



The Tidings

FBC's monthly newsletter

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150th Anniversary, 1867 - 2017

The forward to *100 Years of Witnessing*, a historical document of the first century of FBC McMinnville's life, close with these words from former pastor Jack Kiekel:

"Look back at Old First, but linger not long; for the future is your inheritance."

We closed our pilgrimage service to the original church site in the fall with these words, and it feels only fitting to revisit them now, in anticipation of our sesquicentennial anniversary weekend.

"We will do some lingering, to be sure - sharing stories, reliving memories, singing old favorites, reuniting with friends - but remembering that it was the forward-thinking vision of those days, the impulse toward the future, that brought us to this day. We look back so that the faithfulness we were born of continues to shape our witness, as we listen for where God's leading us now."

JOIN us as we CELEBRATE all weekend!

Thursday, May 4

7 pm - Hymn Sing - Quilt Dedication - Book Release, "The Last 25, 1992-2017"

Copies of "The 125 Year History of FBC" are still available.

Friday, May 5

8 am-6 pm - Church Open House & Guided Tours (highlighting the history of our building) at 10 am and 6 pm

1:30-3 pm - Wine Tasting at the J. L. Kiff Vineyard (13546 NW Willis Rd)

7-9 pm - Reception at the home of Les & Kathleen Toth (2700 NW Pinehurst)

Saturday, May 6

9-11:30 am - Writing Workshop: Crafting Your Spiritual Legacy (FBC Social Hall)

3-5 pm - Reception at the home of Scott & Susan Chambers (600 NW 9th St)

5:30 pm - Anniversary Celebration Dinner (FBC Social Hall) - **RSVP requested.**

7 pm - 'Sing for Joy' Concert (FBC Sanctuary)

Sunday, May 7

10 am - Continental Brunch Reception (FBC Gathering Room)

11 am - Combined ANNIVERSARY WORSHIP Celebration!

Some of the 150th Anniversary Celebration Events are made possible in part through the Vital Worship Grants Program of the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship, generously supported by the Indianapolis-based Lilly Endowment, Inc.

	Actual for Period	% of Amount Budgeted
Contribution Income:	\$73,217	91.5%
Total Income:	\$91,912	95.7%
Total Expenses:	\$97,411	101.4%
Net Income:	- \$ 5,499 (deficit)	

Financial update:

- During March, our expenses exceeded our income by \$ 5,017.
- We have received \$136,686 for the Deferred Maintenance Fund as of April 19th.
- About \$ 9,000 in maintenance /repair bills are still unpaid. The Finance Team is working with one company in hopes of reducing the bill. We hope to have these paid off very soon.
- Every effort is being made to control expenses while being true to our call to ministry.

Thank you so much for your faithful support to the ongoing ministry here at First Baptist Church.

If you have any questions, please contact Don Watson, treasurer. - The Finance Team

Church Board Notes

The Church Board meeting on April 12 felt like 'business as usual' as we had so many details of church affairs to discuss and make decisions about. Just a reminder that our 2nd Wednesday of the month meetings at 6:30 pm are open to anyone who would like to attend and detailed minutes of all Church Board meetings are posted in the Church Office.

At this meeting, the Church Board decided we should hold an informational meeting to update the congregation about communication from Regional leaders over the last two months regarding our decision to join the Association of Welcoming and Affirming Baptists (AWAB). At the October meet-ing, before we decided to join AWAB, it was reported that we had been asked to leave the Region before making a decision. We informed our congregation at that time that

there was a possibility of issues with the Region if we made the decision. The congregation discussed Baptist freedoms and voted to join AWAB as a natural step in our 25-year history of being welcoming and affirming. We sent a letter explaining the decision to our Regional Minister.

In early February, Erika was asked to attend a meeting with Steve Bils, our Regional Minister and President of the Regional Board, Katie Choy Wong. Erika and Susan (as Moderator) attended this meeting in which these two Regional leaders suggested that, since we have joined AWAB, it would be a better fit for us to leave the Central Pacific Coast Region and join the Evergreen Region. We brought this request to the Church Board in March, who discussed it in detail and in agreement with comments at our October Congregational meeting, decided that we would bring up the matter at our Semi-Annual meeting in June.

When we revisited this matter at our April meeting, the Church Board decided to provide

information to the congregation sooner than June. As a result, we will hold an information meeting on May 21st to review the background of our affiliation with the Region and invite the Regional leaders to speak in person with, and hear in person from, our congregation.

No action will be taken at this meeting. It will be purely informational, to allow communication between Regional leaders and our congregation. Your Church Board members hope that this meeting will provide a respectful opportunity to learn and understand matters, even if we don't see issues in the same way.

