

The Visitor

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of First Baptist Church, Madison, Wisconsin

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“What’s Coming Up?”

Hi friends,

There’s so much coming up in the next few weeks, I wanted to take time to lay it all out for you.

Sunday, May 27th will be the first of our summer *Blended Worship Service*. All summer long we will be gathering for worship as one church at 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

The style of worship will be a blending of what you would normally experience in the upstairs service along with elements that you might experience in the downstairs service. So, there will be hymns as well as contemporary songs, prayers as well as some discussions, as well as other items that we will bring from both services.

And remember, we don’t expect everyone to find meaning in everything we do, but our goal is to create a worship experience that is as meaningful as possible for as many of us as possible.

Monday, May 28th, at 8:30 a.m. remember the **Memorial Day FBC Picnic Breakfast** at Hoyt Park’s Upper Shelter. Bring your own breakfast--something already cooked at home or from a restaurant will do.

There will be time for fellowship, games, and talking. Handicapped parking is available behind the shelter.

Sunday, June 3rd is a VERY full service!

We will be saying farewell and congratulations to our four high school graduates! Hyunji Haynes, Rachael Hebblewhite, Charlotte Kersten and Moira Kersten are all graduating from high school this year. We will be saying a blessing over them and wishing them well.

We will be saying thank you to all the teachers who worked so hard over this last year to bring wonderful educational experiences to us all.

In addition, we will be saying a special thank you to our Children’s Music Director, Beth Gunshor, who is stepping down from her position. Happily, we don’t have to say farewell to Beth as she and her family are not going anywhere. We do want to say thank you for her over two decades of service to our church’s children.

All of this will be followed up with a special church “picnic” in Fellowship Hall. The Deacons and the BOE are working together to provide hot sandwiches, drinks and desert for us all. **You are invited to bring a side dish to share.** In addition, we will have games and meaningful fellowship time.

Sunday, June 10th, the **Mid-Year Annual Report** will be available to the congregation in the Gathering Space. Remember to pick up your copy.

...and lastly, mark your calendar;

Sunday, June 17th, our **Mid-Year Annual Congregational Meeting** will take place after the worship service.

It is a busy and important time in the life of the church. I look forward to and hope to see you at these events. **All are welcome!**

Sincerely,

Pastor Jason



On Vacation

Pastor Mark will be on vacation May 29th through May 31st. However, he will be in Shared Worship on May 27th and on June 3rd.



Worshipping Together!

“... to create a worship experience that is as meaningful as possible for as many of us as possible.”



Prayer Concerns

Church Family: Virginia Henderson; Jim Siddell, Carl's father; James Evans; Brenna Kersten's friend; Katy Marty; Atlee Wilson; Lance Dockter; Jeff & Jeanette Kersten & family, and Jeanette's father; Ruth L. Parfrey; Paul Husting's friend, David Baer; Sheila Donald; Linda Stamm's sister, Karen Coleman; Linda Lindley; the family of Donald Anderson; Susan Donahoe's father, Rev. John Davey; Rhiannon Tibbetts' friend; and the family of Russell Novkov.

Deployed to Afghanistan: Art Hebblewhite

Our Shut-ins: Mercile Lee; Connie Smith; Pat Young; Phyllis Reisdorf; Linda Olson; and Joyce Tardrew

Expecting Parents: Julia Mueller and Garrett Voss are expecting their first child on November 3.

Births: We welcome Beckett Andrew Borchardt, born to Andy & Nikki Borchardt on April 22.

Baptismal Candidates: Beni Lara, Robbie Gunshor

Others: Those whose names and needs are unspoken.



Getting to Know Us

Hello, FBC,

The Deacons are interested in starting a new feature in *The Visitor* called "Getting to Know Us". We would like to profile a randomly-selected First Baptist member/attendee about once a month starting this summer.

We are hoping to build greater camaraderie, familiarity and community spirit into the life of our congregation. When you are selected, we will offer you some guideline questions for you to consider, to assist with writing your feature. We will, also, ask for you to submit a recent picture of yourself to add to your short bio. If you prefer and if you already have a photo in our First Baptist directory, that may be used instead.

Participation is, of course, optional; but who can really pass up this fifteen minutes of fame? The selection process will be through a completely randomized method; and either Mary or I could assist you in writing your profile. We are looking forward to "Getting to Know Us".

For the Deacons,

Rhiannon Tibbetts and Mary Fiore

Fresh News

May 2018 Attendance Numbers

Date	Traditional Worship	Common Table Worship
5/6/18	88	Shared Service
5/13/18	52	26
5/20/18	84	Shared Service



Talent Show FBC's Talent Show Update

FBC's friends and families showed off their talents with music, acting, comedy, and dance performances. Performances also included karate demonstrations, crafts, and jokes. Overall, a fun evening filled with laughter, entertainment, food, and a true sense of community sharing. *"The best one yet!" Pastor Mark Clinger*

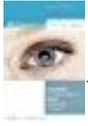


Help Fill the Lunch Gap!

Each spring the kids of the Allied Drive Neighborhood experience a week long "lunch gap" when the schools have discontinued their noon lunch program and the Boys and Girls Club located in the Allied Neighborhood has not begun their summer noon meal program.

