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FBC welcomes Ray Schellinger, Global Servant, on May 4 and continues sanctuary discussion

The Missions Ministry & Social Justice
Teams are excited to bring Ray Schellinger to FBC on Sunday, May 4 to share in worship, and at the First Sunday Speaker Series following. He'll be our guest at a potluck after for any who want to continue in conversation.

Ray is a global consultant for immigrants and refugees with ABC's International Ministries, working to construct bridges between U.S. and Puerto Rico churches and international partners. With FBC, he'll touch on the realities of global migration, the impact of US border policies, and the church's role in supporting displaced peoples. His visit builds on what we learned in April at Kim Kushner Dominguez's talk about the uncertainties faced by our neighbors in Yamhill County.

Several years ago, the FBC Board researched what it becoming a "sanctuary congregation" would entail. The Social Justice Team is now revisiting that conversation. We've hung around the church building, as a first step, indicating that Immigration & Customs Enforcement officers must produce a signed warrant before entering private spaces (rooms with a locking door). If you would like to be part of this ongoing exploration, come to the next Social Justice meeting on June 8, after church.





Big thanks to FBC Music Ministries, Social Team, Children's & Youth Ministries, and all our friends and guests who helped make this Easter such a beautiful celebration. Christ is risen, indeed!





Sunday Worship Highlights

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 Barbara barbaracoleburr@gmail.com
- 8:45 am FAITH & JAVA , 1st Sundays only, Contact Rob schulmanrob@yahoo.com
- * 8:45 am CHAPEL Class, Contact Gary 971.221.8155 or gary@portlandconsultinggroup.com
- 9:00 am BEREAN Class, Contact Doug doug.verigin@outlook.com

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

May 4 - Communion Sunday

"Blood and Guts and Strangers," Sermon from Deuteronomy 6:4-5, Leviticus 19:18 and Leviticus 21:1-4 Global Servant Ray Schellinger preaching Music led by Tegan Johnson and the Worship Team Offertory from Matt Reinker

Come to Walker Hall following the service for our First Sunday Speaker Series with Ray; see page one for details.

May 11 - Mother's Day

Celebrating FBC's 158th Birthday, 1867-2025

"Keeping at It," Sermon from Matthew 28:1-20 Rev. Erika Marksbury preaching Music led by Marilyn Dresser & the FBC Choir + Jubilee Bells & Sherill Roberts

After worship, gather in Walker Hall for a birthday celebration + a fun photo booth!

May 18

"Trusting Each Other," Sermon from John 20:24-29, Rev. Erika Marksbury preaching Music led by Tegan Johnson and the Worship Team

May 25

"Bringing It In," Sermon from John 21:1-13, Rev. Erika Marksbury preaching Music led by Tegan Johnson and the Worship Team

Rehearsals

Thursdays, May 1 & 8 Bells 5:20p Choir 6:30p Worship Team TBD



Music Library Work Sessions

May 14 & 15, May 21 & 22, 5:30-8pm Everyone is invited to come and help!

End-of-Season Music Ministry BBQ

Thursday, June 5, 5:30pm at J.L. Kiff Vineyard (After May 11 sharing in worship, choir and bells rehearsals on break until September.)





Those who were around eight years ago may remember this brightly-colored pinwheel logo. We introduced it for our 150th Anniversary celebrations, and it is memorialized in the center of the large quilt that hangs in Walker Hall. The colors each represent commitments of FBC, and the pinwheel shape is significant in quilting, showing up especially on the Oregon Trail as a symbol of journey.

This updated version keeps the same basic shape, a reminder that at the core of our congregational commitments is the promise to journey in faith together. It is made up of four main curls, symbolic of the four freedoms that inform our American Baptist identity (soul freedom, Bible freedom, church freedom, and religious freedom) and/or the four verbs in our mission statement (learning, loving, serving, and seeking). Green is the color of "ordinary time," the liturgical season in which we spend most of our lives, and it speaks to our commitment to care for the earth. We hope this updated FBC logo is meaningful to you!

