



The Tidings

FBC's monthly newsletter

AUGUST 2024

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Worship in the Park

Discovery Meadows Park - Sunday, August 25, 2024

Bring your family, friends, and neighbors! On Sunday, August 25, at 10am, we continue our annual tradition of gathering outdoors to sing and pray in the creation that also speaks of God's glory, beauty, and bounty. This service is casual and interactive. We'll be seated at the picnic tables provided at the park; if you prefer your own camp chair, you're welcome to bring it. And there's fun to be had before and after the service!

Discovery Meadows is a fantastic park with amenities for all ages to enjoy: picnic shelters, playgrounds, a climbing wall & boulders, a water feature, basketball courts, skateboard areas, and walking pathways & trails.

Please bring a sack lunch to enjoy following the service. We'll picnic together at the shelter there, and the Social Team will provide coffee, lemonade, and water.



It was wonderful to welcome Malachi "Dot" Nelson to FBC in July on his brief visit home, on break from his role as co-director of the World Friendship Center in Hiroshima, Japan, and to learn more about his work for peacemaking and what's needed in our world today. Stay tuned - this discussion is ongoing.

AUGUST HAPPENINGS

Saturday, 3rd - Cherish the Holy Pause at our FBC Beach Trip!

Join us for some fun in the sun & sand. We'll be there from 10am-2pm, just bring lunch and any sand/beach items you need/want. And if you want to ride the bus and/or carpool from FBC, we'll meet in the parking lot at 9am and be back at 3pm.

Sunday, 4th - Celebrate with the McMinnville Youth Collective!

You are invited to the McMinnville Youth Collective's Service Learning Trip 2024 Celebration Gathering! Join us at 2pm in FBC's Social Hall. Our team will share pictures & stories from our week on the Yakama Reservation, and we'll sing and pray together. Plus, there will be desserts for all to enjoy! Thank you for all your support!

Join us for
An Evening of Stories and Songs

Friday, August 16th
J.L. Kiff Vineyard
McMinnville, OR

Doors 6:30pm | Concert 7:00pm

Free will offering benefits
Safe Families
for Children - Yamhill County





August CHERISH THE HOLY PAUSE



The eighth invitation in Bonnie Smith Whitehouse's *Seasons of Wonder* is Cherish the Holy Pause. She invites us to relish the best of summer: the slowness, the boredom, even - she suggests these hot days are times to let our analytical mind take a break and our imaginative one step forward. She reminds us of Jesus' invitation to all who are heavily-burdened to come to him, and the promise that he will give them rest (or, in some versions, he will "refresh" them.) While the invitation is to find rest individually, we're doing what we can to contribute to that at a church level - we're cancelling most committee meetings this month and scaling back on other offerings in hopes of freeing up some space for you to float, laze, chant, conjure, or do whatever it is that brings peace to your soul.

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

- ✦ Practice - Taize praying/chanting/singing (page 195); praying at the end of the day (page 196); reading scripture with your imagination taking the lead (page 199)
- ✦ Make - bath salts (page 193); a small painting that reminds you of peace (page 201)

August *Seasons of Wonder* Gatherings

Small Groups & Makers Meetings

In keeping with our August theme, small groups are taking August off from gathering, and we haven't scheduled a Makers Meeting. Enjoy the rest!

Field Trip: *Neskowin*, August 3, 10am-2pm

We are planning a field trip for August - only because *a day at the Oregon Coast is a perfect way to pause*, practice presence in the moment, and soak up the beauty of our world. We'll be at the water's edge from 10am-2pm; just bring lunch and any sand/beach items you want. If you'd like to go on the bus or carpool from FBC, meet in the parking lot at 9am; we'll be back at 3pm. RSVP to erika@fbemac.org to catch a ride, or just look for FBC friends once you arrive!

August's Creation Care Challenge: *Thrift*

Explore secondhand shops in your area for clothes, furniture, and books. Share back-to-school clothes with friends and neighbors. Instead of buying new and adding more and more of these items to the planet, find treasures you can reuse. -*Seasons*, page 187

Scenes from July's field trip to the Lavender Festival at Red Ridge Farms



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

AUGUST 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)

✦ **All adult classes - BEREAN; CHAPEL; CONNECTIONS; FAITH & JAVA -**
are on summer break, will return in September for more great discussions.

