



The Tidings

AUGUST 2025

First Baptist Church's Newsletter
125 SE Cows Street, McMinnville, OR
97128 • 503.472.7941 • fbcmac.org • office@fbcmac.org

The McMinnville Youth Collective invites you to a
SERVICE LEARNING TRIP CELEBRATION
August 3, 2pm, in the Social Hall
**SONGS + STORIES + PHOTOS +
DESSERTS + GRATITUDE**



Welcome Doug Wheeler!

Three fun facts about FBC's newest member



- ◆ He won "Mr. Desoto County" while teaching high school in rural Florida; the town mayor was runner up.
- ◆ At age 12, he converted his family's Snapper lawnmower into a go cart (a slow one, mind you.)
- ◆ He once fell asleep while driving in Kentucky and woke up in Tennessee!

Chapter & Verse:

An Evening of Songs & Stories
Friday, August 8, 7pm, at JL Kiff Vineyard
13546 NW Willis Rd, McMinnville



Pastor Erika and her friend, the wonderful singer/songwriter Joy Zimmerman, invite you to join them for an evening of storytelling in word and song, looking

out over the vines. The event is free but any donations offered will support Yamhill County's chapter of Safe Families for Children. Want to listen ahead of time (or again after the event)? Check out joyzimmermanmusic.com.

Sunday, August 24th
10am at Discovery Meadows
Join FBC on this special Sunday outdoors, giving thanks for the beauty all around us!



Bring family, friends, neighbors, to this casual and interactive service. Afterwards, we'll feast! It's a potluck - so bring something to share if you can. Suggestions: baked beans, deviled eggs, warm cooked hot dogs w/ buns (no grill), green or pasta salads, vegetable platters w/dip, watermelon, cantaloupe, pies, cookies, sliced fruit bread... FBC will provide beverages and water.

Discovery Meadows offers amenities for all ages: picnic shelters, playgrounds, climbing wall, water feature, basketball courts, and walking paths & trails.



FBC is creating a Community Celebrations board. Beginning in September, it will be located on the green bulletin board in Walker Hall and dedicated to posting good news from our congregation. Maybe you heard Iowa Hawkeyes women's basketball coach Jen Jansen recently on NPR's *Wait, Wait, Don't Tell Me*, saying it's her goal, when building a team, to gather players "**who will be celebrators of each other.**" Team members can do anything, she believes, if they can do that.

A church is a team, too - that's what those references to a faithful community as a *body* or a *family* are all about. So, let's follow the advice of this coach! In addition to when folks are struggling, we also want to pay attention to when folks are celebrating (and being celebrated!). This board will be a great space for newspaper clippings, awards, photos of celebrations, and more! Please add to it at any time with your own good news.

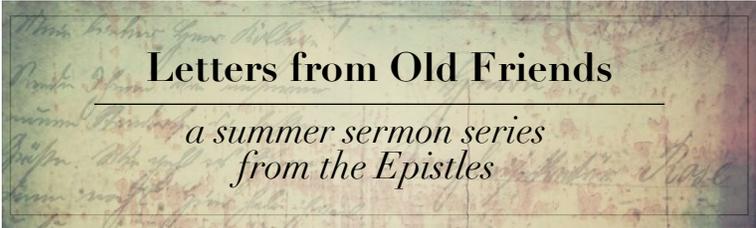


Sunday Worship Highlights

AUGUST 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."



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

Letters written to the earliest Christian communities long ago still resonate with us today; so do personal letters we've saved for years... Each Sunday this summer, we're looking at both, and writing our own postcards (adorned with work by FBC artists!), hoping our words can also bring care, deepen connection, or provoke change. Join with FBC for this meaningful season!

August 3 - Communion Sunday

"Keep Your Head," Sermon from 2nd Timothy 4:1-5
Rev. Erika Marksbury preaching
Music led by Marilyn Dresser
After church fellowship hosted by the Chapel Class.

August 10

"What Good Is It?," Sermon from James 2:14-20
Rev. Erika Marksbury preaching
Music led by Tegan Johnson
After church fellowship hosted by Sister Circle.

