

# The Tidings

FBC's monthly newsletter

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## Oct. 29 - 5th Sunday Schedule

**9:00 am - Meditative Prayer Service**

**10:00 am - Christian Education Classes**

Berean, Chapel, Faith & Java, Rainbow and Parent Classes; Children & Youth Sunday School

**11:00 am - Combined Worship Service**

**Children's Chapel** after the Children's Story

**12:00 pm - Ministry Fair**

An opportunity to  
**FIND YOUR FIT at FBC!**



All FBC members, friends, and visitors are invited to come to our **2017 Ministry Fair**. We will spend a fun-filled hour visiting the FBC ministry tables (in the Gathering Room) to learn about what each does, make connections with more of our FBC family, and get to eat some good food while we rotate around the tables. Plan to attend!

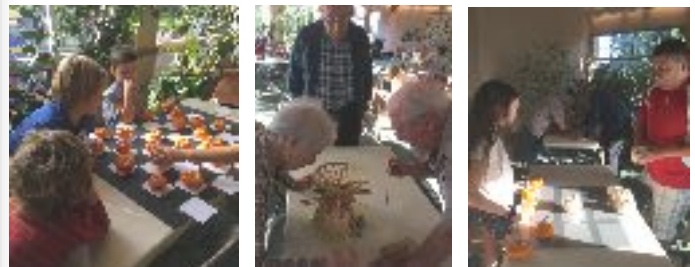
### The goals of our Ministry Fair are to:

- 1) Showcase and Communicate Information** about the many active FBC groups and ministries -- there are congregants who don't know!
- 2) Recognize, Celebrate, and Be Excited** about your time and talents -- you do awesome work and we want to take this opportunity to celebrate what you do, and (hopefully!) get more people excited about the possibilities of serving.
- 3) Make Connections** to generate interest for future volunteers.

If you are a group leader who will lead a table, be sure to let me know by October 15th so we can be prepared.

Thanks and looking forward to seeing you all there!  
--Liz Wilkins, Volunteer Coordinator

## Harvest Party



## Wednesday Evening Gatherings

**October 4, 11, 18, 25, Nov. 1, 8**

**5:30-7:00 pm** (Room #102, lower level)

Come together with friends of all ages to extend our Sunday Morning learning and fellowship. Each week we'll share a simple meal, we'll laugh over games, and we'll discuss articles that connect ideals of our faith to current events and concerns, especially surrounding race and privilege. As we share, we'll get to know each other better and deepen our understanding of our faith and of what it means to be on this journey together. These evenings are intentionally designed to be intergenerational, interactive, reflective, and safe spaces for all who come.

	Actual for Period	% of Amount Budgeted
Contribution Income:	\$204,052	95.7%
Total Income:	\$249,800	97.5%
Total Expenses:	\$255,483	99.7%
Net Income:	- \$ 5,683 (deficit)	

## Financial update --

As expected, with summer vacations and Worship in the Park as one of our August Sundays, contributions in August were below average. Hopefully some of the deficit will be made up as people return to their fall routines. It continues to be our goal to end 2017 with expenses being under budget for the year. Thank you for your ongoing support of FBC's many ministries. If you have any questions, please contact Don Watson, treasurer. -- Submitted by The Finance Team

## Announcement by Church Board Moderator, Susan Chambers --

It is my honor to announce that on Wed. Sept 13th at our Church Board meeting, the Stewardship Committee reported that congregational giving and pledging for the 150th Anniversary Major Deferred Maintenance Project has reached \$700,000. This amazing number is made up of 111 gifts from 97 different giving sources, some people choosing to give more than once. We will continue to provide updates but wanted this good news to be shared immediately. We thank each person who is making this project a reality.

And, on Thurs. Sept 14th, our project managers reported that work on the Bell Tower will most likely begin before the end of September with scaffolding being positioned and the Courtyard being fenced off. Erika and the Courtyard Committee are coordinating communication about the closure to all our neighbors and downtown churches.