I hope you will plan to attend the meeting on May 21st.

Respectfully,
Susan Chambers,
Moderator

May Sunday Worship Highlights -

May 2017

FBC is a Matthew 25 church, inspired by the words of Jesus -

"Whatever you do unto the least of my sisters & brothers, you do unto me."



Worship: 9:00 am & 11:00 am Services / 11:15 am Children's Chapel

9:00 am-12:00 pm: Nursery care for Infants to Preschool

Sunday Classes: 10:00 am

Adult Classes: Faith & Java - Rainbow Class - Parents Class - Berean Book Study - Chapel Book Study
Children & Youth Sunday School

May 7 We'll welcome back old friends and former staff members at our **one worship service on this day - at 11 am** - celebrating the faithfulness of those who came before and committing ourselves anew to the future God has for us! **We'll share in communion and reflect on Matthew 14:22-33 at this anniversary worship celebration.**

May 14 John 14:4-12; Rev. Erika Marksbury preaching

May 21 John 14:15-21; Rev. Erika Marksbury preaching

May 28 John 17:1-11; Rev. Erika Marksbury preaching

Thoughts from Pastor Erika -

Upcoming baptisms have given me the chance to talk with the people participating in that ritual (welcome, Kerry and Jesse!) about the distinctiveness of our denomination. The four freedoms, those hallmarks of ABC life, are what I most look forward to telling people about.

They're basically already on board with Religious Freedom (separation of church and state, in short), because that's the lay of the land anyway. But to tell them about Soul Freedom and Bible Freedom - to say, "you're invited to search after God yourself, and in community, and to discover the Scriptures yourself, and in community; you're invited to wrestle with all of the big questions, and then you're invited, and encouraged, to share your interpretations and your insights

and your own big questions with the congregation" - that's the best invitation I get to give as a pastor.

The fourth, church freedom, is one that matters a great deal to me these days. That core value of American Baptists asserts that each local congregation is free to follow God's leading as it understands it, free to be faithful to its own understanding of the Gospel. If a church senses the Spirit calling it to participate in refugee resettlement work, or to establish a ministry reaching out to homeless youth, or to expand its care for the elders in its community, the church is encouraged to do so. Not every ABC congregation has to settle on the same priorities or on identical statements of mission or vision or purpose. (How could we, given that we also encourage Soul Freedom and Bible Freedom?) It's that encouragement and

celebration of diversity that is distinctly American Baptist, and it's long been important to people at FBC McMinnville. It's what has allowed our church to follow its creative, progressive heart while remaining in communion with other congregations who bring other gifts and have other commitments. There's a lot we can learn from each other.

As we consider who we've been, who we are, and who we are becoming, my prayer is that we find strength in these shared commitments to freedom that have long shaped our denomination. I give thanks for the openness they allow us to follow our Gospel call, the relationships they make possible with others who are following theirs, the way the vastness of God is revealed in the diversity of God's church.

- Grateful to be with you,
Erika

WELCOME to our new Volunteer Coordinator, Liz Wilkins May 2017



Hello, everyone! I am excited to join the FBC team as the Volunteer Coordinator. My family -- husband, Joe, a creative writing professor at Linfield, and children, Walter (1st Grader) and Edie (Kindergartner) -- moved to McMinnville in 2013 and we are so happy to call McMinnville home. We love the wet, green, world of the Pacific Northwest, thoroughly enjoy the small businesses and strong community ties of our town, and deeply appreciate the culture of openness, honesty, and integrity of our town's people.

Since moving here, I've become locally involved in many ways: I substitute teach and volunteer at my children's elementary school, help with A Family Place relief nursery and FBC Children's Chapel, am involved in the community group Action Together Oregon: Yamhill Valley, hit up the library and native plant sales, support local farmers, and in general, love to network with families and neighbors and be connected! Other parts of my days are filled with trying to raise two young children, cooking meals from scratch, and up keeping and working on our old house.

As the Volunteer Coordinator here at FBC, I very much look forward to meeting you and learning more about the current ways you serve our church and any ideas you have to help coordinate these efforts. Please feel free to introduce yourself, and I will work hard to start learning names. Together, building on our commitment to being a Matthew 25 church, we can grow in service to ourselves, one another, and our wider community!

Yamhill County CASA & Henderson House Gratefully Receives Quilts

Thanks to the loving efforts of FBC Sew & Sews, the children in Yamhill County are receiving comfort and warmth. Our Mission Education Team (MET) chose Yamhill County CASA and Henderson House years ago as the recipients of what has now been hundreds of quilts, which in turn go to the children.

