

# The Tidings

FBC's monthly newsletter

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In the Gospels of John and Mark, Jesus is accused of taunting those who threaten him, "Tear down this temple, and in three days I will build it again." Like most of what's attributed to Jesus, it's not clear that he actually said it. The Gospel of Mark tells us

that "even their (the accusers') testimony - did not agree." Still, the saying is attention-getting, and interpreters love to play with it. They'll say his initial hearers thought he was talking about the place of worship, that incredible physical structure - when in truth, he was talking about his body, and foreshadowing the resurrection....

This Lenten season, we're going to ask: What if he wasn't talking about the place of worship, or his own body, but about the community? What if what cannot be torn down forever, the entity strong enough to reconstitute itself after terrible tragedy, is the body of believers who had gathered together around Jesus and the new way he taught and lived? What if what Jesus was saying was something like, 'You can kill my body. But my message, my hope, my love will live on in my community, and that can never be destroyed'?

To get to those questions by the end, we're going to journey through the Gospel of Mark - the earliest, and sparsest of the Gospels - and look closely at the community that forms around Jesus. What do they experience? What do they care about? Which of their questions remain unanswered? How can their centuries-old discipleship inform ours today?

Our community exists because theirs could not be destroyed. Let's find communion with them this Lent.



## The LENTEN SEASON begins February 14, ASH WEDNESDAY

We'll share worship with the congregation of St. James, a tradition spanning more than 20 years.

Location: St. James Catholic Church,  
1145 NE 1st Street, McMinnville

5:30 pm - \$6/Adults - \$4/age 6-12 &  
Free for ages 5 and under.

Clam/Corn Chowder Supper  
provided by the Knights of Columbus

6:30 pm - Ash Wednesday Service  
with musicians and readers from both  
congregations. FBC member &  
Linfield religious studies professor,  
Dr. Jennifer Williams, preaching.

## Our heartfelt thanks

goes out to the congregation for your contributions to our Christmas gifts. We are humbled by your generosity - evidenced in those gifts and in so many other ways throughout the year - and we are honored to serve and worship alongside you as part of God's work at FBC McMinnville. With gratitude,  
Ron, Donna, Sean, JP, & Erika

**2018 NEW EMAILS:** Erika Marksbury, Senior Pastor - [erika@fbcmac.org](mailto:erika@fbcmac.org)

JP Bierly, Music & Small Groups - [jp@fbcmac.org](mailto:jp@fbcmac.org) / Sean P. Williams, Children & Youth - [sean@fbcmac.org](mailto:sean@fbcmac.org) Ron Richter, Building Supervisor - [ron@fbcmac.org](mailto:ron@fbcmac.org) / Donna Weed/Church Office - [office@fbcmac.org](mailto:office@fbcmac.org)

# Financial Report: January 1 - December 31, 2017

February 2018

SUMMARY of 2017	Actual for Period	% of Amount Budgeted
Contribution Income:	\$319,452	99.8%
Total Income:	\$389,140	101.3%
Total Expenses:	<u>\$378,317</u>	98.5%
Net Income:	\$ 10,823 (2018 cash carryover)	

## Financial update --

See Financial Insert for detailed Summary of 2017

You can also pick up a copy of the January 2018 Semi-Annual Report (at the church office).

Giving to the ministries of First Baptist Church was just amazing during 2017. We are so very thankful. If you have any questions, please contact a member of the Finance Team.

~Roger Dell, Judee Kunze, Jane Apel, Don Watson, treasurer



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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 - January 10

I reported last month that the focus of the Church Board in December was to propose a balanced budget for 2018. In January, the Budget Team continued working to build a budget that anticipated less income in Estimates of Giving compared to 2017. The Church Board approved a church budget on Jan. 10. This was complicated when in the second week of January, unexpected errors were discovered by Roger Dell, our Financial Secretary. Inadvertently \$6,500 had been recorded in general funds with the regular Estimates of Giving collections, when the amount should have been placed in the 150th Anniversary Deferred Maintenance account. The Budget Team submitted a revised budget proposal for the Semi-Annual Meeting on January 21, dealing with this revised financial reality, that did not include Cost of Living Allowances (COLA) for our core staff.