## Church Board Notes

When Pastor Erika and I plan the Church Board agenda the week before the monthly meeting, we often think this month will be a lighter agenda. By the evening of the meeting, a full agenda develops. There is a lot of good work going on at FBC McMinnville!

The Stewardship committee reported the good news that giving and pledges for the 150th Anniversary Major Deferred Maintenance Project have reached the fundraising goal. You should have received (or will soon) a letter with details about funds that have been committed and updates on the construction schedule.

The Board received recommendations from the Ad Hoc Committee on Earthquake Preparedness. They submitted a plan for procedures and training, including a placard that will be posted in all church rooms. They recommended to the Board that we develop a church Safety Committee to develop procedures for other emergencies and found a comprehensive template created for churches. Let me know if you would consider serving on this committee.

The Board and staff will be discussing committee development, church organizational structure, and several recommendations for additions and revisions to the Bylaws, at an all-day retreat later this Fall.

Finally, the Church Board received the news that Emily Kerrigan resigned as Council Chair of Worship and Spiritual Growth. Please keep Emily and her family in your prayers as John's health has taken a turn for the worse. In addition, Joyce Early, Council Chair for Administration, Buildings & Grounds, is taking a leave of absence through early November. We are working to cover the responsibilities of both these Board positions for the short term and will be looking for someone to join the Board as Chair of Worship and Spiritual Growth.

Detailed minutes are posted in the church office. Our next meeting will be October 11, from 6:30-8:30 pm.

Respectfully,  
Susan Chambers, Moderator



# Sunday Worship Highlights

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."

## 9:00 am & 11:00 am WORSHIP

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

**Oct. 1**     **World Communion Sunday**  
*"Taking Only What We Have,"* Luke 9:1-6  
Rev. Erika Marksbury preaching

**Oct. 18**    *"The Dogs at the Table,"* Matthew 15:21-28  
Rev. Erika Marksbury preaching

**Oct. 15**    *"Not Making the Same Mistake,"* Matthew 19:13-15  
Rev. Erika Marksbury preaching

**Oct. 22**    *"On Emotion, Compassion, and Personal Discoveries,"* Luke 7:11-17  
JP Bierly, Minister of Music and Small Groups, preaching

**Oct. 29**    **5th Sunday** (schedule on front cover)  
*"Knowing Where the Power Goes,"* Luke 8:40, 43-48  
Rev. Erika Marksbury preaching



### Thoughts from Pastor Erika

Well, we spent September in the rituals and rules of Back-to-School season: we blessed the backpacks of our children and youth, and prayed for them and the adventure of this new year; we started up our own Sunday morning education program again after a summer break; our sermons reviewed some basics of what it means to be a community, like...

#1 - Love is the only rule. Obey this one and we've already got all the others. (Romans 13)

#2 - No criticizing; no condemning. Honor each others' paths. We all are doing what we can. (Romans 14)

#3 - Rely on God for what we need. After all, God's relying on us to do what the world needs. (Exodus 16)

So now that we've prepared ourselves, we're going to dive into some content that might unsettle us a bit (in fact, I'd almost guarantee that it will, because it's unsettled the world all around us).

Beginning October 1, we're embarking on a journey of "Opening to the Other." On Sunday mornings we'll look at the scriptures where Jesus encounters "others" of his time, and listen for how those encounters shape him and his work. On Wednesday nights we'll use a series of articles to

guide us through an exploration of white privilege. On Mondays and Tuesdays we'll offer book groups that tackle profound questions of race and identity.

These are the conversations our country is having right now, in both healthy and problematic ways, and they're conversations we also need to be having as a church. They won't be easy. But this is what church is for: to listen to the Spirit, together, and to listen to each other, and especially to the voices around us that are crying out to be heard.

Grateful for the chances to listen to and with you, *Erika*



This fall, FBC is hosting two book groups. The themes of the books build on the themes from Sunday morning sermons, Wednesday night discussions, and the Mission Education Team's "On Being an Ally" film that many of you saw recently. But the book groups also stand on their own, so feel free to participate in one of these even if you haven't participated in the connected offerings.

