Kerry absent.

We discussed Sean’s proposal for a sabbatical in the early part of next year. The Board was supportive, though Don noted that we need to make a small change to the bylaws to accommodate this request. We will propose this change at the upcoming semi-annual meeting. Speaking of, we also discussed the plans for the semi-annual meeting, which will include a ministry fair, recognition of outgoing Board members, a vote to approve new Board members, and the recommended changes to the Bylaws.

On May 11th, several members gathered for a goal-setting session as part of our ongoing strategic planning effort (more to come on this shortly).

We discussed the ongoing security concerns of activities that occur at night when no staff or volunteers are around the property. Don recommended we use some of the County grant funds to pay for an unarmed private security service to patrol the property overnight. The Board voted to support this decision, provided that this is deemed an acceptable use of the grant funds by the County.

Kathleen suggested that each Board member should be given a notebook that includes key information, such as an organizational chart for the church and its various teams, a copy of the bylaws, and a job description for their seat on the Board. Kathleen also reported that plans for the upcoming **Alive at Five Dance Fundraiser** are coming together. We look forward to seeing all of you there at the McMinnville Grange at 5pm on June 8th.

The Board reviewed some specifics of the insurance policy as it relates to members of the Board. There are lots of

exclusions which everyone should be informed about. Don agreed to produce a summary sheet to be included with the Board notebooks.

The Nominating Committee reported that Mary Dressel has agreed to stay on for another year as the Children & Youth Chair, and Peggi Lily has stepped up for the Faith Formation Chair. That leaves us with two openings yet to be filled: Moderator and Membership Chair. If you are interested in either position, please reach out to Cynthia or Erika for more information.

The Board got an update on the YCAP shelter project – they are still on target for a September 1st start. Our shelter activities will end once the new site is up and running.

Steve reported that he is working out the details of an arrangement to obtain a car for the Auto Raffle fundraiser. He is in search of someone with some computer knowledge to help him manage online inquiries and ticket purchases. This role will also include the opportunity to visit area car shows to sell raffle tickets.

Finally, our next Board meeting will be held at 6:30pm on Wednesday, June 12th. 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

Strategic Planning Update: FBC is setting goals and seeking champions!

On May 11 - FBC's 157th birthday! - members and friends gathered to vision the church's future, with the guidance of Glen Fahs and Marisol Flores, two of the consultants we've been working with from the Oregon Organizational Development Network's *Community Consulting Partners* program. We spent time discussing where our process has taken us since September - ongoing board conversations, three sets of focused congregational conversations (notes from those are available for anyone who wants to see them, just ask Erika) - and we brought insights from all of those to help us shape some SMART goals, or, at least, to get that process started. SMART goals are Specific, Measurable, Ambitious, Realistic, and Time-bound. Our consultants recommended that each goal has both a board member and a congregational "champion" to steward it to completion. Below are broad strokes of the four goals we began work on that day - lots of details still to be determined, so contact anyone listed below if you'd like to join this effort!

- **Facilities Goal:** A process for determining and enhancing the use of FBC facilities will be designed by October 15. Rental income goals will be considered. Don Watson is the board member leading the work on this goal, with support from the Building and Grounds Ministry Team.
- **Marketing Goal:** Kathleen Verigin is providing board leadership for the group developing this goal, with support from board member Cynthia Parker. "Marketing" is really about telling the FBC story, and identifying those people who might be looking for just this kind of spiritual community. This group welcomes more participants from the congregation to help them dream, strategize, and create.
- **Congregational Care Goal:** Board member Virginia Holmstrom and congregational champion Jim Kilinsky presented some ideas to the Care & Concern Team at their May meeting, all with the hoped-for result of nurturing and enhancing our relationships to, and our care for, one another. Details are being fleshed out for these efforts, and more voices are welcome.
- **Social Concern Goal:** This group - with robust participation but not yet identified leaders - discussed how to honor our commitments to justice & peace, recognizing that those are central to folks' faith journeys and also might connect well with the wider community. They'll work on creating a Lunch-and-Learn series, tackling current issues and seeking to respond faithfully to the challenges of our day. Tell Erika if you'd like to participate with this group.

Please mark your calendars . . .

FBC SINGLES GROUP

Our Summer gathering will be changed to the 2nd Saturday of each month.

June 8 - We'll join the Alive At Five dance party at the grange, 5-8 pm.

