



The Tidings

JULY 2025

First Baptist Church's Newsletter
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Congregation affirms 2025-2026 FBC Board slate

At our semi-annual congregational meeting on June 22, attendees voted to affirm the proposed slate of Church Board members. Thanks to the following FBC members for taking on, or continuing in, these roles for the coming year:

Kathleen Verigin, Moderator

Cynthia Parker, Assistant Moderator

Don Watson, Treasurer

Nadya King, Clerk

Peggi Lilly, Faith Formation Chair

Vicki Cartwright, Missions Ministry Chair

Steve Howard, Building & Grounds Chair

Mary Dressel, Children, Youth, & Families Chair

Lara O'Brady, Worship Chair

Judee Kunze, Congregational Engagement

Kerry Ballati, At-Large

Scott Sutherland, At-Large

The FBC Board meets at 6:30pm in the second floor conference room on the second Wednesday of each month. Visitors are always welcome.

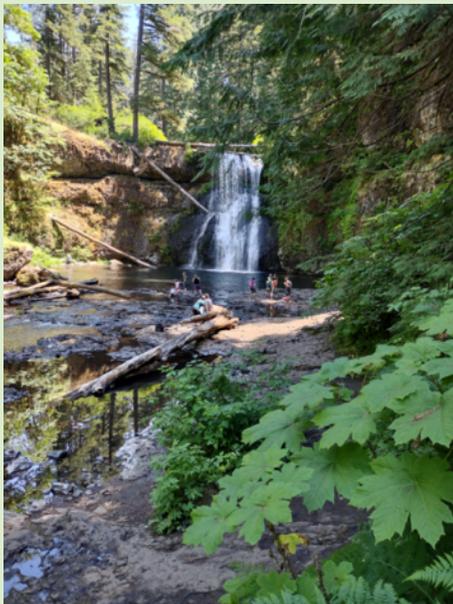
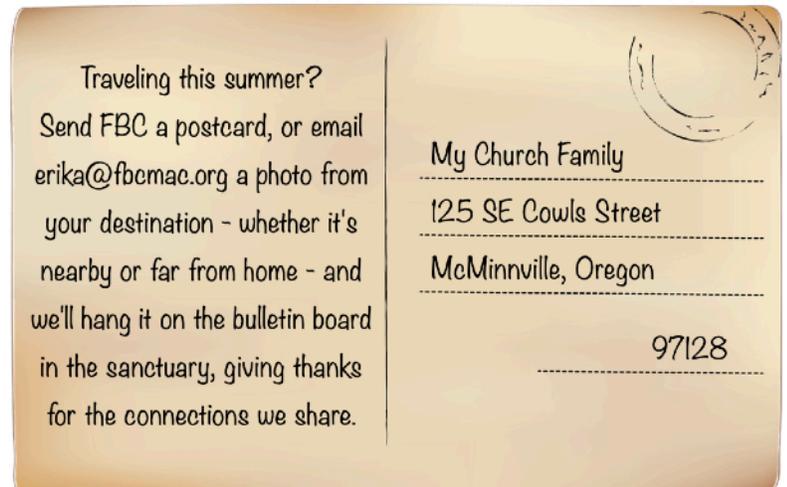
Ancient & Recent Messages

This summer during worship, we're re-opening the Epistles, those old letters to the earliest churches, considering how folks were encouraged to be in community together.

The advice stands the test of time: Love one another. Listen to one another. Make space for one another. Honor one another.

We're also digging through old shoeboxes or text threads for those messages we've received that have had a significant impact on our lives. Do you have something like that tucked away? Would you be willing to share it with the congregation?

If so, please let Erika know. Pairing the voices of today with those of long ago helps enriches our community and reminds us that God is still speaking, within us, and all around us.





Sunday Worship Highlights

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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."

Letters from Old Friends

*a summer sermon series
from the Epistles*

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

Join in worship each week this summer as we explore the letters written to the earliest Christian communities; revisit personal letters that have meant a great deal to us over the years; and write postcards (adorned with work by FBC artists!) to share gratitude and love, or to encourage peace, justice, and compassion in our world.

July 6 - Communion Sunday

SUMMER "CHRUNCH" (Church + Brunch!)

Gather around tables in Walker Hall for this special service, where we'll share insights, prayers, and songs while feasting on a potluck brunch communion!