Those attending the meeting know what transpired. There was a motion to amend the proposal to reinstate a 1% COLA by reducing that

amount (\$1,905) budgeted for Missions. A majority approved the amendment (not unanimous) and a 2018 Budget was approved. I report all this for those of you who were not at the meeting. There was a suggestion to develop a designated fund to restore the reduction to Missions, and, if the income allows, reinstate another 1% COLA. We need to keep in mind that the approved budget still has an estimated \$6,000 in 'other contributions' that is greater than what is anticipated. We have work to do to end 2018 in the black!

My gratitude extends to Don Watson and Judee Kunze for their commitments to a balanced budget and to Martha VanCleave, our Assistant Moderator, for her leadership during the two weeks I was down with the flu.

Let's move forward, building community and committing to do God's important work within and beyond our walls.

Respectfully,  
Susan Chambers  
Moderator

**Next  
Church Board Meeting:  
Wed., Feb. 7th**



# Sunday Worship Highlights

February 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

**Feb. 4**      **Communion Sunday (at 9 & 11) & Blessing of the Nicaragua Team (at 11)**

"Power to Become," John1, Rev. Erika Marksbury preaching

**Feb. 11**      "The World was Wide Enough," Matthew 5:43-47

JP Bierly, Music & Small Groups Minister, preaching

**Feb. 18**      **1st Sunday of Lent**



Rev. Diane Hooge, preaching

Rev. Hooge has served as senior pastor of Judson Memorial Baptist Church in St. Paul, Minnesota, on regional ABC staff in Massachusetts, and was most recently Interim Senior Minister at First Congregational UCC in Eugene, Oregon. She's a renowned preacher and a gifted pastor, and she'll usher in the Lenten season for us.

**Feb. 25**      **2nd Sunday of Lent**

Mark 3:1-6, "When a Community Keeps Silent," Rev. Erika Marksbury preaching

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## Thoughts from Pastor Erika

Every so often, something happens around FBC that strikes me as a small piece of the whole picture of who this church community is. I want to share a story of one of those happenings, but first, some background:

Last fall, some small things started going missing around the church: paper fliers from our bulletin boards in the Gathering Room. Glass stones from the prayer station in the sanctuary. Things like that. Those of us on staff had our suspicions of who might be taking the stuff - we suspected a woman that we see from time to time, at STAR, in worship, in the office looking for a listening ear. Since the items that were taken weren't of significant value, we didn't take any specific action, but we just all told each other we'd keep an eye on her.

She was present a little more this winter, mostly stopping in just to chat. She often brings me books. I think they come from the Little Free Libraries around town, but I keep them in their own stack, in case someone comes looking for them someday (some of their inside covers have other church's names written in; I've got calls in to those places). And I wonder if another church down the street might have our old glass prayer stones.

Here's what happened: A couple of weeks ago she stopped in and said to me, "I'm going to the coast. There's a church there that opens up as a warming shelter in the winter. But before I go, I was wondering - is there anything I could take, from this church, as a gift to the church there?"

I was so taken aback I didn't know what to offer. I went to my office and found a strand of origami cranes - I still have several of those from my installation service here, made by

our children and youth. I took her one of the strands, and I told her, "You can take these. The cranes are a symbol of peace, so you can tell the church you're going to that you come in peace, and bring our greetings to them, too." She turned over the intricately folded paper in her hands, took in all the blues and greens and purples, held the birds delicately. She asked for a plastic bag to put them in so they wouldn't get wet on her way. She said thank you, and left.

It may seem like a slight transformation, but it struck me as really significant. Because of the spirit of this place, this woman shifted from sneakily taking meaningless things to asking for a meaningful symbol. She wanted to carry a piece of FBC with her on her journey, to be able to offer it to the next place she lands. Now, when I look at the cranes that still sit in my window ledge, I'm reminded that with God, all things are possible.

## FBC is Building Community in 2018!

Every month, we're highlighting two events - one service event, and one social event - as especially crafted for our "Building Community" theme. All are welcome at these events, so join in, bring friends and family, and let's celebrate FBC and reach out to our neighbors!

### FEBRUARY EVENTS

Sunday, February 4 (Service), before & after worship  
8-9am, 10-11 am, 12:15-1:15pm:

#### Love Letters Project

Send love to FBC homebound members, missionary friends, partner organizations, and others, by creating handmade cards for them.

