

# The Tidings

FBC's monthly newsletter

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## Semi-Annual Meeting January 21, 2018

### Sunday Morning Schedule:

- 9 a.m. - Prayer Service
- 10 a.m. - Sunday School Classes
- 11 a.m. - Combined Worship Service
- 12:15 - Semi-Annual Meeting  
in the Gathering Room

Agenda items include the 2017 Statistical & Fiscal Reports, the 2018 Proposed Budget, a year-end update on the Deferred Maintenance Project, and the Discernment Committee's letter to the Church Board.

Lunch provided by the  
Y.A.H.O.O. Mexico Mission Team  
for a donation to their March 2018 trip.



The Wednesday Meditation group will host a group of 16 for a meditative immersion gathering at the Trappist Abbey

**Saturday, Jan. 27th**

Contact Lynn Crowell for details,  
herbalynn@comcast.net or 503-472-8196.



*Let's Talk*, a small group curriculum that invites participants to "safe, meaningful, substantive, & bold conversations on race," is an invitation to continue the discussion that we began this fall in our "Opening to the Other" sermon & story series and our Wednesday Evening Gatherings. FBC groups will run January through June, with each group deciding its preferred meeting times and places. Let Erika know if you'd like to participate.

### **BEGIN THE NEW YEAR WITH INTENTION**

All adults and youth are invited to a workshop Sunday, January 7, 1-4 p.m., where Kathleen Verigin will lead participants through a creative process of discovering the word, the intention, that will guide and focus them throughout 2018. Childcare available by RSVP to Sean (see below).

### **NEW STAFF EMAILS Effective January 2018**

Erika Marksby, Pastor - erika@fbcmac.org  
JP Bierly, Music & Small Groups - jp@fbcmac.org  
Sean P. Williams, Children & Youth - sean@fbcmac.org  
Ron Richter, Building Supervisor - ron@fbcmac.org  
Donna Weed/Church Office - office@fbcmac.org

	Actual for Period	% of Amount Budgeted
Contribution Income:	\$278,682	95.0%
Total Income:	\$340,110	96.6%
Total Expenses:	<u>\$350,862</u>	99.6%
Net Income:	- \$ 10,752 (deficit)	

## Financial update --

As of December 18th (three Sundays) we are making good progress towards removing our General Fund deficit. Our income goal for December is \$43,000 from Contributions, Building Use and miscellaneous income. As of December 18, our total income has been about \$37,700. We have two more Sundays to meet and exceed our goal.

Thank you for your generous support of ministry at First Baptist Church. -- The Finance Team



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 (1) Click on the "Realm Login" in the upper left corner. (2) Follow directions to "Register Now"  
 (3) Once you've created your own LOG-IN you'll be able to keep your profile up-to-date, keep connected with your church family, and pledge your Annual Giving.

## Church Board Notes

In December 2016, the Church Board meeting was cancelled due to snow and ice. The first two weeks of December this year were sunny! As with Oregon weather, the issues before the Church Board are diverse.

First, a stewardship update. To start 2017, we had a \$16,000 cash carryover from 2016. We also had over \$10,000 in grants and gifts for celebrating our 150th Anniversary. This year, we are praying that we don't have a deficit as 2017 comes to a close, and our Estimates of Giving for 2018 are currently \$50,000 short of what we need to fund the proposed budget. Thank you to those of you who have already sent your Estimate of Giving card for 2018. Since our budget is based on the income we are expecting in the coming year, if you have not returned a card, please help us by doing so. The Budget Team will meet on January 5th and 9th once we have a better idea of anticipated income.

On December 10th I shared a personal stewardship message in Worship. For those of you who weren't there, I was raised in a progressive Episcopal congregation because it was important to my mom to raise her girls in a church that served the community. It was also very important to my mom to give to the church, which was the way she was raised. My Sunday morning responsibility, up until High School, was to get the

correct envelope from the little box given to our family, that had the weekly dates printed on them. My mom would tell me how much to take out of her wallet to put in the envelope. I grew up in a family that didn't have a lot of extra cash to give and maybe taking a \$5 or \$10 bill out of mom's wallet on Sunday meant she had to be creative with grocery shopping the following week. I'll never know for sure. But rooted in my being, is the faithful practice of regular giving to the church. Scripture tells us to give, not to get anything in return, but as a response to all the blessings God provides. Yet, we do get back... the reward of serving in the name of God, through our ministries of compassion, inclusion and justice. When you give, regardless of how much, you're making a commitment to this special community of faith and saying, "I am here."