Music led by Marilyn Dresser

July 13

"Letters of Recommendation," Sermon from 2nd Corinthians 3:1-3

Rev. Erika Marksburly preaching

Stewart Stout sharing a letter

Music led by Tegan Johnson

Fellowship hosted by the Moms' Group

July 20

"For Freedom," Sermon from Galatians 4:19-5:1

Rev. Erika Marksburly preaching

Muriel Dresser sharing a letter

Fellowship hosted by the Faith Formation Team

July 27

"One for All," Sermon from Ephesians 4:1-7

Rev. Erika Marksburly preaching

Gordon Dromgoole sharing a letter

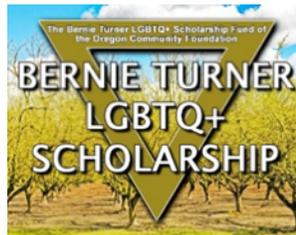
Music led by Tegan Johnson

Fellowship hosted by the Climate Action Group

Adult Sunday Classes

All classes are on summer break, and will resume meeting in September.

- ✦ 8:30 am - CONNECTIONS Class,
Contact Barbara - barbaracoleburr@gmail.com
- ✦ 8:45 am - FAITH & JAVA
Contact Rob - schulmanrob@yahoo.com
- ✦ 8:45 am - CHAPEL Class
Contact Gary - gary@portlandconsultinggroup.com
- ✦ 9:00 am - BEREAN Class
Contact Doug - doug.verigin@outlook.com



Thank you FBC!
YOU DID IT!

Dear FBC Community, be joyful!
Thanks to the church's donation back in December 2024,
"The Bernie Turner LGBTQ+

Scholarship Fund of The Oregon Community Foundation" has reached its preliminary \$50,000 goal. This enables the fund to begin awarding scholarships to Yamhill County LGBTQ+ graduates as soon as 2026.

As we continue receiving donations toward our \$100,000 goal, our fund's principal grows, allowing us to award ever larger amounts to LGBTQ+ students and thereby to honor Bernie's work year after year, throughout Yamhill County, forever.

All of us on the committee are thankful for and humbled by your support. Through your generosity, you've brought a new source of light into this world, just as Bernie shone so many life-changing lights out of his.



We will keep you posted on our progress.

Thank you again!

Tim Craig and the "Bernie Turner Scholarship Fund of the Oregon Community Foundation" Committee.
(310) 597-2783. tim@timcraigstudio.com

To donate:

www.oregoncf.org/bernie-turner-scholarship

YTD	Actual for Period	% of Amount Budgeted
Contributions Income:	\$ 163,547	111.8%
Total Income:	\$ 195,568	108.8%
Total Expenses:	\$ 185,184	103.0%
Net Income:	+ \$ 10,384	

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 - Donors during May were very generous. We are now back in the positive net income. We continue to monitor our expenses when prices are rising. Thank you for your continued support.

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

Church Board Notes, June 11

In the year that I've served as Moderator, I've had the pleasure of witnessing FBC's past and current growing pains. These are not negatives. Rather, they are "food for thought" as we move forward together. And moving forward, we are!

We hope you are as thrilled as we are with the arrival of the new chairs. It's been in conversation for a few years now. What was different this time? I believe it's our shared interest in the beauty of all of God's creation, both outside in nature and inside our church walls. Staying truthful to our mission that all are welcome here, now with beauty and comfort. Kudos to Don Watson and helpers, and a special thanks to the legacy of Mary Martin.

FBC's building is massive, with lots of empty rooms. Consider these words by artist Meredith Monk: *"I think about empty space a lot. That emptiness is what allows for something to actually evolve in a natural way."* At the June Board meeting we were treated to a look-see at the new FBC Facility Use brochure promoting rental space in our building. It's been in the works for a full year, evolving with each draft. Like the chairs, now is the time. We have Susan Chambers, Don Watson, and Donna Weed to thank. Feel free to take a few brochures with you and share with the wider community.

I'm fond of saying that churches work at the speed of volunteers. We have numerous devoted volunteers at FBC, many stretched thin by serving

on a variety teams. We discussed this at the recent Board meeting, inspired by Peggi Lilly's report suggesting that we enlist two people from each of the various teams to be responsible for post-service hospitality. Share your love, and lighten the load of those among us who do most of the volunteering. Don't be surprised if someone asks you directly. Before you reply, consider that you will only be asked to do this twice a year. That's out of 52 weeks. The Faith Formation team is coming up with written guidelines to help new volunteers.

