



FBC in FALL

The Tidings

FBC's monthly newsletter

NOVEMBER 2024

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Mend-It & Fix-It Gathering!

McMinnville Youth Collective invites youth and members of our churches to join us for this special event on November 17!

Do you have clothes in your closet or dresser that need to be mended or fixed in some way? Or do you have something that's broken, like an old picture frame that needs to be glued back together or a watch that's stopped ticking? Before you throw out any of these items and buy another one, bring it to our Mend-It & Fix-It Gathering and we'll work on giving it a new life! We'll have some experienced menders/fixers available to help, and we'll check out YouTube videos for repair tutorials if needed.

We'll meet at First Presbyterian Church on Sunday the 17th from 5-6:30pm, with our mending/fixing work from 5-6pm, and dinner from 6-6:30pm. Please RSVP to Sean (sean@fbcmac.org) by Sunday, November 10 to let us know who is coming and what you might be bringing to mend/fix (or if you want to help with the mend/fixing!). We look forward to spending the time together figuring out ways to reuse some of the items from our everyday lives!



Grateful for Our Gifts

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION & SHARING FEAST

Celebrate the time, talent, and treasure given to and by FBC this year!

Sunday, November 17, after worship

Annual Regional Meeting focuses on adaptive change



FBC sent five delegates - Jace Early, JoAnn Sims, Larry Sims, Don Watson, and Erika Marksbury - to represent us at the annual meeting of the American Baptist Churches of the Central Pacific Coast, held

October 25 and 26 at the First Baptist Church of Gresham. In addition to the business meeting where we voted to approve the region's budget and slate of officers for the coming year, we spent time learning from Tod Bolsinger, a pastor, professor, and author who helps lead congregations through times of change. Most of the issues facing the church today are not "technical problems" - the kind that can be solved by bringing in the right expert - but "adaptive challenges," that *require learning; result in facing loss; reveal competing values that must be named and navigated; require experimentation & failure; and result in resistance that must be faced with resilience.* Much of what we learned feels relevant to FBC in this moment. We look forward to sharing our insights with the church board and others who are interested. All attendees were given copies of Bolsinger's books - we'll put some in the church library for anyone to come and look through or take home.

Save the Dates

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

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

Interested in participating?
Contact Marilyn, marilyn@fbcmac.org.

November
POINT TO LOVE



The eleventh invitation in Bonnie Smith Whitehouse's *Seasons of Wonder* is Point to Love. This is the season when the veil grows thin, when we can sense or feel close by those we love who have passed on. The author suggests this is "a time to remember our connections - both cosmic connections and connections at the molecular level - to our ancestors and to those who are yet to be born. We have been carried by them, and we will carry those who come after us."

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

- ✦ Make - an altar/*ofrenda* to commemorate loved ones who have passed on, using photos, candles, flowers, and their favorite things. Tell stories about them.
- ✦ Write - funny epitaphs for your friends, family, or small group members. Read up on *calaveras literarias* first.
- ✦ Watch - *Coco*, and reflect on the presence of those who have crossed over into the next world.
- ✦ Make - take something humble/broken (scraps, leftovers, etc.) and transform it into a gift for someone else.
- ✦ Do - something to gladden someone else's heart - secretly!

November *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.

Sharing Feast: Grateful for Our Gifts, November 17

On November 17, everyone is invited to Walker Hall after church for a catered feast! We'll give thanks for the time, talent, and treasure shared with and by FBC, pointing to the love that all of the giving is a manifestation of.

Makers Meeting: Hanging of the Greens, November 24, 3pm

Come and help dress the sanctuary and building for Advent and Christmas! Everyone is invited to be part of this special time, hanging banners on the walls, ornaments on the trees, lights on the balconies, and wreaths on the doors. Make a special ornament to take home, too!

November's
Creation Care
Challenge: *Write*

Write a letter expressing your views on creation care and environmental justice to your representative(s). Find their names and contact information at www.house.gov or www.senate.gov.

