



## The Visitor

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of First Baptist Church, Madison, Wisconsin

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Dear Friends:

I share with you below some of the comments offered by Christ Boveroux, Music Director, at the opening of yesterday's worship. This service featured the inspiration of both Carolyn Cross and Geneva Moore as they reflected on their favorite hymns ("Come as You Are" and "Fairest Lord Jesus" respectively). As you well know, Chris is an extraordinarily gifted musician, both as a soloist with an extraordinary voice, and as a fine director—bringing together the music of the many voices within the choir together and offering praise to God.

What is not so apparent is Chris's keen sense for music and liturgy which comes into play in our weekly worship design meetings. We enjoy a marvelous friendship with our meetings filled with shared friendship and laughter—then a sense comes over us and the creativity of our enjoyment moves forward to shape worship. I always find the time a treasure.

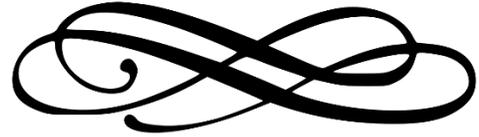
The words he shared on Sunday, touched me deeply revealing his deep understanding of what congregational singing is finally all about. His words are among the most insightful I've heard (emphasis added):

*This may surprise you, but I love to sing. I love singing on Sunday mornings. I really do – the old favorites, the new standards, the growing body of music that is becoming a part of the canon of music in worship, it all speaks to the unity of purpose of singing communally. Singing together paves the way for us to act together, builds our community, and strengthens our ties to each other as we gain a deeper community feeling and truth beyond the lyrics of the song.*

Music is not just about music. In worship, something happens to us beyond the hour. We are formed as a community, our ties deepen. Christ is a gift. He can find and free the music within your soul. Please read Chris' announcement of choir's resumption and then prayerfully listen to the song of your soul as you decide.

In the harmony of peace,

Rev. Mark Clinger



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### Worship With Us

**August 27, 2017**

11:00 a.m. – Shared Worship Service, Sanctuary,  
Rev. Mark Clinger

12:00 Noon – **No Lunch Today**

**September 3, 2017**

11:00 a.m. – Shared Worship Service, Sanctuary,  
Rev. Mark Clinger

12:00 Noon – **No Lunch Today**

*If you would like to make a confession of faith in Christ and be baptized into his body, to become a member of this congregation, or renew your Christian commitment,*

*you are warmly invited to call  
Rev. Mark Clinger or Rev. Jason Mack (233-1880).*

### The Visitor Publication Schedule

September 5, 2017

September 18, 2017

**Article deadline is 9 a.m.  
on day of publication.**

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## Prayer Concerns

**Church Family:** Ann Nelson; Loree Davies; Julie Blankenburg; Jody Lara; Paul Brynelson; Katy Marty; Atlee Wilson; The Rev. Manny Santiago; Lance Dockter; Jeff & Jeanette Kersten & family, and Jeanette's father; Ruth L. Parfrey; Paul Husting's friend, David Baer; Sheila Donald and her son's daughter Cecilia Rose; Linda Stamm's sister, Karen Coleman and brother-in-law, Joe Coleman; and Carol Skala, Jill Thomas' daughter-in-law's mother.

**Our Shut-ins:** Pat Young; Phyllis Reisdorf; Mercile Lee; Jeanne Maruska; Linda Olson; and Joyce Tardrew.

**Others:** Those whose names and needs are unspoken.

## Fresh News

### **Closing Sundays of Summer Worship Shared Worship, August 27**

During worship, we will engage in an experience of shared reflection on a scriptural test. Although our practice will be modified in some respects, our approach will be rooted in a very ancient practice called holy reading (*lection divina*). This practice has been used from earliest times until this day. It is an opportunity for the gathered community of God's people to reflect together on a text and share their personal insights and inspirations, which when heard by all present a larger understanding of the Holy Spirit's inspiration for the day. Again, we will include elements from both Traditional Worship and Common Table.

### **Shared Worship, September 3**

We will, of course, celebrate communion and as we recognize those "ties that bind." We will welcome Jason Mack's return from sabbatical, praying to see him rested, inspired, and energized as our fall program begins the following Sunday.



### **A Celebration of Christian Marriage**

We were pleased to celebrate the sacred union of Julia Mueller and Garrett Voss in holy matrimony on August 12. All love has its origins in God's love for us. May the blessing of God's holy love prove a wealth beyond measure for all their years to come.