**Monday Book Group:**

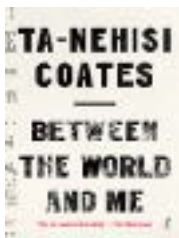


**October 2, Oct. 23,  
Nov. 6, Nov. 20, Dec. 4, Dec.18,  
from 7-8:30 pm at FBC**

Please contact JoAnn Sims if you are interested in reading Jim Wallis' latest book, **America's Original Sin: Racism, White Privilege and the Bridge to a New America**. In this book, Wallis offers a prophetic and deeply personal call to action in overcoming the racism so ingrained in American society. He speaks candidly to Christians--particularly white Christians--urging them to cross a new bridge toward racial justice and healing.

**Tuesday Book Group:**

**October 17, 24, 31, from 12-1 pm at FBC**



**Between the World and Me** is Ta-Nehisi Coates' "profound work that pivots from the biggest questions about American history and ideals to the most intimate concerns of a father for his son." Coates has been hailed as "the single best writer on the subject of race in the United States." This short, dense, award-winning book, written as a letter to his teenage son, is challenging, thoughtful, provocative, personal, and sure to generate worthwhile conversation. Contact Erika Marksbury if you'd like to participate or have questions about this book group.

JP and I have been enjoying getting the first round of you set-up onto your Realm account! Getting to know this program will require one step at a time -- the first step is to create a login for you to access your information. After signing folks up on the first sign-up day, we even helped some group leaders start to make use of Realm -- creating a current list of active members, posting group events, posting photos, etc. We can do it!

This is a learning process for all of us and we appreciate your willingness to explore new ideas and help make this a part of FBC life. After the first week, we had over 25 congregants signed up, and by the end of the year, we'd like to see 100 of you on! If you haven't gotten on yet and are ready to make the plunge, let JP or me know and/or keep your eyes open for weekly emails about signing up.

Yours in exploring new technology,  
Liz Wilkins, Volunteer Coordinator

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**Contemplative Corner**

**Walk Slowly** by Danna Faulds

It only takes a reminder to breathe,  
a moment to be still and just like that,  
something in me settles, softens,  
makes space for imperfection.  
The harsh voice of judgment drops to a  
whisper and I remember again that  
life isn't a relay race;  
that we will all cross the finish line;  
that waking up to life is what we  
were born for.

As many times as I forget, catch myself  
charging forward without even knowing  
where I am going,  
that many times I can make the choice  
to stop, to breathe, to be and walk  
slowly into the mystery.





**UNIDOS Bridging Community** is working hard to advocate for and support DACA recipients. Conflicting information continues to flow out of Washington D.C., therefore our support for DACA and all Latinos is especially important at this time.

The DACA recipients must renew their status every 2 years at the cost of \$495. This allows them to: legally work or go to school, get a driver's license and allow them to travel out of the country and return to the U.S. Many DACA recipients pay taxes, but have no social security number, therefore they get no benefits. 100% of DACA recipients have no criminal record, 90% are employed or going to school. Among the remaining 10% are the stay-at-home mother/parent. The average age of the Dreamers when they were brought to the U.S. by their parents was 6 years old. The Dreamers are now in their 20's and 30's, they are educated, professional and are homeowners. And the government wants to kick these people out. WHY? What can we do?

1. Continue to write and/or call your government officials urging them to continue the DACA program and to fix the broken immigration system.
2. Be educated on how we as Anglos can learn from our Latino friends and support them. Unidos holds a Conversacion Comunitaria (Community Conversation) every 3rd Tuesday of the Month, held in the Carnegie Room at the McMinnville Public Library at 6:30. The meetings are bilingual. The topics are about how to strive and thrive as Latino citizens of Yamhill County, Oregon and the U.S.
3. Tell your friends.



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Did you know that FBC supports the work and spirit of **Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon** known as EMO?

What do they do? What is their vision and mission?

