



# The Tidings

NOVEMBER 2025

First Baptist Church's Newsletter  
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## Gratitude goes beyond the 'mine' and 'thine' and claims the truth that all of life is pure gift.

-Henri Nouwen

On Sunday, November 23rd, we'll share in a celebration of gratitude - hearing stories, seeing pictures, singing songs, about the gifts of our lives. Here's how you can participate:

- **by November 16, send a photo or a super-short video** to [erika@fbcmac.org](mailto:erika@fbcmac.org) of what you're grateful for this season, and a few words that would help others understand the photo. These will become part of a larger video to be shown in worship.
- **by November 16, send some very specific words describing something or someone you're grateful for**, also to [erika@fbcmac.org](mailto:erika@fbcmac.org) (like, instead of "for my friends" you might say "for the one who showed up with flowers, and the one who always makes me laugh, and the one who will watch my dog when I'm away" or something like that). These will become part of a litany we will read in worship.
- **on November 23, plan to stay after the service for a Volunteer Appreciation reception** in Walker Hall. The church staff would like to thank you for your deep generosity to, investment in, and care for our faith community. Church is a collaborative project, and ours is strong because of the many and diverse hands that each offer gifts toward its thriving. Your participation makes the staff's work more productive and more joyful. Let us acknowledge and celebrate you.

Brother David Stendl-Rast teaches that *we cannot be grateful and fearful at the same time*. When the world is chaotic, and it's easy to find reasons to fear, practicing gratitude together can be an act of faithful, joyful resistance. Join FBC this month, and especially on the 23rd, as we cultivate this practice.

**FIRST SUNDAY SPEAKER SERIES**

Q & A with  
**Rev. Doug Avilesbernal**  
Executive Minister  
of the Evergreen  
Baptist Association

November 2,  
after the service

**Mend + Fix Gathering**  
\*\*for all ages\*\*  
with the McMinnville Youth Collective  
November 2, 5-6:30pm, FPC  
RSVP to Sean

**Lovin' the Fall**  
A Vocal Recital with Dave King  
Accompanied by Geoff Clayton

Music from  
*The American Songbook*  
and more

Sunday, November 9th, 2pm  
in the FBC Sanctuary

The First Baptist Church Board meets at 6:30pm on the second Wednesday of every month in FBC's second floor conference room. Meetings are open to all. If you have a topic to discuss with the church board, contact Kathleen Verigin, moderator, to reserve time on the agenda. Detailed minutes of each month's meetings are filed in the church office and available for reading by appointment with the office.



# 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."

*Join FBC for worship in November,  
as we speak, sing, and pray our gratitude.*

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

## November 2

### Communion Sunday & All Saints' Observance

Bring a favorite picture of, or beloved object from,  
a saint in your life to add to our altar table this day.

"Lift Up Your Eyes," from Isaiah 40:25-31

Rev. Erika Marksburly preaching

Music led by Marilyn Dresser & the FBC Choir

*After church, our First Sunday Speaker Series welcomes Rev. Doug Avilesbernal, executive minister of the Evergreen Baptist Association. As we continue to discern where FBC McMinnville might best find our regional home, you are invited to come and learn more from Doug about Evergreen and ask your questions.*

## November 9

"Filling the Wilderness" from Isaiah 41:17-20

Rev. Erika Marksburly preaching

Music led by Tegan Johnson & the Worship Team

*After church, our fellowship time will be hosted by the Sew and So's, presenting their annual quilt sale just in time for the holidays!*

## November 16

"Promised Presence" from Isaiah 43:1-7

Rev. Erika Marksburly preaching

Music led by Marilyn Dresser

*After church, our fellowship time will be hosted by Bible Study, bringing you snacks and a glimpse of what they do each week.*

## November 23

Story-Sharing from Congregants

Music led by Tegan Johnson & the Worship Team  
with the Ukulele Ukestra providing the offertory.