## Spiritual Renewal Group

The Monday evening spiritual renewal group will commence on September 18 at 7:00 p.m. in the Gathering Space. The renewal group meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month for a period of about an hour and a half. The format is that we read a book on Christian spirituality in advance and then share our personal reflections and dialogue.

This fall kicks off with an extraordinary book by two extraordinary living saints, both recipients of the Nobel Peace Prize and deep friends. One is a practicing Buddhist and the other a practicing Christian. The book is entitled The Book of Joy and grows out of a conversation between His Holiness the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu. All you need to do to attend is to read the Introduction and "Arrival: We are Fragile Creatures."

## Movie Recommendation

For those who remember the 2006 movie, "An Inconvenient Truth" created by former Vice-President Al Gore, the 2017 Gore sequel (\*"An Inconvenient Sequel: Truth to Power") is another wake-up call concerning our planet. We saw this sequel and found it powerful, worrisome, fresh, and somewhat hopeful. Gore's strategy over the past 10 years has been to organize environmental awareness training groups all around the world – and these dedicated "citizen scientists" along with their true scientists in many countries are making a difference. The success of getting over 150 nations on board at the Paris Climate Conference in 2016 – though dismissed by our new President of the U.S. in early 2017 – is pushed further by many nations and communities who are rising to the challenge of diminishing their carbon dioxide output. China is leading the world in solar power. A small town in Texas now has 60 percent of its energy from renewable resources. It's a provocative movie – for those who wish to deny climate change and for the majority of our population who believe human beings can be better stewards of the earth's resources. It certainly points out the links between environmental disasters and poverty, wars, and racial tensions.

Perhaps just go by yourself or with a friend. Or invite a small group of church friends to go together, and then meet afterwards to discuss the implications for you, your family, your community, our state, the U.S. – and the world. "An Inconvenient Sequel" is currently playing at AMC Dinner Theatre and Marcus Theatres (Point Cinema). There are reviews and a trailer on "Rottentomatoes.com" plus comments from movie attendees, both positive and negative. Thanks.

Diane and Bert Adams

\*This movie will be playing at Marcus Theatre until Thursday.

## August Lunch Gap -- Help Wanted on Friday, September 1

Can you help us prepare a noon lunch for some 45 children in the Allied Drive Community on Friday, September 1? We will gather in the FBC kitchen at 10:30 a.m. to prepare sandwiches and wholesome snacks, then take them to Allied Drive and help distribute them to the children. If you can help, please let Wynn Davies know at 238-1817 or email at [lorwyn@sbcglobal.com](mailto:lorwyn@sbcglobal.com).



### Are You Interested in Joining the Chancel Choir?

Come join the Chancel Choir as we enter a new year of making music together! Our first rehearsal will be Thursday, September 7, at 7:45 p.m. in the choir room downstairs. No audition required, we just want you to come help us make beautiful music together. If you regularly attend Common Table, but are still interested, talk to Chris about how you can sing. Questions? E-mail [music@firstbaptistmadison.org](mailto:music@firstbaptistmadison.org).

### Address Change for the Davies

Loree and Wynn have moved to a lovely apartment at The Oaks in the Oakwood Senior Living community here on the west side of Madison.

Their new address (effective August 24) is:

The Oaks --Apt. B29  
6225 Mineral Point Road  
Madison, WI 53705

email: [lorwyn@sbcglobal.com](mailto:lorwyn@sbcglobal.com)

phone: (608) 238-1817 remain the same



## Reminders



### Sunday School for All Ages Begins September 10, 9:30 a.m.

The Board of Education is working hard to bring high quality educational experiences for all ages. As a reminder, the Sunday morning schedule will look like this beginning on September 10.

9:30 a.m.	Sunday School for All Ages
10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time, Gathering Space
11:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Common Table Worship, Fellowship Hall
12:00 Noon	Lunch (all are welcome!), Fellowship Hall



### Adult Sunday School Class

Starting Sunday, September 10, Rev. Mark Clinger will be leading an adult Sunday school class entitled Revelation Revisited: The Politics of Faith. This will be an 8-week class held in Room 302. We will notify you of other adult classes as they become available.

### Rev. Jason Mack Returns on September 3

Please remember that Jason will return from his sabbatical on Sunday, September 3, and the office on September 5.



### Men's Shelter Meals

#### Needs Volunteers for September 21

There is only **one more opening** for any person or group who is interested in serving in 2017 in this manner. September 21 is open. Please contact me at 256-9287 if you or any group would be interested in filling in this spot.