Sunday, February 25 (Social), 5-6:30 pm:  
Last Sunday Gathering

All are invited to this Children, Youth, & Families Event for a time of games, sharing, learning about Lent, and a feast!

### Congregations & the Call of Climate:

How can people of faith join together to curb emissions and work for Climate Justice?

**When:** Friday, March 9, 7pm- 9pm & Saturday, March 10, 9am- 5pm

**What:** A gathering to discover tools, resources and friends for repairing God's Creation.

**Who:** Those who want to help our churches respond to global warming but aren't sure how. Facilitated by climate theologian and retired United Methodist minister, John Pitney.

**Where:** FBC Fireplace Room

Sponsored by FBC, First Presbyterian Church and McMinnville Cooperative Ministries. Free will offering taken to cover expenses; \$10 suggested donation.



**March 3rd, 2018**

**First Baptist Church**

**9:00 am to 4:00 pm.**

**Cost is \$55 for FBC members .**

This workshop explores the processes of senior spirituality that Rabbi Zalman Schackter-Shalomi called "Sage-ing" 25 years ago. By this, he meant those processes that allow human beings to not merely age and wait to die, but rather to embrace the elder years in ways that generate joy and wisdom. In more recent times, in addition to "sage-ing," authors have used names like spiritual eldering, conscious aging, and second half of life work.

Whatever we call it, it's about looking at our lives as seniors and discerning what it takes to enable us to live these years so we're both personally fulfilled and of benefit to those around us. The work combines the latest discoveries in brain science and gerontology as well as guidance from ancient wisdom traditions that have shaped cultures for thousands of years.

The workshop will include some presentation, some interactive work, and some personal work in guided processes. We will look at ways to harvest our life experiences in meaningful ways, explore images of aging, discover creative ways of forgiving, and examine how our own spiritual development can feed and enhance our living.

Mike is a retired minister who has led workshops as part of his ministry for many years. He is a mentor of spiritual directors, has worked in Hospices, and is excited to share this workshop with the community. Call, email, or talk to Mike for more info: 971-241-4950, [revburr@gmail.com](mailto:revburr@gmail.com).

# MISSION MOMENTS



World Friendship Center in Hiroshima, one of FBC's missions, is part of the ICAN group (International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons). FBC is now connected to and supportive of the work of a Nobel Peace Prize winner!

The Norwegian Nobel Committee has decided to award the Nobel Peace Prize for 2017 to the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) "for its work to draw attention to the catastrophic humanitarian consequences of any use of nuclear weapons and for its ground breaking efforts to achieve a treaty-based prohibition of such weapons."



The ABC denomination fund drive, One Great Hour of Sharing, for Puerto Rico has currently raised \$753,477. Their goal is 1 million dollars by February or March. FBC contributed \$1,448 toward that million-dollar goal. Our Change for Change drive raised \$682 during December. Thank you for your generosity!



## Yamhill Community Action Partnership

YCAP is one of the many service agencies FBC modestly supports as part of our Mission Education Outreach. Founded in 1980 as part of a nationwide network of social service agencies designed to help improve the lives of low-income people and strengthen communities, you may know YCAP for their ever-present food drives, but they provide so much more. Priorities include one-time financial assistance, shelter placement, supportive housing programs, case management, and other supportive services. YCAP is on the front lines of helping families to achieve and maintain stable housing. They also provide shelters for homeless families with children and single women. With that stable housing comes home owner education like energy use evaluation, weatherization tips, insulation installment and minor home repair instruction. YCAP also helps with energy assistance programs such as the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) for Senior and Disabled Households.

Then there's YCAP's Youth Outreach Teen Center in Newberg where youth from all over the County can come to find help to stay off the streets, develop healthy lifestyles, find help with education and employment, and even transitional living. There's even emergency shelter available for youth in crisis.

YCAP is so much more than food drives, but yes, they do that too. Visit YCAP's website ([yamhillcap.org](http://yamhillcap.org)) and learn more about all the good they do and how you might help.

## From Mylinda Baits



Mylinda is a Global Consultant for Training in Restorative Arts with ABC's International Ministries, and FBC Mac has long been a partner of her ministry. She visited us on January 7 and shared about her new role and her upcoming assignment in Thailand. Her sermon from that day, "From Chaos to Creation," is available at [www.fbcmac.org](http://www.fbcmac.org).