YTD	Actual for Period	% of Amount Budgeted
Contributions Income:	\$ 96,761	110.3%
Total Income:	\$111,440	103.3%
Total Expenses:	\$111,775	103.6%
Net Income:	- \$ 335	Deficit

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 three months has helped us cover the high utility expenses that come during the winter. Many thanks!

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

Church Board Notes, March 12th

Do you ever feel frustrated that things aren't moving ahead at FBC at the speed you would like? Board members and staff are sometimes asked, "Why is the Board not taking action? What is causing the delay? What will it take to get something done?" I'm often fond of replying,

"Because churches work at the speed of volunteers." Think about that for a moment. A church is a registered not-for-profit entity. Our symbolic CEO (Pastor Erika) doesn't have a limo with a driver. She doesn't live in a mansion with armed guards. As far as I know, she doesn't take extravagant vacations.

At FBC, we co-lead together under the guidance of the paid staff, especially our pastor. As volunteers, our paychecks can't be docked because money isn't involved. Yet, as I was once coached, every volunteer comes with an "internal salary." By that, it means the payback we receive through acts of service. Consider replies from some of our current and past Board members.

Gloria LaFata

My internal salary was and is to be part of something greater than what one person could do alone: to bring joy to others, to help this faith community make a difference in our church, our community, and the world. My salary? *Making connections!*

Judee Kunze

My internal salary as the Board Rep of Congregational Engagement is the motivation to meet new folks, to have an opportunity to find out a little bit about someone, and to help make new folks feel welcome. My salary? *Giving and receiving joy!*

Vicki Cartwright

As a volunteer at FBC, my internal salary is getting to know my church family on a more personal basis as we work together to care for each other and our community. It's about stepping up and doing my part. My salary? *Partnership!*

<u>For myself</u>, I stepped into the moderator position because I felt a calling to be an active participant in the manifestation of our shared vision(s). To see how we take ideas and bring them into fruition. My salary? *Witnessing!*

At our Annual Meeting this coming June, there will be opportunities to step into leadership on the Church Board. If you're wondering, why me?, I ask you to ask yourself – why not me?

Because, using the four internal salaries mentioned in this article, you will make more connections, share more joy, dwell in partnership, and celebrate our shared manifestations!

Submitted by Kathleen Verigin, moderator

KeyNote Concert Series

Wednesday, May 21, 2025 - 7pm at FBC 3rd Wednesday each month (except July & August)

Featuring Rose City Brass Quintet

RCBQ is the Pacific Northwest's premier, modern brass quintet,

offering vibrantly virtuosic performances.



The group's rehearsal style results in clear, cohesive, and powerful playing that's both exhilarating and satisfying. Listen as they revive and re-contextualize musical gems within the historical brass quintet repertoire.

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.

Strategic Planning Update

Our team is working to implement our strategic plan successfully.

The Facility Use Team reports that we're getting 100 new chairs before the end of May, and we are increasing our building use and the income by leasing to Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of McMinnville, Great Circle Recovery Counseling, and Oregon Family Support Network.

The Congregational Care Team reports that the Suppers for Six are going well. We have eight groups meeting and enjoying the conversations they're having. We will begin sign-ups for the next round in late summer.

The Marketing Team got gift bags for visitors ready for the Palm Sunday & Easter services. Thanks to all who helped! These bags include information about FBC and fun stuff like a pen and a prayer square. No news on the welcome sign and painting the pillar by the Information Counter in Walker Hall.

The Social Justice Team is working with the Missions Ministry team to host global servant Ray Schellinger, who will share both in worship and at the First Sunday Speaker Series on May 4. Ray works at the border with immigrants and refugees. After the speaker series event, the teams will hold a potluck and have more conversation. This team is also continuing to research how we can best be supportive of our neighbors who are currently under threat.

