




The Tidings

FBC's monthly newsletter

February 2025 

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Some recent lovely moments in church life...



The Church Board was delighted with the bags made for them and given to them by the FBC Sew & Sos ministry. The Sew & Sos have been making these whimsical, practical bags for board members of many McMinnville non-profits, with personalized tags inside expressing appreciation for the recipient's service to our community. What a gift!

At a January gathering of KidVenture - the joint children's ministry between FBC and First Presbyterian Church - participants heard the story of Jesus' baptism, then visited the baptismal font in the First Pres sanctuary and climbed into the baptismal pool at FBC. They learned that however it's ritualized, baptism is a chance to claim our identity as God's beloved, and to celebrate that identity in community.



Native Voices Book Group

Meets the last Wednesday of each month.

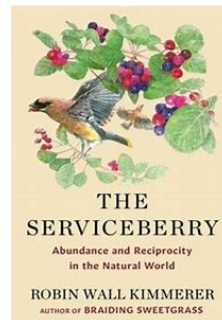
Wednesday, Feb. 26, 6:30 pm

FBC Fireplace Room

Reading and discussing

The Serviceberry

by Robin Wall Kimmerer



A bold and inspiring vision for how to orient our lives around gratitude, reciprocity, and community, based on the lessons of the natural world. How, she asks, can we learn from indigenous wisdom and the plant world to reimagine what we value most?

Spring Save-the-Dates

Mark your calendar & plan to attend these community-building events this spring.

March 2: First Sunday Speaker Series after worship in Walker Hall

Hear FBC member Kim Riggs share her story of coming to the United States 50 years ago, and navigating the changes along the way.

March 5: Ash Wednesday Service together with First Presbyterian Church


Gather to sing, pray, and share a simple supper as we enter these weeks of deep reflection and deliberate attention. Look for more details soon.

April 7: Sheltering Celebration luncheon in Walker Hall

Celebrate more than a decade's worth of sheltering in McMinnville and the collaborations that have made it possible. These efforts have ultimately led to the opening of YCAP's Any Door Place shelter. We'll acknowledge the past with gratitude and look towards the future.



Sunday Worship Highlights

February 2025 

*FBC is inspired by the words of Jesus in Matthew 25,
"Whatever you do unto the most vulnerable of my siblings, you do unto me."*

Adult Sunday Classes

(more details on page 11)

- ◆ **8:30 am - CONNECTIONS Class**
Contact - barbaracoleburr@gmail.com
- ◆ **8:45 am - FAITH & JAVA**
1st Sundays only
Contact - schulmanrob@yahoo.com
- ◆ **8:45 am - CHAPEL Class** →
Contact - Gary at 971.221.8155 or
gary@portlandconsultinggroup.com
- ◆ **8:45 am - BEREAN Class**
Contact - doug.verigin@outlook.com

Jesus' Alternative Plan: The Sermon on the Mount

The Chapel Class is having spirited conversations about Richard Rohr's book, 'Jesus' Alternative Plan: The Sermon on the Mount', in the Chapel Class. Rohr goes through the teachings of the sermon, explaining the historical and cultural context of each verse and offering guidance for what it means to be Christians today.

Father Richard is a globally recognized ecumenical teacher who founded the Center for Action and Contemplation. He blends solid scholarship with mysticism.

We meet Sunday mornings from 8:45 - 9:45 am in the Chapel, discussing one chapter each week, with a different person volunteering to lead each class. We'll continue with this book through March 16, then start in with 'Shelter: Finding a Home in the World', by Pádraig Ó Tuama. All persons, all ideas, all viewpoints are welcome!

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

When Love Comes... What Do You Know?

In February, we will continue in *What Do You Know?*, the illustrated book by Aracelis Girmay and Ariana Fields that tells of Love coming to different characters and asking them about their deep knowing. We'll continue to consider what it means that Love is curious, about the world and about each of us. We'll keep the space on the bulletins for private reflection, and we'll leave the chalkboard up front, too, for any knowing that begs to be written down and shared.



February 2

Communion Sunday

Scout Sunday

"Knowing Neighbors"

Sermon from Mark 10:13-16,

Rev. Erika Marksburly preaching

Music led Marilyn Dresser and the Choir

Come to Walker Hall following the service for After-Church Fellowship hosted by the Climate Action Group. They'll provide tasty snacks and share about the Plastics Recycling Project scheduled for Saturday, February 8. They'll also collect plastics from those who can't make the Saturday event.