Invite your friends! Tickets are \$10 (get them from Vicki or pay at the door)

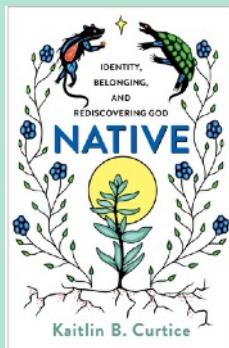
There will be a DJ and several types of dance lessons, great finger foods, and 15+ silent auction baskets & other items.

All proceeds go to our Fellowship Fund that assists people with needs (such as a medication, rental assistance, or utility bills) and to fund AMOS, the organization in Nicaragua we support that provides clean water filters and health promoters to rural villages.

July 13 - 3rd Annual BBQ at Lynn's home, from 5-8 pm.

August 10 - TBA

Let Lynn know if you'd like to host in August.



Native Voices Book Group

The last discussion for this year is
Wednesday, June 26th

6:30-8:30 pm - Fireplace Room, in person

Lynn Crowell will lead the discussion of

"*Native: Identity, Belonging, and Rediscovering God*" - By Kaitlin Curtice

Recommended by Randy Woodley

Unable to attend? Zoom option offered.

Contact Lynn: herbalynn@comcast.net

Book Group Excursion . . .

We will be going to Chachalu on Thursday July 25,
meeting at the LIBRARY parking lot at 10:30 am.

(FBC's parking lot will be busy with the Thursday market)

We will have a guide - then go to lunch at the
Chinese restaurant in the casino after our tour.

Return by 3 pm. Please come if you can; it will be a great

opportunity to learn more about our Grand Ronde tribal neighbors. Thanks to all for coming along on this journey!

Getting To Know the Classes & Small Groups at FBC

It was an amazing year for our FBC choir and bell choir!

*We ring and sing to share God's love
Camaraderie makes it better
Marilyn guides us through our songs
teaching notes and vowel shapes to the letter*

*We sing to Praise the Lord,
Learning music and listening with our ears
We make friends along the way
Our purpose is very clear*

*We're a cohesive group
Through music we help each other
We enhance worship too
We love like sisters and brother*

*There is always room for more
Think about being a member
You will love the songs, and the people, too
Please join us in September*

Written by Muriel Dresser



Getting to Know Our 2024 Graduates!



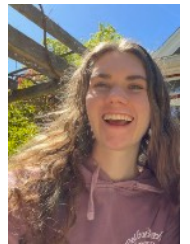
Colton Anderson is graduating from McMinnville High School and will be attending the Rochester Institute of Technology in the fall. Colton enjoys robotics, hockey, tennis, engineering, comics, and digital art. He and his family have been part of FBC for 11 years and he loved leading recreation at VBS and being part of Youth Group. Congrats to Colton and his family, sister Lauren, brother Henry, and parents Brian and Helen Anderson!

Aliyah Ferry is graduating from McMinnville High School and will be attending Seattle University to study chemistry in the fall. Aliyah is Valedictorian, a four-year athlete in track and cross country, plays the piano, is fluent in Spanish, and has a bunny and lots of plants! She has worked in our nursery at FBC for several years, and always liked the children's time on the steps plus the youth lock outs over the years. Congrats to Aliyah and her family - Dave Ferry, Debbie Harmon Ferry, and all her siblings!



Eowyn Clayton is graduating from McMinnville High School, also as Valedictorian, and will be majoring in neuropsychology at college in the fall. Eowyn is in to baking and cooking, crochet, and puzzles, and she plays the cello and likes rewatching favorite TV shows. Eowyn and her family have been part of FBC for sixteen years and they have all been involved in a variety of ways. Congrats to Eowyn, her parents Geoff Clayton and Raina Cole McGraw, and her siblings!

Momo Scarboro-Ford is is graduating from McMinnville High School & will be working this summer before heading to the University of Portland in the fall to study chemistry. Momo has also worked in the FBC nursery for several years, and enjoys reading, running, crafting, drawing, baking, and outdoor adventures! Momo says that the connections with people and music/singing are some of her favorite things about FBC. Congrats to Momo, her parents Dan Ford and Suzanne Scarboro, and brother Cyrus.



Jack Linder is graduating from McMinnville High School and will be attending Montana State University in Bozeman, MT in the fall. Jack skis, fishes, plays guitar, swims, and fixes cars, and he's been a part of FBC his entire life! Congrats to Jack, and his family - parents John and Jen, and sister Emma!