Contact Gary Langenwalter (gary@portlandconsultinggroup.com) with questions.

Extending Our Care

Just a reminder that if you'd like to participate in an effort to extend more care to members of the congregation through the sharing of *things, skills, and stories*, please fill out the form linked in the weekly Happenings emails in May, or available as a hard copy at the information counter in Walker Hall on Sundays.

Some examples of what's been named as available to loan include a workbench, items for people with mobility issues, dinner service for 12, and more; what folks are offering to share includes clerical skills, event planning help, gardening advice, packing help, and more; and people are willing to be in conversation about family, spirituality, career, addiction & recovery, goal-setting & realization, and more. The Care & Concern Team will help connect folks asking with those offering. Thanks!





Safe Families for Children is an international movement that aims to support isolated and struggling families. We work to build community around single parents, families, teens, and children impacted by trauma, addiction, homelessness, and other monumental obstacles. Safe Families for Children seeks

to bring the church and community together to keep children safe and families together. We are rooted in faith, fueled by radical hospitality, disruptive generosity, and intentional compassion.

Currently in Yamhill County, Safe Families is an active part of over 17 churches. Our volunteers have provided children in our community with 516 safe nights of overnight care since Spring of 2024. Our host families have included otherwise isolated children in over 46 days of day hosting, including family activities, summer camps, after school care, childcare and mentoring. We actively serve 13 families, which include 28 children. While we continue to make an impact on the lives of these parents and children, there is still so much to be done. We have 18 children in Yamhill County that are waiting to be connected to a safe, loving, encouraging adult. These kids need someone to step into their lives and make a difference. We especially need volunteers willing to step in and invite teens into your home, to provide a meal, a bed, and a friend.

The goal of Safe Families is to create a village around each of the families we support, to build them up and surround them with support as they reach their goals. None of us were made to do this life alone. We all need our village. We would love to invite you to become a part of the Safe Families community!

Matthew 25 Committee News:

With Friday-night and cold weather shelter operations now behind us, First Baptist's Matthew 25 committee is active and seeking out our next community projects.

The Monday and Friday morning breakfasts in the STARS Room (Serving Those ARound uS) will continue. Our volunteers still appreciate this gratifying opportunity to serve. And our grateful attendees appreciate the food, hot coffee and beverages, hygiene supplies and clothing. Perhaps most of all, they enjoy the social opportunity and a warm, dry place to relax. We can always use more help. If you've got two hours on a Monday or Friday morning and feel it might be a good fit for you, we invite you to join the fun. I promise; it's a rewarding experience.

We bid a fond adieu to Matthew 25 committee member, JoAnn Sims. She led the committee for most of the past 10-plus years; she's been a blessing. Thank you so much for all you've done, JoAnn.

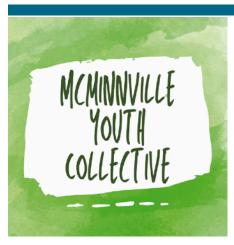
Please note: Matthew 25 now has a vacant position on the committee. Will you consider stepping onboard?

Matthew 25 is now looking for new ways to help those who are housing-challenged. We'll be taking a tour of the new "Any Door" YCAP, which opened in January, to explore ways community members can participate in this new and expanding operation. We are also exploring the opportunity to create a "tiny house" project in McMinnville; an idea that's been considered but is yet to be realized. If you have any questions or ideas, please call or text me at 503-913-3401. Thank you! Doug Verigin - Chairperson for Matthew 25.

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



Friday, June 13 at FBC - doors open at 5:30pm / film begins at 6:05pm In partnership with the McMinnville Public Library, the City of McMinnville, and Oregon Older Adult Behavioral Initiative, FBC is honored to host this 47-minute documentary that follows the lives of three aging 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 moderated discussion will follow the screening. Watch the trailer at noplacetogrowold.com.