The Church Board will enjoy a day-long retreat on a Saturday in September. We are talking with possible facilitators outside of the church -- someone who is new and neutral to FBC to help us reflect on the past, consider the present, and anticipate the near future.

We'll also soon have a visioning session--or spirit-storming, as I like to call it--in regards to the on-going chaos and confusion around our houseless guests and homeowners who live near the church. God is trying to get our attention and we're not hearing or seeing it. This process takes us out of ordinary time and delves deeply into our souls' knowing and longing. "What now, God, what now?"

Although we are in the slow months of summer, FBC continues to offer many wonderful opportunities to connect, share, laugh, and love. We hope to see you and share the beauty of an engaged community, remembering that we are better together.

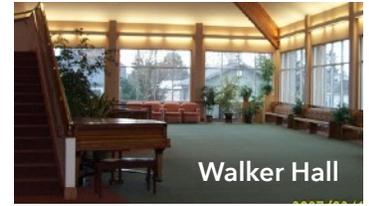
Kathleen Verigin, Moderator

Step up to the Call of Our Mission - Every Step Matters

For 25 years, our carpet has stepped up to the call of our mission to learn, love, serve, and seek justice and joy for all. The 18,000 square feet of carpet throughout FBC has served us well. It has stepped up for worship services, concerts, and movie nights. It has provided a warm welcome to the STAR breakfast guests, Sunday school classes, AA meetings, potlucks, and community events. The carpet supported the recycling projects, blood drives, youth nights, VBS, scout troops and so much more. Every step matters for every person who has walked on this carpet. The carpet has stepped up, and it is now worn out.

Our sanctuary reaches its Centennial year in 2026. A fitting celebration of this milestone would be the rejuvenation of the sanctuary and the church building by September 2026. This summer, we will launch a campaign to raise \$275,000 for the replacement of flooring in the most heavily used areas of our church. Every person who steps into our building matters. The carpet has stepped up to serve, and now we will ask you to step up. Together we can replace our worn-out flooring to continue to provide a warm welcoming place to serve all.

Have questions? Want to participate? Contact Georgine Benner or Tom Riggs.



Walker Hall



Fireplace Room



Social Hall



MCMINNVILLE YOUTH COLLECTIVE'S SUMMER KICK-OFF PARTY



NICA TEAM YARD PROJECT



FBC'S HIKING GROUP'S JUNE ADVENTURE TO SITKA SLEDGE



MCMINNVILLE YOUTH COLLECTIVE SERVICE LEARNING TRIP TEAM-BUILDING



Church Food Closet Needs

Thank you to everyone who contributed food items in the month of June. We are continuing to experience increased demand, and are grateful for your continued support.

Much-needed items include non-perishable proteins, breakfast foods, cooking staples, child-friendly snacks, and hygiene and cleaning products.

Please check the expiration dates on the items you contribute and consider that some individuals who request food need easy-to-open lids on canned goods as they do not have can openers.

Below are commonly requested items.

Food:

- Pasta, rice, dried beans, instant potato flakes
- Biscuit mix, pancake mix
- Canned fish, stew, chili, Spaghetti O's, cup of soup
- Hot cereals, baby food
- Canned fruit, macaroni and cheese
- Canned or dried milk
- Peanut butter

Hygiene/Cleaning Products:

- Toothpaste & brushes
- Shampoo & conditioner
- Dish soap, toilet paper
- Feminine hygiene items
- Hand & body lotion

Donations can be left in the office or in the hall next to the food closet. Together, we can ensure that no one in our community goes hungry. For more details, please contact the church office.

The McMinnville Youth Collective (MYC) Service Learning Trip 2025

This summer we are excited to be partnering with Circlewood in an Earth Keeper Pilgrimage for our Service Learning Trip. We will spend time in the Circlewood Village, the surrounding 40 acre forest, and around Camano Island, WA to discover more about, and practice hands-on, earth keeping. We are thrilled about this opportunity to build our community, spend time getting to know and connecting with the earth, learn and serve with new friends, and further develop our hearts as God's servants in the world.



And you can support our whole team with the Wall of Money! You may have already seen this in Walker Hall, and it's really simple - pick an envelope (or multiple envelopes!) with a number on it and donate that amount to our trip. Inside the envelope you will find info on the trip and the name of a participant to pray for, and a picture of our team, plus a return envelope to send in your payment.

Thank you for the impact that all of your gifts will have on our team and trip this summer. We couldn't do it without you!

