

# The Tidings

FBC's monthly newsletter

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## We celebrate these members with 50+ years membership in First Baptist Church!

Lois Mills (77), Wayne Clevenger (74), Ken Rogers (70), Barry House (68), Duffy Reynolds (64), Wendell Martin (63), Polly Sauter (63), Mary Martin (62), Jean & Tom Meicho (61), Dorothy Delashmutt (60), Myrtle Fricke (58), Gail Williams (58), Ish & Twila Duckett (57), Marilyn Crouser (56), Marilyn VanDyk (56), Tim Duerfeldt (56), Emily Duerfeldt (55), Anne Engen (55), Mickey Howard (53), Steve Howard (53), Curran Howard (52), Don New (51), Barbara Kauer (50), and Ethel Sorensen (50). They've witnessed great change, both in in the world and at FBC. We're grateful for their abiding faithfulness to this community and for the many gifts they've brought to it over the years. *Congratulations, and thank you!*



FBC lending a hand at the April Camp Arrah Wanna work day. See page 5 to read more about our connections to camp.



### Worship grant awarded to FBC Mac

We've received word that our application for a grant from the Calvin Institute for Christian Worship has been accepted - meaning they're giving us \$8,000+ dollars to engage in our own liturgy creation! From June 2018 through June 2019, we'll have chances to read about inclusive worship practices, to discuss what we love and what we hope for in our gatherings, and to participate in a series of workshops where we craft our own elements of worship - prayers, doxologies, banners, and more, using the best of our tradition as models. We'll welcome guest speakers, learn from each other, and cultivate community through these chances to create. More details soon; for now, the Worship Planning Team just wanted to share the good news!



Our bell tower preservation project was completed in early 2018. For details about the rest of the 150th anniversary deferred maintenance work, see page 4. Thank you for your support of this major campaign!

# Financial Report: January 1 - March 31, 2018

May 2018

	Actual for Period	% of Amount Budgeted
Contributions Income:	\$78,731	99.9%
Total Income:	\$89,148	99.2%
Total Expenses:	\$89,278	99.3%
Net Income:	\$ - 130 (deficit)	

## Financial update --

Our giving was strong during March. Regular monthly giving is very helpful. Thank you so much. Beyond our General Fund, here is a report on the status of other key accounts. All balances are as of March 31, 2018: Fellowship Fund balance: \$1,366 / Matthew25 (STAR) balance: \$2,548  
150th Major Maintenance Fund, cash on hand: \$217,373

Work on the roof may have begun by the time you read this. Yay! If you have any questions, please contact Don Watson.

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



**SIGN UP** via the FBC website, [www.fbcmac.org](http://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 - April 11

You may recall from previous Tidings articles that the Church Board is actively engaged in revising the church structure to better distribute priorities and oversight of responsibilities. The Church Board has consensus on that structure and has been working to propose a revision to the Church Bylaws at our June Semi-Annual meeting. This has been a monumental task because these Bylaws were written over 30 years ago and have had few major revisions in that time. If a proposed revision is ready by then, we would also need to revise our Constitution to reflect the new language. With our Semi-Annual meeting scheduled for Sunday, June 24, our Constitution requires us to have the proposal ready for review two weeks in advance, on June 10. Stay tuned!

One of the tools our church has adopted to Build Community is the Realm database. Last summer we transferred our Power Church database to Realm. Due to the complicated transfer from one

database to the other there have been major glitches. The pictorial directory has been delayed because of these challenges; but I have been told that it's almost complete after making revisions manually. Thanks for your patience!

This is the time of year for the Church Board nominating committee to begin a process of calling people to serve in positions on the Board. This year we will be calling a new moderator, Building & Grounds Chair, and three At-Large positions. Two of the At-Large positions in our proposed structural change would have a focus on Membership and Faith Formation. Helen Anderson has agreed to be nominated for another two-year term focusing on Children and Youth.

So much going on in the life of our church!

Respectfully,  
Susan Chambers, Moderator



# Sunday Worship Highlights

May 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

**May 6**      **Communion Sunday**  
**"Lying Down and Rising Up"**  
John 15:9-17; Rev. Erika Marksbury preaching

**May 13**     **"Becoming a Witness"**  
Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Rev. Erika Marksbury preaching

**May 20**     **Pentecost Sunday: A Celebration of the Spirit**  
This Sunday's worship services will feature testimonies - in word, video, and song - from FBC friends and members answering the question: "Where have you seen, or heard, or known God's Spirit lately?" During the service, everyone will be invited to share a six-word story answering that question. Anyone with an answer longer than that, who might be willing to share their story, please contact Erika at erika@fbcmac.org or by calling the church office at 503.472.7941. And everyone is encouraged to wear red, the church's traditional color for celebrating God's Spirit!