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

August 4, Communion Sunday

"Float," Rev. Erika Marksbury preaching
Reflection from Susan Chambers

The McMinnville Youth Collective invites you to return to FBC at 2pm for the Service Learning Trip Celebration. Come to the Social Hall to hear stories, songs, prayers, and learnings from the time they spent at the Yakama Reservation with Mending Wings, and enjoy a dessert buffet, prepared by the MYC as a way of thanking you for your support!

August 11

"Chant," Rev. Erika Marksbury preaching
Music led by Tegan Johnson & the Worship Team

August 18

"Laze," Rev. Erika Marksbury preaching
Music led by Tegan Johnson & the Worship Team

August 25, Worship in the Park

Service & Lunch & Games at Discovery Meadows
(This service happens only in-person; see page 1 for more details.)

Music led by Heidi Toth & Sean P. Williams

After worship, stick around! The park has lots to enjoy: playground equipment, walking trails, a water feature, to name just a few amenities. Bring a sack lunch and we'll picnic together - the Social Team will provide drinks.

It has been a real gift this year to listen to reflections from congregants about the week's theme from *Seasons of Wonder*. If you look ahead at the list of themes in the table of contents (you can peruse the office copy if you don't have one) and see something you'd like to share about, please tell erika@fbcmac.org.

Check out the front of the sanctuary to see the centerpieces crafted from creation at our July Makers Meeting. Using cedar branches, sweetgum tree pods, rose-shaped pinecones, curly dock, and wild oats, and with the tutelage of Anne Engen, participants made beautiful, simple reminders of nature's bounty.



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YTD	Actual for Period	% of Amount Budgeted
Contributions Income:	177,569	101.4%
Total Income:	\$210,206	99.0%
Total Expenses:	\$207,174	97.5%
Net Income:	+ \$ 3,032	

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).

Financial Update - We are very appreciative of each donation. After 6-months, our donations have met our 6-month goal. We also know that a few donors pay their annual support in the first half of the year. Our anticipated giving income for 2024 is about \$20,000 less than it was when we adopted the budget in January. The finance committee is watching the budget carefully.

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

Church Board Notes, July 10th

After much discernment, prayer, and deep dialogue with Rev. Erika, I have stepped into the role of Moderator, for one year. As such, I greatly look forward to collaborating and co-creating with this great team of wise, articulate, compassionate, and FUN leaders.

On July 10th, we welcomed new members, Judee Kunze, overseeing Congregational Engagement & Peggi Lilly, overseeing Faith Formation. The Assistant Moderator position now remains open. I invite you to discern and pray, ask any questions of Rev. Erika or myself or another Board member, and see if you are the One for that position!

The opening devotions revisited the 4 Baptist Freedoms:

- **Religious Freedom** - the separation of Church and State
- **Church Freedom** - the autonomy of the local church to determine its own practice and presence
- **Bible Freedom** - the invitation to each person to read and discern the meaning & call of scripture for themselves
- **Soul Freedom** - the valuing of each person's experience and understanding of the Divine

Erika, facilitator for this meeting, reminded everyone of our roles and responsibilities. Notebooks were given to each Board member to keep and then pass onto their eventual replacement. They include: FBC's Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws, Guidelines from the State of Oregon, a "flow chart" of all teams, leaders, and contact info. Board members have mailboxes in the church office. Erika explained how we vote by consensus. We then reviewed the Organization Chart listing all teams, leaders, and contact information. There was a discussion about a future Board retreat.

Individual reports were read in advance of the meeting. All were accepted by consensus.

At the June meeting, Sean Williams presented a detailed proposal with his request for a sabbatical to start in January 2025 and completed before Easter, April 20.

Don Watson and the Membership Team (Judee Kunze, Susan Chambers, and Sean Williams) reviewed the by-laws with the intention to state that a pastor/minister is eligible for a sabbatical, with approval from the Board. Don noted that our budget does not allow for an interim youth pastor. Various volunteers will share the duties. The change in by-laws passed at the semi-annual meeting.

After months of Strategic Planning, the Board has distilled the information received into four key areas of focus:

- Marketing,**
- Congregational Care,**
- Social Concerns, and**
- Leadership/Accountability.**

All teams have been formed and will submit a report at upcoming Board meetings.