CASAs, Court Appointed Special Advocates, are volunteers sworn-in by our circuit judge to advocate for the best interest of children placed in foster care due to abuse or neglect. Part of their role as a CASA is to be there for these kids during a very scary and trying time. CASAs visit their kiddos on a regular basis, providing continuity, support and love as they go through the system. Part of what CASAs do is provide a quilt for every child they serve.

These quilts are more than just blankets. They are happiness sewn together with love. When CASAs are assigned to a case, they often will meet the children for the first time with a lovely quilt in hand. Some CASAs meet the child first, find out what they like or perhaps their favorite color and then share at their next visit. The Sew & Sews create so many quilts, there are many choices, from zoo animals to footballs and everything in between.

Many of these children leave home with only a trash bag of personal belongings, mostly clothes. The colorful quilts are often spread over a bed, adding a soft touch to an otherwise unfamiliar room. They not only brighten bedrooms, they brighten the faces of traumatized children.

At Henderson House, a safe haven for victims of domestic violence, the children are given a goody bag upon arrival. A cozy Sew & Sews quilt is inside each and every one. The quilts are a wonderful example of love in action. What a blessing to have such a dedicated group of volunteers creating happiness upstairs. If you haven't seen the quilts, there are several hanging on the walls. And if you'd like to learn more about the Sew & Sews, please contact Susan Chambers.



A celebration of Life for Herbert Anderson (Barbara's husband)

will take place on **Sunday, May 7 at 2 pm**

at the Multnomah Club in Portland (Ainsworth / Lownsdale Rm), 1849 SW Salmon St. Page 4

'Feel the Joy' is the title of the **Regional Women's Retreat** this spring. It will be held at Camp Arrah Wanna, May 6-7. For more information contact Nancy J. Shanks @ 509-301-7011.

BPFNA  **Bautistas por la Paz** Did you know that First Baptist Church McMinnville is a founding member of Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America (BPFNA)? This association is the largest network of Baptist peacemakers in the world. They celebrate and support the peacemaking work done by Baptist churches in the four home countries of Canada, the United States, Puerto Rico and Mexico by raising the visibility of these efforts. They bring peacemakers together in regional and international gatherings, and provide resources, speakers and training to members. BPFNA also actively connects with peacemakers from other traditions, faith-based and secular, to build alliances and work together toward the common goal of a more just and peaceful world.

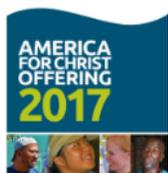
Several of our members have attended their annual Peace Camp. In 2005 FBC hosted Peace Camp in conjunction with Linfield College. Recently JP, our music minister, traveled to the US and Mexican border for a peace rally with Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America. The Executive Director of BPFNA, LaDayne, visited McMinnville to share the message at Rev. Erika's installation. The Sims, and JP attended last year's Peace Camp in Philadelphia. JP assisted with technology and JoAnn & Larry Sims shared a workshop session. BPFNA provides FBC with many resources that support peace with justice. They are sponsoring the film, "On Being an Ally" that we are showing in June and September. Look for their magazine in our gathering room. We are proud to support Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America with our mission funds!



Twenty years after the Atomic Bombing of Hiroshima, the World Friendship Center (WFC) was founded. WFC is now 52 years old. It was founded to provide a place in Hiroshima where people from many nations could meet and share their experiences and reflect on peace. The motto of WFC is "To foster peace, one friend at a time." Their activities include connecting travelers with survivors of the Atomic Bomb to hear those stories. They offer English conversation classes, translate survivor stories to English, visit survivors in nursing homes, sponsor Peace Ambassador Exchange programs, give Peace Park guided tours in English, sponsor

a Peace Choir, and sponsor a Peace Camp for young people from China, Japan, and Korea fostering friendship and peace.

FBC first hosted four Peace Ambassadors from World Friendship Center in Hiroshima, Japan in 2009. We held a Peace Concert raising money for their programs to promote world peace. JoAnn & Larry Sims were volunteer directors of WFC from 2011-2013. In the fall of 2013 First Baptist Church hosted 16 Peace Ambassadors from the World Friendship Center. A community dinner was held to welcome them and they gave us 1,000 peace cranes and a thank you letter from the Mayor of Hiroshima for our work in promoting peace in our community. This year we are excited to add World Friendship Center to our mission budget. They received our donation and wrote a lovely thank you note for our gift.



America for Christ Offering - Cultivating Leaders, Equipping Disciples, and Healing Communities. So far FBC McMinnville has raised **\$1,478, Thank You!**

Envelopes are still in the pews or at the church office if you haven't yet provided your donation to the America for Christ Offering.