**May 27**     **"I and My People"**  
Isaiah 6:1-8, Rev. Erika Marksbury preaching



## Thoughts from Pastor Erika

One of the most profound experiences I've had here, since we started focusing on community, was something that wasn't specifically planned as part of our exploration of that theme. It was a regular Sunday morning worship service in March. Maybe you were there... A few weeks prior, Cynthia Parker told me that the women she teaches in the Rainbow Class - FBC's class for adults who have differing developmental abilities - wanted to lead the worship service. Read scripture, say prayers, play the offertory. We found a date and worked with the women to prepare. Cindy Miller rehearsed the song she wanted to play on the piano. Kristy Blaha worked hard to craft a gathering prayer that was thankful, welcoming, and spirited. We all practiced the Lord's Prayer together.

Before the service began, Amelia Bierly, who was running sound, asked if she should cut the microphone when Kristy began the Lord's Prayer. We often do that, because the congregational rhythm takes over, and there's not a need for one voice to dominate during that time. But Amelia and I both knew that Kristy's rhythm would be different than the congregation's. She's one of the voices that always trails behind, echoing the last few words of any song or prayer after the rest of us have finished. We decided to leave the microphone on, knowing we were taking a risk, knowing that moment that should be meditative might descend into a mess of garbled, competing cadences.

But it didn't. A few words at the beginning tumbled over each other, but the congregation soon heard what was happening, and without any instruction, everyone adjusted. People paused, learned where Kristy was in the prayer, and slowed down their speaking to match hers. It was purposefully unhurried; it was deliberately unison. I heard that old prayer in a new way that morning - not only in the words, but in the time it took us to say them, in Kristy's courageous leading of us all and in our willingness to allow a different rhythm.

Last Lent, we worked through Kent Annan's book, *Slow Kingdom Coming*. The basic premise is that this work that the church is about - this work of justice, and peace, and inclusion without qualification - is a process that we commit to for the long haul, and only occasionally do we see the beauty and the hope birthed from that commitment. But that Sunday, when we finally came around to saying "...and the glory forever, amen," I was sure I had heard a bit of God's kin-dom, right here, spoken into being by our painstakingly slow recitation of those words, our paying attention so that we all might arrive at the end together. What a gift to be church with all of you.



**Friday, May 18, 6:30 pm (Social Event)  
All-Church Game Night!**

We'll play inside & outside games, board games, card games, strategy games, singing games, cooperative games - bring your favorite, and a snack to share. Or just show up! All ages welcome.

**Friday, June 1, 7:30 (Social Event)  
Organ Concert with Heidi Kohne**

Portland organist Heidi Kohne will offer a concert featuring a variety of selections, including an improvised piece. The concert is free and open to the public.

**Saturday, May 19  
(Service Event)**

**Habitat for Humanity BUILD Day**



Volunteers should be over 18 and comfortable with working in all weather conditions. Dress in long pants and closed-toe shoes. All will receive necessary safety equipment on site (such as eye protection). You don't need to have any prior construction experience as our Habitat volunteers can teach you the skills you need. The time frame will be from **9 am-2pm** with a break for lunch.

**FBC Contact: Erika, erika@fbcmac.org**

Organizer: Brian Barnett, AmeriCorps VISTA, Habitat for Humanity Volunteer Services



**150th Major Maintenance Project Update Status - 4/12/18**

All contracted work, except roofing and stucco, has been completed and paid for. This includes heating and ventilation, electrical, sanctuary window renewal, new windows elsewhere, bell tower preservation, etc. According to our Project Manger, the roofing and stucco work is scheduled for late April - first part of May, weather permitting. This work will be major and is intended to interfere with the Church's scheduled events as little as possible. There are many small completion items to do near the close of the work, plus stucco and related repair that should be done if we have funds remaining. Roofing work will begin on the sanctuary building and then move elsewhere.

There is great appreciation for the payment of pledges that has occurred—many have been paid earlier than scheduled. Also we have received the two foundation gifts of \$90,000. (Total from all sources is \$556,000 plus.) Total pledges yet to be paid is \$176,000 plus. We have not needed to borrow any funds from First Federal yet. Again, we are thankful for the wonderful support received so far from so many.

If all goes well, the total project should be complete by June 30, 2018. Your questions and comments continue to be welcome.

