



The Tidings

FBC's monthly newsletter

OCTOBER 2024

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Sharing our gratitude for today and our hopes for tomorrow with the congregation to come

On September 15, we gathered to create a time capsule. It was a suggestion from Bonnie Smith Whitehouse's "Gather Courage" chapter in *Seasons of Wonder* - she proposes that collecting the story of who we are today will inspire courage in those who uncover the story years from now. We included documents (the two 2024 Semi-Annual Report; the Endowment brochure; that day's bulletin and month's Tidings; a listing of missions we support, a report from STARS); shirts from the McMinnville Youth Collective and KidVenture; toys from the Grace Space; seeds from Eloheh Farm; a prayer bag from the Sew & So's; a prayer square from the Knit Wits; a welcome poster from our sister community through AMOS Health & Hope; books about peacemaking; some favorite musical selections; photos; and a card from each person present, on which they shared a gratitude from today, and a hope/prayer for those who find the capsule. The time capsule will live in the archive closet, with instructions that it be opened in the church's 200th anniversary year: **2067!**



Light a Fire

FBC All-Church Retreat
October 11-13 at
Camp Arrah Wanna



Just two spots left!

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

We'll gather at dinnertime on Friday the 11th, and stay through lunchtime on Sunday the 13th. We'll spend our time relaxing, reflecting, hiking, singing, creating, feasting, and connecting around the campfire. All ages welcome!

Our *Seasons of Wonder* grant will pay for up to 40 people to attend at no cost, but we only have a couple of spots left! Send questions or RSVPs to erika@fbcmac.org.

MYC youth connect & play at Rockaway Beach

Just a glimpse of this year's high school beach retreat - what's quickly become a beloved annual tradition! More pics/details of this and the middle school retreat in next month's Tidings!



Save the Dates

Annual Christmas Concert and
Candlelight Dessert Buffet,
Sunday, December 8th at 4pm

Christmas Cantata during
worship service on Sunday,
December 15th at 10am



October LIGHT A FIRE



The tenth invitation in Bonnie Smith Whitehouse's *Seasons of Wonder* is Light a Fire. The weekly themes of this month - consent, scream, lament, change your mind - begin to move us into territory a little different than we've been so far with this text. We might gather around campfires this time of year, or light a fire in the hearth - ideal settings for sharing songs, stories, and, when we summon the courage, our truest selves. What lights you up? What inspires you to move, to speak out, to make change, to struggle for the good? "Lighting a fire," she writes, "can be transformative, and Ordinary Time, the long season of growth, is an ideal time to light a fire and go inward to see what the light might reveal." This month, we'll also be participating in the Red Chair Project, an awareness campaign to end domestic abuse - perhaps this project will stir us to scream, to lament, and to make change.

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

- ✦ Read - the Psalms of lament - Psalm 10, Psalm 13, Psalm 38, Psalm 40, Psalm 42
- ✦ Listen - to modern-day lament songs: Leonard Cohen's "Hallelujah"; U2's "Pride (In the Name of Love)"; Patsy Cline's "I Fall to Pieces"; Lucinda Williams' "Sweet Old World"; Neil Young's "Only Love Can Break Your Heart"; Johnny Cash's "Hurt"; Al Green's "How Can You Mend a Broken Heart?"; Marvin Gaye's "Inner City Blues"
- ✦ Compose - a blessing for righteous indignation

September *Seasons of Wonder* Gatherings

Small Groups

If you have questions about when your group is meeting, or haven't been part of a group but want to connect with one, please tell erika@fbcmac.org.

October Special Event

Every month this year, we've held a Makers Meeting and either a Sharing Feast or a Field Trip. October is different - because this month, we're dedicating a weekend to the All-Church Retreat at Camp Arrah Wanna in Welches, Oregon - sort of an extended field trip, with lots of feasting and lots of making during our time together. Our retreat theme, "Light a Fire," is taken from *Seasons of Wonder*, but you don't have to be reading the book to come along. There are just two spots left for this annual event - and this year, it's free; all costs are covered by the Calvin grant - so sign up now by RSVPing to erika@fbcmac.org. (details on front cover)

October's Creation Care Challenge: *Reuse*

Decide to stop buying disposable items and look around your home to see what can be used instead. As time goes on and you run out of paper napkins, you might decide to elevate mealtime by replacing paper napkins with cloth. Instead of buying a case of disposable water bottles, you might invest in a water bottle you can refill over and over. *-Seasons, pg. 229*

AND

Check out zerowastemcminnville.com for more information (and a petition!) about bringing reusable containers to our local restaurants!

