



The Tidings

FBC's monthly newsletter

April 2025

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Holy Week & Easter

Maundy Thursday, April 17, 7pm at FBC

A reflective service of readings, prayers, and violin music from Virginia Holmstrom.

Good Friday, April 18, 7pm at St. Barnabas

An ecumenical gathering to mourn the violence in our world, and to commit to a different way.

Easter Sunday, April 20, 9:45am

A celebration of the triumph of love over all else! **Alleluia!** Celebrate in music, with the FBC Choir, Jubilee Bell Choir, and Yamhill River Brass; celebrate in story, with that wild tale of love-stronger-than-death; celebrate with one another at the **Easter brunch** in Walker Hall following the service.

Want to contribute to the festivities? Come early with fresh-cut flowers to decorate the Flower Cross -or- bring fruit kabobs, muffins, or deviled eggs to share at the brunch. Thanks!

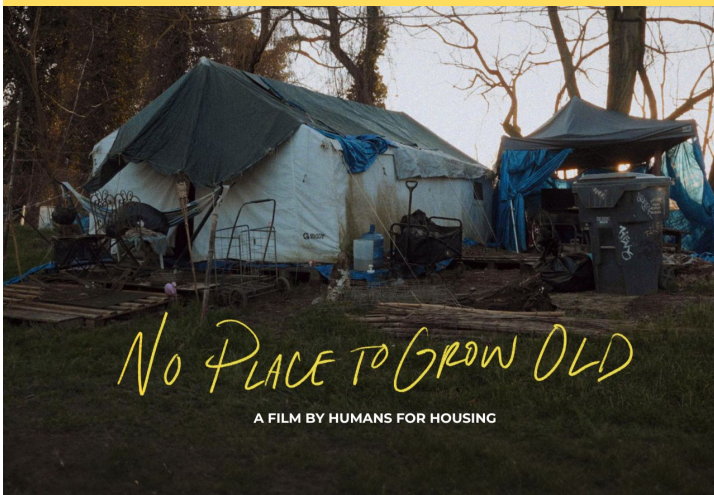
Another Way to Extend Our Care

We extend care to one another in many ways - including through the sharing of tangible items, practical skills, and lived experiences. FBC's Care & Concern group invites you to name *things, skills, and stories* you would be willing to share if another congregant was in need.

For example... Do you have matching silverware for 12 that you could loan to someone hosting a dinner party? Do you know how to fix a flat tire, and could you teach someone who'd like to learn? Do you have experience caring for an aging relative, and would you be willing to share about that with someone stepping into a similar role?

There's a wealth of experience and expertise around FBC - not to mention plenty of concrete stuff - but we don't always know whom to ask when we're in need of help. So, the first week of April, you'll receive a survey via email, asking about the *things, skills, and stories* you'd be willing to share with FBC friends. Paper copies of the survey will be available at church for those who prefer that. If another congregant identifies a need that you've indicated you could help with, a Care & Concern member will help to connect you and the other person. Thanks for participating in this way of deepening our care for one another!

FBC to host community film screening: *No Place to Grow Old*



Wednesday, April 23, time TBA

In partnership with the McMinnville Public Library, FBC is honored to host this 47-minute documentary that follows the lives of three older adults living in Portland, Oregon without a home. Rooted in intimate portrayals and highlighting systemic issues, with insights from local and national experts, the film emphasizes dignity and hope, and envisions a future where all people have a place to call home. A panel discussion will follow the screening.

Watch the trailer at noplacetogrowold.com.

Sunday Worship Highlights

April 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
- ✦ **9:00 am - BEREAN Class**
Contact - doug.verigin@outlook.com

Music Ministry



Rehearsals:

Thurs., April 3 & 10 / Easter Week - TBD
Bells 5:20p / Choir 6:30p / Worship Team TBD

Easter Dress Rehearsals - Saturday, April 19:

12-2p - Choir dress rehearsal w/ brass, organ, & sound
2-4p - Brass & Organ rehearsal

Choir will perform Sunday:

April 20th - Easter Sunday service
with FBC's Jubilee BELLS
May 11th - Mother's Day plus
FBC's 158th Anniversary Celebration!

