



The Visitor

A newsletter for members and friends
of First Baptist Church, Madison, Wisconsin

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Dear Friends:

We are all well aware of the massive devastation in the wake of Hurricane Maria's direct pass over Puerto Rico. I want to share with you in full the information I have received on our denomination's efforts to bring assistance to the people and American Baptist Churches of Puerto Rico.

In response to the devastating one-two punch leveled at Puerto Rico first by Hurricane Irma and most recently by Hurricane Maria, American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS), in partnership with American Baptist Churches USA (ABCUSA), will launch a multi-year initiative, "Rebuilding, Restoring, Renewing Puerto Rico," Executive Director Dr. Jeffrey Haggray announced today.

"Rebuilding, Restoring, Renewing Puerto Rico" seeks to **raise \$1 million within the next three to six months** through One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) to support rebuilding the homes, churches and lives of our brothers and sister in Christ. ABHMS has pledged \$25,000 to launch this major renewal effort, matching OGHS funds already earmarked for Puerto Rico recovery.

"Within the next three to five years," Haggray said, "we will work with our American Baptist partners to **restore all 114 churches and nine missions** in the Iglesias Bautistas de Puerto Rico as well as Corporacion Milagros del Amor and Seminario Evangélico de Puerto Rico."

Adds ABCUSA General Secretary the Rev. Dr. Lee B. Spitzer: "I wholeheartedly endorse this denomination-wide effort to come alongside one of our regions. I hope every American Baptist will give generously to rebuild the Iglesias Bautistas de Puerto Rico. During all the calamities that have hit Texas, Louisiana, Florida, Puerto Rico, the Caribbean and Mexico City, God demonstrates his loving presence through the prayers and deeds of God's people. We stand in solidarity with those struggling to rebuild their lives."

News reports cited "catastrophic flooding" on the island yesterday, a day after Hurricane Maria made landfall there as a Category 4 storm with winds up to 155 mph. The storm, which left the entire island without electricity, has been described as the "worst storm to hit the island in a century." Its fury left behind a trail of destruction across Puerto Rico.

In this first phase of the long-term ABHMS initiative, a task force of staff and American Baptist partners is being convened by Victoria Goff, associate director, Mission Advancement and Passionary Movement, to develop a comprehensive plan for sustained support of the region. The Rev. Salvador Orellana, director of Latino Ministries, will provide logistical and relational support to the initiative.

"We are dedicating staff to work on this," said Haggray. "We are coordinating a national response, and we will work closely with our partners in Puerto Rico in this ministry of intervention."

The relationship between the Puerto Rico region and ABHMS has longstanding and deep roots: The American Baptist Home Mission Society, a forerunner of today's ABHMS, established the first Baptist church in Rio Piedras in 1899 and sponsored home missionaries from the mainland who ministered across the island. While an initial ABHMS disaster response visit is planned for next week, full damage assessments will not be complete for several weeks.

In the meantime, please pray for healing for the people of Puerto Rico, and sign up for updates as they develop about recovery plans, ways you can help and volunteer mission opportunities. Litanies, written by ABHMS staff, are available free of charge.

Please give generously to the Rebuilding, Restoring, Renewing Puerto Rico multi-year initiative. **Your contribution, no matter the size, will make a big difference for our Puerto Rican American Baptist family.** Last year, the U.S. Census Bureau reported that close to half of the population in Puerto Rico was living in poverty.

Donations may be made via your church; via credit card online at abhms.org > GIVE NOW; or via a check designated to "OGHS-Puerto Rico" and mailed to the attention of Kim Wilkins at American Baptist Home Mission Societies, P.O. Box 851, Valley Forge, PA, 19482-0851.

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One hundred percent of donations go to relief efforts; no dollars are retained for administrative costs. To ensure that your church receives credit for your gift, write the church name on your check or, if giving online, in the "comment" box. If donating by check, please make the check payable to "OGHS-Puerto Rico" and send it to our church or place it in the offering plate.