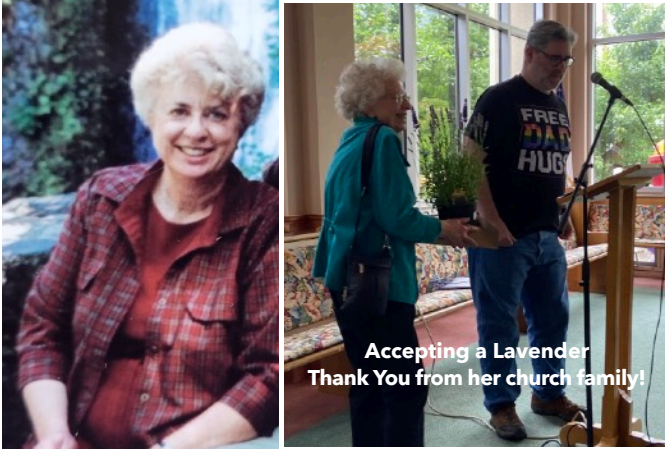
Mary Dressel reported from the sub-committee, appointed to clarify how the church will address gender-neutral bathrooms. They recently met and came to an agreed conclusion. It was decided at this time to make the two restrooms in Walker Hall remain the same. New signs will be posted stating that private bathrooms are available downstairs by the Social Hall and in the upper floor hallway near the Conference meeting room.

In addition to his monthly financial report, Don Watson noted that the Stewardship committee needs help with recruiting members to make a team. Board Members are encouraged to reach out to people.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, August 14, 6:30 pm, at Don & Linda Watson's home. There we will be a brief meeting followed by a pot luck social time. All Board meetings are open. Contact Rev. Erika or me if you would like to attend. All are welcome to the FBC Table!

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Verigin,
FBC Moderator, 2024-2025

Your FBC Family is so grateful for you, Anne Engen



Anne is stepping down from having been chair of the Social Committee for many years. **THANK YOU** for your leadership, inspiration, dedication, creativity - all with your special grace and excellence.

We don't have an estimate of how many functions you coordinated? In the hundreds, we're sure. Feel the love.

Comments from her team . . .

Anne always told us on her team, we do this for our church family! She led with heart for many, many years. As soon as I started attending FBC, she asked me to join the social team. It was a great way to meet people and quickly get involved. -Gloria LaFata

Anne Engen was chair of the Social Team when I joined FBC in 2006. I joined the Social Team as I thought it a good way to meet people around me. Anne is well organized and she also has a flair for decorating for our events. We enjoy preparing for events as well as attending them. -Gina Foster

ARE YOU A NUMBERS PERSON?

Are you comfortable with and like working with numbers? FBC is needing to expand the base of volunteers we have available for working with the numbers/dollars parts of our ministries -- in planning, recording and reporting. Of course, the church needs program people, but also we couldn't survive without the *numbers folk* as support. We know there are some of you out there, but we don't know who you are. You don't have to be a professional, you just have to have an interest. Let Erika or Don Watson know you if this strikes a chord with you. We need you!



I have the gift of being one of twelve participants in the first cohort of the Pause/Play Center for Preachers, a project out of the Saint Paul School of Theology in Kansas City, Missouri that describes itself as a space "focused on the soul of preachers, one that is both a sanctuary and a well-spring of play." The program is designed by Rev. Dr. Casey Sigmon, a worship and homiletics professor, who believes that more compelling preaching doesn't come from new tips and tricks but from preachers who are nourished, unhurried, enjoying their work, and consistently returning to the Love that called them to it in the first place.

We (this cohort of 12 mid-career preachers) began our time together at a conference in KC in July (pictured below, the cohort + our guides + other conference attendees), and we will continue for a year with spiritual direction, play-based activities, and coaching designed to reignite our imaginations. We're working and journaling though Julia Cameron's *The Artist's Way*, and we'll meet virtually each month to encourage and learn from one another. The hope is that all of this soul-care will refresh our spirits and rekindle our love for the craft of preaching. (And that, hopefully, will translate into better sermons for our congregations!)

I am grateful for the chance to do this, and excited to share what I learn with you all. Thanks, *Erika*



Getting To Know the Classes & Small Groups at FBC

FBC's Senior Breakfast

by Gina Foster

Senior Breakfast has been meeting since long before I arrived in McMinnville. Currently we meet the first Wednesday of each month at 8:30 am, at the American Legion Post 21, 126 NE Atlantic, McMinnville, near Hwy 18 and NE Three Mile Lane.