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

April 6, 5th Sunday of Lent + Communion Sunday

"A Wild & Precious Feast," Sermon from Mark 8:1-21
Rev. Erika Marksbury preaching
Music led Tegan Johnson and the Worship Team

*Come to Walker Hall following the service for our First Sunday
Speaker Series, where Kim Kushner will share about her work
with Safe Route Immigration.*

April 13 - PALM SUNDAY

"A Wild & Precious World," Sermon from Matthew 25:14-30,
Rev. Erika Marksbury preaching
Music led by Tegan Johnson; Offertory from Dave King

April 20 - EASTER SUNDAY

"Life Abundant," Sermon from Luke 24:1-12,
Rev. Erika Marksbury preaching
See music plan at right! >>>

*After worship, come to Walker Hall for a yummy Easter brunch
of deviled eggs, fruit kabobs, & muffins, and be on the lookout
for a visit from the Easter bunny!*

APRIL 27 - Resurrection in Story & Song

Let Pastor Erika know (erika@fbcmac.org) if you have a story or
song to share that celebrates finding new life!

Memorial Easter Lilies & Flowers
In loving memory of those no longer with us.
Bring potted flowers to the church office Wed.-Thur,
April 16-17, 9a-12n for a beautiful Easter display.

Join us for
Easter
Sunday, April 20th

9:45am - Prelude by Yamhill River Brass
10:00am - Easter Worship

**Celebrate the good news
with Easter music and
Hallelujah Chorus by:**

FBC Easter Choir
FBC Jubilee Bell Choir
Yamhill River Brass Quintet
Dr. Julie Cross, organ
Bob McCann, timpani



YTD	Actual for Period	% of Amount Budgeted
Contributions Income:	\$ 67,837	116.0%
Total Income:	\$ 74,857	104.1%
Total Expenses:	\$ 72,107	100.3%
Net Income:	+ \$ 2,750	

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).

Important Financial Update - Generous individual giving the first two months has helped us cover the high utility expenses that come during the winter. Total Income has meet our budget needs, and we are grateful.

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

Church Board Notes, March 12th

Both the Sunday morning Bereans and Connections classes have recently viewed a conversation between Oprah Winfrey and Sister Joan Chittister. The video is from 2019 when Sister Joan was the featured guest of Oprah Winfrey on "Super Soul Sunday," about her book, *The Time is Now*.

Sister Joan, now age 88, is a long-time activist, best-selling author, a soul-stirring speaker, and a gifted spiritual guide. While addressing what many are talking about these days—the separation of church and state—she offers this perspective. **The separation we're witnessing and experiencing is between mind and soul.** When we focus only on the mind, hope can easily slip away.

"The spiritual task of life is to feed hope. Hope is not something to be found outside of us. It lies in the spiritual life we cultivate within. The whole purpose of wrestling with life is to be transformed into the self we are meant to become, to step out of the confines of our false securities and allow our creating God to go on creating. In us."

Sure sounds like an American Baptist teaching and what we embrace at First Baptist Church! Until each of us reflects on how we are contributing to separation, how can we expect our elected leaders

to lead us towards unity? It starts with me, and you, and all those connected to FBC.

Pastor Erika has been, in my opinion, very skillful about political references in her recent sermons. Just a few weeks ago, when she first made mention of the current political climate, I thought, "Uh Oh. Where is this going to go? Who will be in favor and who will be against?" How's that for separation thinking on my part? Listening only to my mind and not my soul.

Years ago, I attended a clergy luncheon in Portland with spiritual teacher and author Marianne Williamson as the featured speaker. When I mentioned to her my hesitancy in blurring the lines between church and state, she, very directly, said to me, "How can you NOT speak about what's happening in the world and at home? Do you think separation of church and state bothered Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.? Where would the Civil Rights Movement be without that blurring?" Busted!

