



## *The Visitor*

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

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Dear Friends:

The last Sunday in October is known as “Reformation Sunday.” This year is the Reformation’s 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Chris Boveroux and I have been working to mark this occasion on October 29, including elements of Luther’s worship practices within our own worship that day and on occasion throughout the church year.

First, please know our worship services will not be in Latin! One of the great legacies of Martin Luther is that he broke with tradition and began using the language of the people in worship. What we so take for granted, was an extraordinary and controversial innovation. Copies of the Bible in English (not Latin) will also be available in the pews for you to read—another extraordinary move.

We will look to use hymns from that period. Luther, in his effort to make worship accessible to all, was a prolific writer of hymns. Sometimes using the well-known music from taverns, he wrote hymns so people could sing with gusto. While sung in the common tongue, the words of his hymns soared with high theology.

His use of the common vernacular in worship is emblematic of one of Luther’s bedrock principles—the priesthood of all believers. Luther argued the church was not just the clergy but all the people of God. The notion that all believers were priests in the church rocked the power structures of the Church in his day. An immense power struggle ensued.

The core teaching for which Luther is most celebrated, forever guiding protestant faith is the principle of “justification by grace through faith.” At a time when faith was an achievement and a project of self-advancement (including such

practices as purchasing “indulgences” from which the church gained great profit), Luther threw all of that on its head. His breakthrough was rediscovering the Biblical witness that we are already justified by the life, love, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. There is nothing we need to do to win this love. Nothing we can do to lose this love. It is a sheer gift from God. Faith is keeping our trust in all we have freely received.

As legend has it, the Reformation began when Luther nailed his 95 theses of theological disagreement with the Church to the door of the Castle Church of Wittenberg. These theses will be posted in the Gathering Space on Reformation Sunday for your review. All of Luther’s objections were, as was his overall theology, deeply grounded in scripture. The Bible, in the hands of common people, was once more given its rightful prominence.

Placed on trial before a church court, Luther testified, “Unless I am convicted by scripture and plain reason, I do not accept the authority of popes or councils . . . My conscience is captive to the Word of God. I cannot and I will not recant anything, for to go against conscience is neither right or safe. God help me. Amen. Here I stand, I cannot do otherwise.” Such was the stature of the one who launched the Reformation.

The church color for Reformation Sunday is red. Wear red to worship on October 29 to claim the Reformation for yourself.

In peace,

Rev. Mark Clinger



## Worship With Us

### October 22, 2017

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

### October 29, 2017

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(Reformation Sunday),  
Sanctuary, Rev. Mark Clinger  
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*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).*

Phone (608) 233-1880 \* FAX (608) 233-2814

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### **The Visitor Publication Schedule**

November 6, 2017

November 20, 2017

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

Email to: [fbcoffice@firstbaptistmadison.org](mailto:fbcoffice@firstbaptistmadison.org)

## Prayer Concerns

**Church Family:** Ann Nelson & 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; and Linda Stamm's sister, Karen 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

### Vance Nelson

We are all shocked and grief stricken at the death of Vance on Thursday morning, October 11. A memorial service is planned to celebrate his life on Monday, October 23, at 10:30 in the morning at First Baptist. A graveside committal will be observed after a noon luncheon.

### Baptismal Service for Tyler Mack

During Traditional Worship on October 22, Tyler Mack will make his vows of faith and be baptized into the Christian faith and the church of Jesus Christ. It is a time of solemn celebration for him as well as a great privilege for us to share this sacred moment. Please plan on being with us on this Sunday.

### Remembrance Sunday

On Sunday, November 5, the Traditional Worship will include our observance of remembrance. This is the Sunday when we remember those whom we have loved and lost, those whose deaths are answered by life eternal in Jesus Christ. If you would like to participate in this worship, bringing forward a rose while the name(s) of your loved one(s) are read, please fill out the order form attached/below. The deadline for reserving your memorial rose is October 30.