August 17

"Living in the Light," Sermon from 1st John 2:5b-14
Rev. Erika Marksbury preaching
Music led by Robin Pederson

August 24

Worship in the Park - Take part in this annual tradition of gathering outside to celebrate God's good world and the beauty that surrounds us! The service will be intergenerational and interactive, and we'll feast together afterwards - see page one for more details. Only in-person service this day, no livestream.

August 31

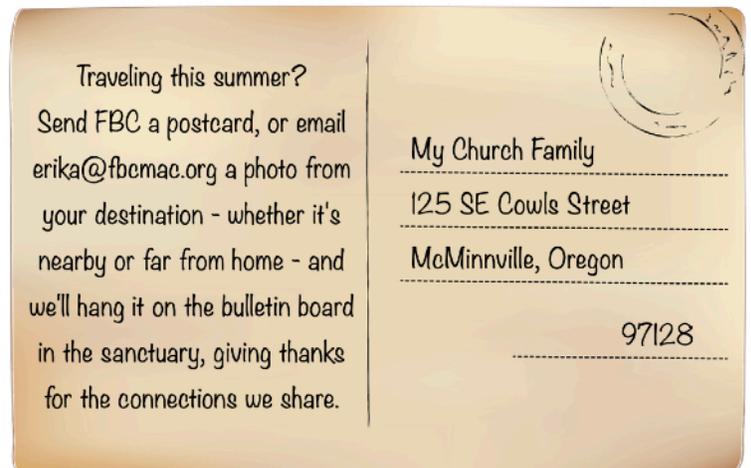
"Signing Off," Sermon from Colossians 4:7-18
Rev. Erika Marksbury preaching
Kathleen Verigin sharing a letter
Music led by Sean P. Williams + Friends

Adult Sunday Classes

All classes are currently on summer break.

To learn about fall plans or suggest readings/topics, contact the leaders below.

- ✦ **8:30 am - CONNECTIONS Class, Returns August 24th**
Contact Barbara - barbaracoleburr@gmail.com
- ✦ **8:45 am - FAITH & JAVA, Returns Sept. 7th**
Contact Rob - schulmanrob@yahoo.com
- ✦ **8:45 am - CHAPEL Class, Returns Sept. 7th**
Contact Gary - gary@portlandconsultinggroup.com
- ✦ **9:00 am - BEREAN Class, Returns Sept. 7th**
Contact Doug - doug.verigin@outlook.com



An August invitation from our neighbors...

The Creative Arts Team at First Presbyterian Church (across 1st Street from FBC) is excited to host a special showing of Shirley Cunningham's textile creations, which she calls *Imaginary Tapestries*, during the month of August in Calvin Hall West at FPC. These are spectacular hand-stitched pieces featuring embroidered accents and other embellishments. This body of work is the artist's interpretation of the Creation story from Genesis 1. The show is titled "TOWB" (pronounced tove) and is Hebrew for "Good." Visit Mondays through Fridays, between 9am and 5pm, or Sundays between 10am and noon, with receptions August 3, 3 to 5pm and August 31, 11:30am to 1pm.

YTD	Actual for Period	% of Amount Budgeted
Contributions Income:	\$ 184,881	105.3%
Total Income:	\$ 221,844	102.8%
Total Expenses:	\$ 219,839	101.9%
Net Income:	+ \$ 2,005	

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 - Our year-to-date income is still on budget -- thank you, each one! This year's challenges have come in increased expenses. Last month our property and liability insurance premium increased 11% and is up 27% since June 2024. One other budget expense on the rise is the cost of utilities We appreciate your generous support.

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

Review August TIDINGS Insert page for ENDOWMENT FUND Update.

Church Board Notes, July 9

It may be the Dog Days/Daze of Summer, but your Church Board is still at work serving our beloved faith community and beyond. At our July meeting - between bouts of serious laughter - we welcomed two new members: Lara O’Brady and Scott Sutherland. Both bring a wealth of information and life experiences to this unique opportunity to serve. They will be wearing their name tags soon, so be sure to give them a hello and thank you.