The Post volunteer staff serves a variety of breakfast or lunch items with ample servings, for really reasonable prices. We have our "own" room, which is a good thing, as we can laugh and chat as much as we'd like and not disturb other diners.

We define "senior" loosely, so if you'd like to join us, please do.

Our FBC staff even joins us from time to time to enjoy great company and a good breakfast!

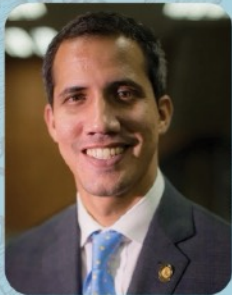
Call Gina, 971.237.2789, for more details.



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The annual Collins Lecture explores issues related to religion and social ethics. These have been a signature event of EMO and its predecessor organization the Portland Council of Churches since 1967. Hosted at the University of Portland and funded by The Collins Foundation.



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Light a Fire:
FBC's 3rd Annual
All-Church Retreat
Camp Arrah Wanna
October 11-13
FREE



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Plan to get away with FBC friends to Camp Arrah Wanna in beautiful Welches, Oregon!

We'll gather at dinnertime on Friday, October 11, and stay through lunchtime on Sunday, October 13. We'll spend the weekend relaxing, reflecting, hiking, singing, creating, feasting, and connecting around the campfire. All ages are welcome to this experience.

Our *Seasons of Wonder* grant will pay for up to 40 people to attend at no cost. Send questions or RSVPs to erika@fbcmac.org.

Getting to Know Your First Baptist Church Family

Kerry was born in San Jose, CA, the youngest of five children. When she was 5 years old, the family moved to Portland, Oregon. Her father worked for Blue Cross/Blue Shield, and the move was necessary, due to his job transfer there.

Kerry was educated in the Portland school system and she graduated from David Douglas High School. When she was in 8th grade, she found her passion - dancing and dance choreography. In high school she was on the dance team, was Line Dance Captain, and her team took the state championship!

Kerry married at age 18 and her daughter, Kate, was born two years later. When the marriage ended, Kerry became a single parent, raising her daughter alone. That is when her career took off. She worked for MCI, a telecommunications company, as an event planner, which required lots of travel, both nationally and regionally. She had re-married and was living in Lafayette, CA, in the Bay Area.



During this time, she and her husband were able to travel on their own, extensively. They traveled to Italy many times, as well as to Switzerland, Norway and Holland. She loved traveling, but now, she says her "cup is full," and she's grateful for that experience.

Kerry also taught dance for 21 years, working as a choreographer with seven different high school dance teams, in three states. Her expertise is Broadway Jazz and Chorus Line. She loves to dance.

Seven years ago, she moved to the Portland area, to help her parents with their health issues. She and her sister, Susan, started their own family business at that time, "All About Moving." That continued until Susan's death. Around that time, Kerry, with her own health issues, and active in a recovery program, found FBC, quite by accident.

She loves FBC and its people here. She found value, love, support and grounding here. She was baptized here five years ago. She continues her Recovery Program. Kerry gives back in many ways. She ushers, sets up the STARS Room for their Monday and Friday breakfast service program, services the Kitchen area in Walker Hall, among other valuable tasks.

Currently, Kerry works part time at Home Goods, and recently, started up the family business again, "All about Moving." Her first client has been the Langenwalters, who are moving across town. She has been helping them downsizing, packing, deep cleaning, sorting, and staging their home for an Open House and upcoming sale.

She loves this work and is actively looking for new clients. She also works out at two gyms here in town. Kerry's daughter, Kate, lives in the Bay Area and has two girls, 14 and 11. Kerry is very proud of her daughter and her two granddaughters. Her only remaining sibling is a brother.

Kerry, we are grateful for you, and so happy you found FBC. Thank You!



As of January 2024, the State of Oregon estimated that 62% of people experiencing homelessness in Oregon were living in unsheltered conditions, giving the state the fourth-highest rate of unsheltered homelessness in the country. Oregon was further distinguished by having the highest rate of unsheltered homelessness for families with children.

Homelessness is a broad term that includes people who lack safe, stable, and functional housing. The phrase “unsheltered” is a sub-category that describes homeless people who sleep in places that aren't meant for human habitation, such as cars, parks, sidewalks, abandoned buildings, benches, stairwells, or under bridges.