-Seasons, pg. 247

Pictures from the 3rd Annual All-Church Retreat at Camp Arrah Wanna



FBC received a grant from the Calvin Institute for Christian Worship to do work with *Seasons of Wonder* throughout 2024. The grant funding pays for books; supplies for the "makers meetings"; field trips; food for sharing feasts; special worship elements; and the All-Church Retreat. 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

NOVEMBER 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/

November 3,

All Saints Remembrance

Communion Sunday

Bring a picture of, or special object from, a departed loved one - a saint in your life - to place on the altar table this day.

"Look for Messengers," Sermon from Ecclesiastes 3

Rev. Erika Marksbury preaching

Music led by Marilyn Dresser & the FBC Choir

The First Sunday Speaker Series picks up this day with a panel of mental health and peer support workers.

Come and listen to what they and their clients are experiencing these days, and bring your questions.

November 10

"Gladden," Sermon from Matthew 6:5-6

Rev. Erika Marksbury preaching

Music led by Tegan Johnson & the Worship Team

The Faith Formation Team invites you to Walker Hall for yummy snacks and sharing about all they offer!

November 17

"Offer," Sermon from Matthew 7:7-12,

Rev. Erika Marksbury preaching

Music led by Tegan Johnson & the Worship Team

Everyone is invited to a "Grateful for Our Gifts" Sharing Feast after worship this day. We'll celebrate the time, talent, and treasure given to and given by our faith community throughout the year. All food and drink will be provided, so just come, enjoy, and give thanks for all that sustains FBC!

November 24

"Encounter," Sermon from Matthew 9:1-8,

Rev. Erika Marksbury preaching,

Reflection from Tayah Curry

Music led by Tegan Johnson & the Worship Team

The Sew and So's will serve as hosts of today's fellowship time - come to visit, and to view or purchase beautiful quilts!

It's still not too late to be part of the CHRISTMAS CHOIR!

Performances will include:

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

December 8th, 4pm - Christmas Concert performance

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

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. Questions? Contact me at marilyn@fbcmac.org.

Rehearsals: Please attend as many rehearsals as you are able and that feel 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.

-Marilyn Dresser



YTD	Actual for Period	% of Amount Budgeted
Contributions Income:	\$263,404	100.2%
Total Income:	\$312,485	98.1%
Total Expenses:	\$299,708	94.1%
Net Income:	+ \$ 12,777	

STEWARDSHIP - How can you help?
 Goals: (1) Retain our current staffing model.
 (2) Provide employees with a 3% COLA.
 (3) Pick up Security/Lock-up salary, previously covered by YCAP.
 (4) Limit overall budget increase to 3.3%.
It will take all of us working together to make this happen.

Financial Update - Our FBC family has been faithful in providing financial support for our ministry here in McMinnville and much farther. This positive income will be used to cover two large building maintenance expenses this month. Thank you for your generous support.

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, October 9th

The Church Board continues to meet on the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm. We gather in the upstairs conference room. Meetings are open for anyone to attend. A lot of church business gets done, with sprinkles of laughter and sometimes snacks. The Assistant Moderator position is still open. Could that be you?

Church board responsibilities are many, but the most important is to ensure that the ministry is financially viable and that it fulfills its core mission. We are blessed to have a variety of church members with financial backgrounds. Shout out to Don Watson, Judee Kunze, Barbara Burr, Roger Dell, Jane Apel, and Susan Chambers. As volunteers, they put in numerous hours a week to make sure our financial books are squeaky clean.

Some of these same folks are part of the group that is currently overseeing the Stewardship Goals for the 2025 budget. They cannot create the budget without our input. You recently received a letter in the mail with two inserts: First, a brief overview of our current financial status along with what it will take for FBC to not just survive in 2025, but to thrive. The second insert is the card where we will write in our estimated giving for the year ahead. These amounts are highly confidential. When we

say "the reach of our gifts" during the offering on Sunday mornings, ask yourself -- how far am I willing to reach into my own pocket to see FBC fulfill its core missions?

The Native Voices Book Group is continuing, with Nadya King and Emily Kerrigan co-leading. Emily is also volunteering to be the contact person for our Singles group. They are bringing back Game Night to their list of activities - the first is November 1!

Steve Howard, serving on the board as our facilities guy, is currently manifesting his vision for a massive fundraising project. By massive, I mean the amount of income this could generate for FBC. The project is selling raffle tickets for a 1986 Corvette - two tops, low miles. Marketing will go well beyond FBC and McMinnville, but Steve needs a partner to work with him on the for the online details. If you know of any car/computer enthusiasts, talk to Steve!