Youth Group

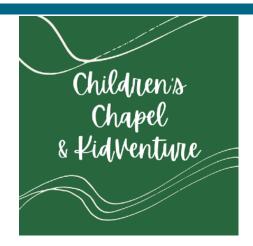
May 4 & 18
at First Presbyterian Church
Middle School from 5-6 pm
Dinner for ALL from 6-6:30 pm
High School from 6:30-7:30 pm
(NO Youth Group on May 12 & 26)

Pickleball & Picnic!

Friday, May 9 from 11am-1pm drop off & pick up at Lower City Park we'll be playing pickleball & having lunch at the park bring a picnic lunch & friends

Youth Dinner

Tuesday, May 20 at 6 pm at Gordo Tacos Drop off & pick up there, bring money for dinner, and friends!



Children's Chapel!

Sunday mornings following the Children's Time during worship. (except for first Sundays of each month) 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 Sundays, for infants through preschool children,

Kidventure - JUST FOR KIDS!

from 9:30 am to 11:30 am.

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, and our focus for this year is on stories of the New Testament & Church!



It's time for Parents Night Out!

Friday, May 30 from 5-9pm at First Baptist Church for children age zero through 5th grade (and we need youth volunteers to help!)

FREE!

Registration Required **Deadline is Wednesday, May 28**

While the parents are OUT...
Nursery/Childcare and dinner will be
provided for infants/toddlers/preschoolers.
And we'll have games, dinner, and a movie
for elementary children.

To learn more and/or register, visit fbcmac.org/parents-night-out-may-2025

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 Learning Together: Celebrations,
an interactive VBS where we remember all
the wonderful things God does, and we
celebrate by partying!

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

Register now! https://fbcmac.org/vacation-bible-school-2025/



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.

for current 5th-12th grade youth. And registration is now open!

You can find out more details, register here:

https://fbcmac.org/myc-servicelearning-trip-2025/

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!

SUNDAY Adult Classes - Come Grow with Us!

Sunday Connections - Sunday, 8:25 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, <u>barbaracoleburr@gmail.com</u>

<u>Sunday Faith & Java Class</u> - <u>Sunday, 8:45 am</u> 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, <u>schulmanrob@yahoo.com</u>

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. Discussing the final chapters in May...

May 4, Hello to the body: Yearn / May 11, Hello to the shadow: Collect / May 18, Hello to change: After the confession May 25, Hello to power: Returnings / June 1, Hello to story: De-noche; The one thing. --Summer break until September-All persons and all ideas and viewpoints are welcome!

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 use contemporary video recordings to explore living a spiritually fulfilling life in the modern world, and spend time reflecting and sharing thoughts and feelings in response to the teachings & interviews. Contact: Doug Verigin (503) 913 3401

<u>Climate Action Group</u> - Meeting times/locations vary

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

Together Works - May 12 at 7 pm, in-person

Fireplace Room at FBC - 2nd & 4th Mondays

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

Dad's Group - May 12 at 8 pm, in-person (please RSVP)

2nd Monday, location varies - Contact: John Linder, john.linder93@gmail.com

Senior Breakfast - Wednesday, May 7 at 8:30 am

1st Wednesday each month at American Legion Post 21 126 NE Atlantic, McMinnville / RSVP: Gina Foster, 971-237-2789

Sew & Sos - in-person (2nd floor sewing room).

Weekly opportunities for individuals and/or small groups to sew together at FBC. 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)
May 6 & 20, at Gina's / Contact: Gina Foster, 971-237-2789

AM Group - 9:45 am, in-person (meets 2nd & 4th Thursdays) May 8 & 22, at Linda's / Contact: Linda Watson, 971-237-2793

FBC Singles - Friday, May 2, 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 - May 13, 1pm - The Grain Station

Contact: Nadya King, <u>ladyharp1@gmail.com</u>

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 hike at Miller Woods in May, date TBD.