Jorge Dominguez is graduating from McMinnville High School and will be attending Chemeketa Community College in the fall to get his mechanic certification. Congrats to Jorge, and his family - Jorge, Kim, Ana, and Josue (and Paul & Joan Kushner)!

Congratulation to all our graduates and their families!

**We will be recognizing our graduates during worship on Sunday, June 2,
with a gift from FBC and a special prayer.**



AnyDoor Place Navigation Center

Hi all,

June has rolled around again, and with it we have a much clearer picture of what the transition from FBC's longtime shelter program to the new YCAP complex on Adams Street - called **Any Door Place McMinnville** - will look like.

A project as big and complex as ADP McMinnville has different groups of contractors involved, who do different types of work creating the facility, and who link together like the gears of a mechanical watch. So far, the biggest gears have turned the most - the total remodel of the older Adams St. houses; the new build of a third building that links those two houses together; all the plumbing, electrical, and other work to make those three buildings one big thing. If your daily drives don't take you past that part of Adams St., do a detour over there sometime to see just how much has changed and how far that process has come.

While those parts of ADP Mac's creation are almost done already, there's still some work ahead. A lot of that involves the interiors of the complex, supplies and furnishings, and landscaping designed to make the property a self-contained area separate both from busy Adams St. and from Cozine Creek down behind it. That work might be done by early August; it's scheduled to be done by the start of September. When it is, ADP Mac will open its doors, as FBC's shelter closes.

Between now and then, FBC's shelter has enough funding from at least two and possibly three different sources, to not only bridge the gap to ADP Mac but thrive and end on a high note. We can learn from all we've done up to now and from input all around McMinnville's community so we can do the best work for our friends and neighbors who need it most while the task is still ours to do. Then, in a series of events towards the end of the summer, we'll hand over FBC's legacy of ingenuity, resilience, welcome, and compassionate community to ADP McMinnville, who will have the scale and the resources to do much more for our kindred on the margins. An end, and a beginning, are both in sight.

Yours,

Geoff Clayton, Community Low-Barrier Shelter Manager

Alive at Five!

FBC FUNDRAISER PARTY **Saturday, June 8, 5-8pm**

All proceeds from our **ALIVE AT FIVE!** fundraiser party benefit two core FBC missions: **the Fellowship Fund** (meeting immediate, local needs) and **AMOS Health & Hope** (investing in long-term, sustainable, community health care in Nicaragua). You can contribute by purchasing tickets to the event (\$10, at FBC after worship or at the door on June 8) or by offering/bidding on silent auction items, like these already promised...

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS

Home Raised Beef | Art by Local Artists
Dance Lessons | Voice Lessons
Vacation Home at Devil's Lake | Gift Card
Vibrational Sound Healing Session
Home Goodie bag from Hallmark
Quilts: Full & small sizes (by Sew & So's)

BASKETS

Gardener's Delight | Made in Oregon
Wild Bird Whimsy | Fun for Kiddos
For the Artist | All Things Irish
"Me Time" Self-Care | Date Night
Dog Lovers | Book Lovers
...AND MORE!!!

Consider making a bid for yourself, going in with friends, or divvying up items in a basket to give as gifts! **And please invite family & friends to what's sure to be a great time, benefiting two worthy causes!**

Every Friday night, the Shelter feeds dinner to about sixty people. Can you help? Maybe you love to cook for a crowd. Maybe you're part of a small group that could all bring the makings of a taco bar, or a class whose members could each contribute a casserole. Maybe you have another idea of how to help! Let Geoff (grclayton@hotmail.com) or Erika (erika@fbcmac.org) know if you have questions or want to sign up to provide a meal, whole or in part. Thank you!



MISSION STORIES

"You're here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world." Matthew 5:14

SHARING THE LIGHT: ONE STITCH AT A TIME

Rakmi Shaiza, executive director and founder of **Stitching Change**, a non-profit in Kansas City, Kansas, which serves refugee women, has been sharing the light in her community. She knows that success in her endeavor has one foundation: community. Building and sustaining community is essential for bringing about positive change in people's lives.

Shaiza founded **Stitching Change** in 2014 to provide training in sewing and business skills, with the goal of participants learning how to set up a small business. In 2015 and 2016, the non-profit received a start-up grant from **Prairie Baptist Church** which enabled them to hold sewing classes at the **First Baptist Church of Kansas City** for the next five years.



