

The Tidings

FBC's monthly newsletter

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FBC travels for mission & ministry partnership



The 2018 Nicaragua delegation, pictured left to right, top row: Sandy Marksbury, Don Watson, Cameron Watson, local guide (& first aid training graduate!) Horacio Espinales, Marcy Anderson, Cynthia Parker, AMOS leaders Ximena Medrano and Jilmer Sanchez; bottom row: Erika Marksbury, Brandi Spence, Rubi Gonzalez, Jennifer Scott, Tiffany Wall.

Read about their adventures on page 5, and come to worship Sunday, April 22, to hear them share more.

FBC reaches out to build community

On January 7, people gathered to discern together where this year was calling them in a "Word of Intention" workshop led by Kathleen Verigin. In that process, they heard each other's hopes, fears, and dreams.

On January 31, as part of YCAP's Point-in-Time Homeless Count, people baked bread and made soup and sat with homeless veterans, offering them warmth, kindness, and a listening ear.

On February 4, FBCers (like Lara O'Brady, pictured here) wrote more than 60 notes of care and encouragement to send to neighbors, friends, missionaries, and political leaders. There are lots of ways to build community - within our church walls and outside of them - and we're exploring many of those ways in 2018.



See page 4 for March's events;
 Let's BUILD COMMUNITY together!



March 25th - PALM SUNDAY

Worship at 9 & 11 am at FBC

This day marks the beginning of Holy Week. We'll participate in a procession with palms and turn our discussion to the passion by the end of our time together.

March 29th - MAUNDY THURSDAY

Gathering at 7 pm at FBC

Remembering the Last Supper of Jesus with his disciples, we'll gather for a simple meal and liturgy, with the option of the ritual of foot washing for those who choose it. This is a family-friendly service with singing and discussion.

March 30th - GOOD FRIDAY

Worship at 7 pm

at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church,
 822 SW 2nd Street, McMinnville

On this day that marks Jesus' crucifixion, our worship sounds like mourning and lament. We'll come together with other McMinnville congregations for an ecumenical worship service of prayer, scripture, reflection, and song, acknowledging the horrors of violence and honoring the God who knows all our sorrows.



April 1st - EASTER SUNDAY

Worship at 9 & 11 am at FBC
 EASTER Brunch at 10:00 am

Financial Report: January 1 - January 31, 2018

March 2018

	Actual for Period	% of Amount Budgeted
Contributions Income:	\$25,306	96.4%
Total Income:	\$28,852	96.3%
Total Expenses:	\$30,186	100.7%
Net Income:	\$ -1,334 (deficit)	

Financial update --

Utility expenses are higher this time of year which accounts for the slightly over in expenses. If you would like to set up a monthly contribution through your bank (bill pay) or use our online payment using Realm, the Finance Team would love to help you set that up. Please contact Don Watson for more information. We appreciate your ongoing support for our ministries at First Baptist Church.

The Finance Team -
Roger Dell, Judee Kunze, Jane Apel, & Don Watson, treasurer



SIGN UP via the FBC website, www.fbcmac.org - It's as easy as 1-2-3
(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 - February 7

It was nice not to have to focus exclusively on "budget" at our February meeting. We did talk budget but focused mostly on two items from our Board/Staff retreat in October 2017.

We approved a recommendation for a description of the Pastoral Relations Committee that will be presented to the congregation at the June 2018 Semi-Annual meeting. Set up by the Pastoral Search Team who lead the effort to call Erika, the purpose of this committee is to provide confidential support to the Senior Pastor and bridge issues between the congregation and Senior Pastor, should they arise. Pastoral Relations has been functioning since Erika arrived, and it was an oversight that official documentation of the purpose and role of the committee has not been submitted to the congregation for approval.

Since December, a small work-group comprised of Martha VanCleave, Sean Williams and myself, has been working on a re-organization of our Church Board positions. A proposal was presented at the February meeting. This draft retains the 5 executive committee positions of Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Senior Pastor, Clerk, and Treasurer. The proposal suggests that the Senior Pastor and Treasurer will assume oversight for administrative responsibilities, previously assigned to the Admin-

istrative/Building and Grounds Council Chair. Board members for Building and Grounds, Children & Youth, and Missions have other revisions. The current Council Chair for Worship & Spiritual Growth is proposed to become the Board Member for Worship & Community Engagement. A new position of Board Member for Faith Formation would represent Spiritual Growth including small group ministries and adult education classes. The other new Board position would be for Membership & Member Engagement. Years ago, we had such a Board position that worked with the clerk to maintain membership rolls, and we are proposing to also add an element of working with the Worship & Community Engagement Board Member to develop activities that recruit and engage members in the life of the church. Whew! It's an enormous task to make this revision, and I am committed to have a proposal for congregational approval in June, as my term as Moderator ends.

