

The Tidings

FBC's monthly newsletter

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**a celebration
of the ministry of
JP Bierly**

September 29, 10 am



JP Bierly, FBC's Minister of Music and Small Groups, has served this congregation faithfully for 13-14 years, depending on how you count.

Please plan to attend a special, music and memory-filled worship service on September 29 at 10 am, honoring JP's work here and saying thank you for all he's offered over the years.

See JP's letter that's included as an insert in this issue of the Tidings, and was sent in an email on August 28, with details about what's next for him and his family.

When Bernie and Roz Turner were moving to Hillside, they invited me to lighten their book boxes by grabbing some of the contents for myself. I like pulling these gifts off the shelf now and again, trusting that some of the same wisdom that inspired Bernie when he was pastor here could shape my understanding, too. I recently opened Robert A. Raines' *Living the Questions* and found this invitation to the church as we enter this fall season and wanted to share it with you... Peace, Erika

God's People on the Move



Come back, [friends].

Come back from vacations and rest.

Come back from drifting, dozing, and the glorious diversion of summer.

Come back to go ahead,
to go ahead together as God's people on the move.

To go ahead in exploring direction and meaning for our lives as individuals and together.

To go ahead in shaping the uses of our common energy, dreams, and resources.

To go ahead in offering ourselves to be used in God's healing work in our families, on our jobs, in our city and nation.

Come back to begin again.

To begin again the search for integrity and meaning.

To begin again the work of sharing the suffering of people - the least of these around us, and the most of these, too.

To begin again the digging together for insight and strength in our faith and fellowship.

Come back to worship.

There is no substitute for being together, face to face, singing, crying, dancing, praying, waiting, hoping, loving. Worship is nothing less than the Spirit of God in our midst, wakening, opening, disturbing, delighting us.

Come back to sing a new song, leap over a barrier, break through a problem, unlock a purpose, restore hope, renew faith, rekindle love, and participate in the life of God's people on the move.

Financial Report: Jan. 1 - July 31, 2019

September 2019

	Actual for Period	% of Amount Budgeted
Contributions Income:	\$186,725	96.9%
Total Income:	\$209,143	96.6%
Total Expenses:	<u>\$202,217</u>	93.4%
Net Income:	\$ 6,926 *	

Financial update:

- Total income for July was 81% of our monthly target. We expect to catch up soon.
- Building & Grounds will be doing two repair maintenance projects on our HVAC and AC units in the coming weeks. Expected cost will be \$4,350 and will be covered by our budgeted funds.
- We have done three separate light bulb upgrade projects to LED this summer. At least 90% of the expense has been covered by donations and leftover insurance reimbursement funds. We're very fortunate.
- Matthew 25/STAR funding has been stable, yet will need additional fundraising this fall.
- Endowment Fund has received \$21,500 in additional gifts from several donors in the past few months.

We are so appreciative of your financial support.

FBC Finance Committee: Jane Apel, Roger Dell, Judee Kunze,
Martha VanCleave, & Don Watson (Treasurer)

Church Board Notes

A common theme during the Board Meeting this August was Invitations. Don Watson opened our meeting inviting us to vision our future at FBC.



In Rev. Erika's Pastor report she mentioned the recent meeting with the UU fellowship about a possible future where the UU fellowship shares space at FBC that is currently unused on Sunday morning. Erika and I met with their venue review group. We presented them with a written response to their venue hopes. Their fellowship has much to discuss. We presented FBC's congregational decision process and emphasized that our congregation would have the final say in agreeing to any long-term rental agreement. The invitation for FBC & UU to continue conversations about this possibility remains in process.

The Matthew 25 group has worked hard creating exceptions to our no camping signs and providing invitations to the couple without housing who often spent the night in our parking lot. The invitation was to work with the City of McMinnville and the Champion Team program for car/campers moving toward stable housing. A spot was offered. The invitation was declined. While I was disappointed they declined, I am very proud of FBC for walking with the couple,

providing them genuine support, and the opportunity to consider this program. The FBC parking lot is no longer an option for any overnight camping.

The Vision/Mission group has extended invitations this August to the congregation to attend gatherings where we are using the data collected in June and July to craft a current mission statement. Those gatherings have been rich and spirit led. At our last meeting we created several possible statements. This important work continues.