Each year, a state-wide Point-In-Time (PIT) count is taken of people experiencing sheltered and unsheltered homelessness on a single night in January. The federal government requires this annual census to determine funding requirements and allocations for its networks of government agencies and service providers that manage homelessness services and funding in specific regions. While the full findings from the 2024 PIT have not been released, the 2023 PIT count recorded 20,110 people experiencing homelessness across Oregon, of which 13,004 were unsheltered and 7,106 were sheltered. This represents an overall increase of 8.5 percent from 2022, which mirrors the 12 percent increase across the country.

All of this is to say we are currently experiencing a national crisis, and Oregon is not exempt. The good news is that preliminary results from Yamhill County's 2024 PIT count indicate that some programs are having a positive impact in reducing homelessness in the county.

The report, released March 27 by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and compiled with data gathered by Yamhill County Action Partnership (YCAP), indicates that 381 individuals were experiencing homelessness at the time of the count. However, that figure is only an estimate because volunteers conducting the count often encounter people unwilling to participate in the survey. This has been exacerbated in recent years with the rise in punitive measures taken by cities against those experiencing homelessness.

Homelessness isn't someone else's issue. It has a ripple effect throughout the community. It impacts the availability of healthcare resources, crime and safety, the workforce, travel and tourism, and the use of tax dollars. This represents millions of dollars in costs associated with escalated use of hospitals, social services, law enforcement, and jails.

According to the National Council for the Homeless, the leading causes of homelessness are economic: lack of affordable housing, foreclosures, and a lack of employment opportunities. The roots of homelessness, however, can go much deeper. Severe and persistent mental illness, domestic violence, substance use disorder, enduring poverty, criminal history, and trauma also play a significant role.

Encompass Yamhill Valley is working to change the inevitability of homelessness.

Established in 2020, Encompass Yamhill Valley (EYV) provides housing and vital support services to individuals and families experiencing homelessness in Yamhill County. We operate county-wide, mobile-based outreach services designed to connect the most vulnerable members of our society with the programs and services they desperately need.

EYV works with a fantastic network of agencies, nonprofit organizations, local governments, and the faith-based community to establish systems and infrastructure to support emergency, transitional, and permanent solutions to end homelessness sustainably.

Current programs include case management, peer counseling, food assistance, court advocacy, mental health and substance abuse treatment referrals, emergency and inclement weather sheltering, gas and transportation vouchers, and safe overnight car parking. We are also developing the first transitional micro-community for women and children in McMinnville.

>> In July of this year, EYV opened a new case management office in the First Baptist Church building in downtown McMinnville. This is an exciting opportunity for staff to partner with First Baptist, which will provide more one-on-one support to the local homeless community. We look forward to continuing this relationship with FBC and its members and welcome this expansion of our impact and advocacy.

Happy 10th Birthday Unidos!

UNIDOS is celebrating its 10th birthday this year. It has gone from a small group of Latinx and Anglo people with a goal of bridging the two communities to an organization that now has 6 full-time and 2 part-time staff. UNIDOS is presently seeking more administrative staff to head the various programs that are underway.

Among the many things UNIDOS has accomplished in the past 10 years are:

- > Teaching Citizenship classes in Spanish and English at least 2 times a year.
- > Offering enrollment assistance to the Oregon Health Plan
- > Assisting in Voter Registration for Latinx citizens.
- > UNIDOS is the founder of the Latinx Advocacy Coalition and works with Virginia Garcia to bring mobile medical and dental units to agriculture workers in the fields.



In the fall of 2022 UNIDOS brought together 4 focus groups to assess the needs of the Latinx community. One need that came out of those focus groups was career development for youth. The Regional Workforce Agency approached UNIDOS to help develop a pilot program for youth to learn the skills of being a good employee. Eight students participated in paid internships to learn essential employable skills: communication, problem-solving, critical thinking, professionalism, teamwork, networking and interviewing. As a result of the success of the pilot program, UNIDOS was awarded a substantial grant from the State of Oregon this spring. UNIDOS is developing a curriculum with and for youth and families to use the essential employable skills to intern with local businesses to explore possible careers and to develop a business and professional network. The need now is finding businesses in McMinnville and Dayton to hire Latinx youth ages 14-24; after-school, weekends and/or for summer jobs. Each business will be given \$3,000 for that work with the Latinx youth.