Sunday Mornings @ FBC

NURSERY: Infants to Preschool, FBC Nursery, 9am-12pm

SUNDAY SCHOOL (10-10:50 am)

CHILDREN: Kindergarten to 5th Grade, Second Floor Children's Classroom

May Focus - Spark: *The Lord Is My Shepherd*

YOUTH: 6th through 12th Grade, Second Floor Youth Rooms

Teen Text Lectionary Curriculum

PARENTS: Join us for conversation in the Meditation Room.

We'll be listening to and discussing Brene Brown's *The Gifts of Imperfect Parenting*.

WORSHIP (11 am)

CHILDREN: 1st Sundays – Full Worship Service

All Other Sundays – **Children's Chapel** (after Children's Story)

YOUTH: Full worship service, sit with your family or other youth in the balcony.



All 6th through 12th graders are invited to join us for Youth Group on Sunday Nights from 5-6:30 pm at FBC. Here's a preview of what's coming up in April!

May 7: Messy Game Night

May 14: NO Youth Group (Mother's Day)

May 21: STAR Room Project

May 28: NO Youth Group (Memorial Day)



We've got two special events planned as we kick off the summer!

June 4: Family Gathering for all children, youth, and families. We'll do some reflection on our time as families over the summer, plus dinner, all from 5-6:30 pm @ FBC!

June 11: Youth Group Party We'll celebrate the end of school and welcome current fifth graders to Youth Group, 5-6:30 pm @ FBC.



Summer Parents Meeting
CHANGE: Sunday, June 4

Camp Arrah Wanna Summer Camps

High School: July 10-14

Middle School: July 17-21

Elementary: July 24-28

All Church Campout: July 28-30

Vacation Bible School: August 7-11

LUNCH ON CAMPUS:

May 4: McMinnville High School / May 11: Duniway Middle School / May 18: Patton Middle School

COMMUNICATION

Stay in the loop with everything we've got going on; lots of ways to do it!

Email: Email sean.fbcmac@gmail.com to be added to our weekly enews list

Text: Text Sean (717/271-1221) to be added to our text list

Facebook: FBC MAC KIDS Group and FBC McMinnville Youth Ministry Group

Instagram: Youth and parents, follow us at @fbcmacyouth

Small Group Opportunities

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"For where two or more come together in my name, there am I with them." —Matthew 18:20

Meditation Practice

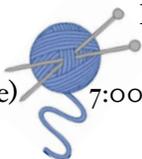
2nd Floor Meditation Room
Every Wednesday 11:30 am - 12:30 pm
Using silent Christian Prayer & Buddhist Traditions
Contact: Lynn 503-472-8196

AM Knit Wits

Every Thursday

9:30 am (Linda's home)

971-237-6828



PM Knit Wits

May 2 & 16

7:00 pm (Gina's home)

971-237-2789



Theology of Star Trek

3rd Wednesday of each month
(Berean Room) 7-8:30 pm
Wednesday, May 17
Inheritance (Next Generation)
Contact JP - jpbierly@gmail.com

Together Works



LGBT monthly gatherings
2nd & 4th Mondays (Fireplace Room)
May 8 & 22 -- 7:00 pm
Social & Educational time together with fun & food

Men's Breakfast

****No May breakfast****

Scheduling a planning meeting to discuss
program for fall kick-off

Contact JP if you would like to participate in
the meeting: jpbierly@gmail.com

Hiking Group

Saturday, May 20 - 8:30 am,
meet at the church to carpool.

McDowell Creek Falls, Lebanon

Three Falls in a lovely glen

Great FUN - Good Exercise -

Exciting locations! More Info - Contact Gloria -
glowmlr@gmail.com



Delightful Dinners

New dinner groups will begin meeting soon.

Please contact JP if you're interested in
participating. For more info please contact:

JP Bierly jpbierly@gmail.com

Gluten Free Friends Gatherings

Monthly Support Group meeting

Saturday, May 6

Contact: barbaracoleburr@gmail.com, 971-241-6112



Game Night

Friday, May 12th - 6:30 pm
(Fireplace Room)

Join us for an all-ages fun evening.
Please bring a favorite game and a snack to share.