Back to the Church Board meeting. Discussion was certainly more diverse than stewardship and budget priorities! We heard reports and talked about the 150th Anniversary Major Deferred Maintenance Project, the Discernment Committee, our organizational structure, housing allowances for our ministry staff, not to mention reports from all the Council Chairs about how FBC supports and serves our community! Thanks to everyone who is involved, in so many ways.

Happy New Year!

Respectfully, Susan Chambers, Moderator



# Sunday Worship Highlights

January 2018

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 am-12 pm** - Nursery care for Infants through Preschool

## Jan. 7 Communion Sunday

"From Chaos to Creation: Stars, Sages, y Senderos Nuevos," Matthew 2:1-12 ,  
Rev. Mylinda Baits, preaching



FBC supports Rev. Baits' work through International Ministries, who recently announced: "After five years serving as IM regional consultant for Iberoamerica and the Caribbean, Baits has accepted a new role as global consultant for Training through Restorative Arts. In this position, she will partner with with IM colleagues, national church leadership and social change organizations around the world to seek justice, healing

and transformation through restorative art and creative expression. Baits will create opportunities in which servant leaders and those who do the hard work of rescue, relief and restoration can be nurtured and renewed."

*Rev. Baits will be preaching at both the 9 & 11 o'clock services. At 10, join her and the Mission Education Team in Room 102 (downstairs) for a Meet-Your-Missionary Brunch!*

**Jan. 14** "And It Was Good," Genesis 1, Rev. Erika Marksbury preaching

## Jan. 21 9 a.m. - Prayer Service

with Lectio Divina (meditative reading), Taize songs, and silence

## 11 a.m. - Combined Worship Service,

"The Ministering Winds," Psalm 104, Rev. Erika Marksbury preaching

Offertory: "In the Bleak Midwinter," Nancy McCann, vocals and guitar; Sherill Roberts and Amelia Bierly, cello

**Jan. 28** "The Power at Work within Us," Ephesians 3, Rev. Erika Marksbury preaching

## Thoughts from Pastor Erika

I embrace the Baptist identity of being non-creedal people. I've never belonged to any place where people sign a statement of faith. I don't shy away from standards, but that idea that we all must - or even should - articulate our understanding of sacred mystery in exactly the same way just seems tricky to me. Then again, my own articulation of my deepest faith commitments is not all that complicated. At root, I believe two things: God is with

and for us. And we are with and for each other. That's what gives me hope. That's what I show up for, to celebrate and to share that.

That's why I'm so excited about our "Building Community" theme for 2018. Our physical building is undergoing some major maintenance - and way to go, FBC, for raising the funds needed to preserve and protect this historic faith home! For 2018, our ministry focus will be on building community, both within the church walls and outside of it. We'll have events throughout the year designed to deepen our relation-

ships with one another, and we'll partner with outside organizations, too, to strengthen our ties with all who seek good for McMinnville and beyond - A Family Place, Piecing Community Together, Habitat for Humanity, and more.

Look for more info soon, but for now, let me just say thank you for the community you already are - engaged and curious, kind and generous, peace-loving and justice-minded and open. With all that, plus 150 years of faithfulness as our foundation, I am so excited for what God will do in and through FBC in 2018. [Page 3](#)

## Meet new FBC members: Cynthia Parker & Kathleen Verigin

Cynthia Parker, who calls herself “a spiritual being by nature,” is excited to make new friends at FBC and to strengthen her bond with the community. She’s plugged in many places already: she’s teaching the Rainbow Class, singing with the choir, and traveling to Nicaragua to visit AMOS with FBC’s February delegation – she’s even signed up for most of the Nica work crew assignments!



Cynthia grew up Episcopalian and spent some time with Catholicism. Her spiritual values include loving all beings, helping one another, and having integrity. She spends time in meditation and finds her own spirit restored by helping her community.

After being a veterinary technician for 13 years, Cynthia now serves as a medication aid for residents of Brookdale Senior Living Community in Newberg. She enjoys her work, and she loves being in nature: horseback riding, kayaking, hiking, being at the beach.

Cynthia’s son, Nicholas, “a good-natured, loving free spirit,” lives in Dallas, Texas. Her younger brother Robert, with whom she shares a close bond, lives in Palm Springs, California, with his family.