In peace,

Rev. Mark Clinger

P.S. Upcoming Worship Services of Special Significance:

October 22: Baptismal Service for Tyler Mack

October 29: Observance of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation

November 5: Remembrance Sunday (A form for reserving roses will be in the next Visitor)

Worship With Us

October 8, 2017

11:00 a.m. – Traditional Worship Service,
Sanctuary, Rev. Mark Clinger
11:00 a.m. – Common Table Worship Service,
Fellowship Hall, Rev. Jason Mack
12:00 Noon – Light Lunch

October 15, 2017

11:00 a.m. – Traditional Worship Service,
Sanctuary, Rev. Mark Clinger
11:00 a.m. – Common Table Worship Service,
Fellowship Hall, Rev. Jason Mack
12:00 Noon – Light Lunch

*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).*

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***The Visitor* Publication Schedule**

October 16, 2017

November 6, 2017

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

Email to: fboffice@firstbaptistmadison.org

Prayer Concerns

Church Family: John Hebblewhite (Art's brother); Art Hebblewhite family; Loree Davies; 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; Linda Stamm's sister, Karen Coleman and brother-in-law, Joe Coleman.

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

Expecting Parents: Sarah & Logan Jefford and Renally & Joab Dorea.

Others: Those whose names and needs are unspoken.

Fresh News

Providing the "Fuel" for First Baptist's 2018 Outreach

The time is coming soon when you will have to make decisions on the financial resources ("budget fuel") you will pledge to support First Baptist's 2018 Operating Budget. The Board of Outreach has the responsibility of deciding how much "budget fuel" should be allocated to Outreach efforts and where it can best be allocated. Since these are important decisions, we have decided to invite all in our congregation who have a "heart" for Outreach to help us.

We will be meeting in the Gathering Space on Sunday afternoon October 8 at 1:30 PM. Please join us and help us make the decisions needed to "fuel" FBC Outreach in 2018!

Questions or input? Contact Wynn Davies, Chair at phone 238 1817 or email at lorwyn@sbcglobal.net

Your Board of Outreach

August Financial Report

In August, income received towards the budget was \$12,486.09 less than the amount spent from the budget. However, we ended the month \$7,719.70 in the black for the year-to-date.

We are two thirds through the year, so income and expenses should be at 66.67 percent of the annual budgeted amount at this point. Unpledged income is significantly under the budgeted amount, at 36.44 percent of the annual budgeted amount. There are four budget expense lines currently over their annual budget-- the pastor has reimbursed the church in September for the overage in his continuing education, no additional expenses are anticipated for fire extinguisher testing or computer software, but copying expenses will continue through the end of the year, so may end up at 50 percent over the budgeted amount.

We received/transferred \$30,525 in bequests and memorials to the endowment fund, and the Art Basile memorial fund of \$2,700 was set aside for children's ministries, including camp.

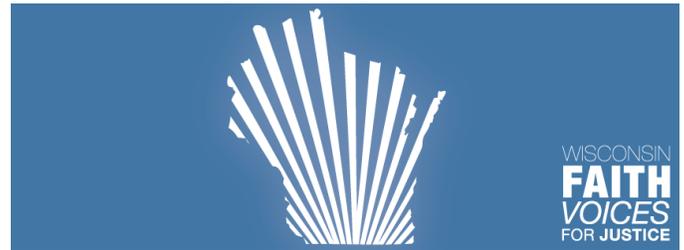
Remember: Copies of the financial reports and a short overview of the FBC financial system may be found posted outside the church office. Please don't hesitate to ask me any questions you have.

Nancy Moore, FBC Bookkeeper

October 17, Third Tuesday Lunch

The Madison, Wisconsin African American Genealogy Group has published a book, Nine African American Women – Their Memories and Reflections. The publication was supported in part by Dane Arts. Members of the group, including Dianne Hopkins and Jill Thomas, will discuss their writings with us. Copies of the book are available in the public library.