Did you know that, for the past year, Steve Howard has been leading the effort to have a local and nation-wide fund-raising raffle that involves an expensive, collectible sports car? The intention is to raise enough funds to purchase a wheelchair-accessible van for FBC to give lifts to those without transportation. At one of the meetings someone asked, “Who will drive this van?” Cynthia Parker

jumped in and declared, “I can!” There’s a lot of hidden talent on our Church Board.

Given that we’ve hosted fundraisers the past two Junes, I wondered if we might have a fundraiser every June. This brought up a discussion about what months are best for fundraisers. There was no conclusion, as FBC often has fund-raising types of requests throughout the calendar year. If you have an idea for a June 2026 fundraiser, let me or someone on the Board know.

On Saturday, September 6, the Church Board, with Pastor Erika, will meet at Rock of Ages for a daytime retreat. The focus will not be about church business. Rather, we will focus on who we are as spiritual beings having human experiences at First Baptist Church. A facilitator will guide us in a creative and fun way to reveal more about our spiritual selves as we also learn more about each other.

Submitted by Kathleen Verigin, moderator

The Church Board meets at 6:30pm on the second Wednesday of every month. Meetings are open to all. Minutes are filed in the church office and available for reading by appointment with the office.

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, georgine.benner@gmail.com or Tom Riggs riggsabode@icloud.com .



Justin and Christina LUNDBERG

Justin was born in Portland, later moving to Beaverton, where he graduated from high school. Working at various jobs, mostly with grocery stores, he managed as a young man to save enough money to buy a house in Portland. He now works for Diebold which sells and maintains bank equipment. He is one of their repair techs, skills he says he learned on the job. It came naturally to him since he had worked on cars even as a kid, his dad being a Toyota technician. Justin's area office is responsible for contracts in Portland, the north coast and eastward. So Justin does a lot of driving the company van responding to calls for equipment repair. He says every day is different which keeps it interesting.

Christina's family lived in Klamath Falls. Her dad worked in a lumber mill at the time when Oregon lumber mills were closing. He got a grant for further schooling, resulting in the family moving to Corvallis for her dad to attend Linn Benton Community College. So Corvallis was where Christina spent her

formative years. She did spend her junior high school year at Mac High but graduated in Corvallis. Christina attended college for a couple of years at Western Oregon University, before meeting and marrying her first husband. With him in the army, they moved to Fort Lewis, Washington. They had two children. Son Asher is now 15 and daughter Abby is 13, both of whom are trans. The marriage didn't work out so after moving back to Oregon, Christina and her husband divorced.

Soon after that, Justin and Christina met and married (and will soon be celebrating their 10th anniversary with a trip to Hawaii!). Christina went back to Western Oregon University, picking up where she left off, graduating with a degree in public health. Then along came Wesley, who is now 7 and going into second grade.

So what brought this couple to First Baptist? Well, they first moved to McMinnville to find more affordable housing to accommodate their growing family and still be within commuting distance of Portland, since they both worked in Portland at the time. In Portland they had been attending a Unitarian fellowship. Checking the churches around Mac, Christina says that she noticed with interest the FBC Pride flag. From there she went to the website and they liked what they saw. And a visit to one of our church services convinced them that this is where they belong.

Christina now works for an insurance company based in New York doing systems setup. She isn't using her public health major so, like Justin, has had to learn on the job. Her job is remote and very back-end, so she says she doesn't have to talk much to anyone, which she indicates is a good fit for her.

With three children and jobs, Christina and Justin don't have a lot of free time. but Justin likes to "tinker" with all kinds of things and Christina likes to garden. And they are both readers. As for church activities, they participated with both a *Seasons of Wonder* and Suppers for Six group.

We are so very happy that this young family has made FBC their church of choice. They were fun to interview and to find out more about them.



The PLASTIC Project's Mission is to slow the flow of plastic waste in Yamhill County.

