



# The Tidings

FBC's monthly newsletter

JANUARY 2025

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You are invited to participate with **Suppers for Six**, a series of small group dinners to be held from **February through July**. Why sign up? This is an opportunity to connect with other friends of FBC in a deeper way through sharing conversations over a meal - an opportunity to know, appreciate, and understand the diversity that exists at FBC.

Over six months, your group of six will arrange and share at least four meals together - in homes, at a park, at a restaurant, whatever you all decide. FBC will provide optional prompts for sharing personal stories during these meals. The Faith Formation Team has created digital and print registration forms that will circulate in January. That team will arrange the groups; hopefully, you'll establish stronger bonds with folks that you may not now know well.

David Brooks, author of *How to Know a Person*, notes that all of us have a longing to be valued and to share our lives in deep ways, "yet we humans do not do this well. All around us are people who feel invisible, unseen, misunderstood." **Through Suppers for Six, FBC hopes to encourage understanding and consideration for each other, and help each other find the joy that comes from being deeply seen and heard. As we share our stories, we become the incarnation of God to one another.**

Please sign up, and encourage others to, by January 15. We hope you can be part of Suppers for Six!

## What Do You Know?

... a worship series for Epiphany ...

Epiphany - the season that dawns when we celebrate the Magi's recognition of Jesus, and takes us to the beginnings of Lent - is a time to consider what we know, and how we know it. It is a season of curiosity and revelation, of exploring and discovering, of letting our questions take center stage and seeing where they guide us.

This Epiphany, we'll spend time with *What Do You Know?* by sisters Aracelis Girmay and Ariana

Fields, a beautiful meditation on the answers that arise when Love asks the title question of a farmer, a seafarer, a well, a rock, a forest, goats, honeybees, fruit bats, and more. The inspiration for the book comes from Sharon Olds' poem about her children, "Looking at Them Asleep," which ends, "When love comes to me and says what do you know, I say: This girl, this boy."

Friends, what might we say as individuals, as a congregation, when Love comes with questions for us? What is the unique truth we know, born of our own rootedness, connectedness, and experience? Let's spend this season exploring these questions together. *Peace, Erika*

## FBC's 7th Annual Word of Intention Workshop

January 12, 12:30-3:30pm  
in the Social Hall

Love offering accepted.

## Tired of goal-setting for the New Year? Try accessing a Word of Intention!

FBC offers a 7th annual Word of Intention workshop on January 12, guided Kathleen Verigin. This year, a collage artist from Portland will guide us in selecting images that reflect how we want to be/feel in 2025. This is different than a Treasure Map, as we use images only. When the collage card is complete, we'll set aside the materials and, in twosomes, "ask" the images to reveal our Word. It's creative and fun!!!

Please register by January 8th

so we'll know how many supplies to bring.

[kathleenverigin333@gmail.com](mailto:kathleenverigin333@gmail.com) 503-970-3615

Love Offering (\$3-\$5) appreciated for materials and supplies.

Bring a lunch if you like.

## The Plastics Project Recycling Event

Saturday, February 8, 10am-1pm

The next Plastics Project event is coming to FBC in February. FBC's Climate Action Group will be collecting items at the church on Sunday, January 26 and Sunday, February 2 for those who can't make the February 8 drop-off day. \$4 per bag is requested to help defray recycling costs. To avoid this fee, drop off directly at the Recology Transfer Station: 2000 NE Orchard Avenue (8:30a-5:30p).

Some important notes for the February 8 event:

- 1) Recology is now accepting plastic screw-on caps, utensils, straws and bread clips (BUT these are not accepted curbside). Save the expense you would incur by taking them directly to Recology's transfer station on Orchard Avenue.
- 2) We can again accept #6 plastics because Denton Plastics in Portland is now processing these items. Save them and bring them on February 8.
- 3) Green Century Recycling will set up near the church and will accept all e-waste, from printers and batteries to large appliances, at no charge. Refer to Green Century Recycling for full information. They will also accept styrofoam blocks, packaging peanuts, and styrofoam containers bagged separately at \$10 per 45 gallon bag. This will be a drive-thru drop-off, similar to hazardous waste collections.

Future 2025 Dates include June 7 and October 4. Please mark your calendars and support our efforts to better care for God's good earth!

This event is co-sponsored by The Plastics Project, First Baptist Church, and the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of McMinnville.