The other big project on my plate is the formation of a Workplace Safety and Emergency Preparedness manual. Our insurance company would like us to have a Safety Committee. This manual is the first step in that direction.

It's a busy and exciting time in the life of our church!
Respectfully, Susan Chambers, Moderator



Sunday Worship Highlights

March 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

March 4 **3rd Sunday of Lent - Communion Sunday**
Mark 6:6b-16, "To Be Called By Another Name"
Rev. Erika Marksbury, preaching

March 11 **4th Sunday of Lent**
Mark 8:1-8, "Emptying Our Pockets"
Rev. Erika Marksbury, preaching

March 18 **5th Sunday of Lent**
Mark 9:30-42, "Drinking the Water"
Rev. Erika Marksbury preaching
Y.A.H.O.O. Mexico Mission Team Commissioning at 11 am

March 25 **Palm & Passion Sunday - Procession of the Palms**
Mark 11:1-11 & Mark 14:53-62, "Build it Up & Tear it Down"
Rev. Erika Marksbury, preaching

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Thoughts from Pastor Erika

Five of us from FBC, plus our team leader and our local guide, crowded into this Nicaraguan family's small home, investigating their water filtration system as part of our assignment from AMOS Health & Hope. Small puppies played at our feet and the homeowner stood nearby, proudly, shyly, stirring a pot of beans. The wall at our backs was made of tall, strong sticks, and we could feel the breeze blow through as we worked and made awkward small talk in the best Spanish we could muster. But our conversation was interrupted by a strong gust of wind that blew

through that stick wall and sent the bowls and cups flying off the shelf fastened to it.

As the dinnerware crashed around us, the woman of the house said to us with a smile, "The wind does not respect you, even though you are foreigners."

I've been thinking a lot about that statement of solidarity, that awareness that even as we stood in her home, carrying so much of our privilege in or on our bodies, in that moment there was a recognition of what none of us are protected or exempted from - the dust on those roads, the rains that fall and the sun that beats down, the wind, that Jesus likened to

Spirit of God to, that "blows where it will." We laughed together in acknowledgement of the truth she spoke, and the differences that had seemed to loom large moments before began to dissipate.

You can read more about the adventure ten of us had in Nicaragua on page 5, or ask any team member to tell a story, and please come to worship on April 22 to hear the group share. For now, I just wanted to say thank you, thank you, thank you, for your long-term mission partnership with AMOS, for supporting this year's delegation, for the chance to visit and witness one more place where the Spirit of God is moving.

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!

MARCH EVENTS

Saturday, March 17 (Service Event), 9 am - 12 pm: **Church Clean-Up**

Help beautify our church building and grounds! Projects will be available for all ages and all skill levels. Wear clothes you can get dirty.

Thursday, March 29 (Social Event), 7 pm: **Maunder Thursday Observance**

All are invited to this Holy Week remembrance that recalls Jesus' last meal with his disciples, the ritual of footwashing for those who choose it, and the sharing of communion, song, and prayer.



Just in time for EASTER, April 1st!
Memorial EASTER Lilies & other Spring Flowers will beautify FBC.

Email or call in Memorial Names to the church office by Wed., Mar. 28.

Bring Flower plants to the church by Friday.

A variety of Flowering plants will be placed in the Sanctuary Sat., Mar. 31 - want to help? Call the office.

EASTER SUNDAY - CELEBRATE WITH US!

Rebuilding, Restoring, Renewing Puerto Rico

Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria devastated the Caribbean area. First Baptist Church responded to the call to help create a million dollar fund through the **One Great Hour of Sharing** campaign by March 30.

American Baptist Home Missions Societies is happy to report the \$1M goal was surpassed as of February 9! Thank you for contributing to our Change for Change fundraising and for your direct generosity to the One Great Hour of Sharing campaign.

March 2018

Pastoral Relations Committee serves to advise and bridge

The Pastoral Relations Committee has been meeting for more than two years now. Their work is largely quiet and behind-the-scenes, but it's important that the congregation know who they are! The committee consists of Mike Burr, chair, and members Georgine Benner, Peggi Lilly, John Linder, Bill Millar, JoAnn Sims, and Linda Watson.

This group serves to advise and counsel the senior pastor, to provide support, and to bridge and/or mediate issues between the congregation and the pastor. If an issue arises that needs their attention, please contact one of the members, who will hear your concern and relay it, confidentially, to the pastor and the committee.