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

OCTOBER 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, via Zoom - Barbara Burr
- ✦ **8:45 am** - 1st Sunday FAITH & JAVA, in person - Rob Schulman
- ✦ **8:45 am** - CHAPEL Class, in person - Gary Langenwalter
- ✦ **9:00 am** - BEREAN Class, in person - Doug Verigin

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

October 6, World Communion Sunday

"Consent," Sermon from Ephesians 2:14-22,

Rev. Erika Marksbury preaching

Music led by Tegan Johnson & the Worship Team

The Congregational Engagement Team is hosting a Membership Celebration after church honoring folks who joined FBC 14-39 years ago. We celebrate your faithfulness!

October 13

The sanctuary will be open from 10-11am this day for those wishing to come and listen, sit in stillness, explore prayer stations, and spend time in spiritual community. Church leaders will be away at the retreat, so a self-guided experience will be available at FBC.

October 20

"Scream & Lament," Sermon from Ephesians 4:25-26,

Rev. Erika Marksbury preaching

Music led by Marilyn Dresser & the FBC Choir

The congregation is invited to a McMinnville Youth Collective lunch & gathering after worship this day. We want to share what we do with our youth every week and throughout the year AND thank you - FBC - for all the ways you continue to support this collaborative approach to youth ministry in our community!

October 27

"Change Your Mind," Ephesians 3:14-29, Rev. Erika

Marksbury preaching, Reflection from Don Watson,

Music led by Tegan Johnson & the Worship Team

An invitation from Marilyn Dresser... *join our CHRISTMAS CHOIR!*

Performances will include:

December 8th, 10am - lead music & anthem in morning worship

December 8th, 5pm - Christmas Concert performance

December 15th, 10am - Perform O HOLY LIGHT cantata, written by Mary McDonald



Our performance of this cantata was very popular last year! Additionally, both Erika and I think it connects beautifully with our *Seasons of Wonder* theme in December so have decided to bring it back again this year! On the bright side, for those that sang with us last year, it should be much easier to re-learn the music, much like riding a bike. And...We'd love to have more voices join us for this special musical celebration of the Christmas season. ALL are welcome and encouraged to be part of it.

Rehearsals: Please attend as many rehearsals as you are able and feels comfortable, then supplement and reinforce music by practicing on your own with digital recordings. I know life is busy and full, so the recording rehearsal option is there to make it easy to be a part of things with some added flexibility.

Kick off learning our Christmas music at our CHOIR RETREAT, Saturday, October 19th

8:30-8:55am - Connect with other singers in Walker Hall with donuts and coffee.

9:00am - Run through the cantata and other December music in the Choir Room.

We will conclude our RETREAT REHEARSAL no later than 10:45 so folks wishing to attend Bill Apel's service have time to get to sanctuary before it begins at 11am. Contact marilyn@fbcmac.org with questions and RSVP's.

YTD	Actual for Period	% of Amount Budgeted
Contributions Income:	232,543	99.6%
Total Income:	\$276,248	97.6%
Total Expenses:	\$267,646	94.5%
Net Income:	+ \$ 8,602	

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 did make it through the summer months with a positive net income with help from our Memorial Fund. Staff and ministry team leaders have been very careful in spending wisely. The Finance Committee has two significant needs. **[1]** Someone to join our Stewardship Committee to provide guidance. That person(s) will be assisted by Judee Kunze, Neil Kunze, Pastor Erika Marksburry, Don Watson, Treasurer, and Kathleen Verigin, Moderator. **[2]** We need one person to temporarily assist Roger Dell, Financial Secretary, with the recording of donations (in Jane Apel's absence). Church policy requires two people. If you are interested, please contact Don Watson at 503.510.2816. Blessings.

Finance Committee: Don Watson, Barbara Burr, Judee Kunze, Roger Dell, Jane Apel (on leave)

Church Board Notes, September 11th

Our September board meeting happened on 9/11. As with all meetings, we opened with a Devotional. Vicki Cartwright asked us each to take a few moments of silence to remember 9/11, and then shared a blessing by John O'Donohue.