-- 150th Major Maintenance project Committee: Susan Chambers, Erika Marksbury, Larry Sims, Les Toth, Martha VanCleave, Charlie Walker, Don Watson

## Local Mission Support Update!

**McMinnville Habitat for Humanity** is active and working to provide housing for families. Homeowners join volunteers in planning and building their home. Habitat also provides financial planning to pay affordable mortgages. Our previous pastor, Bernie Turner, was a founder of the McMinnville area Habitat for Humanity. Its office was housed in our building for several years. FBC is still connected and contributes funds each year to this life-changing program for families.

On Saturday, May 19 from 9am-2pm FBC volunteers will build, prepare materials, hammer nails, paint, and contribute to a new family home. This opportunity gives us the chance to provide more than our yearly financial gift of Treasure. We can give our Time and our Talent too! Come and join us! Call the office for details about location. **Let's build a House and Community!!** (see page 4)



Henderson House is a vital community agency that since 1981 has provided domestic violence, sexual assault,

stalking and dating violence services, and emergency shelter for anyone in need - women, children...and even men. These varieties of violence truly know no boundaries - gender, socioeconomics, age, race, culture - all are susceptible. But there is hope and there is safety. Henderson House provides a variety of services from crisis intervention to emergency shelter, resource referral, family and individual advocacy, and medical advocacy, along with a variety of support groups. In addition to direct service, Henderson House provides safety education programs for youth and college students, both online and in community. Its mission is "Providing culturally aware outreach, education and services for victims of domestic and sexual violence through leadership, hope and respect for thriving families."

## Camp Arrah Wanna

FYI - the FBC Mission Education Team provides an gift to Camp Arrah Wanna (CAW) every year on behalf of our church. So when you put money in the offering plate on Sunday morning or give online via Realm, a portion of it goes to support the the staff, facilities, and programs at Camp Arrah Wanna. Your gifts allow children & youth in this church and our community, as well as throughout the area, to experience a long weekend of Winter Camp, a week of Summer Camp, and more fun through the year at CAW.



Just this past February, 16 children & youth from FBC McMinnville spent several days with new and old friends from other American Baptist Churches in our region for a wintery weekend of snow, art, meals, games, worship & play!

So thank you for supporting the work God is doing at Camp Arrah Wanna, and for the difference you are making in the lives of all those who are able to participate in camps and ministries there throughout the year.

As a leader who fully embraces and embodies this mission, their new Executive Director, Anne Falla, has extensive experience in the domestic violence field, most recently in Grand Ronde. She is a recognized leader who brings renewed energy and an urgency to help individuals and families in crisis be safe and move toward healing and hope.

Henderson House has bilingual staff who are available 24 hours a day.

The support of this church and so many individuals is greatly appreciated!



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 May!

**May 6:** A Family Place Project

**May 13:** NO Youth Group

**May 20:** Game Night

**May 27:** NO Youth Group



## **JUNE 3**

**Graduate Recognition**  
at the 11 am worship service  
**Summer Parents Meeting**  
following the 11 am worship service

## **JUNE 10**

**End of School Family Gathering**  
5-6:30 pm at Parkview

**JUNE 20:** Hiking for Children/Youth

**JUNE 24:** Youth Trip to Portland



## Camp Arrah Wanna Summer Camps

High School: *July 9-13*

Middle School & Elementary:

*July 23-27*

All Church Campout: *July 20-22*

Vacation Bible School: *August 6-10*

Plus Sunday morning activities,  
Sunday youth trips, and  
mid-week hiking for children & youth!

## Sunday Mornings @ FBC: **MAY 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

May Focus - *Spark Rotation: The Disciples*

YOUTH & PARENTS: NO Classes in May

### **WORSHIP (11 am)**

CHILDREN: 1st Sunday (May 6) – **Full Worship Service**

All Other Sundays (May 13/20/27) – **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!**

**May 2:** McMinnville HS - **May 23:** Duniway MS - **May 30:** 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

*“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, May 19 - 9:00 am**

“A Giant Step Backwards” by Joel Kiff

All men of FBC are invited to attend.

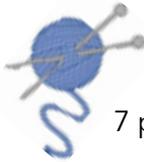
Les Toth's Toy Barn (2700 NW Pinehurst, Mac)

Les will provide breakfast.

Men's Breakfast will return with exciting and informative speakers in September.

## AM Knit Wits

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



## PM Knit Wits

Tuesdays,  
May 1 & 15  
7 pm - Contact: Gina,  
971-237-2789

## Theology of Star Trek

(Berean Room) 7-8:30 pm

**Wednesday, May 16**

Hard Time

(Deep Space Nine)

Contact JP - [jpbierly@gmail.com](mailto:jpbierly@gmail.com)



## Hiking Group

**Saturday, TBA- 8:30 am,**

meet at the church to carpool.