WELCOME CLASS - Save the Dates!

April 8, 15, 22 at 10 a.m. (Staff Conf. Room)

Want to learn more about FBC - where we come from, what we stand for, the core commitments of our denomination? Join Pastor Erika and board members for a class that introduces you more fully to FBC and to the American Baptist Churches (USA). If you're considering being baptized and/or joining the church, this class is for you!

Congregations & the Call of Climate:

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

When: Friday, March 9, 7- 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. RSVP to erika@fbcmac.org.

MISSION MOMENTS

Nicaragua delegation returns inspired



FBC's Nicaragua mission team arrived back home Sunday, February 18 to snow at the airport in Portland - a shock to their systems after swimming in a warm Pacific Ocean the day before!

FBC's ten travelers spent ten days partnering with AMOS Health & Hope, a long-time FBC mission partner directed by Drs. David and Laura Párajón that seeks to care for all people and to empower communities with health care skills and knowledge. Their ministry serves more than 62,000 people in six regions of Nicaragua. Our team traveled to El Calderon and La Pimienta, regions where we have long-standing relationships with the communities and especially with Silvina, the health promoter, and where we support a clinic with our mission budget.

Our group conducted home visits to complete the installations of water filtration systems and led a first aid clinic to train members of these remote communities in basic wound and burn care. The above pictures show (clockwise from top left) team leader Jennifer Scott being honored at the welcoming ceremony, team members crossing the river to get from one village to the next, local women carrying home their clay pots (part of their filtration systems), and the team assembling first aid kits for graduates of the training.

Come to worship Sunday, April 22 to hear the team's stories!

50+ Boxes of Hope Provided for Families

In December 2017, the First Baptist Church community provided over fifty Boxes of Hope for the families of A Family Place! A Family Place (AFP) is the Relief Nursery in Yamhill County. AFP runs early childhood classrooms, offers parents education, provides basic needs assistance, and more, all from their FBC location!

FBC members and friends bought food and household items - like beans, rice, oil, flour, chicken, trash bags, toilet paper, and more! - and filled a box with these staples & supplies, to be used by AFP families during the holiday season. A \$10 donation for perishable items was also included, and the youth of the church shopped for and packaged a bag of apples, a bag of potatoes, a loaf of bread, and a dozen eggs for each family. We hope that this project not only met a need but also freed resources for AFP families to give personal and meaningful gifts to one another at this time of year.

Thank you to everyone who was a part of this new way to give at Christmas and the special connection that was created with A Family Place and all the families they support.

We plan to do this again in December of 2018 and we hope you will be a part of this chance to give to our community!





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 March!

March 4: Game Night

March 11: A Family Place Project

March 18: Prayer Media & Practice



Youth Membership/Baptism
for 6th-12 Graders
Wednesday Nights from 5:30-7pm
April 4, 11, 18, and 25

Our Whole Lives
Sex Education for 4th-6th Graders
Sunday Nights from 5-6:30pm
in April, May & June

REGISTER ONLINE NOW



March 23-31, 2018

Please support our FBC team!
WALL O' MONEY & MEALS TO GO
Sunday Mornings - Gathering Room
NOW through March 18

Commissioning Service - 11am Worship
Sunday, March 18, 2018

Y.A.H.O.O. Sunday - April 15, 2018
9am & 11am Worship Services
Celebration @ 1pm - FBC Social Hall

Sunday Mornings @ FBC: MARCH 2018

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL (10-10:50 am)

CHILDREN: Kindergarten to 5th Grade, Second Floor Children's Classroom
March Focus - *Spark Rotation: Holy Week & Easter*

YOUTH & PARENTS: NO Classes in MARCH

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!

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

COMMUNICATION

Email: Email 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

March 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

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, Mar. 24

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

Future Presenters:

Apr. 28 - "Myths of Rural America" by Joe Wilkins

May. 19 - "A Giant Step Backwards" by Joel Kiff

AM Knit Wits

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



PM Knit Wits

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

QUILTING with Susan (except Mar. 2, 5) - Every Monday & Friday, 9:30 - 12:30 pm

MAKING QUILTS for our VETS! **Donation Request** - **PATRIOTIC materials** - drop off at the church office.