IMPORTANT REQUEST: *The board continues to hold open 3 much needed roles for FBC helpers. See closing paragraph for details.*

In alignment with FBC's marketing intentions, Children, Youth & Families team expressed a desire to attract more families with young(ish) children. Got ideas? Send me an email and I'll make sure it gets in the right hands.

Our treasurer, Don Watson, reported that we came through the "sometimes challenging" summer months in fairly good shape. See the note in the Financial Update above about where we could use help!

Buildings & Grounds asked: Have you noticed the playground equipment finally removed from Baker Street? Big thanks to Tim Duerfeldt for coordinating this move (at AFP's request), and to Herb Oien and Joel Herb, long time STARS guest and friends, for great help in getting the chore done safely. The playground will find its new home in Medford.

There are now two restroom signs in the 1st Street narthex to let visitors know where to go for restrooms.

Judee Kunze gave an update for Congregational Engagement team. They see themselves as the "Drop Out Prevention" team. "We want to better engage folks already loosely connected with FBC." They have

planned an October 6 celebration, doing a brunch after worship on Sunday, for the last group of members who joined 14-19 years ago, 20-29 years ago, and 30-39 years ago. If you haven't received an invitation, let the office know.

Faith Formation welcomed new members and together they have refined "who does what." They have a full page in Tidings, so check there for opportunities to connect as we explore our varied faiths and interests.

Missions team shared that Kyle and Katrina Williams have been driven out of the home because of flooding in Chiang Rai, Thailand. They report being safe and ask for prayers.

Pastor Erika reported that one of our four strategic planning goals was the creation of a social concerns/ social justice group. After service on September 8, eighteen people gathered in Walker Hall to briefly share their hopes for this group. Interested? Contact Erika. She said thanks again to Mary Dressel and Nadya King for offering to help ensure Sean Williams' duties as Youth Pastor are covered while he's on sabbatical the first three months of 2025.

Kathleen gave an update on Marketing. All board members now wear special name tags (thanks Donna!) to be worn on Sunday mornings. This is a way to let people know who to speak to about church thoughts, ideas, and concerns. Stay tuned for a monthly "contest" to submit a witty & informative post for our Reader Board sign on Baker Street. Best free advertising every church wishes it had!

(Moderator's Report continued on next page)

Heartsaver



A Free hands-on CPR & AED training

at First Baptist Church
October 20, 12:30-2:30 pm

Nancy Law, volunteer instructor with Mac Fire Department invites any organization to participate in this MFD training, demonstrating hand-on (only) CPR & AED skills.

To sign-up: call FBC, 503-472-7941 or email office@fbcmac.org

(There are for-pay classes with deeper instructions.)

(Moderator's Report continued from previous page)

Erika also gave an update on neighborhood concerns about houseless folks gathering in the parking lot, both on Cows and Davis streets. Doug Verigin, Matthew 25 leader, and Kathleen as moderator, and Erika met with two police officers and three landlords on Davis Street for a conversation about their concerns—noise, drug use, human waste, derelict cars, etc. We are blessed to know that everyone present praised how FBC assists the marginal community living on the streets. And, we want to work together to ensure an outcome that is for the highest good of all. Neighbors requested that the lockers and helping vans be removed and/or relocated. Conversations will continue. The opening date for the Navigation Center on Adams Street is sometime this fall. When this happens, we will close our Friday overnight shelter. STARS breakfasts and supplies will continue Monday and Friday mornings at FBC.

Tim Duerfeldt requested another hands-on only CPR and AED Training. Nancy Law, volunteer instructor with Mac Fire Department, will again offer the class for free, on the FBC calendar for Sunday, October 20, at 12:30-2:30pm in Walker Hall. The general public is invited to join us. The board intends to make this a yearly event.

We are not currently in compliance with some of our By-Laws. For all readers, please look into your hearts and consider stepping in to help: Stewardship Team, Assistant Moderator, Social Concerns team leader.

Next Board Meeting - Wednesday, October 9 at 6:30pm - open to all.