Have you noticed the new bulletin boards in the main floor restrooms? The marketing team came up with this idea as follow up to our Strategic Planning goals. Not only will it be another place to post FBC news, it will also spiff up the look of our very old and tired restrooms. Better said, we hope it will be a distraction!

Submitted by Kathleen Verigin, Moderator

Strategic Planning Update: Social Justice Team gets underway!

*Watch this space each month for an update on our four strategic planning goals: **seek and promote ways to engage, as a faith community, in work for peace and social justice**; expand our outside facility use, to gain community partners and additional income; develop and implement a marketing plan, to share the good news about FBC and draw the circle wider; and strengthen and deepen our care for one another by creating opportunities to nurture our relationships.*

On September 8 and September 29, the newly-forming Social Justice Team met for the first times. Those gathered shared what draws them to the group, and hopes for what might be done together. Ideas ranged from involvement in issues like local houselessness and hunger to broader work of rebuilding social safety nets. Many shared personal connections to justice issues we often think of in the abstract.

The group determined it would focus its work in three ways: education, direct action, and communication. We are in the process of identifying leaders for each of those focus areas.

The Social Justice Team will meet on second Sundays after church in the Fireplace Room. We'll leave time for fellowship and snacks; we'll plan to begin at 11:30am. A hybrid option is possible if requested.

Let erika@fbcmac.org know if you want to be added to this group's mailing list and informed about upcoming meetings and opportunities for direct action. We take as a starting point Cornel West's definition of justice as "love with legs."

Linfield University Music Department presents - Amacord

a German vocal quintet that will take you on a breathtaking musical journey through the world of a cappella music.

Monday, Nov. 11th at 7 pm

On campus, Ice Auditorium in Melrose Hall

McMinnville KeyNote Concert Series 7:00 pm - at First Baptist Church

Concerts are on the third Wednesday, Sept. through May
We aim to inspire wonder, foster cultural understanding, and bring people of all backgrounds together through the universal language of music, ranging from classical to jazz to pop and more.

Wednesday, Nov. 20 - Kim Nazarian



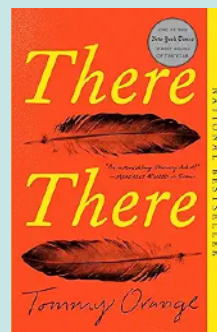
Kim is a world renowned, Grammy-nominated jazz performing and recording artist, educator, and clinician. Besides her work as a sought-after solo vocalist, she has been performing all over the world with the vocal group "New York Voices" (NYV), for more than 35 years. She is a jazz voice teacher for vocal jazz majors at Ithaca College.

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

A non-profit endeavor to bring more quality live music to our community, at an affordable price.



The FBC Native Voices Book Group will meet Wednesday, Nov. 20th at 6:30 pm, in the Fireplace Room



12 characters traveling to the Big Oakland Powwow collectively recount the events leading up to a shooting. Each is Native American, but not all embrace their heritage.

These **voices** reflect on the plight of the urban Native American - grappling with a complex and painful history, with an inheritance of beauty and spirituality, with communion, sacrifice, and heroism.

Next gathering: Wednesday, Dec. 18th

And in 2025 - the 4th Wednesday each month

Getting To Know the Classes & Small Groups at FBC

Hiking Group - A Year in Review

*"I GO TO NATURE TO BE SOOTHED
AND HEALED, AND TO HAVE
MY SENSES PUT IN ORDER."*

- JOHN BURROUGHS

We just completed our 14th year of hiking together, and the quote above could be our mantra. The group was formed for the purpose of enjoying and exploring our beautiful Pacific NW and developing new friendships. We meet on the third Saturday of each month, from March through October.

We are a diverse group of mostly Seniors, which means we are not power hikers, but steady, with lots of stops along the way to admire the view and take photos. In the past 14 years we have explored over 50 State, County and City parks. The Columbia Gorge and the coast are also favorite destinations. We try to stay within two hours of McMinnville, and we always carpool. Our hikes are usually two-to-seven miles long.