## Men's Breakfast Returns!

After a brief hiatus, FBC is excited to announce the return of Men's Breakfast this month. Gatherings will be held on the last Saturday of the month at 9am in the FBC Fireplace Room, with simple pastries, fruit, juice, coffee, and tea. The breakfast will include a speaker and/or conversation on a specified topic, with the event lasting about one hour.

We'll kick things off on January 25, with Neil Kunze leading. His talk is called "Does a Teacher Really Affect Eternity?" Come, bring friends, and enjoy the fellowship of this time.



# Sunday Worship Highlights

JANUARY 2025

*Together we respond to the call of the Spirit and the teachings of Jesus to learn, love, serve, and seek justice and joy for all.*

## Adult Sunday Classes: (details on page 11)

- ✦ **8:30 am** - CONNECTIONS, via Zoom - Barbara Burr
- ✦ **8:45 am** - 1<sup>st</sup> 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/](http://www.facebook.com/firstbaptistmac/)

### January 5

#### Epiphany Sunday, Communion Sunday

"What Do You Know?"

Sermon from Matthew 1:1-12

Rev. Erika Marksby preaching

Music led by Robin Pederson

*After worship, come to Walker Hall for treats and to wish Sean P. Williams a happy sabbatical.*

### January 12

"Knowing Depth & Darkness"

Sermon from 1st Corinthians 13:1-3

Rev. Erika Marksby preaching

Music led by Tegan Johnson & the Worship Team

*If any group would like to host the After-Church Fellowship Time this day, please let Erika know at [erika@fbcmac.org](mailto:erika@fbcmac.org).*

### January 19

"Knowing the Jagged Edges"

Sermon from 1st Corinthians 13:4-7

Rev. Erika Marksby preaching

Music led by Tegan Johnson & the Worship Team

*After worship, please stick around for the Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting, hosted by the church board. We'll review and vote on our budget for the coming year, and tend to the business of being church together. Your participation is appreciated!*

### January 26

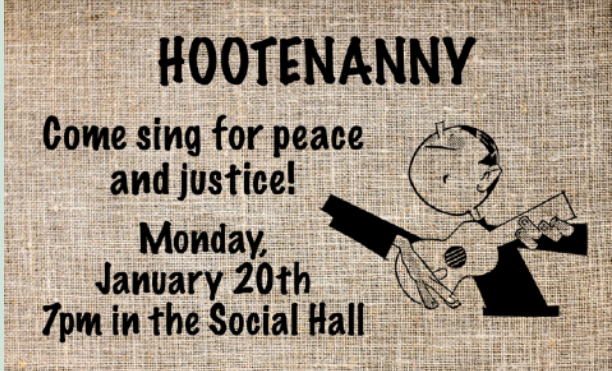
"Knowing Change is Possible"

Sermon from 1st Corinthians 13:8-12

Rev. Erika Marksby preaching

Music led by Marilyn Dresser & the FBC Choir

*If any group would like to host the After-Church Fellowship Time this day, please let Erika know at [erika@fbcmac.org](mailto:erika@fbcmac.org).*



**Let's Make a Joyful Noise for Peace & Justice & Freedom for All - FREE - All Are Welcome Here!**

A hootenanny is defined as a "...gathering at which folk singers entertain, often with the audience joining in." This, our fourth FBC Hootenanny, will be devoted to peace, justice, and freedom in honor of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. In his memory, let's sing, drum, and dance our HOPE for more positive changes to come.

Bring instruments, voices, songs to teach, a story to tell, a willingness to learn or just listen. Bring your friends!

Come to the FBC Social Hall, 7-8:30pm on January 20. Enter at the Washington Street doors.

For More Information:  
[kathleenverigin333@gmail.com](mailto:kathleenverigin333@gmail.com)

| YTD                   | Actual for Period       | % of Amount Budgeted |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Contributions Income: | \$310,844               | 96.8%                |
| Total Income:         | \$368,122               | 94.5%                |
| Total Expenses:       | \$370,195               | 95.1%                |
| Net Income:           | - \$ 2,073<br><DEFICIT> |                      |

You may check on your financial contributions to First Baptist Church through our secure church software Realm database. If you need assistance or have questions, please contact Treasurer, Don Watson ([donjw@comcast.net](mailto:donjw@comcast.net)) or Realm Administrator, Barbara Burr ([barbaracoleburr@gmail.com](mailto:barbaracoleburr@gmail.com)).