Stitching Change moved to their new, larger location in 2022. Volunteers teach students to sew reusable tote bags, pouches, gift bags, phone cases, and woolen hats made from pre-owned sweaters. These items bring in much needed supplemental income to the women, all of whom are low-income. As they take the classes together, they enjoy fellowship across ethnic, language, cultural, and religious lines.

In addition, **Stitching Change** is committed to creation care through reuse of fabrics in their projects. They help their community to repurpose fabric, and teach how to repair items of clothing, all of which would have ended up in the landfill. Upcycled tote bags are in demand; for example, the **Presbyterian Women's 2024 Church-wide Gathering** contracted **Stitching Change** to manufacture 800 conference bags for them.

A **One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS)** development grant awarded by **American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS)** to **Stitching Change** has enabled the non-profit to expand their classes and impact even more lives. *"The grant made me think that God is opening the door for us by ABHMS believing in us,"* said Shaiza. *"Our empowerment is not short term, nor is it only about making money. The students' lives will not be the same, because they will become leaders."*



When you give to **One Great Hour of Sharing**, you help organizations like **Stitching Change** share the light by equipping refugees and new immigrants with the skills and tools necessary to become financially independent and to develop the confidence to transform their lives.

Give generously today!

Giving period: Sundays, June 2, 9, 16

Check your pew pockets during worship for an OGHS envelope to place your donation.

-or- Send your donation to FBC, 125 SE Cows St., McMinnville - memo line OGHS



Summer Kickoff Party
 Sunday, June 2 from 5-7pm
 at the Toth's (2700 NW Pinehurst Dr)
 Join us for nine square in the air,
 swimming, and dinner!

FINAL Youth Group
 Sunday, June 9
 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)

Youth Dinner
 Wednesday, June 19 at 6 pm
 at Gerald's
 Drop off & pick up there,
 bring money for dinner, and friends!

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.

**Last Children's Chapel for the school year
 is Sunday, June 16!**
 For the summer, we'll have a special activity
 and a snack for children following the
 Children's Time during worship
 on most Sundays.

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

Kidventure - JUST FOR KIDS!
 Our final KidVenture for the school year is
 Monday, June 3 from 5:15-6:30pm
 at First Presbyterian Church
 and it's FAMILY NIGHT!

So... children Pre-K thru 5th Grade
 are invited to bring their parents/
 caregivers, siblings, and any other family
 you want to have join us! :)

We'll do our regular music, story
 and activities all together!

**And dinner is a potluck -
 we'll provide a main dish and drinks,
 please bring a side dish
 and/or dessert to share!**

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
 and we have a full team
 of 16 youth and 4 adults!

You can support our team through
 their individual stock sale and the
 Wall of Money, coming soon to FBC!

A Month Full of Opportunities!

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

FBC Adult 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. 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

- Bereans, Chapel, and F&J Classes will be on Summer Break, back in September -

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

This class explores the evolving church in modern times, using contemporary videos and theological texts and articles. They examine how religion and spirit.

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 Langenwaller, 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

We gather for Sunday Worship and other activities.

Contact: Cynthia Parker, cynp007@gmail.com

Climate Action Group - Meeting times/locations vary

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

Senior Breakfast - Wednesday, June 5 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 - June 10 & 24, at 7 pm, in-person

Fireplace Room at FBC - 2nd & 4th Mondays

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

Dad's Group - June 10 at 8 pm, in-person (please RSVP)

2nd Mondays each month, location varies

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

Sew & So's - in-person

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

Currently sewing bags for board members

of local mission organizations!

Contact: Susan Chambers, susanlanechambers@gmail.com

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

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

June 4 & 18 at Gina's

Contact: Gina Foster, 971-237-2789

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

June 13 & 27 at Linda's

Contact: Linda Watson, 971-237-2793

FBC Singles - Saturday, June 8, will enjoy FBC's Fundraiser, 'Alive at Five' at the McMinnville Grange.

3rd Tuesday Lunch - June 18 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, June 15

Hiking the 4 T Hike in Portland - Train, Trail, Tram, and Trolley!

Meet at FBC at 8:30am to carpool up.

Contact: Gloria LaFata, glowml1@gmail.com

Tuesday, June 11 - American Red Cross Blood Drive at FBC - Promo - \$15 e-gift card to all donors.