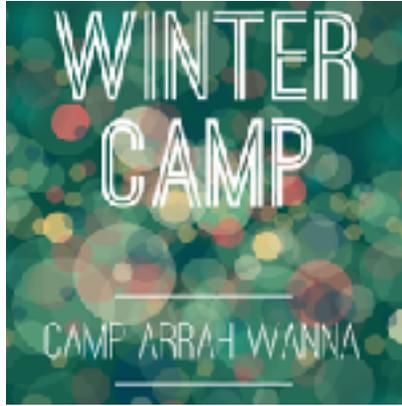
*We made it home safe and sound, grateful for the time spent with you and honored to be invited into your creative community of fellow pilgrims along the way. What a gift it was for my soul to be welcomed into your home, pulpit, and friendship circle. I continually thank God for you and the opportunity to serve alongside. Thankful for your expansive and close companionship along the way. Blessings as you serve God's good people in and around McMinnville and throughout the world. - Joyfully, Mylinda*



**February 4:** Youth Super Bowl Party  
Toth's Toy Barn (2700 NW Pinehurst Dr.)  
3:30-7 pm - football, games, dinner & more!

**February 11: Youth Group**  
5-6:30 pm @ FBC - AFP Service Night

**February 25: Last Sunday Gathering**  
All Children, Youth, and Families  
5-6:30 pm @ FBC - Lent discussion & a meal.



**February 16-19, 2018**  
Friday night to Monday afternoon

Elementary: Grades 3-5, \$155

Middle School: Grades 6-8, \$165

High School: Grades 9-12, \$175

Register Online:  
[www.camparrahwanna.org](http://www.camparrahwanna.org)



**March 23-31, 2018**

**Please support our FBC team!**

BAKE SALE  
Sunday, February 11  
after both worship services

WALL O' MONEY & MEALS TO GO  
Sunday Mornings - Gathering Room  
January 28 through March 18

## Sunday Mornings @ FBC: FEBRUARY 2018

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

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

CHILDREN: Kindergarten to 5th Grade, Second Floor Children's Classroom  
February Focus - *Spark Rotation: Jonah*

YOUTH & PARENTS: NO Classes in February

### **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 - now on WEDNESDAYS!

**February 7:** McMinnville HS - **February 14:** Duniway MS - **February 21:** Patton MS

### COMMUNICATION

**Email:** Email [sean@fbcmac.org](mailto:sean@fbcmac.org) 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

February 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

## AM Knit Wits

Every Thursday  
9:30 am  
Contact: Linda  
971-237-6828



## PM Knit Wits

Tuesdays,  
February 6 & 20  
7 pm - Contact: Gina,  
971-237-2789

## QUILTING with Susan (Feb. 5-23)

Every Monday & Friday, 9:30 - 12:30 pm  
Donation Request - **PATRIOTIC** materials

QUILTS  
for VETS!

## Theology of Star Trek

(Berean Room) 7-8:30 pm

Wednesday, February 28  
Patterns of Force (Original Series)  
Contact JP - [jpbierly@gmail.com](mailto:jpbierly@gmail.com)



## Gluten Free Friends Gatherings

Monthly Support Group meeting  
1st **Saturday, February 3 - 9:30-11 am**  
Contact: Barbara Burr, 971-241-6112  
[barbaracoleburr@gmail.com](mailto:barbaracoleburr@gmail.com)

## Game Night

Friday, February 2 - 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, 503-437-0103  
[dlarmouth@recology.com](mailto:dlarmouth@recology.com)



## Hiking Group

**Saturday, February 17 - 8:30 am,**  
meet at the church to carpool.

**Destination: Minto-Brown Island, Salem**

Great FUN - Good Exercise - Exciting locations!