So here we are, living in a time of much division. What is FBC's role? What steps can our community take in pursuit of unity? Are we willing to support each other as we strive to speak from the soul, using Jesus as a role model? Can we all embrace the essence of Baptist teachings - FREEDOM - for all?

Submitted by Kathleen Verigin, moderator

KeyNote Concert Series

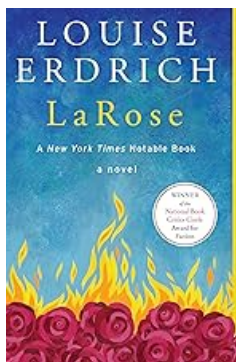
Wednesday, April 16, 2025 - 7pm at FBC
3rd Wednesday each month (except July & August)

Featuring Hit Machine



This 7 piece band plays hits from all eras of rock and popular music and have synchronized dance moves to involve the crowd in the performance to make it an unforgettable event.

McMinnville KeyNote Concert Series is a non-profit endeavor to bring more quality live music to our community. We aim to inspire wonder, foster cultural understanding, and bring people of all backgrounds together through the universal language of music.



Native Voices Book Group

6:30 pm - Wednesday, April 23rd

Reading/Discussing: "LaRose"
by Louise Erdrich

An emotionally haunting contemporary tale of a tragic accident, a demand for justice, and a profound act of atonement with ancient roots in Native American culture.



A Note to FBC Campers!



We do not currently have reservations for a campout this summer, but we are working on securing some spots. Our usual favorite parks were booked solid months ago. There's a possibility we'll be able to grab some not-yet-released sites at Silver Falls State Park. We're likely not to know anything for certain until June; everything hinges on construction at the park. But we wanted you to know that this tentative plan is in the works, for whatever summer weekend we can grab. If anyone has a lead on other sites, please let Mary Jackson know at maryf.jackson@gmail.com.

SACRED CENTERING

Community Prayer Time

Wednesdays, 5-6pm

All are welcome.

When things are difficult in our own lives, or in our world, it can be helpful to gather in community, to remind each other of our shared stories and values, and of the God who holds us all and all that is, always.

FBC seeks to provide space for that at our weekly Sacred Centering hour in the Fireplace Room, just inside the Cowsls Street doors. (On second Wednesdays, we gather in Walker Hall.)

Come Wednesdays from 5-6pm, speak what's on your heart, listen to friends, light a candle, and breathe in hope.



HARMONY FOR HOPE

A benefit concert for FBC Music Ministries

Save the date...

**SATURDAY EVENING
MAY 31ST**

Stay tuned for more details coming soon!



Juliette's House
CHILD ABUSE INTERVENTION CENTER

Did you know? April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Juliette's House reminds us with blue pinwheels, an invitation to a fundraising dinner and auction on April 25, and a special emphasis on fundraising to care for children and families caught in abusive situations.

Did you know? Juliette's House provides intervention through prevention, assessment, and treatment for children and families. Services are provided at no-cost to children and families in crisis, including clinical care, trauma recovery, abuse prevention education, and advocacy.

Did you know? Juliette's House began in 1997 and is now 28 years old. They have a robust prevention program through the National Children's Alliance. Juliette's House has multidisciplinary teams visiting PreK-adult classes that serve about 7,000 persons with their four workshops.

Did you know? Our own Russell Mark is the Executive Director of Juliette's House. This year marks his tenth year as Director. He mentioned that Juliette's House is a non-profit organization with 20-35% of their budget coming from State, Federal, and grant funds. During Russell's time with Juliette's House it is now accredited through the National Children's Alliance. Their program is evaluated every five years. Juliette's House has completed a new addition to their house so they can serve their clients and teams even better. Juliette's House works in coordination with Henderson House, CASA, the police department and schools in Yamhill County.

Did you know? The dream of Juliette's House is to create a family justice center. It would co-locate teams to help families, foster families, and children develop a path out of trauma and prepare them for a better future. Juliette's House is always looking for support to help prevent child abuse, to medically assess cases for possible child abuse, trauma therapy, and advocacy for legislation that will allow more positive collaboration in child abuse situations.