Contact: Dave Larmouth dlarmouth@recology.com

Upon the Eve of Mother's Day

A Ceremony of Healing for Women Who Have Lost Children - Once Born or Never Born

Friday, May 12, 7:00 - 8:30 pm, in the Fireplace Room

Rev. Kathleen McKern Verigin, Facilitator, kathleenverigin333@gmail.com

We gather to honor, remember and celebrate the children we have lost.
If you are a woman who has suffered a miscarriage or still birth, experienced abortion,
long ago or recently, had a baby or a child of any age lost to illness, accident or violence,
please join us. We will co-create safe and sacred space. Through music, ceremony,
and deep dialogue we will recognize our grief, release the heaviness, and replace it
with a new thought for a new experience of Mother's Day.

REGISTER: fbcc@macnet.com 503-472-7941 (confidential). Love Offering Appreciated.

May at FBC

May 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 9-11a - STAR 7p - Boy Scouts	2 6:30p Cub Scouts 7p - Knit Wits	3 8:00a Senior Breakfast (Banners) 9-10a - Staff Mtg. 11:30a Meditation	4 9:30a - Knit Wits 6:30p - Choir 7:30p Worship Team <u>150th Events:</u> (front page & pg 4) 7p - Hymn Sing, Quilt Dedication	5 NO STAR <u>150th Events:</u> (front page & pg 4) 8a-6p Open House & Tours 1:30-3p - Wine Tasting 7-9p - Reception	6 9:30a - Gluten Free Friends 9a-1p - Free Medical Clinic <u>150th Events:</u> (front page & pg 4) 9:00a - Workshop 3-5p - Reception 5:30p - Dinner 7:00p - Concert
7 <u>150th Events:</u> (front page & pg 4) 10a -- Reception 11a - Combined WORSHIP 5p - Youth Group	8 9-11a - STAR 7p - Boy Scouts 7:00p Together Works	9 6:30p Cub Scouts	10 9-10a - Staff Mtg. 11:30a Meditation 7:00p - Church Board Meeting	11 9:30a - Knit Wits 6:30p - Choir 7:30p Worship Team Pastor's Day Off	12 9-11a - STAR 6:30p - Game Night 7 pm - Mother's Day Eve Healing Service	13
14 9a - Worship 10a - Classes for all ages 11a - Worship	15 9-11a - STAR 7p - Boy Scouts	16 6:30p Cub Scouts 7p - Knit Wits	17 9-10a - Staff Mtg. 11:30a Meditation 7:00p - Theology of Star Trek	18 9:30a - Knit Wits 6:30p - Choir 7:30p Worship Team	19 9-11a - STAR	20 9a-1p - Free Medical Clinic 8:30a - Hiking
21 9a - Worship 10a - Classes for all ages 11a - Worship 5p - Youth Group	22 9-11a - STAR 7p - Boy Scouts 7:00p Together Works	23 6:30p Cub Scouts	24 9-10a - Staff Mtg. 11:30a Meditation	25 9:30a - Knit Wits 6:30p - Choir 7:30p Worship Team Pastor's Day Off	26 9-11a - STAR	27
28 9a - Worship 10a - Classes for all ages 11a - Worship	29 9-11a - STAR 7p - Boy Scouts	30 6:30p Cub Scouts	31 9-10a - Staff Mtg. 11:30a Meditation	<i>MAY Anniversaries:</i> 40th Anniv. - Jack & Susie Alin - May 21, 1977 Peggi Lilly & Ken Piontek - May 23, 1981 David & Joy Hallett - May 26, 1991 Tim & Jacquie Howard - May 21, 1995 John & Jen Linder - May 12, 2001 Roger & Beth Dell - May 29, 2004		

MAY Birthdays:

Scott Chambers	1	Mary Martin	10		
Tyler Hernandez	2	Polly Sauter	10		
Jacob Harmon	5	Emma VanDerVeen	10	Erin McCann	19
Mark Sanderlin	5	Hayden Abeln	11	Sue Miller	19
Stuart Gunness	6	Ashton Abeln	11	William Ward	19
Simon Huff	6	Rob Schulman	11	Mickey Howard	20
Ethan Collins	7	Sean Williams	13	Julie Kerrigan	20
Jordan Ferry	7	C.J. Lomas	14	Marianne Mills	20
Jacquie Howard	7	Nick C-Stout	15	Wayne Clevenger	21
Jean Meicho	7	Zander Dressel	15	Charlotte Hendricks	26
Ted Anderson	8	Simone Alin	17	Erika Marksbury	26
Israel Ward	8	Hanna Brandt	18	Barbara Rockow-Hanes	26
Olivia Fernandez	9	Beckett M- Page	18	Brian Sanderlin	26
				Ben Sanderlin	26
				Paul Studebaker	26
				Barbara Kauer	28
				Henry Anderson	30
				Lennox Leach	30
				Paul Kushner	31
				Claudia Leigh	31
				Gerry Painter	31