- EMO strives for unity in Jesus Christ and seeks to honor our sacred traditions. They envision communities of faith in ministry together creating a more peaceful, just, sustainable and compassionate world.
- EMO is committed to mutual respect and understanding. EMO brings together diverse communities of faith to learn, serve and advocate for justice, peace and the integrity of creation.

The 2017 Collins Lecture-Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon is entitled "Wounded Earth Wounded Humanity: God's call for climate justice." The program begins on Thurs. Nov. 2 at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, 147 NW 19th Avenue, Portland. Please visit their website for more information about the Collins Lecture and their other programs: [emoregon.org](http://emoregon.org).



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 October!

- October 1:** Childhood Game Night
- October 8:** Prayer Practices
- October 15:** Dinner & a Show
- October 22:** A Family Place Project



Our next Last Sunday Gathering, for all children, youth, and families, is Sunday, October 30! It's our Fall Festival and we hope you will join us for a night of games, crafts, dinner, and more! Plus you are all invited and encouraged to wear your Halloween costumes! It's 5-6:30 pm in the Gathering Room at FBC; more details coming soon!



Our all night adventure for youth (6th-12th grade) is back this fall! We will be traveling around the area for games, food, movies, and more! And, new this year, we will have an "early out" option for anyone that doesn't want to stay up all night!

**November 10-11, 2017**  
**Friday @ 7 pm to Saturday @ 7 am**  
**\$20 - Register online now**  
**Deadline: Sunday, October 29**

## Sunday Mornings @ FBC

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

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** (10-10:50 am)

**CHILDREN:** Kindergarten through 5th Grade, Second Floor Children's Classroom  
October Focus - *Spark: Ruth*

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

**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

## LUNCH ON CAMPUS

**October 5:** McMinnville HS / **October 12:** Duniway MS / **October 19:** Patton MS

## COMMUNICATION

**Email:** Email [sean.fbcmac@gmail.com](mailto:sean.fbcmac@gmail.com) to be added to our weekly enews list

**Text:** Via Remind, text @seanpw to the number 81010 for updates

**Facebook:** Join us at FBC McMinnville KIDS and FBC McMinnville Youth


**Instagram:** Follow us at @fbcmacyouth

# Small Group Opportunities

October 2017


*"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 @ 12:00 noon  
 Using silent Christian Prayer & Buddhist Traditions  
 Contact: Lynn 503-472-8196




**Together Works**  
 LGBT monthly gatherings  
 2nd & 4th Mondays (Fireplace Room)  
 October 9 & 23 at 7:00 pm  
 Social & Educational time together, fun & food

**AM Knit Wits**  
 Every Thursday  
 9:30 am  
 (Linda's home)  
 971-237-6828



**PM Knit Wits**  
 Tuesdays,  
 October 3 & 17  
 7 pm  
 (Geneva's home)  
 Gina - 971-237-2789




**Theology of Star Trek**  
 3rd Wednesday of each month  
 (Berean Room) 7-8:30 pm  
 Wednesday, October 18  
 Star Trek Discovery Pilot  
 Contact JP - [jpbierly@gmail.com](mailto:jpbierly@gmail.com)



**Game Night**  
 Friday, October 13th - 6:30pm  
 (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](mailto:dlarmouth@recology.com)

**Hiking Group**  
 Saturday, October 21- 8:00 am,  
 meet at the church to carpool.



**We're going to the Oregon Coast!**  
**Last hike of the season, till spring.**  
 Great FUN - Good Exercise - Exciting locations!  
 More Info - Contact Gloria - [glowml1@gmail.com](mailto:glowml1@gmail.com)

**Men's Breakfast**  
 9:00 am - one Saturday each month  
 All men of FBC are invited to attend. Breakfasts  
 at Les Toth's Toy Barn (2700 NE Pinehurst, Mac)  
 Les will provide breakfast.