*After church, the staff invites everyone to a Volunteer Appreciation gathering in Walker Hall, to thank you for all that you do to make this church the vibrant, compassionate community it is.*

## November 30 - First Sunday of Advent

"Vigilant Hope" from Isaiah 2:1-5 & Mark 13:24-37

Rev. Erika Marksburly preaching

Music led by Tegan Johnson & the Worship Team

*At 2pm, we'll attend Gallery Theater's production of The Best Christmas Pageant Ever - contact Erika to claim a seat! \$17/pp.*

## EVERYWHERE THE FEAST

faithful conversations on meeting the moment



November 16, 5:30pm  
St. Barnabas Episcopal Church  
822 SW 2nd Street  
Potluck dinner, bring a dish to share

What does it mean to be a person of faith in our current climate? How does it matter that we are people committed to "good news"? As followers of Jesus' way of courage and compassion, how are we being called to respond to this moment in our collective life?

Join in the second "Everywhere the Feast" this month - gather with old and new friends from First Presbyterian Church, McMinnville Cooperative Ministries, and St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, to nourish our bodies with good food and our spirits with thoughtful discussion around short readings. We'll rotate locations; in November, St. B's is hosting. All are welcome.

## Service of Remembrance

Tuesday, November 25, 7pm  
in the Fireplace Room



For anyone  
carrying a burden or  
mourning a loss  
as we enter  
the holiday season.

YTD	Actual for Period	% of Amount Budgeted
Contributions Income:	\$259,590	98.6%
Total Income:	\$ 318,357	98.4%
Total Expenses:	\$324,067	100.1%
Net Income:	- \$ 5,710	<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](mailto:donjw@comcast.net)) or Realm administrator, Barbara Burr ([barbaracoleburr@gmail.com](mailto:barbaracoleburr@gmail.com)).

**Important Financial Update:** We appreciate each and every gift. If you are in a position to help us close the deficit gap, that will be helpful. Thank you for your support. 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](mailto:donjw@comcast.net)) or Realm administrator, Barbara Burr ([barbaracoleburr@gmail.com](mailto:barbaracoleburr@gmail.com)).

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

### An Inspiration from your Church Board ~

The church board has spent a great deal of time considering safety protocols for First Baptist Church. The idea for fencing around our courtyard is soon moving into manifestation. This follows months of meetings, both philosophical and practical. At the October meeting, and upon the suggestion of Tim Duerfeldt, our safety guy, we explored the pros and cons regarding the locking of three out of four doors once Sunday service begins. Is this a Christ-like thing to do? We say we're welcoming, but are we really? Are we leaning towards exclusivity versus inclusivity?

Living up to our collective intention, all voices have been heard. Discussions have been lively, sometimes intense. Honoring decision-making by consensus, we came to agreement that both are necessary in these unpredictable times. The idea of locking doors was passed onto the staff for consideration. A committee will be set up to explore all angles. Let a staff or board member know if you are interested in serving in this important and timely matter.

A story I heard at church many years ago accurately reflects, in my opinion, where we are today regarding safety in houses of worship. It goes something like this: *A man is on his front porch watching the river in front of his house rise. Along comes a police car offering him a ride to safety. "No thanks," the man said, "God always takes care of me." The car drove on as the water continued to rise. The*

*man is now looking out of his second story window when a row boat passes by offering a ride to safety. "Nope," the man says, "God will take care of me." The boat continues on as the water continues to rise. The man is now standing on his roof when a helicopter hovers over offering to take him to safety. "No sir," he said again, "God is going to take care of me like he promises." The helicopter flew on to the next house. Very soon the water rose and the man drowned. He entered heaven and came face to face with God. "I don't understand," the man complained, "you said you'd take care of me." God replied, "I did. I sent you a car. I sent you a boat. I sent you a helicopter."*

It's often said that God works in mysterious ways. This story serves as a reminder to be proactive and to recognize the help that is available to us.