The FBC Board was invited to approve an application for a grant through the Sew and So's to provide two new sewing machines and material for quilt making during the Oregon Trail unit at Sue Buel School. Susan Chambers has been successfully working with the 4th graders there. The grant will allow two additional 4th grade classes to create pioneer quilt book bags. The sewing machines will become part of the Sew and So's equipment after the project is completed. The CB approved the quest for the grant.

I invite you to read the Mission Moments, Financial News, Children and Youth Ministry, Small Group Opportunities and our calendar events in this month's Tidings. You are welcome to join the community.

Please consider yourself Invited!

JoAnn Sims, your 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 am - 12 pm - Nursery care for Infants through Preschool

Sept. 1 9 am - Faith & Java Class

10 am - Summer Worship with Communion
"If These Tables Could Talk..."
Luke 24:13-32
Rev. Erika Marksbury preaching

Sept. 8 Return of 9 am & 11 am WORSHIP Services and 10 am Sunday Classes

"Souls Knit Together: David and Jonathan"
Selections from 2 Samuel 18 & 20
Rev. Erika Marksbury preaching
9 am - "Put a Little Love in Your Heart", FBC Choir
11 am - Blessing of the Backpacks

Sept. 15 "What's Yours is Mine: Ruth and Naomi"

Ruth 1:6-9, 16-18
Rev. Erika Marksbury preaching

Sept. 22 "Love You More: Jesus and Mary Magdalene"

Selections from the Gospel of Mary Magdalene
Rev. Erika Marksbury preaching
9 am - "Namasté", FBC Choir

Sept. 29 10 am - 5th Sunday Combined Worship

"It's Not Safe Out Here, But It's Wondrous"
Psalm 16:1-9
Rev. Erika Marksbury preaching
Special Music from the Ukulele Ukestra,
Jubilee Bells, and more!

Reception for JP Bierly following the service,
in the Gathering Room.

10 am SUNDAY Morning

Christian Education

Adult classes are a great way to deepen faith, understanding, and friendships.

Berean Class - (Room 308)

We'll engage in a search for a Liberation Theology whose focus is the Moses Story as told by the Davidic Court. The question motivating our discussion will be, "How do we stay in touch with the Bible's founding vision?" and we'll be guided by Robert B. Coote's "The Bible's First History."

Chapel Class - (Chapel Room)

We'll be reading & discussing Richard Elliot Freidman's book, 'The Exodus: How It Happened & Why it Matters',

as it explores these questions: Is the exodus from Egypt a story or history? How did monotheism come about? Where did the idea that we should love others as ourselves originate? The exodus is the foundational story of Judaism - their equivalent to the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus for Christians. It's the story of the birth of their nation. Friedman, who wrote, 'Who Wrote the Bible?', engages us in intuitive detective non-fiction.

Faith & Java - (Fireplace Room).

Exploring questions, issues, and experiences associated with spirituality in everyday life.

We hope you'll join one of these facilitated group discussions.

We value and respect all opinions - that's how we learn and grow.

WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE DISCUSSION

FBC's Worship Committee is offering **six opportunities to voice your feedback, questions, concerns, and/or support regarding the possible movement from two worship services to one.**

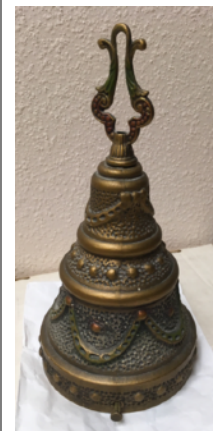
Please come for conversation after either worship service on Sundays, September 8, 15, and 22 or let us know what you think by contacting a committee member (Georgine Benner, Muriel Dresser, Roger Krug, Judee Kunze, Kathleen Verigin, or Erika Marksbury) individually. Thanks for participating!

Visioning Process Moves Forward

May	Kick-off project, team designs process for gathering congregational input; Team meeting May 13
June	Input-gathering at ice cream socials; Team meeting June 10
July	Continue gathering input at cook-outs; Team meeting July 8
August	Begin analyzing responses; Create draft statements; Open team meetings August 5, 12, 19
September	Refine and present drafts of mission statement, gather feedback; Team meeting September 3
October	Finalize, affirm, and celebrate!!!

The Visioning Process Team, together with other interested FBC friends, worked diligently in August to create two mission statement drafts that reflect the input gathered from the wider congregation over the summer. The team will do some refining work at their September meeting, and they hope to have something to present for your consideration soon! All are welcome to join in this process at any step.