Contact: Gloria LaFata, 503-931-4846  
[glowml1@gmail.com](mailto:glowml1@gmail.com)



## Together Works



LGBTQ monthly gatherings  
2nd & 4th Mondays (Fireplace Room)  
Feb. 12 & 26, 7:00 pm  
Social & Educational time together, fun & food

## Men's Breakfast

Feb. 24

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

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

Future Speakers:

Mar. 24

"Transitions" by Danny Browne

Apr. 28

"Myths of Rural America" by Joe Wilkins

May. 19

"A Giant Step Backwards" by Joel Kiff

**HAPPY FBC CAMPERS!**  
Get ready for the  
FBC summer CAMPOUT!

**SAVE THE DATE!!!**  
**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).

Sign-Ups begin June 1st

# February at FBC

February 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> 9:30a - Knit Wits 6:30p - Choir 7:30p - Worship Team	<b>2</b> 9-10:30a - STAR 6:30p - Game Night Pastor's Day Off	<b>3</b> 9a-1p - Free Medical Clinic 9:30-11a - Gluten Free Friends
<b>4</b> 9 am & 11 am WORSHIP 10 am Sunday Classes 1-2:30p - YAHOO 3:30-7p - Youth	<b>5</b> 9-10:30a - STAR 9:30a - QUILTING 7p - Boy Scouts 7p - Together Works	<b>6</b> 6:30p - Cub Scouts 7p - Knit Wits	<b>7</b> 12n - Meditation 6:30 pm Church Board	<b>8</b> 9:30a - Knit Wits 6:30p - Choir 7:30p - Worship Team Pastor's Day Off	<b>9</b> 9-10:30a - STAR 9:30a - QUILTING	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> 9 am & 11 am WORSHIP YAHOO Bake Sale after each service 10 am Sunday Classes 5-6:30p - Youth	<b>12</b> 9-10:30a - STAR 9:30a - QUILTING 7p - Boy Scouts 7p - Together Works	<b>13</b> 6:30p - Cub Scouts	<b>14</b> 12n - Meditation ASH WEDNESDAY 5:30p - Fish Dinner 6:30p - Worship	<b>15</b> 9:30a - Knit Wits 6:30p - Choir 7:30p - Worship Team Pastor's Day Off	<b>16</b> 9-10:30a - STAR 9:30a - QUILTING	<b>17</b> 9a-1p - Free Medical Clinic 8:30a - Hiking
<b>18</b> 1st Sunday of Lent 9 am & 11 am WORSHIP 10 am Sunday Classes 1-2:30p - YAHOO 5-6:30p - Youth	<b>19</b> 9-10:30a - STAR 9:30a - QUILTING 7p - Boy Scouts Arrah Wanna Winter Camp	<b>20</b> 6:30p - Cub Scouts 7p Knot Wits	<b>21</b> 12n - Meditation	<b>22</b> 9:30a - Knit Wits 6:30p - Choir 7:30p - Worship Team Pastor's Day Off	<b>23</b> 9-10:30a - STAR 9:30a - QUILTING	<b>24</b> 9a - Men's Breakfast
<b>25</b> 2nd Sunday of Lent 9 am & 11 am WORSHIP 10:00 am Sunday Classes 5-6:30p C&Y Last Sunday Gathering	<b>26</b> 9-10:30a - STAR 7p - Boy Scouts 7p - Together Works	<b>27</b> 6:30p - Cub Scouts	<b>28</b> 12n - Meditation 7p -Theology of Star Trek	<b>FEBRUARY Anniversary:</b> Sean & Jennifer Williams Feb. 22, 2003		

## FEBRUARY Birthday:

Greg Park 1  
 Ken Piontek 2  
 Olivia Clark 5  
 Susan Ruggles 6  
 Mary Dressel 7  
 Carrie McCann 7

Bill Apel 9  
 Lanita Marler 9  
 Cameron Watson 12  
 Bryce Anderson 13  
 Laura Christensen 13  
 Gus Carstensen 14  
 B.J.. Matthews 14  
 Jim Sloss 14

Charlotte Brame 15  
 Llynne Vincent 15  
 Claire Boenisch 17  
 Katie Porter 17  
 Geneva Foster-Ward 18  
 Ben Stuart 18  
 Joyce Early 20  
 Natalie Fernandez 20

Tyla Frost 21  
 Briar Kind 21  
 Sophia James 23  
 Zorissa James 23  
 Mary Baker 25  
 Prescott Benner 25  
 Emma Linder 25  
 Jillian Boenisch 26

Steven Park 26  
 Joy Hallett 27  
 Cyrus Scarborough 27