Collection Site: First Baptist Church - Saturday, August. 2, 10am-1pm

What We Collect: All items must be CLEAN - DRY - SORTED, and bagged separately:
Straws & Utensils, Bread bag clips, Plastic caps, Clear #1 PET plastic, #2 HDPE plastic,
#4 LDPE plastic, #5 PP plastic, #6 PS plastic

Cost: \$4 per Full paper Grocery Bag (12 bag limit) - cash or check only please

INFO/Questions: 503-207-5482 - theplasticprojectZWM@gail.com - visit: zerowastemcminnville.com

FBC delegates to American Baptist conference return grateful & inspired

Last month, five representatives from FBC - Jim Kilinsky, JoAnn Sims, Larry Sims, Don Watson, and myself - headed to Omaha, Nebraska for our denomination's Biennial Mission Summit. Held over the Fourth of July weekend, the event was really a celebration; organizers kept referring to it as a "family reunion." (Some noted that, like any family reunion, there might be those members with whom the relationship is strained...)



There was some overlap in the events we attended, and we each explored sessions on our own, too. We'll share our experiences in an upcoming podcast - stay tuned for that!

I participated in gatherings/workshops hosted by the Roger Williams Fellowship; the Association of Welcoming and Affirming Baptists; the American Baptists Home Missions Society; the Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America; the ABC Palestine Justice Network; and Ottawa University (my alma mater). I attended a session about mental wellness for children and youth where practical skills were taught to help people recenter and learn to talk about their emotions openly and healthily; and another on the church's role in mental health care, where I heard from a church with multiple partnerships that enable a wholistic model of care. I listened to presentations given at the Theologians' Conference (this year, the focus was on religious trauma), and hope to be part of the team that puts that event together for upcoming biennials. I was inspired and encouraged by the learning and sharing I was part of.

Thank you for the chance to attend this gathering. It is such a joy to represent our church, to meet people FBC McMinnville has meant a lot to over the years who are now in other places. And it nourishes my spirit to be among old friends and respected colleagues, and to meet new people doing incredible work under our shared denominational identity.

-With much appreciation, Erika

One of many joys I experienced at the biennial was connecting with so many people I had worked with on various projects in the past. The relationships remain rich and full of continued possibilities to promote God's Love for everyone. I wanted to be a delegate to ensure that inclusion was part of the dialogue. Each incoming officer spoke of including all and that diversity is the expression of God's Love for the world.

-JoAnn Sims

Attending the ABC Biennial was enriched by sharing the experiences with the FBC Five and reconnecting with many friends. Program highlights for me were events led by the Roger Williams Fellowship, the Association of Welcoming and Affirming Baptists, and the Baptist Peace Fellowship. The theme, "Come Seek Living Water," resonated with me & I was encouraged.

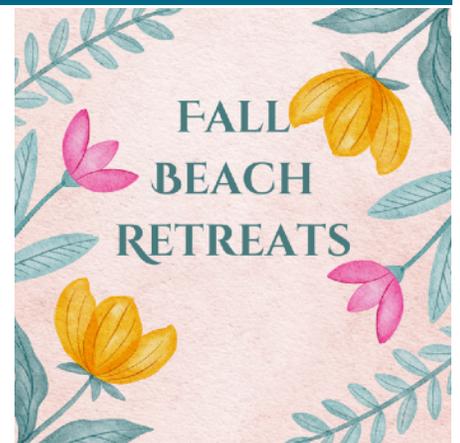
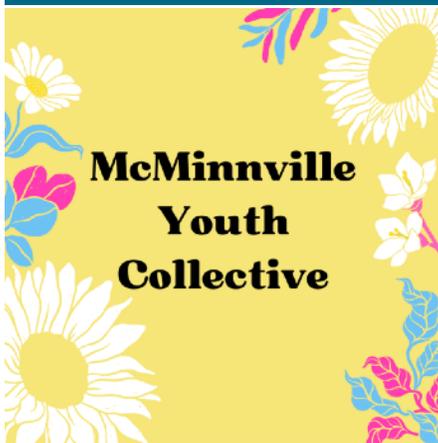
-Don Watson

While participating in the recent ABC Biennial, I was encouraged by the diversity of participants, the presentations, and the displays of various related organizations. The workshop sessions helped me see the levels of support available to local churches. Meeting old friends and hanging out with new ones is always good for the soul!