Sheila Donald  
Men's Homeless Shelter Meal Coordinator



## Men's & Ladies' Breakfast at a New Location on Wednesday, September 6

We have found a new location without stairs for these breakfasts on the first Wednesday of each month. It is **The Egg and I** at 2501 West Beltline Hwy.

### Directions:

--Exit the Beltline at Exit 259 (Todd Drive)

### FROM THE WEST:

- Turn right at the traffic light (711 Gas Station on the corner)
- Take the first left into the UW Health parking lot
- Take the first right
- The Egg and I is well marked down a bit in the large building on the right

### FROM THE EAST:

- Follow the exit to the traffic light
- Turn left under the Beltline (711 gas station on the corner)
- Take the first left (into the UW Health parking lot)
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Call Gene Dewey, 230-3373, if you have any questions.



**September 3:** Rev. Jason Returns from Sabbatical;  
Shared Worship; No lunch

**September 6:** Men's and Ladies' Breakfast, The Egg and I

**September 7:** Chancel Choir Rehearsal Begins  
Handbell Rehearsal Begins

**September 10:** Sunday School Begins

**September 11:** Spaghetti Dinner

**September 18:** Spiritual Renewal Group

**October 13-15:** ABC of Wisconsin Conference/FBC All Church Retreat; Green Lake Conference Center



- 3 Brett Turner
- 5 Alan Ferguson
- 6 Christopher Evans
- 7 Nikki Borchardt
- 7 Christy Carter
- 8 Heather Ziegler
- 8 Palmer Haynes
- 8 Ann Miller
- 8 Pihra Pizzingrilli
- 9 Cheryl Castillo
- 9 Jeff Kersten
- 10 Andy Borchardt
- 10 Linda Lindley
- 12 Charlotte Evans
- 13 Debbie Johnson
- 14 Judy Craig
- 14 Tyler Mack
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- 16 Nelson Dresser
- 20 Ashley Bischel
- 20 Rachel Evans
- 24 Jeanette Kersten
- 25 Bob Martens
- 25 Rhiannon Tibbetts
- 27 David Hegley
- 27 Moira Kersten
- 29 Linda Mintener
- 29 Ginger Henderson
- 30 Sara Strain



## Green Lake All-Church Retreat Update

The First Baptist All-Church Retreat will be held simultaneously with the American Baptist Church of Wisconsin Annual Meeting this year. **The dates are Friday, October 13-Sunday, October 15.** Your options for the weekend are plentiful.

- You may attend the ABC Annual Meeting from Friday, October 13-Saturday, October 14 only.
- You may attend the ABC Annual Meeting from Friday, October 13-Saturday October 14 and then stay on one more night to participate with the First Baptist Church group activities. Be sure to specify this when making your hotel/meal reservations.
- You may attend the First Baptist All-Church Retreat Friday, October 13-Sunday, October 15 only.
- Or, you may mix it up...register under the ABC Annual Meeting and attend the sessions that interest you and participate in FBC activities that interest you as well.

The goal is providing flexibility and multiple options for First Baptist Church to maximize their all-church retreat experience.

FBC will host a pizza and salad dinner on-site at the C. Oscar Johnson building on Friday, October 13, at 5:30 p.m. This should give people who have registered for the ABC meeting time to eat and make the ABC evening program at 7:00 p.m. The cost of the pizza dinner has yet to be determined.

FBC will begin their programming after the ABC meeting has ended on Saturday around 4:30 p.m. and then we will go right into the Saturday night potluck dinner in the C. Oscar Johnson building. To top the evening off, we will play outside games and cook s'mores around an open fire pit.

The FBC retreat will end after the Sunday worship service in the morning. And yes, there will be a fishing tournament on Saturday!

### Registration

**To register for the ABC Annual Meeting go to: [www.abcofwi.org](http://www.abcofwi.org).** Brochure and registration forms for

the ABC Annual Meeting are also in the Gathering Space

**To register for the FBC All-Church Retreat, contact Linda Lindley, church secretary, at [fbcoffice@firstbaptistmadison.org](mailto:fbcoffice@firstbaptistmadison.org) or call 233-1880.**

### Retreat/Conference Cost

See ABC of Wisconsin registration form for conference, housing and meal fees.

There will be no conference fees for the First Baptist All Church retreat.