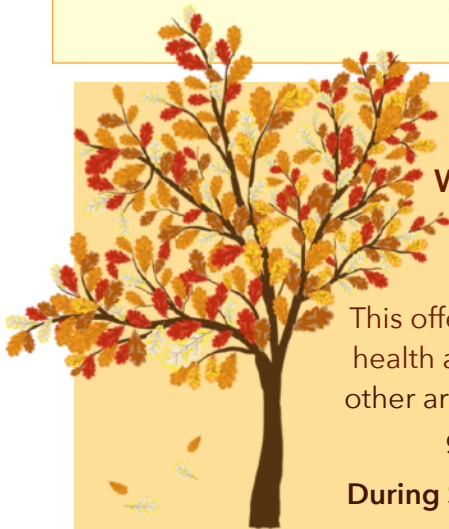
Know My Story?



We found this object on a shelf in the Archives, along with two similar items. Do you know anything about it?

If so, please talk to Tim or Diane Marsh or leave a note in the office Archives mailbox. Thank you.

THANK YOU! In June, FBC raised the amazing amount of \$2,321.33 for the **ONE GREAT HOUR** of SHARING offering!!!



WORLD MISSION OFFERING

WMO will be promoted September 8, 15 and 22, 2019 - Give Generously!

Find WMO Envelopes in the pews on Sunday or at the church office M-F, 9a-4p

The 2019 theme is based on John 4:14 - "Let Living Water Flow."

This offering is a time of awareness, advocacy and action for global ministry. Ministries of health and wellness, economic development, education, peace and justice, and in many other areas, provide a window into what God is doing worldwide through ABC-USA's 123 global servants, 900+ volunteers, 43 home staff and 250+ global partners.

During Sunday Worship, Sept. 8th, a video will be shown about World Mission Offering, from Sharon Koh, International Ministries Exec Director.

**Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon presents the
2019 COLLINS SUMMIT**

"Listening at the Margins"

Ancestral Wisdom, Spiritual Resistance & Hope in Times of Trauma

SAVE the DATE: Wednesday, Oct. 16, 2019, Portland

Find details and to register at emoregon.org

Annual Collins Lectures explore issues related to religion and social ethics. They have been a signature event of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon since 1967.

This event is funded in part by the Collins Foundation.



Mission Moments

Every September the Missions Team strives to remind the congregation about the ministries FBC supports both financially and with volunteers because they share values held by our church community. Please contact a member of the Missions Team to find out more information and a way you can be involved.

Janet Langenwalter & Tim Duerfeldt, co-chairs - Russell Mark - Lynn Crowell
Susan Chambers - Erika Marksbury

United Missions: Our first gift goes to the American Baptist Churches USA (ABC-USA) and our region, American Baptist Churches of the Central Pacific Coast (ABC-CPC), in the amount of \$17,250. After this amount, a little over \$12,000, is distributed by the Missions Team in the following categories to organizations who support similar values of peace, justice and inclusion:

Organizational Support: Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (EMO), Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America (BPFNA), Linfield College Chaplaincy, Camp Arrah Wanna, Association of Welcoming and Affirming Baptists (AWAB), and World Friendship Center.

Local Support: Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), Henderson House, Juliette's House, St. Barnabas Soup Kitchen, YCAP Food Bank, Yamhill County Gospel Rescue Mission, McMinnville Area Habitat for Humanity, UNIDOS Bridging Community, and the McMinnville Free Medical Clinic.

ABC Affiliated International and National Ministries: FBC provides both salary support and ministry funds to:

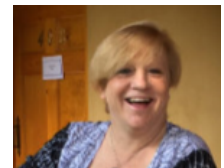
- **Glen & Rita Chapman** who serve in Democratic Republic of Congo. Glen & Rita have been instrumental in transforming the Kikongo pastoral training school into the Baptist University of Congo (UNIBAC). Rita runs the library, teaches English, and works with the wives of theology students.



- **David & Laura Parajón** who serve in Nicaragua. Drs. David & Laura Parajón have been serving in health ministry since 2001, sharing Christ's love and healing through AMOS Health and Hope. David & Laura provide preventive and curative health services to remote and vulnerable communities where there are no doctors, through the training and support of health promoters.



- **Mylinda Baits** who serves as a global consultant for Training through Restorative Arts. Mylinda is a pastoral artist and trainer who partners with IM colleagues, national church leadership and social change organizations to seek justice, healing & transformation through restorative art and creative expression.