Our worship team has again brought to us an inspiring series this Fall—exploring lesser-known characters in the Bible. Makes me wonder, who are the lesser-known characters in my life that have made an impact? I recall one Thanksgiving dinner with friends when our gratitude conversation shifted to aunts and uncles. My Aunt Ava and Uncle Robert were like grandparents to us McKern kids and 30-some other cousins. We loved going "down home" to southern Iowa for Thanksgiving at their farm. Oh, the memories!!! What stories might you share at your Thanksgiving table this year?

Submitted by Kathleen Verigin, Church Moderator

## Suppers for Six in 2026

You are invited to be part of our next season of Suppers for Six, a series of small group dinners to be held from January through June in 2026. Why sign up? This is an opportunity to connect with other friends of FBC in a deeper way through sharing conversations over a meal - an opportunity to know, appreciate, and understand the diversity that exists at FBC.

Over six months, your group of six will arrange and share at least four meals together - in homes, at a park, at a restaurant, whatever you all decide. FBC will provide optional prompts for sharing personal stories during these meals. The Faith Formation Team has created digital and print registration forms that are now available. That team will arrange the groups; hopefully, you will establish stronger bonds with folks that you may not now know well.

David Brooks, author of *How to Know a Person*, notes that all of us have a longing to be valued and to share our lives in deep ways, "yet we humans do not do this well. All around us are people who feel invisible, unseen, misunderstood." Through Suppers for Six, FBC hopes to encourage understanding and consideration for each other, and help one another find the joy that comes from being deeply seen and heard. As we share our stories, we become the incarnation of God to one another.

Please pick up a hard copy of the registration form in the office or at the Welcome Desk, or go to [fbcmac.org/suppers-for-six-in-2026](http://fbcmac.org/suppers-for-six-in-2026) to access the online version. Sign up, and encourage others to also, by December 7. We hope you can be part of Suppers for Six!

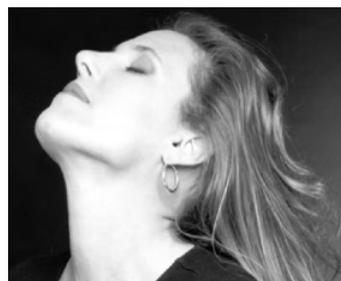


The Ukulele Ukestra spent time this fall visiting memory care facilities, serenading residents with favorite old tunes. Want to know more or join in? See Nancy McCann or Judee Kunze.



The fourth annual All-Church Retreat at Camp Arrah Wanna, "Nurtured in Nature," was a wet and wonderful time for all ages.

## KeyNote CONCERT SERIES presents- The Mary Kadderly Trio



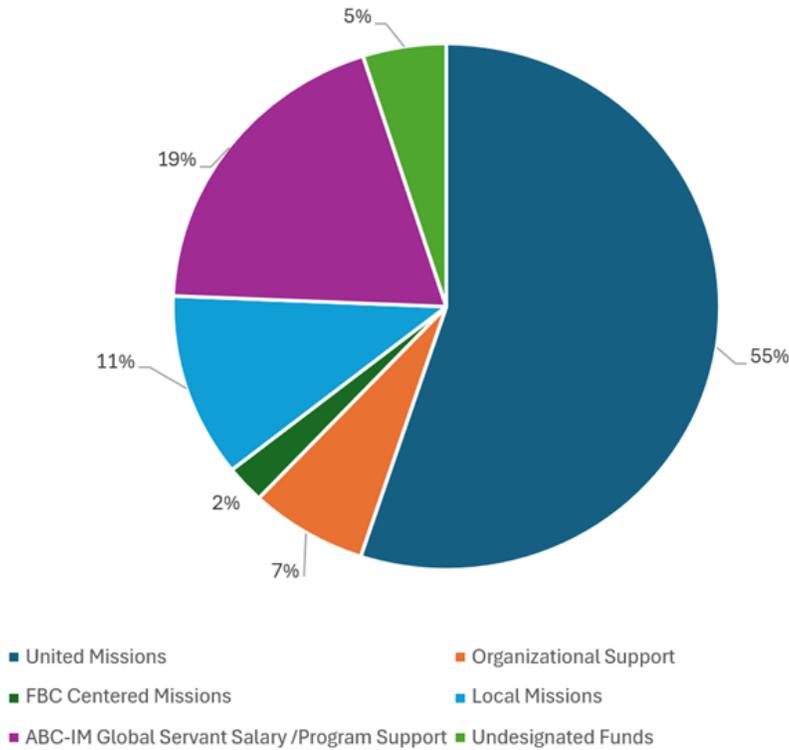
With a range of musical styles that reaches from jazz and blues to R&B, country western and pop. Mary Kadderly is a singer and songwriter with a sound all her own, from Portland, Oregon.