Submitted by Kathleen Verigin,
moderator; kathleenverigin333@gmail.com

McMinnville KeyNote Concert Series

7:00 pm - in the First Baptist Church sanctuary

A non-profit endeavor to bring more quality live music to our community, at an affordable price. We aim to inspire wonder, foster cultural understanding, and bring people of all backgrounds together through the universal language of music. Our monthly concert season is in its 2nd year. **Concerts are on the third Wednesday of the month, September through May**, with music ranging from classical to jazz to pop and more.

Wednesday, Oct. 16 - Brennen Guillory



Local pastor Brennen Guillory is also an accomplished classical tenor. He is known for his powerful, dramatic voice, and thoughtful interpretations of operatic and concert music. He has performed many operatic leads and appeared with

companies on both coasts, in *Das Lied von der Erde*, Beethoven's 9th Symphony and *Fidelio*, Mendelssohn's *Die erste Walpurgisnacht* as well as concert excerpts ranging from *Carmen* to *Lohengrin*. In 2010 he performed and recorded *Das Lied von der Erde* with the Orchestra of the Swan in the United Kingdom. He performs all over the country as well as in England and Canada.

Check out the website - keynoteconcertseries.com for more information and to purchase tickets.



**The FBC Native Voices Book Group
will meet the 4th Wednesday each month
at 6:30 pm in the Fireplace Room.**

An informational meeting was held September 25 to decide on the first book reading on **October 23rd**.

Come ready to read, discuss, and enjoy!

(November & December gatherings will be the 3rd Wednesday, Nov. 20th and Dec. 18th, due to Thanksgiving & Christmas.

For more info, contact: Nadya King -
ladyharp1@gmail.com

Getting To Know the Classes & Small Groups at FBC

Together Works

Together Works is the longest continuously run and oldest Queer (LGBTQ+) support group in Oregon. It has the honor of being a small group of First Baptist Church. It was started in the late 1980's by Rev. Bernie Turner out of the love he felt for his young gay and lesbian parishioners.

We meet twice a month at 7pm, on the second and fourth Monday of the month in the Fireplace Room. While the group was conceived as a means to give spiritual support and acceptance to the Queer members of the church, we now have a more secular inclusive approach providing support to any in the community who need it whatever their religious affiliation or belief may be. Our group is politically neutral and, as a rule, we don't support any politician or party. This helps create and maintain an accepting atmosphere.

Together Works provides support by creating an opportunity for folks to come out in safety, to dress and express their sexual and gender identity, to explore what it means to be gender or sexually nonconforming, and to learn to love and accept ourselves as good and wonderful beings.

Providing a friend group is an important part of what we do. Many Queer people lose their friends and family when they come out and don't have anyone to turn to.

We do things that all friends do together: watch movies, play games, do art projects, and sometimes have deep philosophical discussions while we hang out. And during that time we give people a place to come and be themselves under our all-encompassing rainbow of acceptance.

Don Hutchison ushered the group through most of the 90's and the early 2000's. Don took the group to the streets welcoming in anyone and everyone who needed a home, community and love: Christians, Muslims, Atheists, Hindus, Pagans, Buddhists, Agnostics, Gay, Lesbians, Bisexuals, Trans, Non-Binary and all Queer folks.

Michael Vincent continued to help create this safe space by taking up the reins when Don was no longer able to lead. He too paved the way by making it a safe space for non-binary folks.

About seven years ago our group evolved again. We expanded our idea of who we are and what our purpose is and who is included in that mission. We opened our doors to Queer youth. Their parents were included in this invitation. This new aspect of inclusion helps educate parents about the Queer community and teaches acceptance. Youth and their parents are exposed to successful, stable LGBTQ+ adults and they learn LGBTQ+ history. Members in turn learn about Queer youth and the community they are creating for themselves.

Through all of this, our purpose, the one Bernie Turner created this group for never changes, even if popular thought or politics do. At Together Works you will be accepted and embraced for who you are. When you walk through our door you will be wrapped in love because we already love you.



Friday and Dee cosplaying Aziraphale and Crowley from the Good Omens TV series at the Together Works 2023 Halloween Party.

Getting to Know Your First Baptist Church Family

DIANNE AND RICHARD BELGARD

Dianne was born and raised in the Denver area, the oldest of three girls. She left home after a year of secretarial school to begin her working life, from which she just recently retired. After moving to Oregon, she gravitated into accounting, ending up as treasurer at the Trappist Abbey for their various business enterprises. She worked at the Abbey for 17 years.