February 9

"Knowing Strength"

Sermon from Psalm 139:1-14,

Rev. Erika Marksburly preaching

Music led by Tegan Johnson and the Worship Team

February 16

"Knowing How to Listen"

Sermon from 1st John 4, selected verses

Rev. Erika Marksburly preaching

Music led by Tegan Johnson and the Worship Team

February 23

"Knowing Courage" Stories from Congregants

Music led by Marilyn Dresser and the Choir

YTD	Actual for Period	% of Amount Budgeted
Contributions Income:	\$358,802	102.4%
Total Income:	\$413,631	97.4%
Total Expenses:	\$405,801	95.5%
Net Income:	+ \$ 7,830	

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 - Our December contributions were very strong and we ended the year slightly ahead of our annual goal. In wonderful FBC family fashion, when some donors were unable to make their giving goals, others gave beyond their goal. Our net income was large enough that we were able to return the \$9,000 draw last spring from Memorial funds.

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

Church Board Notes, January 8th

One of the things I enjoy about observing the Old European Calendar is that each season starts 6 weeks before our traditional calendar says so. December 21 was not the beginning of winter. It is considered mid-winter since we start tipping towards the light. Spring? It starts on February 1st as we tip farther towards the light half o the year. Are you seeing those wee shoots coming up in your yard and garden, and around our church building? Spring is on the way!

Your church board, through the leadership of the treasurer Don Watson, bookkeeper Judee Kunze, and assistant bookkeeper Susan Chambers, all have been hard at work tying up loose ends from 2024, while guiding us into a joyful and prosperous 2025. The budget was accepted by unanimous vote at the semi-annual meeting on January 19, 2025.

Church in general dwells, many leaders say, within the push-pull of a paradigm shift. I once heard a speaker say that we are hospice-ing the old while simultaneously midwife-ing the new. Then there's the old adage, doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results.

This is an exciting window of time at First Baptist Church. What must we release to manifest the new?

This task is not for the staff and board alone. It's for all of us. I encourage you to find a way to share your voice– ideas, thoughts, concerns. How?

–Attend a board meeting, the 2nd Wednesday at 6:30 pm, in the upstairs conference room. Let Erika or myself know if you'd like to speak so we can add you to the agenda. All voices are welcomed.

–Re-visit where and when you volunteer. FBC could not function without our dedicated volunteers, like many of our FBC people do. Consider that some volunteers are feeling overloaded and drained. And, we aren't getting any younger. Where can you step in with renewed energy and vitality?

–Stretch your thinking about financial giving. It's common church knowledge (any church) that 20% of the people give 80% of the income. What would it feel like to give a little more? Even one more dollar a week, or five, or ten, or whatever? Will you stretch with us in 2025?

–Finally, honor our staff. FBC is a massive operation and requires due diligence by Erika, Sean, Donna, Ron, Tegan, Marilyn, and Tom.

Paraphrasing President Kennedy, "Ask not what FBC can do for you. Ask what you can do for FBC."

Submitted by Kathleen Verigin, moderator

We are grateful to all who helped make Christmas dinner happen without a financial burden. We were able to serve 70+ individuals with a menu of smoked ham, mashed potatoes, green beans, macaroni and cheese, homemade style parker house rolls, peach/blueberry crisp and hot chocolate. Thanks for helping to care for the unhoused of our community. –Jim, Tom, & Keith Kilinsky



Getting To Know Your First Baptist Church Family



ED AND MILLIE BOGGIE

Millie Boggie, born in Arkansas, had a very difficult childhood. She grew up on a 100-acre farm and, as a child, worked in the cotton fields whenever she was not in school or at church. Her mother died when she was five years old and an older brother, who joined the service, was killed in Korea. This was traumatic for a young person who felt her siblings had abandoned her.

Her father remarried and the step-mother transferred the family from the Baptist church to a Pentecostal church where, according to Millie, everything was a sin. Only able to date members of the church, she married when she was 19. After 17 years and two children, they divorced. In 1980 Millie married Maury, the father of then-13-year-old Scott Brosius (Linfield graduate, current Athletic Director and celebrated baseball player), whom she helped raise.