The potluck lunch will begin at noon in Fellowship Hall, and the program will begin at 1 p.m. The main dish will be provided. Please bring a dish to share. Reservations may be made by signing the pew pad or calling the church office at 233-1880. Everyone is invited to share in our fellowship and delicious meal and learn about the lives of these women who were born before the Civil Rights movement.



News from Dane Sanctuary Coalition

The Dane Sanctuary Coalition held its first membership meeting on September 17 at Madison Christian Center. It was attended by some 150 people from about 30 congregations and public organizations across Dane County. Dennis and Pastor Jason represented First Baptist. Afterwards it was announced that Lake Edge Lutheran Church had decided to join the Coalition bringing the official number of congregations and non-profit organizations in the Coalition to 15.

No immigrant in danger of deportation has yet gone into sanctuary here. Church World Service reports that there are 23 people in public sanctuary around the country. Public sanctuary means that it has been publicly announced that an individual is in sanctuary both as a political statement and as a barrier to deportation actions in that those individuals are being kept in churches deemed "sensitive locations" by the government. In some other cases where public announcements were deemed inappropriate, immigrants have gone into private sanctuary, such as in Tucson. Three church locations for sanctuary have been identified in Madison. First Baptist will be providing humanitarian support for those host congregations when the time comes.

In the meantime, the Coalition continues with its preparations. It is also encouraging members to be involved politically in Madison and the nationwide to support the immigrant and refugee communities. If you are interested in hearing news about the new sanctuary movement in general and the Dane Sanctuary Coalition in particular, please join other First Baptist members in receiving our emails by contacting the church office. These emails are not being sent via the church listserv.

Dennis Ray and Gil Emmert

Help Keep Adults Warm Too with New Hats & Mittens

Now through December 3

Place them in bin by food pantry collection

Winter Is Coming !!!

It's getting to be that time of year ago. It's time to break out the winter gear. For many this may be a struggle. With budgets stretched to the breaking point, the expense can be overwhelming. To help make sure everybody stays warm this winter this year, we are having a dual collection drive of sorts. Wynn Davies is collecting new or lightly used **winter gear (including boots) for the children** of the Allied drive neighborhood and Katy Marty is collecting **new adult hats and mittens** for the Triangle neighborhood. Donations can be dropped off in the appropriately marked bins near the food sharing bin. Thank you for your help at keeping everybody warm and toasty throughout our forecasted snowy winter season. Feel free to give Katy a call with any questions at 230-5922, Wynn's phone number is 238-1817.

“We Are There “

WE ARE THERE. History is never over because its events continue to shape our lives. The Vietnam War is not over. The turbulence of the civil rights movement continues. Many of our brothers and sisters within this church hold living memories. The events of the sixties still play upon our lives. Nations continue to follow the war's decades old paths thinking they will lead us forward. Our nation remains in racial turmoil.

WE ARE THERE. Our members have stories to share of their experiences in that troubling decade. There are shared stories including the Sunday morning when demonstrators picketed our worship. University staff, who witnessed the riots and breathed the tear gas, continue to carry vivid images in their minds. There are those among us who served on the ground in combat. There are stories of our members' engagement in civil rights protests. We have minds still alive with King's teaching.

WE ARE THERE. We are still there as a people of faith, continually shaped by those extraordinary times of war, protest and the struggle for civil rights.

WILL YOU BE THERE? After worship on October 8th, you are invited to gather in Fellowship Hall over lunch. You will hear the stories of those who were there. We will discuss how we are still there—shaped by those days. If you have been enriched by the current PBS series on the Vietnam War, bring your reflections and reactions.

Reminders



FBC All-Church Retreat/ABC of Wisconsin Annual Meeting Friday, October 13 – Sunday, October 15

- You must make your own hotel and room arrangements with the Green Lake Conference Center at 920-294-3323.
- To register for the FBC All Church Retreat, contact Linda Lindley, church secretary, at fbcoffice@firstbaptistmadison.org or call 233-1880.
- To register for the ABC Annual Meeting go to: www.abcofwi.org.
- Brochure and registration forms for the ABC Annual Meeting are in the Gathering Space.