**Important Financial Update** - Expenses were high in November because of a large maintenance bill to repair to our main back-flow valve. On the income side, contributions were at 82% of budget. We will be transferring more from Memorial funds at the end of the month. We appreciate each and every donation.

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

## Church Board Notes, December 11<sup>th</sup>

“January is the quietest month in the garden. But just because it looks quiet doesn’t mean that nothing is happening.”  
 – Rosalie Muller Wright, magazine & newspaper editor

After all the comings, goings, and doings of December, what is January asking of us at First Baptist Church? Did you know that January is named after the ancient Roman god Janus? He was depicted with two faces; one on the front of his head, the other on the back of his head. It is said that Janus governed beginnings, gates, transitions, time, duality, doorways, passages, frames, and endings.

**Beginnings** - The Care & Concern and Faith Formation Teams, with Jim Kilinsky's leadership, have organized a fresh and fun way to connect with others through Suppers for Six. Sign up begin now with the Suppers starting in February. Ideally, the Sixers will continue to meet monthly for six months.

**Gateways** - One can't move through a gate without first unlocking/unhinging. That means action. There's so much that goes on behind the scenes at FBC that, like a garden, is not obvious to the naked eye. As you keep reading, pause and celebrate what is coming.

**Transitions** - After a full year following guidelines in the book, *Seasons of Wonder*, our worship team is ready to reveal what will be new in 2025.

**Time** - This month our trusted Children's and Youth Minister, Sean Williams, begins a three-month sabbatical for rest and research regarding McMinnville Youth Collective. We'll welcome him home April 7. Several volunteers have stepped forward to cover his many leadership roles at FBC.

**Duality** - With the opening of the new YCAP shelter on Adams Street, we hope to heal a sense of separation with our neighbors. Some have been very vocal about the down side of how FBC serves the houseless and hungry. Join us in remembering that We Are All One.

**Doorways** - The Building and Grounds Team is working diligently to prepare empty rooms for rent at FBC. We already have renters in the form of A Family Place and Encompass Yamhill Valley. Not only do we share space, their rent also brings in income.

**Passages** - Our building is massive, covering 12,000 square feet. As you negotiate the many hallways, consider that every time you step through a doorway, you are entering sacred space.

**Frames** - Soon we'll have a spiffy new WELCOME sign on the wall above the hospitality counter in Walker Hall. Shout out to STARS volunteer, Carl Aplin, for overseeing the project with Ron Richter; thanks to Carl for covering the costs.

**Endings** - FBC's Budget, Finance, and Stewardship Teams have been working morning, noon, and night—literally—in reviewing our 2024 budget while preparing for a solvent budget for 2025. Join them adding abundant prosperity while fulfilling FBC mission: to learn, love, serve, and seek justice and joy for all.

What appears to be dormant in your life? What seed(s) might you plant during January that will manifest in Spring or later? What action is required? The road cannot rise to meet you without you taking the first step. Let's together take one big giant step forward in making 2025 the best year ever in your life, and the life of FBC.

Submitted by Kathleen Verigin, your FBC Moderator

## Strategic Planning Update

Our strategic plan is being implemented every month through teams led by these dedicated, passionate leaders:

- **Social Justice Team** - Erika Marksbury. In November and December, they:
  - ✦ Hosted a large SURJ (Showing Up for Racial Justice) meeting, which spawned several local chapters which will keep meeting,
  - ✦ Prepared and contributed a meal for the Community Low-Barrier Shelter for one of its final openings, and
  - ✦ Wrote letters to government officials to prevent our Ukrainian family from being deported.
  
- **Marketing** - Kathleen Verigin. In December, they:
  - ✦ Placed bulletin boards in both main floor restrooms, designed to spiff up the rooms a bit and provide an opportunity to promote specific events,
  - ✦ Are removing the two display monitors over the kiosk since they have been dormant for several years,
  - ✦ Will be placing a large Welcome sign above the snack counter in Walker Hall,
  - ✦ Continued their ongoing advertised of events (e.g. the Solstice celebration) with the News-Register, and
  - ✦ Put up intriguing statements on Baker Street reader board sign.
  
- **Congregational Care** - Jim Kilinsky. In December, they:
  - ✦ Finalized the Suppers for Six idea- see the full description on page 1. Signups are in January; suppers start in February. Jim will create conversation-starter questions each month.
  