Sign-up online - redcrossblood.org/give - 800-RED-CROSS

Book your Space NOW! FBC's Annual All-Church Campout, at Beverly Beach State Park on the Oregon Coast! July 19 - July 21, 2024, Contact the church office for more information.

JUNE at FBC

JUNE 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 10 am - WORSHIP in person & Live Stream 5-7pm - MYC Youth Summer Kickoff @ Toth's	3 9:a - STARS Breakfast 11a - Matthew 25 12n - Personnel 4p - Mission Team 5:15p - KidVenture 7p - Worship Planning	4 12n - Bible Study in person & via Zoom 7p - KnitWits at Gina's	5 8a - Senior Breakfast at VFW Post, Atlantic Ave	6 12-5p - McMinnville Farmer's Market	7 FBC Office Closed & Pastor's Day Off 9:15a - STARS Breakfast 11a - Sister Circle 7:30p - Friday Shelter	8 5p - ALIVE at FIVE FBC Fundraiser! (details on cover) 5p - Singles will dance the night away at the fundraiser
9 Celebrate FBC's Birthday 10 am - WORSHIP in person & Live Stream 5-7:30pm - MYC Youth Group @ First Pres (last gathering until Sept)	10 9:a - STARS Breakfast 7p - Together Works 8p - Dad's Group	11 9a - Building & Grounds 10a-3p - American Red Cross Blood Drive at FBC 12n - Bible Study in person & via Zoom	12 6:30p - Church Board	13 9:45a - KnitWits at Linda's 12-5p - McMinnville Farmer's Market	14 FBC Office Closed & Pastor's Day Off 9:15a - STARS Breakfast 11a - Sister Circle 7:30p - Friday Shelter	15 8:30a - Hiking Group 10:30a - Seasons of Wonder Makers Meeting
16 Adult Classes on hiatus. 10 am - WORSHIP in person & Live Stream Last Children's Chapel until Sept	17 9:a - STARS Breakfast 7p - Care & Concern	18 12n - Bible Study in person & via Zoom 7p - KnitWits at Gina's	19 1p Membership Team 2:15p Faith Formation 6p - Youth Dinner @ Gerald's	20 12-5p - McMinnville Farmer's Market	21 FBC Office Closed & Pastor's Day Off 9:15a - STARS Breakfast 11a - Sister Circle 7:30p - Friday Shelter	22
23 / 30 Adult Classes on hiatus. 10 am - WORSHIP in person & Live Stream	24 9:a - STARS Breakfast 7p - Together Works	25 12n - Bible Study in person & via Zoom 10:30a - Book group excursion to Chachalu	26 6:30p - Native Voices Book Group	27 9:45a - KnitWits at Linda's 12-5p - McMinnville Farmer's Market	28 FBC Office Closed & Pastor's Day Off 9:15a - STARS Breakfast 11a - Sister Circle 7:30p - Friday Shelter	29
VBS - June 24-28 - FBC/First Presbyterian - "Seekers in Sneakers"						

JUNE Birthday

Sherill Roberts 1
 Dan Cheek 1
 Josue Dominguez 2
 Owen Olson 2
 Barbara Burr 3
 Lilly Kind 4
 Sally Martin 4
 Don Gilbert 5
 Dakota Swaney 8
 Geoff Clayton 8
 Heidi Reinker 10
 Kena Avila 13



Irene Stewart 13
 Bob Crawford 14
 Jorge Dominguez 15
 Muriel Dresser 16
 Debbie Ferry 16
 Judy Larmouth 19
 Marilyn Crouser 20
 Charlie Walker 20
 Laura Park 21
 Sunshine Fugit 22
 Lindsay Wagner 23
 Donovan Douglas 24
 Rick Page 25

JoAnn Sims 25
 Marvin King 26
 Roshana Shockley 26

Global Servant Birthday

Rita Chapman 26

JUNE Anniversary

Ed & Millie Boggie 1
 Miles & Muriel Dresser 7
 Mark & Robin Pederson 10
 Les & Kathleen Toth 11
 Stacy Martin & Rob Higgins 11
 Paul & Linette Studebaker 12



Larry & JoAnn Sims 13
 Art & Anne Engen 17
 John & Karen Olson 17
 Heidi & Matt Reinker 23
 Wayne & Kathy Beckwith 24
 Stewart Stout &
 Jennifer Cleveland 25
 Brian & Helen Anderson 25

Global Servant Anniversary

Christine Lafferty &
 Able Zamora 23
 Glen & Rita Chapman 28