-Larry Sims

Save-the-Dates for PEACE WEEK at FBC, September 19-26!

More details to come in the September Tidings, but now, we're hoping to secure host homes for visitors from the World Friendship Center in Hiroshima, who are coming to the US to share their *hibakusha* (and 2nd and 3rd generation) survival stories. **The visitors will arrive on Friday, Sept. 19 and stay through Sept 23. We need to arrange homestays for those days.** The homestay hosts will need to provide a place to sleep, some meals and potential transportation to various events. At this time the tentative visits will be with Linfield University, McMinnville High School, McMinnville Garden Club, and the Rotary. Please contact JoAnn Sims, joanncsims@gmail.com, if you can host a Japanese guest and/or help with transportation.



Pool Party
NEW DATE! Friday, August 15
from 5:30-7:30pm
at the Carlton Pool
(225 W Grant St, Carlton, OR)
*swimming & dinner - friends welcome
drop off & pick up there*

Youth Dinner
Wednesday, August 27 from 6-7pm
at Nancy Jo's Burgers & Fries
*drop off & pick up there
just bring money for dinner & friends*

Youth Group - FALL KICKOFF
Sunday, September 8
Join us as Youth Group resumes &
we kick off a new school year together!

Children, Youth, and Families!
Join us on Sunday, September 8
as we celebrate the beginning
of the new school year together.

Blessing of the Backpacks
during the children's time
at the 10am worship service

Children's Chapel (returns!)
following the children's time during the
10am worship service

Youth Group (returns!)
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

**The McMinnville Youth Collective
Fall Beach Retreat is back!**

HIGH SCHOOL
9th-12th grade youth ~ \$165
Friday, September 19
through Sunday, September 21

MIDDLE SCHOOL
6th-8th grade youth ~ \$155
Friday, September 26
through Sunday, September 28

More details and registration form
available at
fbcmac.org/myc-fall-beach-retreats-2025

We hope you will join us!

Summer Camp 2025!

We had an amazing week at Camp Arrah Wanna!
Thanks to all the campers for joining us and for all the adults who volunteered!



A month full of opportunities!



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 look at the text from multiple translations, discuss contexts, and ask questions about meaning for today. Come join in!

Sacred Centering - Wednesdays, 5pm

In-person in the Fireplace Room
except 2nd Wednesdays, in Walker Hall

Gather with friends mid-week to spend a quiet hour connecting with each other and tending to our souls. We rotate through various prayer practices: the Ignatian examen; lectio divina; body prayers; silent meditation; and other creative, gentle practices. All are welcome. Contact erika@fbcmac.org if you have questions.

Suppers for Six - groups meeting at various times

We will begin a new registration for a fall mini-session soon. Stay tuned for details from the Faith Formation Team! 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!



The Native Voices Book Group is hosting a trip to the Grande Ronde Pow Wow - Sunday August 17th, after church!

We'll leave 11:30-ish from the FBC parking lot to carpool. All are Welcome!

For more information or to RSVP, contact Nadya King at ladyharp1@gmail.com

For more about the Pow Wow and schedule of events: <https://calendar.powwows.com/events/the-confederated-tribes-of-grand-ronde-contest-pow-wow/>

Climate Action Group - Meeting times/locations vary
Contact: Lara O'Brady, lara_obrady@yahoo.com

Senior Breakfast - Wednesday, August 6 at 8:30 am
1st Wednesday each month at American Legion Post 21
126 NE Atlantic, McMinnville / RSVP: Gina Foster, 971-237-2789

Together Works - August 11 & 25 at 7 pm, in-person
Fireplace Room at FBC - 2nd & 4th Mondays
Contact: Dee Moore, 971-241-8256, togetherworksinfo@gmail.com

Dads' Group - August 11 at 8 pm, in-person (please RSVP)
2nd Monday, location varies - Contact: John Linder, john.linder93@gmail.com

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)
August 5 & 19 at Gina's / Contact: Gina Foster, 971-237-2789