- **Facility Use** - Don Watson. In December, they:
  - ✦ Hosted a holiday Keynote Concert, which filled the sanctuary,
  - ✦ Walked through our building, removing many signs and noting minor repairs that were needed,
  - ✦ Finalized rental rates for various rooms in our building; they are currently creating brochures publicizing the availability of space, and
  - ✦ Finalized a contract update with Lutheran Community Services Northwest, holding the rental rate unchanged through 2031 in exchange for LCSNW providing new floor coverings in the two children's rooms and their office space.

Our leader team meets on the 4th Thursday of the month (4th Wednesday in January). Please reach out to these leaders if you have any ideas that might help us continue to move forward.

Gary Langenwalter, Chair

## Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting Sunday, January 19, after worship



Our agenda will focus on the church's financial well-being and we will vote on our 2025 budget. As we are a congregationally-led community, your participation in this process is highly valued. Thank you for tending to the business of being church together.

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

Concerts are on third Wednesdays through May 2025  
We aim to inspire wonder, foster cultural understanding, bringing people of all backgrounds together through the universal language of music, from classical to jazz to pop.

### Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm Jazz Pianist Jeremy Siskind



For more information, purchase tickets, visit [keynoteconcertseries.com](http://keynoteconcertseries.com)

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



## FBC Native Voices Book Group

Wednesday, Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm  
FBC Fireplace Room

In a novel that is shattering and wondrous, Tommy Orange has conjured the ancestors of the family readers first fell in love with in "There There" (warriors, drunks, outlaws, addicts) asking what it means to be the children and grandchildren of massacre.



This month we'll explore his new book, 'Wandering Stars', a novel about epigenetic and generational trauma that has the force and vision of a modern epic, an exceptionally powerful book from one of the most exciting writers at work today and soaring confirmation of Tommy Orange's monumental gifts.

# Christmas & Advent Highlights





*Thanks to everyone who made the Advent and Christmas seasons so full at FBC this year: musicians, liturgists, social team members, carolers, Advent bag volunteers, and all who joined together in the waiting, the celebrating, and the "looking for the light." May the spirit of this sacred time, the trust that God is near, remain in our hearts all year long.*



## The Soup Kitchen at St. Barnabas

The Soup Kitchen at St. Barnabas (822 SW 2nd Street, McMinnville) continues its ongoing mission to serve the community by providing quality nutritious meals to the community five days a week.

**The mission of The Soup Kitchen at St. Barnabas:**

*With God's help, we will feed the hungry of Yamhill County, treat our guests with the dignity and love that we would a guest in our own home, and provide others the opportunity to serve.*

There is no intake process or income requirements; anyone who feels like they need a meal can come and be fed. Now in its 35th year, The Soup Kitchen utilizes community volunteers to help prepare and serve meals, wash the dishes, and clean the kitchen and dining hall. Community members not only donate their time, but also provide funding to purchase food and ensure the maintenance of the kitchen and appliances. The Soup Kitchen recently was gifted a new commercial freezer, replacing an older residential chest freezer that was beginning to fail.

While it is called The Soup Kitchen, it is much more than that. It is a safe, warm, and dry space for community members to gather and have a place where they are welcomed and served. While soup can be on the menu, the menu is broad and varied. Working from food either donated or purchased, delicious meals are served every day. Pulled pork sandwiches, meatloaf, burritos, spaghetti, and fried rice are just some of the meals that have been on the menu recently.

The Soup Kitchen at St. Barnabas serves dinner from 4pm to 6pm every weekday. Through the generous support of like-minded organizations, including McMinnville First Baptist Church, the Soup Kitchen at St. Barnabas helps to ensure that anyone in the community facing food insecurity has a hot meal in a welcoming environment.

*Kyle Sims and Larry Sims, Friday cooks at the Soup Kitchen*

*St. Barnabas Soup Kitchen is looking for volunteers to help serve meals from 4-6 pm Monday through Friday.*

*Interested? Available? Call St. Barnabas at (503) 472-5831 and ask for Cathy Clark, Rector, to get more information. A food handler's permit is required to serve. The permit can be obtained online for \$10.00. The Soup Kitchen will reimburse the fee.*

ECUMENICAL MINISTRIES OF OREGON PRESENTS THE 2025

## INTERFAITH LEGISLATIVE FORUM

FREE VIRTUAL EVENT



**SUNDAY, JANUARY 12**  
1:30 – 3:30 PM

Learn more & register at [emoregon.org/events](http://emoregon.org/events)





## More options for sustainability come to McMinnville

Zero Waste McMinnville is excited to share the news that Foreverware has made its debut in town! Foreverware officially launched at Alchemist Jam in December, and the introduction of these reusable, sustainable takeaway food and drink containers was a huge success. A big thank-you to the incredible volunteers who braved the cold to spread the word about reusable containers and help kick off this sustainable initiative. Say goodbye to single-use plastics and hello to an eco-friendly way of enjoying your favorite treats. Stay tuned – Foreverware is coming to more locations soon, including Local Flow. Together, we can make a difference!