Maury died in 1999. During this time Millie worked in Portland and got her degree at Portland State in business and human resources while working in those areas.

Ed was born in Lebanon, Oregon and lived there through the third grade when the family moved to the North Oregon coast. When he was only 16, Ed graduated from Neahkahn high school, where he played football and baseball, earning scholarships to two colleges. He went to Stanford for a year on a scholarship but, tired of school, and unable to find work due to child labor laws, joined the Navy. Ten years later, and a year after getting out, he married his first wife with whom he had three sons. They lived in Eugene, where Ed attended community college and the University of Oregon. In 1998, after 38 years of marriage, Ed's first wife died of cancer. Ed's working career included owning a small trucking firm and working for a large wood products firm for 28 years, from which he retired.

At this point in their lives, Millie and Ed were both in their early 60's, single, and apparently ready for the next chapter. They essentially met on a dating site in 2003. The attraction was immediate, and they were married a few months later, almost 22 years ago, in the office suite in front of Kent Harrop's office. Later, they had a wedding ceremony in the sanctuary. Millie had been attending FBC, having been first warmly welcomed by Anne Engen. After attending the welcoming class they both became church members. Prior to the church ceremony a group of older church members put on a wedding shower for the new couple, which really touched them.

The church became their family and social life. Ed followed Wendell Martin and was our building supervisor for eight and a half years, until he fell of a ladder changing a light bulb very high up. Millie has served on the social committee and has been involved with Sister Circle for many years. She says one of the best things that happened to her was coming back to a Baptist church.

Once married, Ed and Millie did a lot of traveling. Ed had previously purchased a time share and during their first year married, they stayed in 13 different time share locations! Until Covid! They particularly enjoyed spending at least two weeks each winter in Cabo San Lucas. They have made several cross-country trips visiting different areas of the US.

Having lived in Eugene for many years, Ed is an avid Duck fan, especially apparent during football season, when he wears a lot of green. A handy guy, Ed continues to enjoy wood working and gardening, and Millie appreciates the results. Also, she is planning on writing her family history for her kids, sharing how she survived a challenging beginning.

Ed and Millie are a very caring couple. Having found each other later in life, they support each other when one of their kids or grandkids needs their assistance. And they generously extend this warmth to their friends. We are glad that Millie came to FBC, back to her Baptist roots, bringing Ed with her.

The Latest News from AMOS Health & Hope, Nicaragua

Universities do not offer degrees in resilience. What is resilience?

1. The capacity to withstand or to recover quickly from difficulties; toughness.
2. The ability of a substance or object to spring back into shape; elasticity.

Instead, it is by living life that we build toughness and elasticity. We learn by recovery from a breakup or failed exam, losing a job opportunity, struggling to pay bills.

Some of us, through these life experiences, earn an honorary PhD in resilience. We can say this is true for AMOS Health and Hope, the Nicaraguan health care ministry with whom FBC has held a covenant for many years.

A few weeks ago, AMOS signed their annual agreement with the Nicaragua Department of Health, known there as MINSa. This year's understanding changes the scope of AMOS practices in far greater ways than past annual agreements. In summary, all AMOS activities must be done in collaboration with MINSa and offered in all MINSa communities, not just those communities with AMOS have been in partnership with. For example, instead of providing training for Silvina and the other four nearby community health workers, they recently worked with MINSa to train 35-40 of the community health workers in that region.

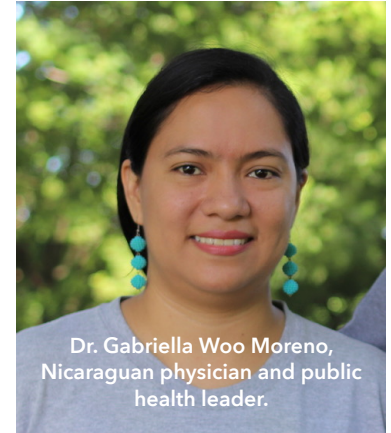
Maybe you've heard from the FBC Nica team about the dream of a building new health clinic in El Calderon, allowing Silvina to move from providing health care on her front porch or in her living room. Planning for this building now involves not only drawing blueprints and arranging contractors, but now also requires an agreement with MINSa. To obtain this agreement, Dr. Woo, Executive Director of AMOS, and her staff will be spending the next year developing new relationships with MINSa to pave the way for building the new clinic.