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

Men's Breakfast - Saturday, May 31 at 9 am

The last Saturday each month, In the FBC Fireplace Room
The speaker will be Dave Ferry, sharing a historical view of the
judicial system, not just in the USA. All men are welcome. Enter
through the Cowls Street door. Washington Street door option
for those needing the elevator. Contact: Don Watson,
donjw@comcast.net or Neil Kunze, kunze@sou.edu

<u>Hiking Group</u> - Saturday, May 17 - we'll be hiking around Champoeg Park. The loop is 3.4 miles with other trail options, one taking you along the Willamette River. Meet at 9am to carpool, bring water/lunch & hiking gear! Contact: Gloria, <u>glowml1@gmail.com</u>

Native Voices Book Group - 4th Wednesday, May 28 - 6:30pm

Reading - "laRose" by Louise Erdrich. 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.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Music Rehearsals: 5:20p Bells / 6:30p Choir 8p Worship Team	PEC Office Closed 9-10a - STARS Breakfast 11a - Sister Circle 5p - Singles' Game Night at FBC	3 10a-1p - PLASTIC RECYCLE DAY at FBC
4 8:45 - Faith & Java, in person Adult Classes (see pg 11) 10 am - WORSHIP in person & Live Stream First Sunday Speaker Series with Ray Schellinger 5-7:30p - MYC at FPC	5 9-10a - STARS Breakfast 12:30p - Personnel 4p - Mission Team 5:15p - KidVenture 7p - Worship Planning	6 12:30p - Bible Study 7p - KnitWits at Gina's	7 8:30a - Senior Breakfast at VFW Post, Atlantic Ave 5p - Sacred Centering Community Prayer Time in the Fireplace Room	8 9:45a - KnitWits at Linda's Music Rehearsals: 5:20p Bells / 6:30p Choir 8p Worship Team	9 FBC Office Closed 9-10a - STARS Breakfast 11a - Sister Circle 11a-1p - Youth Pickleball	10 Pancake Breakfast fundraiser at FPC (see page 6)
11 Adult Classes (see page 11) 10 am - WORSHIP in person & Live Stream FBC's 158th Birthday!	12 9-10a - STARS Breakfast 11a - Matthew 25 5:15p - KidVenture 7p - Together Works 8p - Dad's Group	13 9a- Building & Grounds 12:30p - Bible Study 1p - Singles lunch at the Grain Station	14 5p - Sacred Centering Community Prayer Time in Walker Hall 6:30p - Church Board 5:30-8pm Music Library Work Sessions	15 5:30-8pm Music Library Work Sessions	16 FBC Office Closed 9-10a - STARS Breakfast 11a - Sister Circle	17 9am - Hiking Group at Champoeg Park
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May Birthday

Scott Chambers 1
Violet Zimmerman 2
Pam Conner 5
Jacob Harmon 5
Jean Meicho 7
Amanda Witter 7
Izzy Ward 8
Rob Schulman 11
Joe Wilkins 11
Sean P. Williams 13
Meridith Symons 13

Zander Dressel 15
Beckett Marksbury Page 18
Nora Olson 18
Maschelle Brunner 19
William Ward 19
Darrel Eacret 20
Marianne Mills 20
Jonathan Davis 21
Justin Lundberg 25
Myra Huff 25
Charlotte Hendricks 26
Erika Marksbury 26

Paul Studebaker 26 Barbara Curtis 26 Heidi Darling 27 Barbara Kauer 28 Rob Stuart 28 Henry Anderson 30 Lennox Leach 30 Paul Kushner 31 John Huff 31

Global Servant Birthday Adison Williams 15 Kyle Williams 28

May Anniversary

Tom & Kim Riggs 2
David & Anne Marie Jacob 20
Danny Browne & Gloria LaFata 21
Scott & Laura Sutherland 22
Peggi Lilly & Ken Piontek 23
David & Joy Hallett 26
Rob & Margy Porter 28