Kathleen McKern Verigin is also folded into FBC life; she recently offered the Winter Solstice Ceremony and is preparing to lead the Word of Intention workshop on January 7.



With roots in Iowa, in 1975 Kathleen struck out for milder and greener pastures in Portland. There she worked at a radio station and two TV stations, becoming an award-winning documentary writer/producer.

While working in television, Kathleen – a “life-long spiritual seeker” – received a call to ministry. She resigned with very little under her feet for support and a massive amount of trust in God. Trust, Truth & Faith are her highest values. Ordained in 2002, she’s had a thriving wedding business, served as staff minister to a New Thought community, and started her own ministry—Anam Cara Connections. (Anam cara in Irish means “soul friend.”) She offers a mentoring program for women and leads a yearly pilgrimage to Ireland. April 2018 will be her 14th tour.

Kathleen and Doug Verigin married in 1994, when Doug’s son and daughter were 5 and 7. Kathleen became a very active and engaged stepmom. She enjoys a loving, joyful relationship with Tyler and Justine - now 28 and 30! Kathleen and Doug moved to McMinnville in September 2016, to 3.25 acres a few miles west of town. For Doug: gardening and landscaping. For Kathleen: a workshop space and meditation room, and free access to the sun, moon and stars. They are both enjoying and embracing the FBC community. Kathleen looks forward to sharing more rituals and ceremonies, while in support of FBC’s greater mission.

## NICARAGUA MISSION TEAM

By the time you read this, your representatives to AMOS in Nicaragua will be deep into final planning of their week-long trip, leaving **February 9**.

Planning ranges from learning how to be culturally sensitive missionaries to pulling together supplies for the first aid training workshop to learning about water filtration to deciding if we should take three pairs of work pants or can we get by with just two pairs?

Ten of us are off to learn about life and faith from the people of La Pimienta and El Calderon.

My past experiences tell me that we will return with our heads and hearts full of inspiration and also full of questions what our visit has meant for AMOS, for the Nicaraguans, and for ourselves. Likewise, I know we will be full of stories to share. Thank you in advance for all you’ve done supporting us, your prayers and listening ears!

We look forward to sharing our experiences with all of you during a Worship and Workshop Presentation in March.





## Y.A.H.O.O. MEXICO MISSION

March 23-31, 2018

Sponsored by: Y.A.H.O.O.

(**Y**amhill **A**lliance **H**elping **O**thers **O**ut)

An alliance of churches in Yamhill County, OR,  
working with Amor Ministries, San Diego, CA

**Contact Person: Georgine Benner**

**971-241-0083, [georgine.benner@gmail.com](mailto:georgine.benner@gmail.com)**

The Mexico Mission 2018 trip is a week-long project for high school students that provides homes for Mexican families. The project is designed to bring students into a deeper understanding of, and commitment to, the Christian faith, as well as give them opportunities to develop the confidence and ability to make a lasting and positive impact in the world.

Mexico is one of the poorest countries in the world. In the area where we will work, most families live in huts made of cardboard, wood, and scrap metal collected from garbage dumps. This trip will introduce youth to the incredible needs of others and will allow them to participate in the solution of one piece of the larger problem of global poverty.

In Mexico, our students are given full responsibility for building a home for a homeless family. They lay concrete, build walls, raise the roof, and apply stucco. They experience life in a different country and learn what it means to be a servant to people who can only repay them with gratitude. Often, students return from this trip feeling that they have received much more than they have given through the contact with the Mexican people. *Y.A.H.O.O. 2018 will be a transformative experience in the living standards of the Mexican people and in the spiritual lives of the students and adults who participate.*

## SCOUTING FORTREES

Christmas Tree Recycling Pick-up by FBC Boy Scout Troop 260 can be scheduled for December 30-31 or January 6-7, for a suggested donation of \$10. You can schedule the pick-up now by calling/emailing (503) 435-8892 / [scouting4trees@gmail.com](mailto:scouting4trees@gmail.com).

Troop 260 is looking for adult volunteers these 4 days.

Position 1: Be at the Christmas Tree Recycling Drop-off Site for 2-6 hours as an adult presence. Position 2: Drive your pick-up truck around collecting trees and delivering them to First Federal or Town Plaza. Please contact Rick Page ([rickpagedc@gmail.com](mailto:rickpagedc@gmail.com), 816.536.8188) to volunteer.