This clinic has been a dream for many for many years. After our 2024 trip, AMOS set a goal for opening the new clinic in early 2026, maybe in celebration with the next delegation from FBC. However, AMOS has learned that building this clinic is not a priority for MINSa in 2025.

And so, having experience-earned PhDs in resilience, AMOS staff does not resign themselves to be working at the whim of the government, but instead continues focus on their mission, reducing "health inequities in Nicaragua by empowering local leadership to prevent disease and save lives." They do not walk away from the dream. They put their hearts and heads together, praying, preparing, and planning for the day that the new health clinic can be built and for the best ways to continue their work, saving lives through health empowerment.

FBC renews their covenant with AMOS this year. That covenant is still being drafted. It is an opportunity to demonstrate resilience in our own small way, as we promise to walk alongside AMOS for another four years, like them, praying, preparing, and planning for saving lives in rural Nicaragua. And, as always, we send to Dr. Woo, Silvina, AMOS staff and community health committees AMOR, AMOR, AMOR!

- Jennifer Scott, FBC NicaraguaTeam



Dr. Gabriella Woo Moreno,
Nicaraguan physician and public
health leader.



AMOS Board of Directors
(that includes FBC's David Hallett
and former pastor, Kent Harrop)





Youth Group
 Sundays, February 2 & 23
 (NO Youth Group on February 18)
 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, February 2 & 23
 Mac Cov from 3:30-4:30pm

Super Bowl Party!
Sunday, February 9
 from 3:30 pm to END of the game
 Toth Toy Barn - 2700 NW Pinehurst Dr
 (we'll have hot dogs & drinks,
 please bring a side or dessert to share)

Youth Dinner
 Wednesday, February 18 at 6 pm
 at Alf's Ice Cream & Burgers
 Drop off & pick up there,
 bring money for dinner, and friends!

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

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 continue in February!
 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 February 17 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
 \$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)
 if you are interested or to learn more.



A month full of opportunities!

FBC Adult Classes

Bible Study - Tuesdays, 12 noon

This group meets with Pastor Erika. All are welcome!

In-person in the Fireplace Room

A discussion-based Bible study with opportunity to delve deeper into highlighted scripture for the week. We spend the first 20 minutes 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. Everybody's welcome!

SUNDAY Adult Classes Come Grow with Us!

Sunday Connections - Sunday, 8:30 am, via Zoom

This online class (offered in the comfort of your home) meets on Sunday mornings on Zoom; hop on at 8:25 to get settled. 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!

Contact: Barbara Burr, barbaracoleburr@gmail.com

Sunday Faith & Java Class - Sunday, 8:45 am

1st Sunday ONLY - in-person in the FBC Fireplace Room

The Faith & Java Class is dedicated to exploring questions, issues, and experiences in finding spirituality and bliss in everyday living. A new topic each time, followed by interesting discussion.

Contact: Rob Schulman, schulmanrob@yahoo.com

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

The Bereans 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

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

The Chapel Class is reading Richard Rohr's book, "Jesus' Alternative Plan: The Sermon on the Mount." They discuss one chapter each week, with a different person volunteering to lead each week.

All persons and all ideas and viewpoints are welcome! Please call/text Gary Langenwalter at (971) 221-8155 for more information.

Sunday Rainbow Class - Shares worship together.

Contact: Cynthia Parker, cynp007@gmail.com

Climate Action Group - Meeting times/locations vary

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

Together Works - February 10 & 24 at 7 pm, in-person

Fireplace Room at FBC - 2nd & 4th Mondays

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

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

2nd Mondays each month, location varies

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

Senior Breakfast - Wednesday, February 5 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

Sew & Sos - in-person

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

Contact: Susan Chambers, susanlanechambers@gmail.com

Knit Wits - Knitting hats, hand/neck warmers & prayer shawls!

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

February 4 & 18 at Gina's

Contact: Gina Foster, 971-237-2789

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

February 13 & 27, at Linda's

Contact: Linda Watson, 971-237-2793

FBC Singles - Friday, February 7 at 5 pm

Game Night in the Fireplace Room at FBC.