This year we explored William Finley National Wildlife Refuge, Miller Woods, Champoeg State Park, a beach hike at Roads End in Lincoln City, Tillamook Forest Center, Oswald West State Park, and Cooper Mountain. Highlights of some of those hikes included: watching an egret catch and eat a snake, seeing white swans, many waterfowl, pelicans flying over the ocean, and many beautiful wildflowers. We walked under a canopy of massive, beautiful trees and we climbed the Forest Center Fire Lookout Tower in Tillamook and, of course, stopped for ice cream after each hike, a beloved tradition of ours.

We are filled with gratitude for the beauty of this Pacific NW that we have had the opportunity to explore together. Some of us have been together from the start, and some are new friends we have picked up along the way. Building relationships, meeting new people, and seeing new and old places together is truly a wonderful experience. Being in nature does put things into perspective and seeing the beauty and wildlife around us causes each of us to love and respect our beautiful planet even more. We stand in wonder and awe when we take the time and energy to be in nature, to restore our souls, and make things right again.

Please join us when we resume our hikes again in March 2025. Send us your email and we will add it to our FBC Hiking list. We'd love to have you!
Gloria LaFata, glowml1@gmail.com



Getting to Know Your First Baptist Church Family

Membership Celebration

At the June Semi-Annual All-Church meeting, a name change for the Membership Ministry Team was approved. We are now the Congregational Engagement Ministry Team! We will now be centered on engaging the wider church community, including friends and guests. Our church currently has 168 active members and over 160 people who are friends and others who are faithful to our ministries, so our Team will be engaging a wider base.

When the Team was formed in 2018, one of our first events was to celebrate people who had been members for 50 or more years. Right before the Covid lock-down, the Team celebrated people who had become members in the last 10 years. During Covid, since we weren't meeting in person, the Team celebrated all members by giving them a wooden ornament with the date they joined. The ornaments were included in the Lenten bags that were delivered to households. The Team continues the tradition of giving new members an ornament when they join. Two years ago we celebrated members who joined during Covid, 14-19 years ago and 40-49 years ago. Then this year we celebrated members who joined in 2023, 20-29 years ago, and 30-39 years ago. These events have allowed members from various decades to engage with each other.

Here are a couple of photos from our event on Oct 6th.

A total of 65 people were invited and 39 were able to attend. The group feasted on crustless quiche (egg, vegan, dairy free, pepper/mushroom free, tomato free), green salad, fruit and cookies. Susan Chambers, Shelly Sanderlin and Joani Jernstedt, prepared the feast.



The event included a lively game of FBC History Jeopardy! All the questions came from the Timeline that was created for the 150th

Anniversary Celebration that is available online on the FBC Website, in addition to the two albums in the church office. Take a look!!

Thanks also to Sean P. Williams who assisted with the PowerPoint Jeopardy, and Scott Chambers and Neil Kunze who were key to successful dishwashing/clean-up after the brunch.



Here are a few questions from our Jeopardy game. How well do you know First Baptist Church History?

1. The year FBC was chartered.
2. The year the Sanctuary was built.
3. In 1958, FBC bought this downtown building to be the church parsonage.
4. The decade when average attendance on a Sunday was 465 people!

1. What was 1867?
2. What was 1926?
3. What was the current City Hall building?
4. What was the 1960s?

Sharing - Local Missions in PIE Ingredients

What can be better than a variety of Thanksgiving pies?

The Mission Team keeps you informed about the various ingredients you can put together for this year's Thanksgiving Pies. As shown below, the FBC Pantry provides 25 Local Community Outreach opportunities. Each pie features different flavored ingredients for engaging in the community. Each pie is created with love, time, and support. This year highlights the following recipes for 3 tasty pies.