**Wednesday, November 19, 2025 -7-8:30 pm**  
at First Baptist Church sanctuary.

## Supporting Our Missions: A Thanksgiving Reflection

This Thanksgiving, the Missions Team thanks you for supporting our Church's financial assistance to missions locally & globally. Your generosity helps us aid those in need everywhere. Each donation is significant, and we value your ongoing commitment, which enables the successful execution of our mission.

FBC 2025 MISSIONS BUDGET ALLOCATIONS



**United Missions** includes National and Regional ABC contributions

**Organizational Missions Support** includes Association of Welcoming & Affirming Baptists; Baptist Peace Fellowship; Camp Arrah Wanna; Bread for the World; Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon; Linfield University Chaplaincy; and World Friendship Center

**FBC Centered Missions** includes STARS and Matthew 25 ministries

**Local Missions** includes CASA; Eloheh Indigenous Center for Earth Justice; Henderson House; Juliette's House; Mac Habitat; Provoking Hope; Safe Families for Children; St. Barnabas Soup Kitchen; UNIDOS Bridging Community; Yamhill County Gospel Mission; Yamhill County Action Partnership (YCAP) Food Bank

**ABC-IM** includes supporting salaries for specific global servants: Mylinda Baits, working with restorative arts projects to help facilitate healing in traumatized communities; Christine Lafferty, supporting mission teams and church partnerships at AMOS Health and Hope; Ray Schellinger, journeying alongside immigrants, refugees, and asylees, and the local organizations supporting them; and Kyle and Katrina Williams, teaching and building peace with communities in Southeast Asia. With these funds, we also support a rancher at Rainbow Acres and our AMOS Covenant.

Thanks to all who helped last month to host Christy Lafferty from AMOS Health & Hope, one of the Global Servants FBC supports through International Ministries. Christy's visit was a chance for us to get to know more about what's happening with AMOS today and to dream about what our future partnership might look like. She's back in Nicaragua now, but while here, she enjoyed time in congregants' homes, in worship, and seeing some of Oregon's beauty (like waterfalls, orchards, vineyards, and the International Rose Test Garden). She hopes to stay connected to FBC folks, especially past (and future!) travelers and those interested in AMOS' work.





### Youth Group

Sundays, November 16 & 30  
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

Sunday, November 2 - Mend+Fix  
All Youth - 5-6:30pm at First Pres

Sunday, November 9 - NO Youth Group

Sunday, November 23 - Friendsgiving!  
All Youth - 5-6:30pm at First Pres

### Youth Dinner

Wednesday, November 19 at 6 pm  
at Odd Moe's Pizza

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

### Kidventure JUST FOR KIDS!

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 a game and/or craft. Our focus for this year is on stories of the Old Testament, here's the plan for November.

November 3 - Jacob

November 10 - Joseph

November 17 - Moses (part 1)

November 24 - Moses (part 2)

### McMinnville Youth Collective Lock Out 2025

6th-12th grade youth and friends

Friday, November 7 @ 5pm  
TO

Friday, November 7 @ midnight

We're headed to Beaverton/Hillsboro to swim and eat and play, it's gonna be a lot of fun, all for just \$65!