**Destination: Rhododendron Gardens, near Newberg**

Great FUN - Good Exercise - Exciting locations!

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



## Gluten Free Friends Gatherings

Monthly Support Group meeting  
1st **Saturday, May 5 - 9:30-11am**  
Contact: Barbara Burr, 971-241-6112  
[barbaracoleburr@gmail.com](mailto:barbaracoleburr@gmail.com)

## Together Works



LGBTQ monthly gatherings

2nd & 4th Mondays (Fireplace Room)

May 14 & 28, 7:00 pm

Social & Educational time together, fun & food

**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). Sign-Ups begin June 1st.*

## Upon the Eve of Mother's Day

*a gathering of ritual and remembrance for all women who have lost a child*

**Friday, May 11, 7-8:30 pm, in the Fireplace Room**

Led by Rev. Kathleen Verigin. No cost to attend; a love offering will be received.

# MAY at FBC

May 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> 6:30p - Cub Scouts 7p - Knit Wits	<b>2</b> 12n - Meditation	<b>3</b> 9:30a - Knit Wits 6:30p - Choir 7:30p - Worship Team Pastor's Day Off	<b>4</b> 9-10:30a - STAR	<b>5</b> 9a-1p - Free Medical Clinic 9:30-11a - Gluten Free Friends 2p - Joy House Memorial Service
<b>6</b> 9a & 11a WORSHIP 10a - Classes 5-6:30p - Youth	<b>7</b> 9-10:30a - STAR 7p - Boy Scouts	<b>8</b> 6:30p - Cub Scouts	<b>9</b> 12n - Meditation 6:30p - Church Board Meeting	<b>10</b> 9:30a - Knit Wits 6:30p - Choir 7:30p - Worship Team Pastor's Day Off	<b>11</b> 9-10:30a - STAR	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> 9a & 11a WORSHIP 10a - Classes	<b>14</b> 9-10:30a - STAR 7p - Boy Scouts 7p - Together Works	<b>15</b> 6:30p - Cub Scouts 7p - Knit Wits	<b>16</b> 12n - Meditation 7p - Theology of Star Trek	<b>17</b> 9:30a - Knit Wits 6:30p - Choir 7:30p - Worship Team Pastor's Day Off	<b>18</b> 9-10:30a - STAR 6:30p - Building Community Event: Game Night	<b>19</b> 9a-1p - Free Medical Clinic 9a - Men's Breakfast 9a-2p - Habitat for Humanity Project
<b>20</b> Pentecost Sunday 9a & 11a WORSHIP 10a - Classes 5-6:30p - Youth	<b>21</b> 9-10:30a - STAR 7p - Boy Scouts	<b>22</b> 6:30p - Cub Scouts	<b>23</b> 12n - Meditation	<b>24</b> 9:30a - Knit Wits 6:30p - Choir 7:30p - Worship Team Pastor's Day Off	<b>25</b> 9-10:30a - STAR	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> 9a & 11a WORSHIP 10a - Classes	<b>28</b> MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY Office Closed	<b>29</b> 6:30p - Cub Scouts	<b>30</b> 12n - Meditation	<b>31</b> 9:30a - Knit Wits 6:30p - Choir 7:30p - Worship Team Pastor's Day Off		

## MAY Birthdays:

Scott Chambers 1  
Tyler Hernandez 2  
Jacob Harmon 5  
Mark Sanderlin 5  
Stuart Gunness 6  
Simon Huff 6  
Jordan Ferry 7  
Jacquie Howard 7  
Jean Meicho 7

Israel Ward 8  
Mary Martin 10  
Polly Sauter 10  
Emma VanDerVeen 10  
Hayden Abeln 11  
Rob Schulman 11  
Sean Williams 13  
Nick C-Stout 15  
Zander Dressel 15  
Simone Alin 17

Hanna Brandt 18  
Beckett M-Page 18  
Erin McCann 19  
William Ward 19  
Mickey Howard 20  
Julie Kerrigan 20  
Marianne Mills 20  
Wayne Clevenger 21  
Charlotte Hendricks 26  
Erika Marksbury 26

Brian Sanderlin 26  
Ben Sanderlin 26  
Paul Studebaker 26  
Barbara Kauer 28  
Henry Anderson 30  
Lennox Leach 30  
Paul Kushner 31  
Claudia Brown 31  
Gerry Painter 31

## MAY Anniversaries:

Jack & Susie Alin  
May 21, 1977  
Peggi & Ken Piontek  
May 23, 1981  
David & Joy Hallett  
May 26, 1991  
John & Jen Linder  
May 12, 2001  
Roger & Beth Dell  
May 29, 2004