Richard was born in Lansing, Michigan, into a family of auto workers, a path he didn't wish to follow. He moved to Denver at age 21, where he had a variety of jobs with restaurants, an airline, a hospital. And during that time, Dianne and Richard met, got to know each other, and eventually married, at a little Methodist church in Denver which they attended for several years.

After Denver, they moved to Longmont, Colorado, and after a few years, back to Denver. They began visiting a favorite little tearoom called the House of Windsor almost every Saturday, and became enamored with the high tea service, which would end up informing their future. In fact, they first visited McMinnville because they saw an article in a magazine about Lavender's Blue tea room. After their trip to Oregon they knew that they wanted to relocate to Oregon. So after another year, they up and moved, though not yet to McMinnville but to the Albany area. Richard went back to Colorado for a term to finish his degree in English Literature while Dianne worked in Corvallis for a few months. After a few years of Richard and Dianne working in Salem, and coming to Mac on weekends because they liked it so much, they finally made the move to Mac in 1998.

With Richard having learned the tearoom ropes working for a couple of years at their favorite tearoom in Denver, they soon opened their own tearoom in the back of Third Street Books. After the building was sold, they moved the tearoom to Oregon Stationers for another 4 years, while Dianne took the job with the Trappist Abbey. And even after that tearoom came to an end, Richard continued to do weekend tea setups at the Grange market and periodically at Incahoots. So tea is definitely in their blood!

As far as connecting with FBC, after visiting other churches, Dianne decided to try us. On her first visit, she was warmly greeted by Mary Martin, and Marion and Marilyn Van Dyke invited her to join them for lunch. The next Sunday they both came to church and have been here ever since, becoming members in 2002. In past years, they both sang in the choir. Dianne currently is in Sister Circle, Knit Wits and the Hiking Group. Currently they are both involved in the church Tuesday/Thursday walking/coffee group and Senior Breakfast.

So what do they do for fun? Dianne enjoys gardening (they have 152 rose bushes!), working on crossword puzzles, reading and knitting. Richard loves old cars, does jigsaw puzzles, plays several musical instruments (piano, organ, drums, and folk harp), and is currently teaching himself how to play the violin.

The Belgards are certainly interesting folks and we love having them as part of our church fellowship.



KATRINA and KYLE WILLIAMS serve in Southeast Asia and partner with multiple groups to work towards building peace, educating, and mobilizing the church. Kyle leads conflict transformation workshops in churches and extended communities and teaches classes at Kawthoolei Hope Theological Seminary as part of their peace studies program. Katrina teaches at Chiang Rai International Christian School in their science department and student success program, giving children with learning differences the extra help needed to be successful. Katrina also homeschools two of their children.

In August, Kyle and Katrina traveled to their home state of Washington for Kyle's ordination for ministry. What a joy for the Williams family!

The first week of September brought massive flooding to Chiang Rai, Thailand. The waters flooded the Williams' home and many others throughout the city. A small bridge near their home was washed away. They were able to return home on the fourth day to begin the cleanup. Kyle wrote, "The amount of belongings that are now just garbage in a bag for everyone affected is so hard. So many memories stuffed into plastic bags. Thank you, everyone, who is following along."



Why is it important to support World Mission Offering?

"As the body of Christ, we respond together to the needs around the world –when everyone contributes, no one group carries the full burden of expense. International Ministries (IM) does not ask global servants to raise all of the funds they need but comes alongside them in financial support as well as in ministry. When personalized funding falls short, World Mission Offering (WMO) gifts fill the gap and keep global servants in their country of service. WMO gifts support global servants with training and pastoral care, enable us to address crises when they arise, and so much more. Giving to the WMO is the best way to make sure that you support all of IM's ministries." (WMO)



During the months of September and October, First Baptist Church of McMinnville dedicates time to focus on the World Mission Offering by providing opportunities for our church family to learn more about our global servants and the missions they support and to focus our offerings on world missions. FBC directly supports global servants Mylinda Baits, Christine Lafferty, Ray Schellinger, and Katrina & Kyle Williams. You can learn more about these global servants by checking the mission's bulletin board in Walker Hall.