**And friends are welcome to join us!**

**Register now at**  
[mcminnvilleyouth.com/event/lock-out/](http://mcminnvilleyouth.com/event/lock-out/)  
**The deadline is Sunday, November 2!**

## A Sunday Morning Shift

Beginning October of 2025, we made a shift in our programming and engagement with children at FBC on Sunday mornings.

Instead of leaving the Sanctuary after the Children's Time for Children's Chapel for several Sundays each month, children will remain in the Sanctuary for the entire service every Sunday as we move towards a more intergenerational approach to worship. While attendance patterns and being good stewards of our resources and volunteer time & energy played a role in this decision, our main goal is to nurture a deeper sense of belonging and shared faith among all ages. We believe that children grow spiritually not only through activities and experiences designed for them, but by being present in worship - singing, praying, listening, and participating alongside parents and caregivers, friends, and the wider church family.

This transition also connects to two new opportunities our church has been invited to be a part of beginning this year.

The **Karis Worship Project** provides creative ways for children to lead and engage in worship.

It offers a curated collection of inclusive, lectionary-based artistic resources - including resources for every Sunday of the three-year liturgical cycle, original art, music & liturgy engaging all senses, and weekly home guides connecting worship to daily life - that invite all ages to engage richly with God's story.

The **ABHMS** (American Baptist Home Mission Society) **Nurturing Children Initiative** is a yearlong learning cohort helping churches explore how to more fully include and nurture children in the life of the church. It will help us create opportunities within the context of corporate worship and prayer for the youngest among us to be affirmed and nurtured in who they are, encouraged in their faith, empowered in their gifts, and incorporated fully into the body of Christ.

These partnerships will give us tools, resources, and inspiration as we continue to shape worship that is meaningful for every generation - celebrating the gifts, voices, and presence of all who gather together. We are excited about this shift and new focus, but we know we will be learning lots and figuring things out along the way, so feedback and questions are welcome anytime over the years ahead. Thanks for being part of this journey with us!

*Sean P. Williams – Children's and Youth Minister & Mary Dressel – Children, Youth, and Families Church Board Representative & Rev Dr Erika Marksbury – Senior Pastor*

## A month full of opportunities!

### **Sunday Connections - 8:25am via Zoom**

Each week we listen to a podcast and discuss together. We meet virtually which provides the ability to connect with one another and with others beyond our local area. Join us! All are welcome.

Contact: Barbara at [barbaracoleburr@gmail.com](mailto:barbaracoleburr@gmail.com)

### **1st Sunday Faith & Java Class - 8:45am, in person**

Exploring questions, issues, and experiences in finding spirituality and bliss in everyday living.

Contact Rob: [schulmanrob@yahoo.com](mailto:schulmanrob@yahoo.com)

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

#### **Short Stories by Jesus: the Parables**

Amy-Jill Levine invites her audience to read the parables of Jesus through a Jewish lens. Jesus was requiring his disciples to do more than listen; he was asking them to think as well. *Short Stories by Jesus* offers readers new ears for hearing stories we thought we knew by heart. It also shakes the faithful where we need to be shaken, showing us how close we have come to disarming some of Jesus' most potent teachings. Levine, a Jewish New Testament scholar, powerfully illuminates both Jesus and the Christian story. Join us to engage in vibrant discussions about this book.

Contact Gary Langenwalter at 971-221-8155, [gary@portlandconsultinggroup.com](mailto:gary@portlandconsultinggroup.com)

### **Sunday Bereans Class - 9:00am, in person**

Exploring the evolving church in modern times, using contemporary videos and theological texts & articles.

Contact: Doug Verigin at 503-913-3401

### **Bible Study - Wednesdays, 11:00am**

#### **In the Fireplace Room**

This group meets with Pastor Erika. All are welcome! 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, 5:00pm**

#### **In the Fireplace Room (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](mailto:erika@fbcmac.org) if you have questions.