Did you know? You support Juliette's House through FBC's designated mission funds. You are always free to provide additional support to the valuable work of Juliette's House! <info@julietteshouse.org>

- Volunteer Opportunity -

Building & Grounds Ministry Team is looking for several folk to be part of a GROUNDS clean up Team. Time commitment can range from 1-4 hours per month.

For more information, contact:
Don Watson @ 503-510-2816 -or-
donjw@comcast.net



Join us Saturday, April 12th

9am-12n - It's time for our
- **Annual Spring Cleaning** -
inside and outside our church.

Bring gloves, a rake, your favorite
weed digging attire, tools, and a great spirit!

We'll also be cleaning windows, floors, applying
pledge to the sanctuary pews. and whatever else
needs cleaning. See you on the 12th.

Encompass Yamhill Valley seeks volunteers to help with their **Sunday Sandwiches program** that runs 2-4pm at Praise Church, 930 NE Third Street. Empathetic volunteers are needed for set-up, serving, and clean-up. Interested folks will receive an orientation and work alongside Encompass staff members. To sign up or ask questions, visit <https://www.encompassyv.org/volunteer/>.



Youth Group

April 6, 13, 27

(NO Youth Group on April 20)
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, April 6, 13, 27

Mac Cov from 3:30-4:30pm

Joysticks & Serendipity!

Friday, April 11 from 1-3pm

drop off & pick up at Joysticks
bring money for video games & friends

Youth Dinner

Wednesday, April 15 at 6 pm

at Nancy Jo's Burgers & Fries

Drop off & pick up there,
bring money for dinner, and friends!



Children's Chapel!

Our special worship time just for children
continues in April!

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

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

KidVenture continues in April!
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're partnering with
First Presbyterian Church for Kidventure
and our focus for this year is on 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!

SUMMER 2025!

Save the dates for these exciting plans for the summer,
and stayed tuned for more details and even more fun coming soon!



Vacation Bible School 2025!

VBS is back June 23-27

and we're partnering with First Pres
for **Waves of Wonder**, an interactive
VBS where children will deepen their
understanding of the importance of water
and be invited to join God in caring for
this precious natural resource.

VBS is for children K through 6th grade
(youth & adult volunteers needed!).
Registration will open soon,
family, friends, neighbors - all welcome!



**Summer Camp
at Camp Arrah Wanna
is back in July 2025!**

**There will be ONE WEEK of camp
for ALL children and youth
1st through 12th grade**

**Monday, July 14
through Friday, July 18
for ALL campers**

cost for ALL campers = \$300

Registration now open!
www.camparrahwanna.org/programs



MYC Service Learning Trip 2025

This summer we are partnering with
Circlewood on Camano Island, WA
for an earth keeper pilgrimage!

The trip is July 27-August 1
for current 5th-12th grade youth.

And registration is now open!
You can find out more details,
register here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfO6ZZrI8SCvWcXVcbfaSPuDFN2d8a1_jO5P2z3fiUClds_Xw/viewform

A month full of opportunities!

FBC Adult Classes

Bible Study - Tuesdays, 12:30pm

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!

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

"In the Shelter: Finding a Home in the World" - an

unforgettable memoir of peace and reconciliation

Celtic spirituality, belonging, and sexual identity.

"It is in the shelter of each other that the people live."

Pádraig Ó Tuama relates ideas of shelter and welcome to our journeys of life, using poetry, story, biblical reflection, and prose to open up gentle ways of living well in a troubled world. He reveals the power of storytelling in communities of conflict, such as Corrymeela, the Northern Ireland peace & reconciliation community Ó Tuama led. From the heart of a poet comes a profound look at the landscape we try to inhabit as we search for shelter.

All persons and all ideas and viewpoints are welcome!