## Soup Kitchen

Since 1990 St. Barnabas Episcopal Parish has been serving meals. St. Barnabas operates under the 501©3 status of the Parish. They, like First Baptist Church are called to serve...*"I was hungry and you fed me"* (Matthew 25).

In a typical month just over 100 meals are served daily. Toward the end of the month the numbers often swell to over 200 meals per day. In the year of 2016 - 29,576 meals were served. In the month of October this year 2,984 meals were served in that month.

Robin Miguel has directed the Soup Kitchen for the last three years. The kitchen was remodeled a year ago and now has a new convection oven and dishwasher. She said, "Yes, we serve quality food with changing menus, but it is not just about the food." Robin is professionally trained in the culinary field. She knows how to prepare excellent good tasting meals and to stretch the budget. She brings a passion of good food and a heart of compassion and community to the Soup Kitchen.

The guests and volunteers have developed a positive, respectful and accepting atmosphere with one another. Volunteers listen to guests and remember their stories. It changes both the guests and the volunteers. The soup kitchen is a place where guests love to come in peace and be treated with respect and love.



Because of your generous support of FBC missions, the Mission Education Team provides the Soup Kitchen with \$450 a year. FBC also provides volunteers. Did you know that Danny Browne, Kyle Sims, and Larry Sims are regular chefs each week at the Soup Kitchen?

**If you would like to volunteer please give the Soup Kitchen a call at 503-472-3711 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday from 12pm-6pm.**



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!

**January 7:** Game Night

**January 14:** AFP Project

**January 21:** Prayer Practice & Media  
(And **February 4:** Super Bowl Party!)

## LAST SUNDAY GATHERING

Our next Last Sunday Gathering, for all children, youth, and families, is Sunday, January 28! We'll be discussing PEACE and making peace poles as a reminder to visualize & pray for world peace. We'll meet, and share a meal together, from 5-6:30pm in the Gathering Room at FBC. More details coming soon; please plan on joining us.



### Parents Meeting

Sunday, February 4 after 11am Worship  
Rooms 101/102 (lower level)

**Winter Camp @ Camp Arrah Wanna**  
February 16-19, 2018  
3rd-12th Grade Children & Youth

**Y.A.H.O.O. Mexico Mission**  
March 23-31, 2018 for  
High School Youth (9th-12th Grades)  
**Pick up a registration packet now!**

## Sunday Mornings @ FBC: JANUARY 2017

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

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

**CHILDREN:** Kindergarten to 5th Grade, Second Floor Children's Classroom  
January Focus - *Spark Rotation: Four Friends*

**YOUTH & PARENTS:** NO Classes in January

### WORSHIP (11am)

**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 - now on WEDNESDAYS!

**January 10:** McMinnville HS - **January 17:** Duniway MS - **January 24:** 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

January 2018

*"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

\*\*See Jan. 27th special gathering info below



## Together Works

LGBTQ monthly gatherings  
2nd & 4th Mondays (Fireplace Room)  
Jan. 8 & 22, 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,  
January 2 & 16  
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, January 17  
Coda (Voyager)  
Contact JP - [jpbierly@gmail.com](mailto:jpbierly@gmail.com)

## Gluten Free Friends Gatherings

Monthly Support Group meeting  
1st Saturday, January 6 - 9:30-11am  
Contact: Barbara Burr  
[barbaracoleburr@gmail.com](mailto:barbaracoleburr@gmail.com), 971-241-6112

## Men's Breakfast

Jan. 20 - Neil Kunze will speak on  
"Should Britain have negotiated with  
Germany for peace in 1940?"

All men of FBC are invited to attend.  
Les Toth's Toy Barn (2700 NW Pinehurst, Mac)  
Les will provide breakfast.

Future Speakers:

Feb. 24

"Drumming 101: The Heartbeat of  
the Band" by Bob McCann

Mar. 24

"Decisions" by Danny Browne

Apr. 28

Title TBA by Joe Wilkins

May. 19

"A Giant Step Backwards" by Joel Kiff

## FROM: Liz Wilkins, 2017 Volunteer Coordinator

Hello FBC Community,  
It has been a pleasure serving as your  
Volunteer Coordinator these last handful of  
months! As this was a temporary position,  
December was my last month serving in this  
role. I hope the work I've done has been  
helpful, and will prove to be helpful to you  
all in the future.