### **Senior Breakfast - Wednesday, November 5 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 - November 10 & 24 at 7 pm, in-person**

Fireplace Room at FBC - 2nd & 4th Mondays

Contact: Dee Moore, 971-241-8256, [togetherworksinfo@gmail.com](mailto:togetherworksinfo@gmail.com)

### **Dads' Group - November 10 at 8 pm, in-person (please RSVP)**

2nd Monday, location varies

Contact: John Linder, [john.linder93@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:susanlanechambers@gmail.com)

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

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

**November 4 & 18** at Gina's / Contact: Gina Foster, 971-237-2789

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

**This month only Nov. 13** at Linda's / Contact: Linda Watson, 971-237-2793

### **FBC Singles - Friday, November 7, Game Night!**

6-8pm - FBC Fireplace Room

Contact: Emily Kerrigan, [emily2.kerrigan@gmail.com](mailto:emily2.kerrigan@gmail.com)

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

Contact: Nadya King, [ladyharp1@gmail.com](mailto:ladyharp1@gmail.com)

### **Sister Circle - Every Friday at 11 am, Fireplace Room**

Interested in joining? Contact: Sherill Roberts, [shrobert@linfield.edu](mailto:shrobert@linfield.edu) or 971-237-3630

### **Moms' Group - November plans TBD**

Contact Heidi Toth: [tothfive@gmail.com](mailto:tothfive@gmail.com)

### **Native Voices BOOK Group - Holiday Changes for Nov. & Dec.**

**Sunday, Nov. 16 and Dec. 21, 11:30am (after worship)**

Fireplace Room - Discussing "Journey to Eloheh" by Randy & Edith Woodley Contact: Nadya King, [ladyharp1@gmail.com](mailto:ladyharp1@gmail.com)

### **FILM: Indigenous & Native American Short Films**

**Saturday, Nov. 15 at 2pm in the Mac Public Library**

### **Men's Breakfast - November 29, 9am**

**last Saturday each month in the Fireplace Room (enter Cows)**

Join us for breakfast with friends. Speaker Russell Mark.

Contact: Don Watson, [donjw@comcast.net](mailto:donjw@comcast.net) or Neil Kunze, [kunze@sou.edu](mailto:kunze@sou.edu)

### **Hiking Group - on break until March 2026**

Contact: Gloria, [glowml1@gmail.com](mailto:glowml1@gmail.com)