- **Rainbow Acres** is a residential Christian community near Sedona, Arizona with heart that empowers persons with developmental disabilities to live to their fullest potential with dignity and purpose. It provides housing, life-enriching programs, and loving, holistic care in a safe, vibrant, inclusive ranch-style community.

Other Support: STAR Room (Serving Those Around Us), Stipends for Missions Speakers/Preachers, Reimbursement to volunteers who attend Regional/National Missions Meetings.

Three Denominational Offerings are promoted throughout the year that provide congregational giving beyond the Operating Budget: America for Christ (April) - One Great Hour of Sharing (June) - World Mission Offering (September). See page 4 to read about WMO & OGHS giving.

Ed & Miriam Noyes, global servants retiring from service in Democratic Republic of Congo, will visit FBC on Sunday, October 6. They will share during worship about their years working on educational and economic development projects through their assignment with ABC(USA)'s International Ministries.



We're kicking off a new school year at FBC on Sunday, September 8!

We will return to two services and at 11 am worship we invite all children and youth to bring their backpacks for a special blessing as they begin a new year of school.

Children's Chapel and Youth Group also return this Sunday, and we'll have more throughout the month for children, youth, and families, including a back to school family gathering!



Youth Group is back in September as we continue to meet as part of the McMinnville Youth Collective, with First Presbyterian Church and McMinnville Cooperative Ministries!

We will meet on Sunday nights **September 8, 15, and 29** at First Presbyterian Church. Details on times for Youth Group & our theme for September coming soon, but plan on dinner, games, and a program every Sunday night!



The McMinnville Youth Collective is doing our first ever Fall Beach Retreat!

We've got a big house just a half block from the beach in Pacific City, OR the weekend of September 20-22.

And you can be part for just \$100! Space is limited so register ASAP, the deadline is Sunday, September 15 if we don't fill up by that date.

Details & registration available online! fbcmac.org/fall-beach-retreat-2019

Sunday Mornings @ FBC

SEPTEMBER 2019

September 1
NURSERY: Infants through Preschool, FBC Nursery, 9:30 am-11:30 am
WORSHIP @ 10 am: Communion Sunday
 children & youth remain in the Sanctuary for the full worship service

September 8/15/22
NURSERY: Infants through Preschool, FBC Nursery, 9 am-12 pm
WORSHIP @ 11 am:
Children - Children's Chapel following the Children's Story
Youth - Sit with your family/friends, join other youth in the balcony, or help with children.

September 29
NURSERY: Infants through Preschool, FBC Nursery, 9:30 am-11:30 am
WORSHIP @ 10 am: Combined Worship Service
 children & youth remain in the Sanctuary for the full worship service

LUNCH ON CAMPUS
September 11: McMinnville HS ~ **September 18:** Duniway MS ~ **September 25:** 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



FALL Gatherings

SCHOOL OF THE SPIRIT

Two new offerings this fall designed to deepen our experiences of scripture and of worship and to give us practice listening to how the Spirit speaks to, through, and among us. Please come!

Friday Bible Study - 12 noon

Beginning Friday, September 13 (Fireplace Room)
Bring a lunch and begin to dig into the scripture that will serve as the sermon text two days later. Pastor Erika will share some of her study with you, and you'll be asked to offer your questions, wonderings, and insights about the text. Everyone is welcome to this Bible study - especially those with lots of questions about scripture!

Wednesday Sacred Conversations - 7 pm

Beginning Wednesday, September 18 (Room 102)
We'll begin with a simple supper at 6:30 pm, then gather for singing, prayer, and conversation that reflects on a central question, image, or idea from the previous Sunday's sermon or one that rises up from our time together. A rotation of leaders - including Danny Browne, Rob Porter, Doug Verigin, and Pastor Erika - will ensure that the perspectives are fresh and diverse, and the sharing/dialogue will be shaped not by a set agenda but by the contributions of those who come.

ONGOING Gatherings

AM Knit Wits - Every Thursday - 9:30 am

Contact: Linda, 971-237-2793

PM Knit Wits - 1st & 3rd Tuesday - 7 pm

Only **Sept. 17** - Contact: Gina, 971-237-2789

Senior Breakfast - 1st Wednesday, Sept. 4 - 8 am

Join us at our new location, American Legion Post 21 (126 NE Atlantic St., McMinnville).