Emergency Relief currently needed: Most recently, International Ministries sent a grant of \$20,000 in emergency relief to partners in the northern Thailand region. This money will be used to provide humanitarian relief to the victims of severe flooding that is affecting more than 10,000 homes. Among those being forced to leave their homes due to rising flood waters are The Williams and Coats families, IM global servants stationed in Chiang Rai city. Kyle and Katrina Williams (see above) are providing updates on the situation as it unfolds and are urgently asking for prayers and support. More information on this specific emergency and how you can help is on the Mission's bulletin board in Walker Hall.

Report from my Arrah Wanna Summer of Ministry

I've been going to Camp Arrah Wanna in Welches, Oregon, ever since I was eight years old, so when I was offered the opportunity to work there, as an AWSOM (Arrah Wanna Summer of Ministry) Intern, I was very excited.

A typical day would look like this: we wake up, and maybe 8:30-9ish we start our rounds, which were one of three things - emptying all the trash cans around camp, restocking the bathrooms, or filling up and putting out water coolers. In the afternoons, we'd often lead activities for guest groups, like archery or the low ropes course. These times were great for getting to know the guest groups. There was a new group each week of the summer, and some weeks there were multiple groups, most of them pretty awesome (shoutout to the Kidney Kids and C.O.F.F.E.E. Camp (Central Oregon Friends and Families of Ethiopian Ethnicity) and Center Stage Theatrics!). We'd do another set of rounds in the evening, and then set up a campfire for the guests.

Some days, the eight of us interns, we'd have Bible study, or all watch a movie together, or go on a little excursion to somewhere else on the mountain. But by far my favorite thing about working up at camp was spending time with the people, whether that be making a fool of myself in front of Corey (my boss) and Big Sean (who does camp maintenance) at the lunch table, or teaching frighteningly unskilled third graders how to shoot an arrow, or having my skin melted off my body by a fellow intern who shouldn't ever have been trusted with a lighter in the

first place. Some of my favorite memories are wading down the river and finding out that salmon can be as big as a small human child, or three of us crying at the saddest movie in the world while Katie laughs her head off for some reason, or talking about Star Trek and other old people things with Corey and other counselors in the middle of the night during summer camp, or binging an entire season of a show in one day off just so Corey could give us another long, disappointed stare. Camp was soooo relaxing. And fun. And it was one of the best summers of my life.

-Oscar Marksbury Page



FBC Mac's interns,
Oscar Marksbury Page
and Tayah Curry



You're invited to the Annual Gathering of the American Baptist Churches of the Central Pacific Coast

October 25-27 at the First Baptist Church of Gresham

Be part of FBC McMinnville's voice at our region's annual gathering and participate in conversations about leading the church through times of uncertainty and change. In addition to times of worship, learning, feasting, and conversation, we'll hear from special guest Tod Bolsinger, author of *Canoeing the Mountains: Christian Leadership in Uncharted Territory* and *Tempered Resilience: How Leaders are Formed in the Crucible of Change*. He will offer three keynote addresses: "Leading in Uncharted Territory" (Friday evening); "The Key to the Future" (Saturday morning); and "The Most Important Aspect of Leadership" (Saturday evening). If you're interested in attending the annual gathering (both days or just one), or learning more about it, please tell Erika (erika@fbcmac.org). FBC can arrange carpools and offset registration and meal costs for attendees.



Youth Group

Sundays, October 6, 13, 20, 27
 at First Presbyterian Church
 Middle School from 5-6 pm
 Dinner for ALL from 6-6:30 pm
 High School from 6:30-7:30 pm

Youth Band

Sundays, October 6, 20, 27
 McMinnville Covenant Church
 from 3:30-4:30pm

Lunch at McMinnville High School

Wednesday, October 2
 Pizza in Mrs. Martin's room (#D122)

Youth Dinner

Tuesday, October 15 at 6 pm
 at Alf's Ice Cream & Burgers
 Drop off & pick up there,
 bring money for dinner, and friends!

Children's Chapel!

Sunday mornings following
 the Children's Time during worship.
 Children of any/all ages are invited to join
 us in the chapel, for songs, a story,
 reflection, and snack.

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

Kidventure - JUST FOR KIDS!

Monday nights from 5:15-6:30pm
 at First Presbyterian Church
 for children Pre-K thru 5th Grade.