FBC LOVELY PIE

- A Family Place Relief Nursery** - space for staff and serving 40 families weekly
- Alcoholic Anonymous and Addiction Recovery Groups** - 19 groups weekly
- American Red Cross** - space for 12-15 blood drives per year
- Area Retirement Villages and Nursing Homes** - Ukulele group sings and present quilts
- Climate Action** - community education, collect & recycle plastic
- Community Low Barrier Shelter** - provide shelter for 30-40 on Fridays and weather emergencies
- Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)** - deliver comfort quilts and provide \$ assistance
- ELOHEH, an Indigenous Agriculture and Learning Center** - provide volunteers and \$

FBC TIMELY PIE

- FBC Fellowship Fund** - to assist with urgent financial needs
- Girl & Boy Scouts of America** - 65 years in Scouts, 35 years with Cub Scouts
- Henderson House** - supports individuals experiencing domestic or sexual abuse and provides volunteer and \$ assistance
- Juliette's House, Child Abuse Intervention Center** - provide \$ assistance, quilts for children/staff/volunteers
- KnitWits (FBC's)** - donates prayer shawls, baby hats, hats for homeless, Relief Nursery hats
- Linfield University** - \$ support, many members serve in leadership roles on Linfield Board
- McMinnville Habitat for Humanity** - provide \$ assistance, participate in Apostle Build projects, volunteer recruitment
- McMinnville Downtown Association** - provide Farmers Market space May-October

FBC SUPPORTIVE PIE

- McMinnville Refugee Coalition** - 5 local churches sponsoring a refugee family from Ukraine, \$ aid, provide furnishings, assist in transportation, job searches, medical and food assistance
- McMinnville Youth Collective** - collaborate with 4 churches for youth to grow in faith
- Safe Families for Children** - support families in isolation, respite care of children, transportation, direct \$ help
- Sew 'n' Soss** - make and distribute 75 quilts to hospitals, nursing homes, non-profits
- St Barnabas Soup Kitchen** - provide lead & assistant cook at least once a week, direct \$ assistance
- STARS (Serving Those Around Us)** - M & F breakfast served for homeless, clothes, laundry cards
- Yamhill County Action Partnership (YCAP)** - help food drives, weekly volunteers, direct \$ assistance
- Together Works** - formed at FBC in 1992 providing a safe and affirming space for LGBTQ+ to meet
- Yamhill County Gospel Rescue Mission** - provide direct \$ support

What are your tastes? How can you help create one of these local pies this Thanksgiving? A Family Place and Safe Families especially need volunteers to help all families enjoy the holidays. Please contact Donna at FBC office (503-472-7941). Donna can provide the FBC contact person for any of the "ingredients" for these FBC Thanksgiving Pies for this season.



Safe Families for Children

Safe Families for Children is a nationwide movement rooted in the values of Radical Hospitality, Intentional Compassion, and Disruptive Generosity. Local chapters, like Yamhill County's, seek to provide family-like supports to folks experiencing crisis in isolation. FBC has partnered with our local chapter of Safe Families for several years, providing both volunteers and funds. This month, **Safe Families for Children - Yamhill County is hosting its first ever community fundraiser: a luncheon at Creekside Community Church at noon on Wednesday, November 20.** The lunch is free to attend, but the organization's hope is that attendees will make a donation to support Safe Families. FBC

has a couple of tables at the luncheon - tell Erika if you'd like a seat at one! This luncheon is a practical way to support a local ministry doing wonderful work.



Gloria, Maureen, Vicki, Peyton, Isaac, Drew

STARS Volunteers . . .

On Friday, Oct. 11th (when leads Sally Martin, Kathleen & Doug Verigin were away), we had four youth and a father step in to help us serve 40+ guests. Youth volunteered during a non-school Inservice Day. All, adults and youth, were awesome!



Joe & Walter



Pete VanPatten, STARS Clothing coordinator



Service of Remembrance

Tuesday, November 26, 7pm
in the Fireplace Room

The holiday season can be difficult for those experiencing loss. This quiet, contemplative service is for anyone who carries sorrow or heaviness in their heart - a chance to name our losses; to listen again to the promises of hope, peace, joy, and love that mark this season, and to remember God's promise to be with us in all things. Come to light a candle, to say a prayer, to share what or who it is you're missing this year, to be held in care by your faith community.

All are welcome.