**Ray Schellinger** is a Global Servant FBC supports through the International Ministries arm of the American Baptist Churches USA. Ray works with colleagues and international partners who serve with refugees and displaced peoples, helping to strengthen ministries, find resources, and build capacity. He also hosts teams in international cross-cultural settings to learn about the struggles of migrants and the realities of global immigration and border policies.



Ray traveled to Gaza last fall to bear witness to the horrific realities unfolding there and stand in solidarity with those under attack. Upon his return, he began to consider that in the US, our full bellies contribute to our inability to think correctly and act justly. "It may be that if we do not feel the pain of extreme hunger, we will continue to turn our heads as so many starve." He began an intermittent fast - some days consuming nothing, others limiting his calories to 250, similar to the conditions of those he had visited. As he began the fast, he committed to praying and listening for direction. Having written and called governmental representatives pleading with them to stop supplying weapons and work to bring about an end to the violence, he didn't know what to do next. In December, he shared the following reflection:

*I am continuing to reflect on hunger, one week into and halfway through my intermittent fast. As a diabetic, I need to be careful about blood sugar, so today I had to have a banana and some olives, otherwise I am going without until tomorrow. So far, my hunger has led to some serious reflection on our relationship as modern humans with food security. I should say food over-security, as few of us ever have had to worry about what we will eat tomorrow. My work, however, keeps me in close relationships with many who have no idea where their next meal is coming from; they are just thankful when and if it comes.*

*In Gaza, where food has already been scarce, but with the latest attacks, I have just read that no further aid is entering today or in the immediate future. There are tens of thousands of people in the north who have not eaten anything for more than a week.*

*What then of the relationship between those of us who have so much, and those who don't have enough? How do we use the privilege we have to try to change the order of this world? I have been thinking a lot about by the difference between the way some of Jesus' words from the Sermon on the Mount were recorded by Matthew and Luke. These verses are known as the beatitudes and speak to the values by which Jesus asks us to live our lives. Matthew tends to interpret Jesus' words in a more spiritual way, while Luke focuses on the physical experience.*

*Matthew 5:6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for justice, for they will be satisfied.*

*Luke 6:21 Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied.*

*How do we reconcile these interpretations by two writers, recording in Koine (Greek), the words that Jesus spoke years before in Aramaic? What are the values/behaviors that Jesus is asking us to adopt?*

*Is it the poor, the hungry, the thirsty who are to be rewarded, or is it those who passionately advocate on their behalf? If the blessing promised is that the hungry will be satisfied, then I think it follows that these are both true at the same time. When justice is delivered, the hungry are fed.*

*Jesus promises that this will happen and I place my faith and my life in that promise. But my belly aches badly today, even after just one week of intermittent fasting. I can't imagine how then the pain of severe hunger feels for the Palestinians living in Gaza right now. When, o when, God, will the hungry be satisfied?*

**At the invitation of the FBC Missions Team and the Social Justice Team, Ray will visit FBC McMinnville the weekend of May 4. Plan to join him for more learning and conversation then!**



**Youth Group**

Sundays, January 5, 12, 19, 26  
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, January 5, 12, 26  
Mac Cov from 3:30-4:30pm

**Youth Bowling**

Friday, January 10  
Walnut City Lanes from 5-7pm  
Bring \$20 for bowling, shoes & dinner!

**Youth Dinner**

Tuesday, January 21 at 6 pm  
at Gordo Tacos  
Drop off & pick up there,  
bring money for dinner, and friends!

**Our special worship time just for children continues in January!**

Following the Children's Time during worship on Sunday mornings (except the first Sunday of every month), children are invited to join us for Children's Chapel.

We'll meet in the chapel to sing songs, hear a story, reflect on & respond to the story with art materials, and have a snack, all together.

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

**KidVenture is back in January!**  
And, as always, it's just for kids!

Join us every Monday night from 5:15-6:30pm at First Pres for children Pre-K thru 5th Grade.