# NOVEMBER at FBC

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<p><b>1</b></p>  <p>Set your <b>CLOCK</b> back 1 hour tonight.</p>
<p><b>2</b></p> <p>Adult classes (pg. 7)</p> <p>10 am - <b>WORSHIP</b> in person &amp; Live Stream 1st Sunday Speaker - Rev. Avilesbernal</p> <p>5-6:30pm - <b>Mend+Fix</b> at First Presbyterian</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>9-10a - STARS Breakfast 11a - Matthew 25 12p - Personnel 4p - Missions Team 5:15p - KidVenture 7p - Worship Planning</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>7p - KnitWits at Gina's</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>8:30a - Senior Breakfast at VFW Post, Atlantic Ave 11a - Bible Study 5p - Sacred Centering 6:30p - Worship Team</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>5:20p - Bells rehearse 6:30p - Choir rehearses</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>FBC Office Closed</p> <p>9-10a - STARS Breakfast 11a - Sister Circle 6p - Singles Game Night</p>	<p><b>8</b></p>
					<p>5-12m Youth Lockout</p>	
<p><b>9</b></p> <p>Adult classes (pg. 7)</p> <p>10 am - <b>WORSHIP</b> in person &amp; Live Stream 11a - Social Justice Team Fireplace Room 2pm - Dave King Recital</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>9-10a - STARS Breakfast 5:15p - KidVenture 7p - Together Works 8p - Dads' Group</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>9a - Building &amp; Grounds 1p - FBC Singles Lunch</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>11a - Bible Study 5p - Sacred Centering 6:30pm - Church Board 6:30p - Worship Team</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>9:45a - KnitWits at Linda's 5:20p - Bells rehearse 6:30p - Choir rehearses</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>FBC Office Closed</p> <p>9-10a - STARS Breakfast 11a - Sister Circle</p>	<p><b>15</b></p>
<p><b>16</b></p> <p>Adult classes (pg. 7)</p> <p>10 am - <b>WORSHIP</b> in person &amp; Live Stream 11:30a - Native Voices Fireplace Room 5-7:30pm - MYC at FPC 5:30 - Everywhere the Feast at St. Barnabas</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>9-10a - STARS Breakfast 5:15p - KidVenture 6:30p - Care &amp; Concern</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>7p - KnitWits at Gina's</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>11a - Bible Study 1p - Congregational Engagement Team 2p - Faith Formation 5p - Sacred Centering 6p - Youth dine out 6:30p - Worship Team</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>5:20p - Bells rehearse 6:30p - Choir rehearses</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>FBC Office Closed</p> <p>9-10a - STARS Breakfast 11a - Sister Circle</p>	<p><b>22</b></p>
<p><b>23</b></p> <p>Adult classes (pg. 7)</p> <p>10 am - <b>WORSHIP</b> in person &amp; Live Stream 11a - Volunteer Appreciation Event 5-6:30pm - MYC Friendsgiving at FPC</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>9-10a - STARS Breakfast 5:15p - KidVenture 7p - Together Works</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>7pm - Service of Remembrance</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>11a - Bible Study 5p - Sacred Centering 6:30p - Worship Team</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>Church Office Closed</p>  <p>Give Thanks with Friends and Family!</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>FBC Office Closed</p> <p>9-10a - STARS Breakfast 11a - Sister Circle</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>9a - Mens's Breakfast</p>

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1st Sunday of ADVENT  
10 am - **WORSHIP** in person & Live Stream  
2pm - Gallery Theater, "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever"  
5:7:30pm - MYC at FPC

## NOVEMBER Birthday

Colton Anderson 01  
Randy Dull 02  
Matt Dressel 02  
Anne Engen 03  
Aliyah Ferry 06  
Linda Gilbert 06  
Alisha Payne 10  
Brian Gilbert 11  
Martha VanCleave 11  
Pattie Waltz 14

Nancy McCann 16  
Corine Manroe 16  
Tai James 16  
Pam Howard 16  
Susie Alin 23  
Lara O'Brady 23  
Les Toth 23  
Nancy Vasquez 24  
Tayah Curry 28  
Megan McCrossin 29  
Shirley Baldwin 30  
Sharon Law 30

## AMOS Global Servants:

Christine Lafferty 01  
AJ Zamora 15  
Abel Zamora 30

## NOVEMBER Anniversary

Asherlee LaPlante & Steven Smith 10  
Barry & Jeanette House 13  
Nancy Carlson & John Sullivan 27

# What we can offer each other...

## THINGS TO LOAN:

crafting tools  
yard tools  
mobility assistance devices  
(wheelchair, cane, walker, bath  
chair, bed guard, etc.)  
card tables  
folding chairs  
generator  
dinner service for 12  
carpentry work bench

## SKILLS TO SHARE:

sewing/mending  
gardening  
card-making  
public speaking coaching  
housecleaning  
yard work  
petsitting  
caregiving  
packing/moving  
clerical skills  
writing/editing  
money management  
ritual/ceremony  
event planning  
empathetic listening

## CONVERSATIONS ABOUT:

spirituality  
family matters  
home safety  
adoption  
career planning  
educational options  
turning goals into realities  
abuse  
addiction  
recovery/12-step programs  
grieving  
navigating life transitions  
caregiving  
creative pathfinding

FBC folks have indicated that they are happy to share these things, skills, and stories with church friends.

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