Youth Group

at First Presbyterian Church

Sunday November 10

Middle School from 5-6 pm

Dinner for ALL from 6-6:30 pm

High School from 6:30-7:30 pm

Sunday November 17

Mend-it & Fix-it Event from 5-6:30pm

Sunday November 24

Friendsgiving from 5-6:30pm

Youth Band

Sundays, November 10, 17, 24

Mac Cov from 3:30-4:30pm

Lunch at McMinnville High School

Wednesday, November 6

Pizza in Mrs. Martin's room (#D122)

Youth Dinner

Tuesday, November 19 at Gerald's
6-7pm - dropoff/pickup there, bring \$

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. NO KidVenture on Monday, November 11

The McMinnville Youth Collective Lock Out is BACK!

6th-12th grade youth and friends

Friday, November 1 @ 5pm

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Friday, November 1 @ midnight

We're headed to Portland for fun at the Beaverton Swim Center, the Next Level Pinball Museum, and Sky Zone Trampoline Park! And the cost is just \$60!

Space/seats are limited so register as soon as possible!
fbcmac.org/myc-lock-out-2024

And friends are welcome to join us!



McMinnville Youth Collective Fall Beach Retreats 2024!

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!

November 3 - Is STUFF Running Your Life?

November 10 - Happiness Isn't a Feeling

November 17 - Finding the JUICE in Life

November 24 - The Golden Goodie

Contact: Barbara Burr, barbaracoleburr@gmail.com

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

1st Sundays - November 3rd

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

Contact; Rob Schulman, schulmanrob@yahoo.com

Chapel Class - 8:45 am, in person



Brian McLaren, a leading voice in contemporary religion, argues that – not withstanding the dire headlines about the demise of faith and drop in church attendance – Christian faith is not dying. Rather, it is embarking on a once-in-an-era spiritual shift. For millions, the journey has already begun.

Drawing from his work as global activist, pastor, and public theologian, McLaren challenges readers to stop worrying, waiting, and indulging in nostalgia, and instead, to embrace the powerful new understandings that are reshaping the church. In *The Great Spiritual Migration*, he explores three profound shifts that define the change: 1) spiritual, 2) theological, and 3) missional. Join our conversation in the chapel. Please contact Gary Langenwalter for more information - (971) 221-8155 (mobile) or gary@portlandconsultinggroup.com.

Bereans Class - 9:00 am, in person

This class explores the evolving church in modern times, using contemporary videos and theological texts and articles. Focusing next on an exploration of Christian Nationalism.

Contact: Doug Verigin, (503) 913-3401

Climate Action Group - meeting & event times/locations vary
Contact: Lara O'Brady, lara_obrady@yahoo.com

Senior Breakfast - Wednesday, November 6, 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, Nov. 11 & 25 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, Nov. 11, 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 hand warmers!

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

Nov. 5 & 19 this month, at Gina's

Contact: Gina Foster, 971-237-2789

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

Nov. 14 only this month, at Linda's

Contact: Linda Watson, 971-237-2793

FBC Singles - 1st Friday Game Night - Friday, Nov. 1 at 5pm

Gather in FBC's cozy Fireplace Room for fun & games.