**Gluten Free Friends Gatherings**  
 Monthly Support Group meeting  
 1st Saturday, October 7 - 9:30-11am  
 Contact: [barbaracoleburr@gmail.com](mailto:barbaracoleburr@gmail.com), 971-241-6112

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Oct. 28	Max Dixon	Navy Aviation and Me
Nov. 18	Les Toth	Dreams, Long Hours, and Great People
Dec. 16	Scott & Kevin Chambers	Financial Planning for and in retirement
Jan. 20	Neil Kunze	Should Britain have negotiated with Germany for peace in 1940?



**Wanted: Individuals & Families to learn, share, help, eat**  
**Thursday, Nov 9th - 5-7:00 pm**

The FBC Mission Education Team is hosting an interactive meal, music, art event at the Co-op. This regular **PIECING COMMUNITY TOGETHER Event** is designed to bring varied community members together in an informal room and meal atmosphere.

Whether you're single, a seven-member family, 21 or 81 - this is a chance to stretch your Christianity. You can stand, sit, mingle, or lead for 30 minutes or the full 2 hours. You can cook, serve, do dishes, help with art projects, or provide musical entertainment. Become a proud member of FBC Mission ministry! Questions? Contact Tim Duerfeldt or JoAnn Sims.

# October at FBC

October 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 9:00a Worship 10:00a Classes 11:00a Worship	<b>2</b> 9-10:30a - STAR 7p - Boy Scouts 7p - Book Group	<b>3</b> 6:30p - Cub Scouts 7p - Knit Wits	<b>4</b> 8:00a Senior Breakfast (Banners Restaurant) 5:30-7p Fellowship & meal	<b>5</b> 9:30a - Knit Wits 6:30p - Choir 7:30p - Worship Team Pastor's Day Off	<b>6</b> 9-10:30a - STAR	<b>7</b> 9a-1p - Free Medical Clinic 9:30-11a - Gluten Free Friends
<b>8</b> 9:00a Worship 10:00a Classes 11:00a Worship	<b>9</b> 9-10:30a - STAR 7p - Together Works	<b>10</b> 6:30p - Cub Scouts	<b>11</b> 12n - Meditation 5:30-7p Fellowship & meal 6:30p - Church Board	<b>12</b> 9:30a - Knit Wits 6:30p - Choir 7:30p - Worship Team Pastor's Day Off	<b>13</b> 9-10:30a - STAR 6:30p - Game Night	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 9:00a Worship 10:00a Classes 11:00a Worship	<b>16</b> 9-10:30a - STAR 7p - Boy Scouts	<b>17</b> 12p - Book Group 6:30p - Cub Scouts 7p - Knit Wits	<b>18</b> 9-10a - Staff Mtg. 12n - Meditation 5:30-7p Fellowship & meal 7p - Theology of Star Trek	<b>19</b> 9:30a - Knit Wits 6:30p Choir 7:30p Worship Team Pastor's Day Off	<b>20</b> 9-10:30a - STAR	<b>21</b> 8:00a - Hiking on the Coast 9a-1p - Free Medical Clinic
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<b>29</b> 9a Meditative Service 10:00a Classes 11:00a Worship 12n Ministry Fair	<b>30</b> 9-10:30a - STAR 7p - Boy Scouts	<b>31</b> 12p - Book Group 6:30p - Cub Scouts				

## OCTOBER

### Birthdays:

Bob McCann 2  
 Joan Kushner 6  
 Adrian Martin 6  
 Jenny VanCleave 6  
 Thomas Park 9  
 William Millar 11  
 Barry House 15  
 Jorge Luis Dominguez 16

Nicole Curry 19  
 Roger Dell 20  
 Max Dixon 20  
 Tristan Ferry 22  
 David Lenker 22  
 Cherie Walker 22  
 Sheila Clark 23  
 Art Engen 23  
 Rosemary Porter 23  
 Carson Benner 28  
 Jean Marie Spalding 29

## OCTOBER

### Anniversaries:

Cliff & Pam Watts  
 Oct. 6, 1973  
 Chris & Steffen Kirk  
 Oct. 2, 1999  
 Kena Avila & Karl Severance  
 Oct. 3, 2015