More info: call/text Gary Langenwalter at (971) 221-8155

Sunday Bereans Class - Sunday, 9:00 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

Climate Action Group - Meeting times/locations vary

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

Together Works - April 14 & 28 at 7 pm, in-person

Fireplace Room at FBC - 2nd & 4th Mondays

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

Dad's Group - April 14 at 8 pm, in-person (please RSVP)

2nd Mondays each month, location varies

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

Senior Breakfast - Wednesday, April 2 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)

April 1 & 15, at Gina's / Contact: Gina Foster, 971-237-2789

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

April 10 & 24, at Linda's / Contact: Linda Watson, 971-237-2793

FBC Singles - Friday, April 4, at 5 pm (1st Fridays)

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 - April 8, 1pm - The Grain Station

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 Sunday, April 13th, plan TBD.

Contact Heidi Toth for details or to let her know if you'll need childcare: tothfive@gmail.com

Men's Breakfast - Saturday, April 26 at 9 am

The last Saturday each month, In the FBC Fireplace Room

The speaker will be Todd Severson, Chief Operating Officer of Chapul Farms. All men are welcome. Enter through the Cowsls Street door. Washington Street door option for those needing the elevator. Contact: Don Watson, donjw@comcast.net or

Neil Kunze, kunze@sou.edu

Hiking Group - Saturday, April 19 - First hike of the season!

Meet at 9am to carpool to Fernhill Wetlands (our March hike scheduled to go there had to be cancelled due to heavy rain).

This is our 15th season hiking together. Join Us!

APRIL at FBC

April 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 12:30p - Bible Study in person, Fireplace room 7p - KnitWits at Gina's	2 8a - Senior Breakfast at VFW Post, Atlantic Ave 5p - Sacred Centering Community Prayer Time	3 Music Rehearsals: 5:20p Bells / 6:30p Choir 8p Worship Team	4 FBC Office Closed 9-10a - STARS Breakfast 11a - Sister Circle 5p - FBC Singles' Game Night at FBC	5
6 8:45 - Faith & Java, in person Adult Classes (see pg 11) 5th Sunday of Lent 10 am - WORSHIP in person & Live Stream First Sunday Speaker Series with Kim Kushner 5-7:30p - MYC at FPC	7 9-10a - STARS Breakfast 11:30a - SHELTERING Celebration at FBC 4p - Mission Team 5:15p - KidVenture 7p - Worship Planning	8 9a - Building & Grounds 12:30p - Bible Study in person, Fireplace Room 1p - Singles lunch at the Grain Station	9 5p - Sacred Centering Community Prayer Time 6:30p - Church Board	10 9:45a - KnitWits at Linda's Music Rehearsals: 5:20p Bells / 6:30p Choir 8p Worship Team	11 FBC Office Closed 9-10a - STARS Breakfast 11a - Sister Circle 1-3p - Youth at Joysticks & Serendipity	12 9a-12n - Church CLEAN UP Day
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APRIL Birthday

Jim James 1
 Don Christensen 5
 Joel Kiff 5
 BJ Larmouth 6
 Steven Smith 7
 Sam Ross 10
 Jennifer Scott 11
 Cheryl Hockaday 11
 Jack Mandeville 11
 Gordon Dromgoole 12

Wayne Beckwith 15
 Erica Jensen 16
 Jennifer Cleveland 19
 Dayna Gilbert 19
 Holden Leach 20
 Shelly Sanderlin 20
 Laurie Kiff 20
 Matt Young 20
 David Jacob 20
 Wesley Lundberg 24

Global Servant Birthday Elijah Williams 23

Lisa Ovando-Arreola 25
 Naomi Rosen 25
 Cameryn Rowe 25
 Felix Bierly 27
 Jack Linder 27
 Kelton Curry 27
 Alyssa Dressel 27

APRIL Anniversary

Chad & Nora Martin 1
 Holly & Lloyd Galer 12
 John & Jen Linder 12
 Cherie & Matt Young 18
 Sunshine & Teresa Fugit 20
 Michael & Lynne Vincent 24