AM Group - 9:45 am, in-person (usually meets 2nd & 4th Thursdays)
August 14 & 28, at Linda's / Contact: Linda Watson, 971-237-2793

FBC Singles - Friday, August 1, Game Night!
6-8pm - FBC Fireplace Room
Contact: Emily Kerrigan, emily2.kerrigan@gmail.com

2nd Tuesday Lunch - August 12, 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 - Sunday, August 24 - Exploring Miller Woods
Meet there at 2pm - Contact Heidi Toth: tothfive@gmail.com

Hiking Group - Saturday, August 16 - We will be going to Cooper Mountain, on the outskirts of Beaverton. There are 3.5 miles of trails overlooking the Tualatin Valley. We will carpool from the FBC parking lot at 9 AM. Bring water, lunch and prepare for a good time with your hiking friends.
Contact: Gloria, glowml1@gmail.com

Men's Discovery Group - Wednesdays 3-4pm during August, In person, upstairs Berean Room
Contact: Doug Wheeler, 425-531-3818

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

AUGUST at FBC

AUGUST 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 FBC Office Closed 9-10a - STARS Breakfast 11a - Sister Circle 6p-8 - Singles Game Night	2 PLASTICS Project 10a-1p at FBC
3 10 am - WORSHIP in person & Live Stream 2pm - Celebration of the Service Learning Trip with Stories & Dessert!!	4 9-10a - STARS Breakfast 12:30p - Personnel 4p - Mission Team 7p - Worship Planning	5 12:30p - Bible Study 7p - KnitWits at Gina's	6 8:30a - Senior Breakfast at VFW Post, Atlantic Ave 2:30p - Men's Discovery group, Berean's Room 5pm - Sacred Centering	7 11:30a-5:30p - Thursday Market on Cows St	8 FBC Office Closed 9-10a - STARS Breakfast 11a - Sister Circle	9
10 10 am - WORSHIP in person & Live Stream	11 9-10a - STARS Breakfast 11a - Matthew 25 7p - Together Works 8p - Dads' Group	12 9a - Building & Grounds 12:30p - Bible Study 1p - Singles lunch at the Grain Station	13 2:30p - Men's Discovery group, Berean's Room 5p - Sacred Centering 6:30p - Church Board	14 9:45a - KnitWits at Linda's 11:30a-5:30p - Thursday Market on Cows St	15 FBC Office Closed 9-10a - STARS Breakfast 11a - Sister Circle 5:30-7:30p - Youth Pool Party Carlton Pool	16 9am - Hiking Group
17 10 am - WORSHIP in person & Live Stream Grand Round Pow Wow	18 9-10a - STARS Breakfast	19 12:30p - Bible Study 7p - KnitWits at Gina's	20 2p - Faith Formation 2:30p - Men's Discovery group, Berean's Room 5p - Sacred Centering	21 11:30a-5:30p - Thursday Market on Cows St	22 FBC Office Closed 9-10a - STARS Breakfast 11a - Sister Circle	23
24 10 am - WORSHIP at Discovery Meadows 2p - Moms' group explores Miller Woods	25 9-10a - STARS Breakfast 6:30p - Care & Concern 7p - Together Works	26 12:30p - Bible Study	27 2:30p - Men's Discovery group, Berean's Room 5p - Sacred Centering 6p - Youth Dinner at Nancy Jo's Burgers	28 9:45a - KnitWits at Linda's 11:30a-5:30p - Thursday Market on Cows St	29 FBC Office Closed 9-10a - STARS Breakfast 11a - Sister Circle	30
31 10 am - WORSHIP in person & Live Stream	Sept. 1 					



AUGUST Birthday

Susan Allen 2
Pam Watts 2
Peter Conner 3
Teresa Fugit 6
Kristy Blaha 6
Lee Howard 7
Michael Roberts 8
Karen Olson 9
Mark Bolden 9
Tim Duerfeldt 11
Kim Riggs 13
Frosty Lay 13
Eli Zimmerman 13



Jessica Payne 13
Jay Payne 14
Rowan Clayton 15
Scott Millar 16
Jennifer Williams 17
Patti Williamson 19
Rainbow Acres Rancher
Kathleen Toth 21
Cindy Miller 22
Lauren Anderson 23
Diane Chladek 25
Richard Belgard 27
Frances Huff 27