### September Financial Report

During the month, the \$7,719.70 year-to-date budget surplus turned into a \$3,899.45 deficit. Year-to-date expenses are at 72.72 percent of budget, while income is only at 71.77 percent of budget. (We are now 75 percent through the year.) Two items that are over their yearly budget, Continuing Ed - Pastor and Copyright Release Ag, have received refunds in October so that they are no longer over budget.

Although I did transfer money from our ABEC accounts into checking during the month, I did not realize how big the deficit in the budget was going to be. I will be transferring more money out of our ABEC Operating account into our ABEC Designated account very shortly.

The Edvest College Savings Plan funds for Amanda Cadorette have been transferred to her as she has turned 18 and enrolled in college.

Please feel free to ask me any questions you have.

Nancy Moore, FBC Bookkeeper



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

Women from First Baptist and Mount Zion Baptist churches are invited to a tea on Sunday, November 5, from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall at First Baptist Church.

We will be participating in the Baptist World Day of Prayer with Baptist Women around the world. Seven continental Unions – Africa, Asia, Caribbean, European, Latin American, North American and South West Pacific will share the concerns of Baptist women in their countries. The program this year was written by African women.

We look forward to getting better acquainted with our sisters at Mount Zion. Our own Beverly Davison and Peggy Williams from Mount Zion will present the main theme. Women from Mount Zion and First Baptist are invited to sing. Ask Lynette 238-4155 for information about when they will practice in Fellowship Hall if you would like to join.

You are also invited to bring or wear clothing from a different culture. We would have a place to display anything not worn.

Childcare for children 0 to 5 years will be provided. **Please RSVP to Linda Lindley in the church office at [fbcoffice@firstbaptistmadison.org](mailto:fbcoffice@firstbaptistmadison.org), call Linda at 233-1880, or sign up on the sign-up sheet in the Gathering Space by Sunday, October 29** for yourself and your children.

### **Library Volunteer Needed**

FBC is looking for a someone who can spend time working in the church library. This person would be responsible for reviewing the library donations, cataloging, stocking new books and discarding the old. If anyone is interested, contact Linda in the church office at 233-1880



## **Church Women United Kindling New Fires for Peace**

2017 World Community Day  
Friday, November 3

9:00 am Gathering and Coffee/Tea  
9:30 am Welcome and Announcements  
10:00 am Worship Celebration

Covenant Presbyterian Church  
326 Segoe Road, Madison  
Parking Lot entrance on Mineral Point Road

Hosts: The Women of Grace Episcopal Church  
Contact Persons: Francine Hartman, 608-216-4072  
Ruth Hein, 608-347-4724

*Looking ahead: Please bring a written description of the item/items you plan to donate to the December silent auction to the November 3rd Meeting. Thank You!*

## **Reminders**

### **Third Tuesday Lunch, October 17**

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.

## Schuster's Farm Fall Fun, Saturday, October 21

It's that time of year! We're headed to Schuster's Farm for an evening of Fall fun on Saturday, October 21. This is my all-time favorite FBC activity and I can't wait to see everyone there. Please remember, this event is open to all: church, family and friends!

You can arrive anytime, but we'll meet by the big chair (I promise you can't miss it) at 4:00 p.m. to go on a hayride together. A bonfire that will start crackin' at 6:00 p.m. Hotdogs and s'mores will be provided, but please bring a dish to pass! I know it's hard to plan, but please try to let me know what you'll bring so we can avoid an overabundance of chips.

The cost is \$10 for a wristband that covers all activities at the farm (corn mazes, barnyard, hayride and lots more!). Mention you're with the FBC group. If you're in the mood to get spooked, the Haunted Forest is \$20. Flashlight Corn Maze is \$6. Please RSVP to Julia ([julia.mueller06@gmail.com](mailto:julia.mueller06@gmail.com)).

\*\*Don't forget--it is almost always chilly, and rainy, dress appropriately!

\*\*\*I'll bring plates, etc. for the potluck.

Julia Voss, Youth Leader

## 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 in the Gathering Space. 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.