We meet for dinner, music, a story
 and activities. Our focus for this year is on
 stories of the New Testament & Church.

The McMinnville Youth Collective Lock Out is BACK!

6th-12th grade youth and friends

**Friday, November 1 @ 5pm
 TO**

Friday, November 1 @ midnight

We're headed to the Portland area for
 a night of fun - plans are still in works,
 but we know it's gonna be great!
 And the cost is just \$60!

**Registration opens soon
 and the deadline to register
 is Sunday, October 27!**

And friends are welcome to join us!

Sabbatical Update

Thanks again to Mary Dressel and Nadya King for offering to help ensure Sean's duties are covered while he's away from January 6 through April 6, 2025. Sean has created a checklist of what that will entail, and has met with Erika to review it and make some initial assignments. We do think that Kate Satterstrom and Mark Stuckey, his partners in the McMinnville Youth Collective from First Presbyterian Church and McMinnville Covenant Church, respectively, will be able to take on much of the MYC work. And he will try to schedule a lot - nursery workers, tech volunteers, Children's Time leaders, Children's Chapel volunteers, etc. - before he goes, so Mary and Nadya and Erika will largely be responsible for just reminding folks and checking last-minute details.

There are **THREE** ways for you to help!

Please contact Erika if you are interested or have questions.

1. **Provide Snack for Children's Chapel** - Bring juice, fruit, crackers, and cheese for the children to enjoy for their "feast" in Children's Chapel during worship on Sunday mornings.
2. **Attend MYC Youth Group** - Hang out with our youth on a Sunday night from 5-7:30 pm at First Presbyterian Church for their program and dinner; no need to lead or plan anything, just show up and participate!
3. **Help with KidVenture** - Provide dinner and/or participate in the dinner and program with our children at First Presbyterian Church on Monday nights from 5:15-6:30 pm.

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. We spend the first twenty minutes or so sharing about our lives, then we look at the text from multiple translations, discuss historical, theological, and literary contexts, and ask questions about its meaning for today.

Sunday Adult Classes ~ Come Grow With US!

Connections - 8:30 am, via Zoom

Each week we watch a short video followed by inspiring dialogue and insightful sharing. This format provides the ability to connect with one another and with others beyond our local area. Join us! All are welcome!

Oct. 6 - "Become a Better Conversationalist"

Oct. 13 - "Hygge - The Danish Way to Live Well"

Oct. 20 - "Ghosting Explained"

Oct. 27 - "The Dark Side of Happiness"

Contact: Barbara Burr, barbaracoleburr@gmail.com

Faith & Java Class - 8:45 am, in person

1st Sundays - October 6th

This class is dedicated to exploring questions, issues, & experiences in finding spirituality and bliss in everyday living. There is a new topic each time, followed by interesting discussion.

Contact; Rob Schulman, schulmanrob@yahoo.com

Chapel Class - 8:45 am, in person

Contact: Gary Langenwalter, (971) 221-8155

Bereans Class - 9:00 am, in person

This class explores the evolving church in modern times, using contemporary videos and theological texts and articles.

Contact: Doug Verigin, (503) 913-3401

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, October 2, 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 - Monday, October 14 & 28, at 7 pm, in-person

Fireplace Room at FBC - 2nd & 4th Mondays

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

Dad's Group - Monday, October 14, at 8 pm, in-person

2nd Mondays each month, location varies

Contact: John Linder, john.linder93@gmail.com (please RSVP)

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 (some being sold in November). Also making sewing bags for board members of local mission organizations! Kits available for anyone wanting to make bags at home!

Contact: Susan Chambers, susanlanechambers@gmail.com

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

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

October 1 & 15 this month, at Gina's

Contact: Gina Foster, 971-237-2789

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

October 10 & 24 this month, at Linda's

Contact: Linda Watson, 971-237-2793

FBC Singles - 1st Friday Game Night begins Nov. 1st

Contact: Emily Kerrigan, emily2.kerrigan@gmail.com

2nd Tuesday Lunch, October 8th - Golden Valley at 1 pm.

Contact: Lynn Crowell, herbalynn@comcast.net

Sister Circle - Every Friday at 11 am, Fireplace Room

Now reading "HAGITUDE" by Sharon Blackie.