### Rooms

Whether you participate as a conference attendee at American Baptist Churches of Wisconsin conference or First Baptist All-Church Retreat, **you must make your own room and meal arrangements with the Green Lake Conference Center at 920-294-3323.** Mention you are with ABC Wisconsin and/or FBC All-Church Retreat.

ABC has a block of rooms at the Kern and Bauer Lodges at the rate of \$94/night. If you register as an ABC conference attendee and wish to stay until Sunday just ask the Green Lake Conference Center for an extension to stay through Sunday.

FBC has a block of rooms at the Kern Lodge for \$94/night and the Moore cabin for \$100/night and Sunshine cabin for \$125/night. **Room rates are guaranteed until August 22 (extended cut-off date).**

**Alternative Accommodations:** Cedarwood (private owners) has 4-5 available rooms for FBC folks. At this point, only Davies and Nelsons have reserved rooms. Cost will be \$40 per room per night. Contact Wynn Davies at 238-1817.

### Meals

Saturday breakfast and lunch and Sunday breakfast are added to every overnight stay: \$21.50 ages 12 & older/\$15 ages 6 thru 11 (plus tax).

There will be a charge for the pizza and salad dinner on Friday evening. We have not determined the Friday night pizza cost yet. It will depend on the number of pizzas ordered. To plan for food needed for the Friday pizza night, please let Linda know if you will be attending. Pizzas will be delivered directly to the C. Oscar Johnson building at 5:30 p.m.

If you have any questions, please call Linda in the church office at 233-1880 or email Linda at [fbcoffice@firstbaptistmadison.org](mailto:fbcoffice@firstbaptistmadison.org).

**American Baptist Churches of Wisconsin/  
First Baptist All-Church Retreat Combined Schedule (tentative)  
Green Lake Conference Center  
October 13-15, 2017**

**Friday Schedule – October 13** (All events on Friday and Saturday are in Bauer Lodge, unless otherwise noted)

- 1:00 p.m. Tee Time for Pre-Gathering Optional Golfing Event at Lawsonia.
- 4:00 p.m. Check-in Opens for Green Lake Accommodations (Kraft Centre-Lobby)
- 5:30 p.m. FBC Pizza and Salad Dinner – C. Oscar Johnson Building**
- 6:00 p.m. Annual Gathering Registration Opens
- 7:00 p.m. Evening Program: Call to Order of the 173<sup>rd</sup> Annual Gathering  
Opening Worship Featuring Storytellers and Music followed by Region President and ABWM 140<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary Reception  
Informal jam session for musicians, singers, and lovers of musical fellowship

**Saturday Schedule – October 14**

**Dawn to Dusk – FBC Fishing Tournament**

- 7:30 a.m. Breakfast for paid guests (Kraft Centre-Dining Hall)
- 8:15 a.m. Registration for Saturday arrivals
- 8:30 a.m. Conference Choir Practice (time may be adjusted)
- 8:45 a.m. Presenters and Facilitators Prayer by Invitation (Bauer-Beaty)
- 9:00 a.m. Plenary: Worshipful Work  
Keynote Presentation: The Roots of Our Witness as American Baptists: Dr. Jeffrey Haggray
- 12:00 Noon Lunch for paid guests (Kraft Centre-Dining Hall)
- 12:45 p.m. Conference Choir Practice (time may be adjusted)
- 1:15 p.m. Break-Out Sessions  
Option 1: American Baptist Women Ministry Annual Meeting  
Option 2: Men's Ministries Program: "Engaging with Young Adults for Intergenerational Discipleship"  
Option 3: Self-guided tour of American Baptist History throughout the GLCC Grounds. Map and informational booklets will be available from GLCC Front Desk.
- 2:45 p.m. Closing Worship Service – Conference Choir; Dr. Jeffrey Haggray, Preacher
- 4:00 p.m. Adjournment of ABC Conference
- 4:30 p.m. FBC All-Church Retreat Worship Session, The Tea House**
- 5:45 p.m. FBC All-Church Retreat Potluck, C. Oscar Johnson**
- 7:15 p.m. FBC Outside Games; FBC Camp Fire (S'mores), Outside C. Oscar Johnson**

**Sunday Schedule – October 15**

- Morning Check Out (before 10:00 a.m.), Kraft Centre Front Desk**
- 7:30 a.m. FBC Breakfast for paid guests**
- 8:30 a.m. FBC Prayer Walk, The Tea House**
- 10:00 a.m. FBC Worship, The Tea House**
- 11:00 a.m. Adjournment**

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Wynn and Loree Davies

This article was printed in the August 11 edition of the *Wisconsin State Journal*. Linda is a member of First Baptist Church and is the coordinator of the Chinese Orphans Project.