We meet for dinner, games, music, a story and activities. We partner with First Presbyterian Church for KidVenture and our focus for this year is on the stories of the New Testament beyond the Gospels, and the early/modern church.

And there are lots of ways for youth and adults to be involved if you're interested in helping!

**KidVenture will NOT meet on January 20 or 27 this month.**



**YOUR MOUNTAIN HOME FOR CAMPS, CONFERENCES & EVENTS**

**Winter Camp is BACK!**

**Join us at Camp Arrah Wanna from Friday, February 14 through Monday, February 17**  
**All children and youth, grades 1-12, are welcome to participate.**

Registration is now open at [camparrahwanna.org](http://camparrahwanna.org)  
and the deadline to register is January 24  
\$185 per camper (for all ages/grades) - scholarships available if needed

**And CAW is in need of volunteers to help make Winter Camp happen!**  
**Contact Corey Hughes ([program@camparrahwanna.org](mailto:program@camparrahwanna.org))**  
**if you are interested or to learn more.**

**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 in January, 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** - 8:25 am, via Zoom

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

Contact: Barbara Burr, [barbaracoleburr@gmail.com](mailto:barbaracoleburr@gmail.com)

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

1<sup>st</sup> Sundays - January 5th

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](mailto:schulmanrob@yahoo.com)

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

In *The Great Spiritual Migration*, drawing from his work as global activist, pastor, and public theologian, Brian McLaren challenges readers to stop worrying, waiting, and indulging in nostalgia, and instead, to embrace the powerful new understandings that are reshaping the church. The Chapel Class will wrap up their discussion of this book in early January, and begin reading/ studying "Jesus's Alternative Plan" starting January 19. Join our conversation in the chapel.

Contact Gary Langenwalter, (971) 221-8155 (mobile) or [gary@portlandconsultinggroup.com](mailto: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. Currently investigating polarization - religious and societal - and seeking means to address it and heal it.

Contact: Doug Verigin, (503) 913-3401

**Climate Action Group** - meeting & event times/locations vary

Contact: Lara O'Brady, [lara\\_obraady@yahoo.com](mailto:lara_obraady@yahoo.com)

**Senior Breakfast** - Wednesday, January 8th at 8:30 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, Jan. 13 & 27 at 7 pm, in-person

Fireplace Room at FBC - 2nd & 4th Mondays

Contact: Dee Moore, 971-241-8256, [togetherworksinfo@gmail.com](mailto:togetherworksinfo@gmail.com)

**Dad's Group** - Monday, Jan. 13, at 8 pm, in-person

2nd Mondays each month, location varies

Contact: John Linder, [john.linder93@gmail.com](mailto: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 working on 20 quilts to donate to Hillside Memory Care which will be donated towards the end of January.

Contact: Susan Chambers, [susanlanechambers@gmail.com](mailto:susanlanechambers@gmail.com)

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

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

January 7 & 21, at Gina's

Contact: Gina Foster, 971-237-2789

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

January 9 & 23, at Linda's

Contact: Linda Watson, 971-237-2793

**FBC Singles** - 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Game Night - Jan. 3 at 5pm

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

Contact: Emily Kerrigan, [emily2.kerrigan@gmail.com](mailto:emily2.kerrigan@gmail.com)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday Lunch** - Jan. 14, 1pm - at Grain Station

Contact: Lynn Crowell, [herbalynn@comcast.net](mailto: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](mailto:shrobert@linfield.edu) or 971-237-3630

**Native Voices Book Group** - Jan. 29th, at 6:30pm

in the Fireplace Room (we regularly meet the 4th Mondays)

Reading/Discussing "Wandering Stars" by Tommy Orange

Contact: Nadya King, [ladyharp1@gmail.com](mailto:ladyharp1@gmail.com)

**Social Justice Team** - Sunday, Jan. 12 at 11:30 am

This group meets the second Sunday of every month in the Fireplace Room and focuses on education, communication, and direct action related to issues of social justice.