It has been truly motivating to learn about  
and see how FBC functions. All the hands  
and hearts working together makes big and  
little things happen for this church,  
community, and world. It is an inspiration to  
be about such diligent, caring, and hard  
working individuals. Thank you. What you  
do matters. My contact info: 503-687-2023  
(personal cell/text)

HAPPY FBC CAMPERS!

Get ready for the  
FBC summer CAMPOUT!

**SOUTH BEACH  
STATE PARK**

**July 20-22, 2018**

Be sure to mark your calendars!  
For more information, contact Dave King  
[kaveding@earthlink.net](mailto:kaveding@earthlink.net).

# January at FBC

January 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> New Year's Day Church office & STAR Closed	<b>2</b> 6:30p - Cub Scouts 7p - Knit Wits	<b>3</b> 12n - Meditation	<b>4</b> 9:30a - Knit Wits 6:30p - Choir 7:30p - Worship Team	<b>5</b> 9-10:30a - STAR	<b>6</b> 9a-1p - Free Medical Clinic 9:30-11a - Gluten Free Friends
	Pastor on vacation January 1-6					
<b>7</b> 9 am & 11 am WORSHIP 10 am Sunday Classes 1 pm Intention Workshop 5-6:30p Youth Group	<b>8</b> 9-10:30a - STAR 7p - Book Group 7p - Together Works	<b>9</b> 6:30p - Cub Scouts	<b>10</b> 12n - Meditation 7:00p - Church Board meeting	<b>11</b> 9:30a - Knit Wits 6:30p - Choir 7:30p - Worship Team Pastor's Day Off	<b>12</b> 9-10:30a - STAR	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> 9 am & 11 am WORSHIP 10 am Sunday Classes 5-6:30p Youth Group	<b>15</b> 9-10:30a - STAR 7p - Boy Scouts	<b>16</b> 6:30p - Cub Scouts 7p - Knit Wits	<b>17</b> 12n - Meditation 7p - Theology of Star Trek	<b>18</b> 9:30a - Knit Wits 6:30p - Choir 7:30p - Worship Team Pastor's Day Off	<b>19</b> 9-10:30a - STAR	<b>20</b> 9a-1p - Free Medical Clinic 9a - Men's Breakfast
<b>21</b> 9 am & 11 am WORSHIP 10 am Sunday Classes 12:15 pm Semi-Annual Mtg. 5-6:30p Youth Group	<b>22</b> 9-10:30a - STAR 7p - Boy Scouts 7:00p - Together Works	<b>23</b> 6:30p - Cub Scouts	<b>24</b> 12n - Meditation	<b>25</b> 9:30a - Knit Wits 6:30p - Choir 7:30p - Worship Team Pastor's Day Off	<b>26</b> 9-10:30a - STAR	<b>27</b> Meditation Retreat at the Trappist Abbey
<b>28</b> 9 am & 11 am WORSHIP 10:00 am Sunday Classes 5-6:30p C&Y Last Sunday Gathering	<b>29</b> 9-10:30a - STAR 7p - Boy Scouts	<b>30</b> 6:30p - Cub Scouts	<b>31</b> 12n - Meditation	Russell Weaver 12 Max Boenisch 12 Curran Howard 13 Jessica Galer 15 Bryce Abeln 15 Brent Lightly 81 Marilyn Dresser 19 Cathy Carstensen 19 Gloria Lafata 21 Laura Kushner 22 Tom Meicho 27 Jason Kiff 27 JP Bierly 30	Dave Ferry 31	

## JANUARY Birthday:

Monique Scarborough 1  
 Oscar Marksbury Page 2  
 Jan Whipp 3  
 Kurtis Cooper 5  
 Eowyn Clayton 6

Parker Williams 6  
 Robin Knauerhase 6  
 Beth Dell 7  
 Myrtle Fricke 7  
 Marilyn vanDyk 9  
 Hannah Hendricks 10  
 Sybil Williams 10  
 Kayleen Dressel 11

## JANUARY Anniversary:

Bernie & Roz Turner Jan. 27, 1952  
 John & Emily Kerrigan Jan. 01, 1984  
 Max & Bev Dixon Jan. 19, 1985  
 Mary & Matt Dressel Jan. 31, 2009