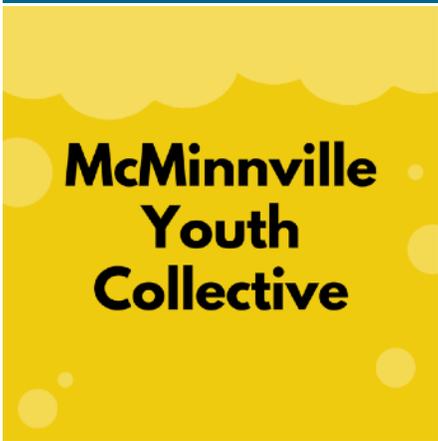


The Native Voices Book Group is hosting a trip to the Chachalu Museum Mark your Calendars!

On Wednesday, July 9, we will be journeying to the amazing Chachalu Museum in Grande Ronde. Meet in the church parking lot at 9:30 AM to carpool out. We will have a guided tour, followed by lunch in Grande Ronde, and return to McMinnville by 1 PM. For more information or to RSVP, contact Nadya King at ladyharp1@gmail.com or emily.kerrigan2@gmail.com. All are welcome!

For more about Chachalu and the exhibits go to: <https://chachalu.org/>

In August we will be attending the Grande Ronde Pow Wow. It is on the weekend of August 15-17th. Specific day and time TBA (check August Tidings). If you've never been to a Pow Wow, This is a must do!!! All are welcome!



Youth Dinners

just bring money for dinner & friends

Wednesday, July 23 from 6-7pm
at Gerald's
drop off & pick up there

Wednesday, August 27 from 6-7pm
at Nancy Jo's
drop off & pick up there

Pool Parties

Sunday, July 6 from 5-7pm
at the Andersons
(15200 NW Willis Rd. McMinnville)
*swimming & dinner - friends welcome
drop off & pick up there*

Sunday, August 17 from 5:30-7:30pm
at the Carlton Pool

**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

And adult volunteers are needed!
Contact Corey Hughes
(program@camparrahwanna.org)
if interested.

Youth Group
returns September 7

KidVenture
returns September 8

MYC Fall Beach Retreats
HIGH SCHOOL - Sept 19-21
MIDDLE SCHOOL - Sept 26-28

All Church Retreat
October 24-26

MYC Lock Out 2024
Friday, November 7
5pm to Midnight

Vacation Bible School 2025!

We had an amazing week at VBS - Celebrations!

It was a party complete with music, games, crafts, snacks, and friends,
as we remembered and celebrated all the wonderful things God does!

Thanks to all the children and families who were part and to the youth & adult volunteers who helped make it happen!



A month full of opportunities!

Bible Study - Tuesdays, July 15 & 29, 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 look at the text from multiple translations, discuss contexts, and ask questions about meaning for today. Come join in!

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Sunday Adult Classes below are on summer break and will be back on September 7!

Sunday Connections

Contact: Barbara Burr, barbaracoleburr@gmail.com

1st Sunday Faith & Java Class

Contact: Rob Schulman, schulmanrob@yahoo.com

Sunday Chapel Class

Contact: Gary Langenwalter at (971) 221-8155

Sunday Bereans Class

Contact: Doug Verigin (503) 913 3401

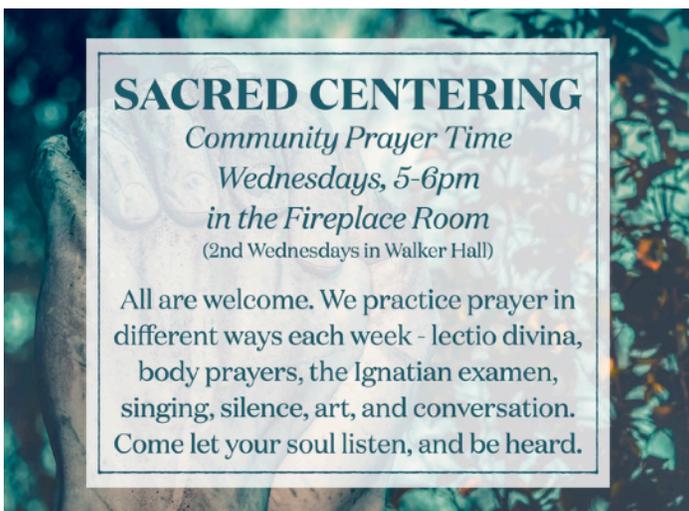
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Suppers for Six - groups meeting at various times

We will begin a new registration for fall groups in August.