## Chinese Orphans Sale Sunday, October 29

### Before and After Church in Downstairs Landing

We have new items to sell! Our own very talented Lorretta Anderson has offered her beautiful acrylic paintings and some Christmas decorations for us to sell!! You can buy what we have or make special orders with Lorretta. We also have scarves and hats, as well as CDs of our Chinese Orphans Concerts and other handmade items, and even a session with a personal trainer session in your home with a value of \$100.

The children's Sunday School class will also be selling their delicious baked goods to raise the money for the Chinese orphan they have supported for several years. Bring your wallets and checkbooks, come see what we have and help us send our more than 90 impoverished Chinese orphans to school. Your money is changing lives of these precious children and their families.

I will also be giving a presentation at the Common Table service that day about the First Baptist Chinese Orphans Project with some PowerPoint photos of our recent trip to China to visit the children. Come learn more about the Project, and consider sponsoring one of our young children for \$250 a year. I'll have photos and information on all the children who need sponsors. It's life-changing for the child and very rewarding for the sponsor. Contact me if you have questions – [lmintener@aol.com](mailto:lmintener@aol.com).

Linda Mintener





## 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](http://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](mailto:fior@charter.net).



## 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, 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



Turn your clocks back one hour on Saturday, November 5

## 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

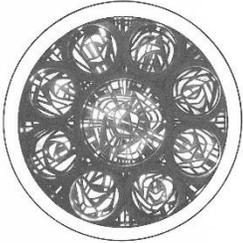
Jan. 7-Feb. 11 – Kitchen Talk, led by Jennifer Angelo and Carolyn Cross.

- 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

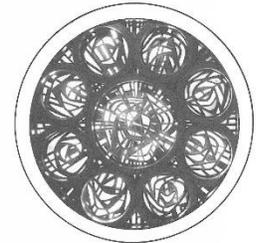


Cut here and return to the church office by Monday, October 30.



### REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

On **November 5**, we will observe Remembrance Sunday during which you will have an opportunity to remember those, so dear to you, whom you have loved and lost. To participate in this act of remembrance, we invite you to list below the names of your loved ones as you wish them to appear in the bulletin. As you arrive that Sunday, you will be given your remembrance rose(s), which we



ask you to pre-order below. The cost of each rose is **\$2 dollars** and payment should be included with this form. During the service, when your loved one's name is read, you will bring your flower forward and place it in the front of the sanctuary. At the end of worship, you are encouraged to take your remembrance rose with you.

**Your name** \_\_\_\_\_

**The names of those you will remember (please print legibly):**

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

**I wish to reserve \_\_\_\_\_ (number) roses.**

**My payment of two dollars (\$2) per rose is included.**

(You do not need to order one rose for each person remembered. You are free to simply order one.)

**Please mail** to First Baptist, 518 North Franklin Ave, Madison, WI 53705 **or place in the basket** outside the Sanctuary.

**The deadline for the office to receive your reservation is Monday, October 30.**



# NOVEMBER

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



1 Jeff Bybee  
1 Jim Lutter

3 Sarah Buhler  
3 Anna Kolden

5 Tim Thompson

7 Judy Rundell

8 Diana Long  
8 Carla Eakins

9 Joy Miller

10 Mary Fiore  
10 Jonah Henderson  
10 Barbara Ingham  
10 Tonya Torosian

13 Una Torosian  
13 Laura Clark-Taylor

14 Deb Chotlos  
14 Grace Ingham

17 Bruce Miller  
17 Barbara Mueller

20 Mark Clinger  
20 Jill Thomas

21 Jean Julian  
21 Ruth Parfrey  
21 Margaret Porco

23 Heather Bybee  
23 Manjari Miller

24 Chuck Philyaw  
24 Jamie Seales

25 Brooke Siddell

26 Stephen Brynelson

28 Craig Torosian

If any additions or deletions need to be made to the birthday lists, please notify Linda in the church office at [fbcoffice@firstbaptistmadison.org](mailto:fbcoffice@firstbaptistmadison.org) or call 233-1880.

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# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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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 -**

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