AUGUST Anniversary

Mike & Barbara Burr 1
Gary & Janet Langenwalter 5
Jennifer Scott & Russell Weaver 5
Michael & Margaret Saylor 6
Charlie & Cherie Walker 7
Neil & Judee Kunze 8
Dave & BJ Larmouth 10
Jim & Marlene Pryts 13
Tim & Pat Fasana-Lynn 13
Pete & Karen VanPatten 15

Tim & Emily Duerfeldt 20
Myllinda & Gary Baits 20
Global Servant Anniversary
Donovan Douglas & Holly Darling 20
Lisa & Helios Ovando 26
Sheila & Ron Lenker 27
Richard & Diane Belgard 29

The Endowment Today and Hopes for Its Future

THE ENDOWMENT TODAY AND HOPES FOR ITS FUTURE

The two parts of the endowment are principal and earnings. On June 30 the principal totaled \$710,310 and earnings \$266,339. The principal is a permanent asset of the church. It has been built by gifts, over the years, from 66 of FBC's members and friends (ranging in size from \$50 to over \$100,000). Again, the principal is a permanent asset of the church which is invested to earn income forever. The earnings are to be spent to help pay for large building maintenance costs as they occur over the years.

The last such maintenance cost occurred in 2017-18 when all roofs and gutters were replaced, the south wall and parts of the of foundation were shored-up, etc. Ron, our building superintendent, thinks that the next such major maintenance need could be replacement of the heating and cooling system. Up to all the endowment earnings will be available to help pay for such a large expense. And when that drains endowment earnings, the invested principal will continue to earn more to help face the next large need of our church home.

The Endowment Committee's goal is to build the endowment to 1 million dollars of principal. At our last few meetings we have talked about ways to do that. And we have sought advice from Headwater Investments, the local firm that manages the fund. Now we want to explain the different ways people can help to build the endowment. At the same time we recognize that we all have differing interests and abilities to give. We understand fully. But our hope is that all church members and friends will understand the work going on to reach the goal, because there will be times ahead when a congregational vote will be needed to decide on spending earnings.

So in the months ahead we will be hoping for gifts like the following:

> **Gifts of cash**, which have been a major source of funding the endowment so far.

> **Gifts other than cash:**

- An insurance policy no longer needed.
- A valuable physical object like the ring given a while back that produced \$30,000 when sold, a collection of coins, an unused vehicle, special work of art, and so on.
- Legacy gifts, gifts that materialize at the end of a person's life such as a specified bequest in one's will or trust. Legacy gifts can be both simple or complicated. They can be partial ownership of land and/or a building. Frequently such gifts also benefit the donor as they can reduce taxes on the estate and produce a tax deduction for the gift.
- A Charitable Gift Annuity with regular income for the donor or specified other person.
- More unusual gifts, such as the donor doing work, never taking the pay but having it sent directly to the endowment, or giving the royalty on a publication written by the donor.

All such gifts provide the giver the satisfaction of helping keep the church "alive and well" in the years ahead.

Some of us on the committee have learned enough about the varied kinds of giving that we're prepared to have private talks with church members or friends who want to know more. Also, the Headwater Investment person who manages the endowment will talk privately with church members or friends open to learning more.

In summary, that's where the endowment principal and earnings stand now, and how the committee hopes to reach the one million dollar goal when possible.

We want to add the point of truth that giving to help build the annual operating budget of our church is the highest priority. It comes first and nothing should be given for building the endowment if it might reduce giving to annual operations. We each believe this, and recognize that the present time comes first.

Endowment Committee: Barry House, Judee Kunze, Marianne Mills, Barbara Nelson, Charlie Walker, and ex officio Don Watson and Erika Marksbury

SUMMER FUN



The last weekend in July, FBC folks headed to Silver Falls State Park. Both campers and day-trippers had a wonderful time communing with one another and creation! Thanks to Mary Jackson and Mary Dressel for making it happen.