Bring your favorite game and finger foods or beverage.

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

2nd Tuesday Lunch - February 11 at Grain Station, 1pm

Contact: Nadya King, ladyharp1@gmail.com

Sister Circle - Every Friday at 11 am, Fireplace Room

Interested in joining? Contact: Sherill Roberts,

shrobert@linfield.edu or 971-237-3630

Mom's Group will gather Wednesday, February 5th at 7pm

at Toth's Toy Barn, 2700 NW Pinehurst Dr., Mac

Contact Heidi Toth for details, tothfive@gmail.com

Men's Breakfast - Saturday, February 22 at 9 am

In the FBC Fireplace Room

Our speaker will be Ron Richter on the theme "A Career Behind Bars as a Prison Chaplain."


Contact: Don Watson, donjw@comcast.net or


Neil Kunze, kunze@sou.edu

Suppers for SIX - There are 9 groups gathering Feb.-June

For future groups, Contact: Peggi Lilly, peggi.lilly@gmail.com

FEBRUARY at FBC

February 2025 

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 8:45 - Faith & Java, in person Adult Classes (see pg 11) 10 am - WORSHIP in person & Live Stream 5-7:30p - MYC at FPC	3 9:15a - STARS Breakfast 12n - Personnel Committee 4p - Mission Team 5:15p - KidVenture 7p - Worship Planning	4 12n - Bible Study in person, Fireplace Room 7p - KnitWits at Gina's	5 8a - Senior Breakfast at VFW Post, Atlantic Ave 7p - Mom's Group at Toth's Toy Barn	6 Music Rehearsals: 5:20p Bells / 6:30p Choir 8p Worship Team	7 FBC Office Closed 9:15a - STARS Breakfast 11a - Sister Circle 5p - Singles Game Night at FBC	8 10a-1p - Plastics Collection Project at FBC
9 Adult Classes (see page 11) 10 am - WORSHIP in person & Live Stream Youth Super Bowl Party 3:30p at Toth's Toy Barn	10 9:15a - STARS Breakfast 11a - Matthew 25 5:15p - KidVenture 7p - Together Works	11 9a- Building & Grounds 12n - Bible Study in person, Fireplace Room 1p - Singles lunch at the Grain Station	12 6:30p - Church Board	13 9:45a - KnitWits at Linda's Music Rehearsals: 5:20p Bells / 6:30p Choir 8p Worship Team	 14 VALENTINE'S DAY FBC Office Closed 9:15a - STARS Breakfast 11a - Sister Circle	15 Winter Camp at Arrah Wanna
16 Adult Classes (see page 11) 10 am - WORSHIP in person & Live Stream	17 FBC Office Closed President's Day Holiday 9:15a - STARS Breakfast 6:30p - Care & Concern	18 12n - Bible Study in person, Fireplace Room 7p - KnitWits at Gina's 6p - Youth Diner at Alf's Burgers	19 1p- Membership 2p- Faith Formation 7:30p - KeyNote CONCERT at FBC	20 Music Rehearsals: 5:20p Bells / 6:30p Choir 8p Worship Team	21 FBC Office Closed 9:15a - STARS Breakfast 11a - Sister Circle	22 9a - Men's Breakfast FBC Fireplace Room
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Erika Marksbury, Senior Pastor
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Tom Simpson, Building Security
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FEBRUARY Birthday

- Ken Piontek 2
- Mark Pederson 5
- Virginia Holmstrom 5
- Julie Lum 6
- Mary Dressel 7
- Doug Verigin 7
- Jim Kilinsky 7
- Sandy Sutherland 10
- Meg Kirschnick 10
- Nancy Ross 11
- Laura Christensen 13



- Molly Robinson 13
- Jim Sloss 14
- Lynne Vincent 15
- John Linder 17
- Geneva Foster-Ward 18
- Jace Early 20
- Zorissa James 23
- Mary Baker 25
- Emma Linder 25
- Joy Hallett 27

No FEBRUARY Anniversary

*"The day the Lord
 created hope was probably
 the same day
 He created Spring."*

The Lenten Season is right
 around the corner . . .

March 5th is
 Ash Wednesday

and Spring begins
March 20th - the arrival
 of the spring equinox.