A different grant supports Latinx micro businesses. 20 business owners are participating in 12 training classes in marketing, media, insurance and other topics related to starting and running a successful business. All those who complete the classes will be eligible for loans, which they would otherwise not be able to obtain.

UNIDOS is opening a relationship with Linfield Business department. Members of the Latinx community who already have a business can take (scholarships may be available) or audit an entrepreneur class on how to make their business better.

One future goal is a program that will focus on Wellness and Generational Wealth Building. This will include classes and training on how to buy a house, (loans, mortgages, escrow, etc.), plus disease prevention and living younger longer. The immediate goal is to find administrators to manage these programs and to find a larger office space. An ideal space would have office space for the administrators and a space to hold 50-60 chairs for holding training classes.

UNIDOS wants to start offering 401K benefits to its employees and is looking for expert help to help them know what they do not know.

UNIDOS is always looking for volunteers to teach or help with the citizenship classes. Spanish is not required but is helpful. Classes are taught in Spanish and in English.

The 10-year Celebration and Fundraiser will be held in November.
 Visit UNIDOS's website to learn more: www.unidosyamhillcounty.org.



Youth Dinner

Wednesday, August 28 from 6-7pm
at Nancy Jo's Burgers & Fries
*drop off & pick up there
just bring money for dinner & friends*

Pool Party

Sunday, August 18 from 5:30-7:30pm
at the Carlton Pool
(225 W Grant St, Carlton, OR)
*swimming & dinner - friends welcome
drop off & pick up there*

Youth Group - FALL KICKOFF

Sunday, September 8
Join us as Youth Group resumes &
we kick off a new school year together!

Children, Youth, and Families!

Join us on Sunday, September 8
as we celebrate the beginning of the
new school year.

Blessing of the Backpacks

during the children's time
at the 10am worship service

Children's Chapel (returns!)

following the children's time
during the 10am worship service

Youth Group (returns!)

at First Presbyterian Church
Middle School from 5-6 pm
Dinner for ALL from 6-6:30 pm
High School from 6:30-7:30 pm

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

HIGH SCHOOL

9th-12th grade youth
Friday, September 20
through Sunday, September 22

MIDDLE SCHOOL

6th-8th grade youth
Friday, September 27
through Sunday, September 29

Cost, more details, and registration
all coming soon.

We hope you will join us!



Summer Camp 2024

We had an awesome time at Summer Camp
at Camp Arrah Wanna!

Thanks to all the campers for joining us
and for all the adults who volunteered!



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 Rainbow Class - for adults with special needs

We gather for Sunday Worship and other activities.

Contact: Cynthia Parker, cynp007@gmail.com

ADULT Classes: Bereans, Chapel, Connections, and Faith & Java Classes are on Summer Break. They'll all be back in September.

In early July, FBC folks spent a lovely Saturday morning picking blueberries, raspberries, and cherries at Perryhill Farms. Some fruits were just beginning to come into their season, so look for the next picking date to be announced soon. The property is beautiful and the prices - and the berries! - are quite good.



Climate Action Group - meeting times/locations vary

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

Senior Breakfast - Wednesday, August 7 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 - August 12 & 26, at 7 pm, in-person

Fireplace Room at FBC - 2nd & 4th Mondays

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

Dad's Group - August 12 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 making multiple quilts each month, and

sewing bags for board members of local mission organizations!

Contact: Susan Chambers, susanlanechambers@gmail.com

Knit Wits - Knitting scarves, hats, and everything else!

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

August 6 & 20, at Gina's

Contact: Gina Foster, 971-237-2789

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

ONLY August 22nd this month, at Linda's

Contact: Linda Watson, 971-237-2793

FBC Singles - Taking August off to enjoy the last bits of summer. See you in September for our monthly activity and 3rd Tuesday Lunch.

Contact: Lynn Crowell, herbalynn@comcast.net

Sister Circle - Every Friday at 11 am, Fireplace Room

Reading "Somehow" by Anne Lamott

Interested in joining? Contact: Sherill Roberts,

shrobert@linfield.edu or 971-237-3630

Hiking Group - Saturday, August 17

We'll meet at 8:30am in the FBC parking lot to carpool to the Tillamook Forest Center. A museum, trailhead, interpretive center, and a 250-foot long suspension bridge across the Wilson River that leads to miles of trails to explore. Bring your lunch, water and enthusiasm for a great day.