Theology of Star Trek

(Berean Room) **7-8:30 pm**

Wednesday, March 21
The Immunity Syndrome
(Original Series)

Contact JP - jpbierly@gmail.com



Hiking Group

Saturday, March 24 - 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



Gluten Free Friends Gatherings

Monthly Support Group meeting
1st **Saturday, March 3 - 9:30-11am**
Contact: Barbara Burr, 971-241-6112
barbaracoleburr@gmail.com

Together Works



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

From Age-ing to Sage-ing - Awakening the SAGE WITHIN: An interactive workshop exploring the second half of life Spiritually.

Saturday, March 3rd - 9:00 am - 4:00 pm - FBC Fireplace Room

Led by Rev. Mike Burr, who is excited to share this workshop with the community. Call or email Mike for last minute space availability: 971-241-4950, revburr@gmail.com. \$55 for FBC members and friends.

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. Sign-Ups begin June 1st.

March at FBC

March 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 9:30a - Knit Wits 6:30p - Choir 7:30p - Worship Team Pastor's Day Off	2 9-10:30a - STAR	3 9a-1p - Free Medical Clinic 9a-4p Sage-ing Workshop 9:30-11a - Gluten Free Friends
4 3rd Sunday of Lent 9 am & 11 am WORSHIP 10 am Sunday Classes 5-6:30p - Youth Y.A.H.O.O. Team - 1st Presby 12:30-4:30 pm - Sun. Set-up	5 9-10:30a - STAR 7p - Boy Scouts	6 6:30p - Cub Scouts 7p - Knit Wits	7 12n - Meditation	8 9:30a - Knit Wits 6:30p - Choir 7:30p - Worship Team Pastor's Day Off	9 9-10:30a - STAR 9:30a - Quilting 7-9:00p Climate Workshop Y.A.H.O.O. Team - 1st Presby 9-11:30 am - Sat. Take-down	10 9:00a-5:00p Climate Workshop
11 4th Sunday of Lent 9 am & 11 am WORSHIP 10 am Sunday Classes 5-6:30p - Youth	12 9-10:30a - STAR 9:30a - Quilting 7p - Boy Scouts 7p - Together Works	13 6:30p - Cub Scouts	14 12n - Meditation 6:30p - Church Board meeting	15 9:30a - Knit Wits 6:30p - Choir 7:30p - Worship Team Pastor's Day Off	16 9-10:30a - STAR 9:30a - Quilting	17 9a-1p - Free Medical Clinic 9a-12n - Church Clean-up Day
18 5th Sunday of Lent 9 am & 11 am WORSHIP 10 am Sunday Classes 1-2:30p - YAHOO 5-6:30p - Youth	19 9-10:30a - STAR 9:30a - Quilting 7p - Boy Scouts	20 6:30p - Cub Scouts 7p Knot Wits	21 12n - Meditation 7p -Theology of Star Trek	22 9:30a - Knit Wits 6:30p - Choir 7:30p - Worship Team Pastor's Day Off	23 Y.A.H.O.O. Team departs for Mexico @ 7 am 9-10:30a - STAR 9:30a - Quilting	24 8:30a - Hiking 9a - Men's Breakfast
25 PALM SUNDAY 9 am & 11 am WORSHIP 10:00 am Sunday Classes	26 9-10:30a - STAR 9:30a - Quilting 7p - Boy Scouts 7p - Together Works	27 6:30p - Cub Scouts	28 12n - Meditation	29 9:30a - Knit Wits Maundy Thursday Service & Meal - 7p 7:30p - Worship Team	30 9-10:30a - STAR 9:30a - Quilting 7p - Good Friday Service at St. Barnabas	31
Y.A.H.O.O. Mexico Mission Trip, Mar. 23-31 / HOLY WEEK: MAUNDY THURSDAY - GOOD RIDAY - HOLY SATURDAY						

MARCH Birthdays:

Rob Higgins 1
 Sarah Cassidy 4
 Madeleine Hendricks 4
 Jennifer King 4
 Dave Larmouth 4
 Albert Huff 9

Addison Joy Rhine 7
 Barbara Anderson 10
 Stacy Martin 11
 Craig Cooper 12
 Teri Spalding 12
 Kalie Ferry 13
 Sharon Tanaka 13
 Christopher Galer 14

Chris Kirk 14
 Nick Clark 16
 Janet Langenwalter 16
 Asherlee LaPlante 16
 Jim Clark 17
 Daniel Browne 19
 Emily Duerfeldt 19
 Helios Ovando 19

Donna Millar 21
 Beth Ann Pope 22
 Parker McManus 23
 Georgine Benner 24
 Heidi Leach 24
 Beverly Dixon 26
 Amanda Foster 28
 Trisha House 29

MARCH Anniversaries:

Paul & Joan Kushner
 March 12, 1977