Interested in joining? Contact: Sherill Roberts,

shrobert@linfield.edu or 971-237-3630

Hiking Group - Saturday, October 26

Last hike of the season to Cooper Mountain Nature Park, there are 3.5 miles of trails to explore together!

Meet at the FBC parking lot to carpool at 8:30 AM.

Bring your adventurous spirit and your lunch and water!

Contact: Gloria LaFata, glowml1@gmail.com

American Red Cross Blood Drive at FBC

Wednesday, October 23rd

Sign-up online - redcrossblood.org/give

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 12n - Bible Study in person & via Zoom 7p - KnitWits at Gina's	2 8a - Senior Breakfast at the VFW on Atlantic Av Youth enjoy a Pizza Lunch together at MHS	3 11:30a-5:30p McMinnville Farmer's Market Music Rehearsals: 5:20p Bell / 6:30p Choir 8p Worship Team	4 FBC Office Closed & Pastor's Day Off 9:15a - STARS Breakfast 11a - Sister Circle 7:30p - Friday Shelter	5 10a-1p at FBC Plastic Recycling Day
6 Adult Classes, see page 11 10 am - WORSHIP in person & Live Stream 5-7:30p - Youth Group at 1st Presbyterian	7 9:a - STARS Breakfast 11a - Matt25 Team 12N - Personnel Team 4p - Mission Team 5:15P - KidVenture, FPC 7p - Worship Planning	8 9a - Building & Grounds 12n - Bible Study in person & via Zoom 1pm - FBC Singles lunch at Golden Valley	9 6:30p - Church Board	10 9:45a - KnitWits at Linda's 11:30a-5:30p McMinnville Farmer's Market Music Rehearsals: 5:20p Bell / 6:30p Choir 8p Worship Team	11 FBC Office Closed & Pastor's Day Off 9:15a - STARS Breakfast 11a - Sister Circle 7:30p - Friday Shelter Oct. 11-13 Camp Arrah Wanna Retreat	12
13 Adult Classes, see page 11 10 am - WORSHIP in person & Live Stream 5-7:30p - Youth Group at 1st Presbyterian CAW Retreat ends	14 9:a - STARS Breakfast 5:15P - KidVenture, FPC 7p - Together Works 8p - Dad's Group	15 12n - Bible Study in person & via Zoom 7p - KnitWits at Gina's 6p - Youth Dinner	16 1p - Congregational Engagement 2p - Faith Formation	17 11:30a-5:30p McMinnville Farmer's Market Music Rehearsals: 5:20p Bell / 6:30p Choir 8p Worship Team	18 FBC Office Closed & Pastor's Day Off 9:15a - STARS Breakfast 11a - Sister Circle 7:30p - Friday Shelter	19 8:30-11a - Choir Cantata Retreat 11a - Bill Apel Memorial Service
20 Adult Classes, see page 11 10 am - WORSHIP in person & Live Stream 5-7:30p - Youth Group at 1st Presbyterian	21 9:a - STARS Breakfast 5:15P - KidVenture, FPC	22 12n - Bible Study in person & via Zoom	23 10a-3p - Red Cross Blood Drive at FBC	24 9:45a - KnitWits at Linda's Music Rehearsals: 5:20p Bell / 6:30p Choir 8p Worship Team	25 FBC Office Closed & Pastor's Day Off 9:15a - STARS Breakfast 11a - Sister Circle 7:30p - Friday Shelter Oct. 25-27 ABC-CPC Annual Gathering	26 8:30a - Hiking Group (details page 11)
27 Adult Classes, see page 11 10 am - WORSHIP in person & Live Stream 5-7:30p - Youth Group at 1st Presbyterian	28 9:a - STARS Breakfast 5:15P - KidVenture, FPC 7p - Together Works	29 12n - Bible Study in person & via Zoom	30	31 Music Rehearsals: 5:20p Bell / 6:30p Choir 8p Worship Team HAPPY HALLOWEEN	Nov. 1 5p-12m Youth Lock-Out 	

OCTOBER Birthday

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

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



Global Servant,
Glen Chapman 29
Karl Severance 29
Jordan Robinson 31

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Kena Avila &
Karl Severance 4
Cliff & Pam Watts 6
Christina & Justin
Lunberg 11

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