Contact: Gloria LaFata, glowml1@gmail.com

American Red Cross Blood Drive at FBC

Wednesday, August 7th and 28th

Sign-up online - redcrossblood.org/give

All Donors receive a \$20 Amazon Gift Card!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 11:30a-5:30p McMinnville Farmer's Market	2 FBC Office Closed & Pastor's Day Off 9:15a - STARS Breakfast 11a - Sister Circle 7:30p - Friday Shelter	3 Seasons of Wonder Field Trip to the Oregon Coast
SLAM (Students Learning About Missions) - MYC Service Learning Trip - July 28-August 2						
4 Adult Classes on hiatus. 10 am - WORSHIP in person & Live Stream 2p -Service Learning Trip Celebration!	5 9:a - STARS Breakfast 11a - Matt25 Team 4p - Mission Team	6 12n - Bible Study in person & via Zoom 7p - KnitWits at Gina's	7 10a-3p - Red Cross Blood Drive at FBC	8 11:30a-5:30p McMinnville Farmer's Market	9 FBC Office Closed & Pastor's Day Off 9:15a - STARS Breakfast 11a - Sister Circle 7:30p - Friday Shelter	10
11 Adult Classes on hiatus. 10 am - WORSHIP in person & Live Stream	12 9:a - STARS Breakfast 7p - Together Works 8p - Dad's Group	13 9a - Building & Grounds 12n - Bible Study in person & via Zoom	14 6:30p - Church Board	15 11:30a-5:30p McMinnville Farmer's Market	16 FBC Office Closed & Pastor's Day Off 9:15a - STARS Breakfast 11a - Sister Circle 7:30p - Friday Shelter 7p - Evening of Stories & Songs	17 8:30a - Hiking Group
18 Adult Classes on hiatus. 10 am - WORSHIP in person & Live Stream 5:30-7:30p - MYC Youth Carlton Pool Swim Party	19 9:a - STARS Breakfast	20 12n - Bible Study in person & via Zoom 7p - KnitWits at Gina's	21 1p - Congregational Engagement Team 2p - Faith Formation	22 9:45a - KnitWits at Linda's 11:30a-5:30p McMinnville Farmer's Market	23 FBC Office Closed & Pastor's Day Off 9:15a - STARS Breakfast 11a - Sister Circle 7:30p - Friday Shelter	24
25 Adult Classes on hiatus. 10 am - WORSHIP in the PARK at Discovery Meadows	26 9:a - STARS Breakfast 7p - Together Works	27 12n - Bible Study in person & via Zoom	28 10a-3p - Red Cross Blood Drive at FBC 6p - Youth Dinner at Nancy Jo's Burgers	29 11:30a-5:30p McMinnville Farmer's Market	30 FBC Office Closed & Pastor's Day Off 9:15a - STARS Breakfast 11a - Sister Circle 7:30p - Friday Shelter	31

AUGUST Birthday

Susan Allen 2
 Pam Watts 2
 Teresa Fugit 6
 Kristy Blaha 6
 Lee Howard 7
 Michael Roberts 8
 Thelma Gage 8
 Karen Olson 9
 Mark Bolden 9
 Tim Duerfeldt 11
 Kim Riggs 13
 Frosty Lay 13



Eli Zimmerman 13
 Jessica Payne 13
 Jay Payne 14
 Rowan Clayton 15
 Scott Millar 16
 Jennifer Williams 17
Patti Williamson 19
Rainbow Acres Rancher
 Barrett Rainey 19
 Kathleen Toth 21
 Cindy Miller 22
 Lauren Anderson 23
 Diane Chladek 25

John Davis 26
 Richard Belgard 27
 Frances Huff 27



Tim & Pat Fasana-Lynn 13
 Pete & Karen VanPatten 15
 Tim & Emily Duerfeldt 20
 Donovan Douglas &
 Holly Darling 20

AUGUST Anniversary

Bill & Jane Apel 1
 Mike & Barbara Burr 1
 Gary & Janet Langenwalter 5
 Jennifer Scott & Russell Weaver 5
 Michael & Margaret Saylor 5
 Charlie & Cherie Walker 7
 Neil & Judee Kunze 8
 Dave & BJ Larmouth 10

Mylynda & Gary Baits 20
Global Servant Anniversary
 Lisa & Helios Ovando 26
 Sheila & Ron Lenker 27
 Richard & Diane Belgard 29