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

2nd Tuesday Lunch - Nov. 12, 1pm - at The Conservatory

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 - On hiatus until Spring

Contact: Gloria LaFata, glowml1@gmail.com

Native Voices Book Group - November 20 Fireplace Room

Reading/Discussing "There, There" by Tommy Orange

Contact: Nadya King, ladyharp1@gmail.com

American Red Cross Blood Drive at FBC

Wednesday, November 20th

Sign-up online - redcrossblood.org/give

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<p>1</p> <p>FBC Office Closed & Pastor's Day Off</p> <p>9:15a - STARS Breakfast</p> <p>11a - Sister Circle</p> <p>5p - Singles Game Night</p> <p>5p-12m Youth Lock-Out</p> <p>7:30p - Friday Shelter</p>	<p>2</p>
<p>3</p> <p>Adult Classes, see page 11</p> <p>10 am - WORSHIP in person & Live Stream</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9a - STARS Breakfast</p> <p>11a - Matt25 Team</p> <p>12n - Personnel Team</p> <p>4p - Mission Team</p> <p>5:15p - KidVenture, FPC</p> <p>7p - Worship Planning</p>	<p>5</p> <p>12n - Bible Study in person & via Zoom</p> <p>7p - KnitWits at Gina's</p>	<p>6</p> <p>8a - Senior Breakfast VFW on Atlantic Ave</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Music Rehearsals: 5:20p Bells / 6:30p Choir</p> <p>8p Worship Team</p>	<p>8</p> <p>FBC Office Closed & Pastor's Day Off</p> <p>9:15a - STARS Breakfast</p> <p>11a - Sister Circle</p> <p>7:30p - Friday Shelter</p>	<p>9</p>
<p>10</p> <p>Adult Classes, see page 11</p> <p>10 am - WORSHIP in person & Live Stream</p> <p>11:30am - Social Justice Team meeting</p> <p>5-7:30p - Youth Group at 1st Presbyterian</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9a - STARS Breakfast</p> <p>7p - Together Works</p> <p>8p - Dad's Group</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9a - Building & Grounds</p> <p>12n - Bible Study in person & via Zoom</p> <p>1pm - FBC Singles lunch at Conservatory</p>	<p>13</p> <p>6:30p - Church Board</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9:45a - KnitWits at Linda's</p> <p>Music Rehearsals: 5:20p Bells / 6:30p Choir</p> <p>8p Worship Team</p>	<p>15</p> <p>FBC Office Closed & Pastor's Day Off</p> <p>9:15a - STARS Breakfast</p> <p>11a - Sister Circle</p> <p>7:30p - Friday Shelter</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>17</p> <p>Adult Classes, see page 11</p> <p>10 am - WORSHIP in person & Live Stream</p> <p>Sharing Feast after worship</p> <p>5-6:30p - MYC Mend-It-Fix-It Event at FPC (details front cover)</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9a - STARS Breakfast</p> <p>5:15p - KidVenture, FPC</p> <p>6:30p - Care & Concern</p>	<p>19</p> <p>12n - Bible Study in person & via Zoom</p> <p>6p - Youth Dinner at Gerald's Pizza</p> <p>7p - KnitWits at Gina's</p>	<p>20</p> <p>10a-3p - Red Cross Blood Drive at FBC</p> <p>1p - Congregational Engagement</p> <p>2p - Faith Formation</p> <p>6:30p - Native Voices</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Music Rehearsals: 5:20p Bells / 6:30p Choir</p> <p>8p Worship Team</p>	<p>22</p> <p>FBC Office Closed & Pastor's Day Off</p> <p>9:15a - STARS Breakfast</p> <p>11a - Sister Circle</p> <p>7:30p - Friday Shelter</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24</p> <p>Adult Classes, see page 11</p> <p>10 am - WORSHIP in person & Live Stream</p> <p>3p - Hanging of the Greens</p> <p>5-6:30p - Youth Group at 1st Presbyterian A Friendsgiving event</p>	<p>25</p> <p>9a - STARS Breakfast</p> <p>5:15p - KidVenture, FPC</p> <p>7p - Together Works</p>	<p>26</p> <p>12n - Bible Study in person & via Zoom</p> <p>7p - Service of Remembrance, see page 9</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>FBC Office Closed</p> 	<p>29</p> <p>FBC Office Closed & Pastor's Day Off</p> <p>9:15a - STARS Breakfast</p> <p>11a - Sister Circle</p> <p>7:30p - Friday Shelter</p>	<p>30</p>

NOVEMBER Birthday

Colton Anderson 01
 Randy Dull 02
 Matt Dressel 02
 Anne Engen 03
 Coralyn Reinker 03
 Aliyah Ferry 06
 Linda Gillbert 06
 Alisha Payne 10
 Brian Gilbert 11
 Martha VanCleave 11
 Pattie Waltz 14

Chad Martin 15
 Nancy McCann 16
 Corine Manroe 16
 Tai James 16
 Pam Howard 16
 Susie Alin 23
 Lara O'Brady 23
 Les Toth 23
 Nancy Vasquez 24
 Tayah Curry 28
 Patrick Green 29
 Megan McCrossin 29



Shirley Baldwin 30
 Sharon Law 30
AMOS Global Servant,
Christine Lafferty 01
AJ Zamora 15
Abel Zamora 30

NOVEMBER Anniversary

Asherlee LaPlante &
 Steven Smith 10
 Barry & Jeanette House 13
 Nancy Carlson & John Sullivan 27

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