Additional Information Needed from Green Lake Retreat Registrants

On Friday, October 13, FBC will hold a Pizza Party at the Green Lake C. Oscar Johnson building at 5:30 p.m. If you and your family plan on attending, please notify Linda in the church office before Thursday, September 28. Please let Linda know if you have any special requests (gluten free/vegetarian) or topping preferences.

New for 2017 – Pierless Boat Rentals now offers a tour boat! The boat can accommodate up to 40 guests. (Minimum of 20 guests per tour). The rate is \$14/person for a 60-90-minute tour. Please let Linda know if you are interested in taking the boat tour. If you have any questions, please call Linda in the church office at 233-1880 or email Linda at fbcoffice@firstbaptistmadison.org.



Green Lake Fishing Tournament

The fourth annual children's fishing tournament will again be held on Saturday during the All Church Retreat at Green Lake. All children who register with Mark Clinger by the **Monday, October 9**, preceding the tournament will receive FREE worms. If a child wants to enter but does not have a fishing rod and reel, contact Mark for a "loaner."



Jon, Amanda, Rachel, Sarah, Elizabeth, and Andrew Good

Jon and Amanda Good Family to Join in FBC Green Lake Pizza Party

The American Baptist Women have invited Jon and Amanda Good and their four children to speak at the Women's Meeting during the annual meeting and they will also be part of a worship service. International Ministries is no longer assigning special interest missionaries and so the women are choosing the Good Family as missionaries to be interested in this year. They will be working with the Baptist Union of Hungary in evangelism, discipleship, and education

We have invited the Good family to come to the FBC All Church Retreat pizza dinner hoping that we can develop a relationship with the whole family, including the children, that will continue when they are in Hungary. Please contact the church office at fbcf@firstbaptistmadison.org 233-1880 or 233-1880 by September 28 if you plan on attending the pizza party.



**Save the Date
for Baptist
Women's World
Day of Prayer
Tea
November 5**

Women from First Baptist and Mount Zion Baptist are invited to a tea on Sunday, November 5, from 3:00-4:30 p.m. in First Baptist Fellowship Hall to celebrate Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer.

Church Women United October Forum Elderly Slip & Fall Prevention

**Charlie Daniels, Coordinator Falls Prevention
Program, Safe Communities**

**Friday, October 6, 2017
9:00 am Gathering and Tea
9:30 am Business Meeting
10:00 am Program**

**Oakwood University Woods
6209 Mineral Point Road, Madison
The Oaks Community Room**

On Friday morning, October 6, we will gather at Oakwood University Woods, 6209 Mineral Point Road, for a program on Elderly Slip & Fall Prevention. Our speaker, Charlie Daniel, is program coordinator for both Falls Prevention and Drug Poisoning at Safe Communities. Oakwood Village is on the south side of Mineral Point Road between Rosa Road and S. Yellowstone (east of West Town Mall). Turn south off Mineral Point Rd. at Island Drive into the Oakwood Village complex. You may park in the parking places along that road and around the circle. Walk up the ramp into The Oaks and someone will let you in.

Jirani Project

The annual Jirani Project "Harambee" will be held Sunday, October 15, 2017 from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. at Oakwood Village University Woods, in the Oaks Community Room, 6225 Mineral Point Road. Jirani Project supporters and the public are invited to come for refreshments and to hear the latest about this non-profit project, which has been successful in helping about 20 Kenyan children each year attend school. Project Coordinator, Mark Okello, has visited First Baptist on his past U.S. visits, and several of our members contribute to the project.

We invite you to come to the "Harambee" to donate, purchase some Kenyan crafts, or learn how to bid for exciting items on the on-line auction. Attendees will participate in an interactive telephone call visit with the Jirani Project coordinator in Kenya! Parking can be in the Visitor Parking (Level 1) in Heritage Oaks or any outdoor visitor parking space. Contact Jirani Project Board member, Diane Adams, 608-231-1836 or adamsdiane443@gmail.com for further information about parking or directions (the project website will also have information (see www.jiraniproject.org).