Contact: Gina, 971-237-2789

Meditation Practice - each Wednesday - 12 noon

Silent Christian Prayer & Buddhist Traditions

Contact: Lindsay, 619-933-8402

Together Works - 2nd & 4th Monday - 7 pm

LGBTQIA+ monthly gatherings (Fireplace Room)

Contact: Dee, deerocksmoore@gmail.com

Hiking Group - Saturday, Sept. 21 - 8:00 am

Not sure where yet, group will decide. Bring lunch.

Meet at 8:30 am, in FBC parking lot to car pool.

Contact Gloria, glowml1@gmail.com, 503-931-4846.

Men's Circle - Sundays thru Sept. 29 - 6:30 pm

A 12-week exploratory circle in men's work.

Contact Daryll, harmony_haven@hotmail.com.

Climate Action - Sunday, Sept. 22 - Time TBA

Come together to see what we can do to make a difference. Contact: Paul, 503-472-1868

Gluten Free Friends - 1st Sat., Sept. 7, 9:30 am

Monthly support group

Contact: Barbara, barbaracoleburr@gmail.com

Men's Breakfast - 4th Saturday, 9 am

Sept. 28 - Les Toth's Toy Barn (2700 NW Pinehurst, Mac)
Stimulating conversation & a great breakfast! Join us!
Program: Casey Kulla, County Commissioner, "Why There Should Be Five County Commissioners"

Future Programs . . .

Oct. 26 Maryalice Russell, "Update on McMinnville School District"

Nov. 16 Greg Jones, "Wine Education at Linfield College"

Dec. 21 Tim Duerfeldt, "Some Leave an Impression, Others a Dent"

Camp Arrah Wanna presents
The Generations of Promise
BANQUET & AUCTION



Saturday, October 12, 5 - 8:30pm
at the Historic Lodge at Camp Arrah Wanna
24075 E Arrah Wanna Blvd, Welches, OR


Dinner, Live & Silent Auctions,
Raffles, Games, Live Music & Fun
for All!

Tickets \$60, reserve at
www.camparrahwanna.org.

** Auction items needed! **

SEPTEMBER at FBC

September 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9 am - Faith & Java 10:00 am - Summer Worship 6:30 pm - Men's Circle	2 OFFICE & STAR Closed 	3 6:30p - Cub Scouts	4 8 am - Senior Breakfast 12n - Meditation	5 9:30a - Knit Wits 5:45a - Jubilee Bells 6:30p - Choir 7:30p - Worship Team Pastor's Day Off	6 9-10:30a - STAR	7 9a-1p - Free Medical Clinic 9:30a - Gluten Free Friends
8 9 am - WORSHIP 10:00 am - Adult Classes 11 am - WORSHIP 5:30-7p - Youth Group 6:30 pm - Men's Circle	9 9-10:30a - STAR 12n - Personnel 4p - Mission Ministry 7p - Boy Scouts & Scout Girls 7p - Together Works	10 6:30p - Cub Scouts 9a - Building & Grounds Team	11 12n - Meditation 6:30p - Church Board	12 9:30a - Knit Wits 5:45a - Jubilee Bells 6:30p - Choir 7:30p - Worship Team Pastor's Day Off	13 9-10:30a - STAR 12n - Bible Study	14
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29 10 am - 5th Sunday WORSHIP Special Music Celebration & Reception for JP, Music Minister 5:30-7p - Youth Group 6:30 pm - Men's Circle	30 9-10:30a - STAR 7p - Boy Scouts & Scout Girls 7p - Together Works					

2 night MYC Youth Beach Retreat

September Birthdays:

Lillian Hallett 01
 Tim Howard 02
 Nadya King 02
 Millie Boggie 06
 Rebecca Stout 06
 Eva Higgins 08
 Ernie Stout 08
 Kerry Ballati 10
 Morganne Larmouth 12
 Peggi Lilly 14

Donna Weed 14
 Michael Burr 15
 Michael Sayler 19
 Gregg Hendricks 17
 Jeanette House 20
 Jen Linder 23
 Louise Jacobs 23
 Dianne Belgard 24
 Kim Kushner Dominguez 24
 Sue Brandt 24
 Jackson Hanes 25

Tim Lynn 25
 Rob Porter 25
 Pat Crissey 27
 Twila Duckett 27
 Judee Kunze 27
 Kyle Chambers 28
 Steve Howard 29

September Anniversaries:

Tom & Jean Meicho
 9.01.1950 - 69 years!
 Marvin & Donna King
 9.04.1976
 Jace Early & Jan Whipp
 9.05.2015
 Scott & Susan Chambers
 9.15.1984 - 35 years!