And new groups will begin meeting in September!

To those currently meeting: We hope that your experience is positive and that you are developing deeper relationships with those you are sharing supper with!



Climate Action Group - Meeting times/locations vary

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

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

Fireplace Room at FBC - 2nd & 4th Mondays

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

Dads' Group - July 14 at 8 pm, in-person (please RSVP)

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

Senior Breakfast - Wednesday, July 2 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)

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

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

July 24, at Linda's / Contact: Linda Watson, 971-237-2793

FBC Singles - NO Game Night in JULY

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

2nd Tuesday Lunch - July 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

Moms' Group - July gathering/event TBD

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

Hiking Group - Saturday, July 19 - July hike TBD

Meet at 9am to carpool, bring water/lunch & hiking gear!

Contact: Gloria, glowml1@gmail.com

Men's Discovery Group - Wednesdays 3-4pm

during July & August, In person, upstairs Berean Room

Contact: Doug Wheeler, 425-531-3818

Native Voices Book Group - meetings on summer break,

TWO field trips planned for the summer in July & August

Contact Nadya, ladyharp1@gmail.com

Men's Breakfast - on summer break, will return the last

Saturday each month starting September 27 - 9am

Contact: Don Watson, donjw@comcast.net

or Neil Kunze, kunze@sou.edu

JULY at FBC

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 7p - KnitWits at Gina's	2 8:30a - Senior Breakfast at VFW Post, Atlantic Ave 2:30p - Men's Discovery group, Berean's Room 5pm - Sacred Centering	3 11:30a-5:30p - Thursday Market on Cowsls St	4  FBC Office Closed 9-10a -Mini- STARS B;fast on Cowsls steps	5
6 10 am - WORSHIP in person & Live Stream 5-7p - Youth Pool Party Anderson's	7 9-10a - STARS Breakfast 12:30p - Personnel 4p - Mission Team 7p - Worship Planning	8 9a- Building & Grounds 1p - Singles lunch at the Grain Station	9 9:30a - Carpool to Chachlu Museum 2:30p - Men's Discovery group, Berean's Room 5p - Sacred Centering 6:30p - Church Board	10 11:30a-5:30p - Thursday Market on Cowsls St	11 FBC Office Closed 9-10a - STARS Breakfast 11a - Sister Circle	12
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Summer Camp at Camp Arrah Wanna - July 14-18						
20 10 am - WORSHIP in person & Live Stream	21 9-10a - STARS Breakfast	22	23 2p - Faith Formation 2:30p - Men's Discovery group, Berean's Room 5p - Sacred Centering 6p - Youth dine out	24 9:45a - KnitWits at Linda's 11:30a-5:30p - Thursday Market on Cowsls St	25 FBC Office Closed 9-10a - STARS Breakfast 11a - Sister Circle	26
				All Church CAMPOUT at Silver Falls State Park		
27 10 am - WORSHIP in person & Live Stream Picnic & Play Day - Church Campout continues -	28 9-10a - STARS Breakfast 6:30p - Care & Concern 7p - Together Works	29 12:30p - Bible Study	30 2:30p - Men's Discovery group, Berean's Room 5p - Sacred Centering	31 11:30a-5:30p - Thursday Market on Cowsls St	Aug. 1	Aug. 2
MYC Service Learning Trip on Camano Island, WA - July 27 to August 1						

July Birthday

Jane Apel 1
Ames Bierly 1
Kathy Beckwith 5
John Olson 5
Walter Wilkins 6
David Hallett 9
Emily Kerrigan 11
Carly Martin 11
Beth Starner 11
Sarah Williams 11
Ed Boggie 13
Gina Foster 14
Pat Fasana -Lynn 14



Margie Saylor 14
Michael Vincent 14
Anna Terramin 15
Barbara Nelson 18
Global Servant Birthday
Katrina Williams 18
Matt Reinker 19
Tegan Johnson 19
Susan Chambers 20
Lloyd Galer 20
David King 22
Wendell Martin 24
Griffin Diesburg 24
Linette Studebaker 25

Nancy Carlson 29
Ron Richter 30
Larry Sims 31

JULY Anniversary

Joe & Liz Wilkins 3
Brian & Dayna Gilbert 6
Carson & Georgine Benner 9
Don & Linda Watson 11
Jim & Tai James 20
John & Myra Huff 20
Robert & Nancy McCann 27
Adam & Emily Diesburg 30

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