Update on Human Trafficking in Wisconsin

Sex trafficking is a \$150 billion+ per year industry, and if you read the local paper, you know that it is alive in our community. The average age a child is coerced into the sex trade is 8-14 years of age. It occurs both in urban and rural areas and the main route through Wisconsin is through Milwaukee, the Fox Cities/Green Bay, Wausau and Minneapolis. Victims are recruited through the internet, social media, school, the mall, or on the street or in parks. It is imperative that we all, and especially parents, have an awareness of this issue, know the signs and what can be done. Our church has been very generous, in its willingness to learn about this issue and in donating funds to assist those who have been affected or are vulnerable to human trafficking. To continue to provide education to our community, SlaveFree Madison is sponsoring the following free events.

I am Jane Doe, a documentary chronicling the legal battle that several American mothers are waging on behalf of their middle-school daughters, who were trafficked for commercial sex on Backpage.com, **Tuesday, 10/17, 6:30 p.m., Central Library/Madison**

Chosen, a documentary of two girls who became victims of trafficking, 18-year old Brianna, a star student and cheerleader, and 13-year old Lacy who enjoyed church and volunteering in her community, **Sunday, 11/19, 2-4 p.m. Waunakee Village Center**. Film will be followed by an open discussion led by Tyler Schueffner of Briarpatch and Joann Gruber-Hagen of SlaveFree Madison.

These films are appropriate for teens, although contain sexual content and would be best viewed and discussed with a parent. For further information, contact Mary Fiore, fior@charter.net.

Adult Sunday School Schedule 2017-2018

Sept. 10-Oct. 29 – Revelation Revisited: The Politics of Faith, led by Rev. Mark Clinger in Room 103.

Nov. 5-19 – Witnessing Whiteness, led by Laurel Finn

Nov. 26 – No Class

Dec. 3-17 – Sabbatical Sharing, led by Rev. Jason Mack

Dec. 17 – Intergenerational Class

Dec. 24 – No Class

Dec. 31 – No Class

Jan. 7-Feb. 11 – Kitchen Talk, led by Jennifer Angelo and Carolyn Cross.

- Class space will be limited to 6.
- Registration will be necessary.
- Class will be held in the kitchen.
- You will need to be able to stand part of the time and help put the meal together while we talk.

April 15-May 20 – Vision of Board of Outreach, led by Wynn Davies

Sunday School Room Assignments

The following grade classifications, room locations, and teachers are as follows for the 2017-2018 Sunday school year.

Nursery (0-2 years)	Room 106	Caregiver(s): Carys Abramson
Primary (3 years - 1 st Grade)	Room 105	Leader: Susan Donahoe
Intermediate (2 nd - 5 th Grade)	Room 104	Leaders: Deb & Paul Chotlos
Middle School (6 th -8 th Grade)	Room 306	Leaders: Julia Voss & Mat Gunshor
High School (9 th -12 th Grade)	Room 306	Leaders: Julia Voss & Mat Gunshor



2 Robert Jacobson

3 Stuart Bischel

4 Jim Thompson

5 Olivia Hebblewhite

5 Leona Moen

7 Julia Brynelson

7 Janet Clinger

7 Angela Thomas

9 John Porco

11 Bill Hausler

14 Scott Hopkins

16 Greg Dean

17 Benito Lara

18 Carolyn Cross

19 Janet Reinke

20 Cheryl Jacobson

20 Martha Mallett

21 David Emmert

21 Marci Henderson

21 Jason Mack

22 Jody Lara

25 Richard Bishop

25 Kim Kaspar

28 Ken Arneson

29 Ted Reinke

31 Sheila Harrsch

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Worship Schedule

11:00 a.m. - Traditional Worship

11:00 a.m. - Contemporary "Common
Table" Worship

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

TIME VALUE: DATED MATERIAL -

MAILED - 10/2/17