## KNOW YOUR MADISONIAN | LINDA MINTENER

### Practicing law, playing flute proves winning combination



Linda Mintener, a retired Wisconsin Department of Revenue lawyer and longtime flute player, coordinates the annual Madison concert that helps support the educations of orphaned children in rural China.

Linda Mintener has been practicing law and playing the flute for many years — and soon will be honored for finding a way to combine those talents.

Mintener will be presented with the National Flute Association's 2017 Distinguished Service Award at its 45th annual convention this month for her 14 years of doing pro bono work for the group. Her husband, Bob Jones, and many of her seven grandchildren and four children and stepchildren will be there to cheer her on.

"It's the kind of award that usually is given to high-level professional flute players," Mintener said of the honor given by the world's largest flute organization, with more than 4,000 members from 50 countries. The gala event will include a concert featuring masters of the flute, the guest of honor herself among them. Mintener is helping to coordinate it.

Which is another of Mintener's talents. For the past 11 years, she has put together the annual Chinese Orphans Project concert in Madison, featuring top-flight flute players and other musicians at First Baptist Church to raise money so impoverished children can attend school. The next concert is April 22.

An Iowa native, Mintener earned bachelor's degrees at Indiana University in music and liberal arts, then spent two years in Guinea, West Africa, in the Peace Corps. After moving to Madison, she attended UW Law School while raising two children and teaching flute. For 28 years, Mintener worked as litigator of large claim sales tax cases for the Wisconsin Department of Revenue. She's a member of the Madison Flute Choir and its elite Chamber Ensemble.

Mintener, who is in her 70s, talked about her passions at her Near West Side home, in the same room where she still teaches flute. On the walls and shelves are samples of folk art that she's gathered in her travels around the world.

### What kind of volunteer help do you give the National Flute Association?

As the association has grown, things have become more complicated. And more things have come up — like an endowment fund, and you have to have an endowment policy. Things that stretched my legal experience, because I did tax and litigation.

I (interpret and) update the bylaws, (deal with) job descriptions. A lot of contracts. Copyright violations. With so many members now, you're going to have some strange situations that'll have to be dealt with. ... It's a lot of work — sometimes six hours a day for two weeks in a row. And then it will quiet down for awhile.

### Is it interesting for you?

It is. First of all, I loved my job at Department of Revenue. I really loved it. Other lawyers and even judges say, "Tax — I don't even do my own taxes! You'll have to explain this to me." But I really, really enjoyed that job. I like the law, I like interpreting the law. I'm proud that I can do it, it's something they really need somebody for.

### You got involved in the Chinese Orphans Project through your good friend, Judy Sutterlin, who is a missionary in China. What is the project?

These children live in Henan Province, an interior agricultural province, all in small villages, very poor. In the 1990s, some blood collectors came into that area and offered money for donating blood. So the men, particularly, all lined up. And it was all infected with HIV. They did the procedures in such a way that everybody who gave blood got HIV. Ten thousand adults died, and left 2,000 orphans.

(The project — see [firstbaptistmadison.org/chinese-aids-orphans](http://firstbaptistmadison.org/chinese-aids-orphans) — was founded to) send these children to school. It gives them (and children orphaned through other circumstances) enough money to have a summer

outfit and a winter outfit. It snows, so they need winter clothes – and school books, school supplies such as pencil and paper, school fees and exam fees, and protein for their diet.

(The first year our) church sent some money, and I was so excited to support two kids for two years. Well, we didn't project that in two years the money would run out. So I said to my good friends, what if we put on a concert to raise money? They said they would all help. That was in 2007....now we sponsor 94 children. It wasn't even our intention. We never projected that far. Some people

from the church asked, 'Why can't I just pay the money for an individual orphan?' We now have 70 kids supported by individual people. One family supports four kids, one of whom is now in college.

We have nine who are in college, we have six who have graduated from college and got professional jobs. We have hundreds who finished as far as they could go in school, which for most is 9th grade, and many more who finished high school. ... So it's been very rewarding.

— *Interview by Gayle Worland*

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**TIME VALUE: DATED MATERIAL -**

**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

<p><b>Worship Schedule</b></p> <p>11:00 a.m. - Traditional Worship</p> <p>11:00 a.m. - Contemporary "Common Table" Worship</p>
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