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| Sunday   | Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday   | Saturday  |
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|  |  |   | <b>1</b><br>     | <b>2</b>   | <b>3</b><br>FBC Office Closed<br>& Pastor's Day Off<br>9:15a - STARS Breakfast<br>11a - Sister Circle<br>5p - Singles Game Night | <b>4</b>  |
| <b>5</b><br>Adult Classes, see page 11<br>10 am - WORSHIP<br>in person & Live Stream<br>5-7:30p - MYC at FPC   | <b>6</b><br>9a - STARS Breakfast<br>11a - Matt25 Team<br>12n - Personnel Team<br>4p - Mission Team<br>5:15p - KidVenture, FPC<br>7p - Worship Planning | <b>7</b><br>9a - Building & Grounds<br>12n - Bible Study<br>7p - KnitWits at Gina's | <b>8</b><br>8:30a - Senior<br>Breakfast<br>VFW on Atlantic Ave<br>6:30p - Church Board            | <b>9</b><br>9:45a - KnitWits at<br>Linda's<br>Music Rehearsals:<br>5:20p Bells / 6:30p Choir<br>8p Worship Team  | <b>10</b><br>FBC Office Closed<br>& Pastor's Day Off<br>9:15a - STARS Breakfast<br>11a - Sister Circle<br>5-7p - Youth Bowling   | <b>11</b>   |
| <b>12</b><br>Adult Classes, see page 11<br>10 am - WORSHIP<br>in person & Live Stream<br>11:30a - Social Justice<br>12:30p - Word of<br>Intention Workshop<br>5-7:30p - MYC at FPC | <b>13</b><br>9a - STARS Breakfast<br>5:15p - KidVenture, FPC<br>7p - Together Works<br>8p - Dad's Group  | <b>14</b><br>12n - Bible Study<br>1p - Singles Lunch at<br>Grain Station            | <b>15</b><br>1p - Congregational<br>Engagement<br>2p - Faith Formation<br>7p - KeyNote<br>Concert | <b>16</b><br>Music Rehearsals:<br>5:20p Bells / 6:30p Choir<br>8p Worship Team                                   | <b>17</b><br>FBC Office Closed<br>& Pastor's Day Off<br>9:15a - STARS Breakfast<br>11a - Sister Circle                           | <b>18</b><br>2pm - Celebration of<br>Life for Myrtle Fricke |
| <b>19</b><br>Adult Classes, see page 11<br>10 am - WORSHIP<br>in person & Live Stream<br>Semi-Annual<br>Congregational Meeting,<br>following worship<br>5-7:30p - MYC at FPC       | <b>20</b><br>9a - STARS Breakfast<br>6:30p - Care & Concern<br>7p - Hootenanny for<br>Peace & Justice  | <b>21</b><br>12n - Bible Study<br>6p - Youth Dinner<br>7p - KnitWits at Gina's      | <b>22</b>   | <b>23</b><br>9:45a - KnitWits at<br>Linda's<br>Music Rehearsals:<br>5:20p Bells / 6:30p Choir<br>8p Worship Team | <b>24</b><br>FBC Office Closed<br>& Pastor's Day Off<br>9:15a - STARS Breakfast<br>11a - Sister Circle                           | <b>25</b>   |
| <b>26</b><br>Adult Classes, see page 11<br>10 am - WORSHIP<br>in person & Live Stream<br>5-7:30p - MYC at FPC  | <b>27</b><br>9a - STARS Breakfast<br>7p - Together Works   | <b>28</b><br>12n - Bible Study  | <b>29</b><br>6:30p - Native Voices  | <b>30</b><br>Music Rehearsals:<br>5:20p Bells / 6:30p Choir<br>8p Worship Team                                   | <b>31</b><br>FBC Office Closed<br>& Pastor's Day Off<br>9:15a - STARS Breakfast<br>11a - Sister Circle                           |   |

## January Birthday

Oscar Marksbury Page 2  
 Jan Whipp 3  
 Eowyn Clayton 6  
 Parker Williams 6  
 Robin Knauerhase 6  
 Nia Soto 6  
 Emily Diesburg 7  
 Russel Mark 8  
 Hannah Hendricks 10  
 Sybil Williams 10  
 Kayleen Dressel 11

Gary Langenwalter 11  
 Russell Weaver 12  
 Debbie Johnson 12  
 Molly Eacret 14  
 Robin Pederson 16  
 Dot Nelson 17  
 Herb Oien 17  
 Marilyn Dresser 19  
 Gloria LaFata 21  
 JP Bierly 30  
 Dave Ferry 31  
 Anne Marie Jacob 31

## January Anniversary

Nola and Kirby Olmsted 1  
 Global Servants  
 Adalia Guterrez &  
 Ray Schellinger 12  
 Sally Martin & Jim Sloss 15  
 Mary & Matt Dressel 31

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