Allied Partner congregations have stepped into this "gap", and this year, **First Baptist Church will be preparing lunch for an estimated 45 kids on Friday, June 15.** We will be assembling the meals in First Baptist's kitchen at 10:00 a.m. that morning. If you would like to help prepare and/or help distribute these lunches, **contact Wynn Davies (Board of Outreach) by email at lorwyn@sbcglobal.net or phone at (608) 238 1817.**

**Book Workshop Series
Facilitated by
Laurel Finn and Mary Birmingham**



Witnessing Whiteness: The Need to Talk About Race and How to Do It, by Shelly Tochluk, <http://witnessingwhiteness.com>

**June 12th and 19th, July 10th, 24th, and 31st
12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Wright Middle School
1717 Fish Hatchery Rd., Madison, WI**

These 5 workshops, sequential series is designed for white people to forward anti-racism work. We connect the book with dialog and experiential activities, by exploring the white experience.

Between each session you will be asked to read 2 chapters of the book. Keeping up on the reading is imperative to the learning during the workshops. Please consider this as you consider your ability to commit to this course. **Each session builds on the previous, so attending all sessions is ideal.** However, we know life is busy. The maximum number of absences is 1. The first and last workshops are required.

Goals of the Series

- Build a community with a shared understanding of privilege, whiteness, and racism
- Increase your ability to begin, support, and progress racial justice work
- Develop leadership capacity around issues of diversity, inclusion, and race

The series is free and is limited to 30 participants. **To register, please email Laurel at lafinn@wisc.edu by June 5th.**



Meals on Wheels no Longer Served on Weekends -- But you can still help!

The Board of Outreach has learned that Meals on Wheels will no longer be delivered on weekends due to a lack of money and volunteers. For many years, your Board of Outreach has recruited volunteers to deliver weekend routes in the months of June and December.

Those of you who have volunteered can tell stories about the many times when you were

welcomed as the only person with whom shut-ins had contact that day. Stories of how those interactions touched your hearts as your caring service touched theirs.

While this is sad news there is still good news! **You can continue to be that caring presence bringing a nutritious meal to shut ins in our community.** Both noon meals and evening meals will continue to be delivered on weekdays by two organizations that would appreciate your help.

Please call them and let them know that you can help!

To volunteer to deliver weekday evening meals call Independent Living at (608) 204-0923.

To volunteer to deliver weekday noon meals call Home Health United at (608) 276-7598.



AND the American Baptist Women of Wisconsin

The Milwaukee Christian Center (MCC) is the Overland or Home Mission project assigned to American Baptist Women of Wisconsin by the National ABW. Each year we are asked to donate items that are needed by MCC for their youth,



children, seniors, and neighborhood improvement programs. On May 12, Lynette Miller and Sally Dockter visited MCC. Sally helped put food on the shelves in MCC's food

pantry. Lynette helped fill Mother's Day gift cups and prepared birthday gifts with household items donated by members of First Baptist.



They also visited a YouthBuild house. YouthBuild provides young adults ages 18-25 with education and hands-on construction training. Members pursue their GED,

receive hard and soft skills training, earn an hourly stipend and qualify for post-secondary education grants while giving back to their community. **An information packet about MCC is on the Gathering Space kiosk.**

Reminders



An Invitation to American Baptist Women's Ministry at Camp Tamarack

You are invited to help celebrate 140 years of American Baptist Women's Ministry in Wisconsin at Camp Tamarack the weekend of June 1-3. For more information contact Lynette Miller 238-4155.

Youth Camps at Camp Tamarack.

The 2018 schedule for church camp (Camp Tamarack) is now out and a copy of the schedule can be found on the bulletin board at the kiosk in the Gathering Space. There are camping opportunities for first and second graders (a shorter schedule), middle schoolers (3rd and 4th), juniors (5th and 6th) Junior High (7th and 8th) and Senior High students. There is also a family or grandparents camp from July 1 to the 4.

The Board of Education has approved a scholarship of \$200 per camper for this year's summer Youth Camps at Camp Tamarack. Contact Nancy Moore in the church office to coordinate funds. Contact Pastor Jason with any other questions.

Gardeners are STILL Needed to Maintain First Baptist Beautiful



We are still looking for 3-5 people who wouldn't mind taking responsibility for growing plants and tending a section of the gardens at church. All front flower beds and areas have been planted and weeded with a few exceptions here and there. Gene Dewey will be available to supply information on what has been planted successfully in the past and **what care is needed throughout the season**. You can garden whenever the task fits into your schedule, consulting with Gene and others who chose to join the team. Please contact the church office to help with one or more of the following areas:

- Front yard by the big church sign (has gardener thank you)
- Along the front sidewalk (needs a gardener)
- Beds in front outside the choir room windows (needs gardener)

- Beds near the old front entrance (needs a gardener)

Peace Camp 2018



July 31 - August 3, Tuesday – Friday, 9:30 am. – 11:30 a.m.

This is an opportunity for kids from age 3 up to 5th grade to think about the ways in which the Biblical story encourages us to be people of peace. Together, we explore the power we have to be people of peace in our world. There is no charge, but do welcome food pantry donations. FBC would love to see your children, grandchildren, friends, neighbors, and anyone else who might be interested in attending this year. Call or email FBC's office for registration information at 608-233-1880 or at fbcoffice@firstbaptistmadison.com



BIRTHDAYS

June

2 Lisa Ashwill
2 Gil Emmert
5 Jennifer Angelo
5 Matthew Chotlos
6 James T. Evans
8 Laura Sweet
10 John Darling
11 Julia Voss
11 Brenda Moen
13 Sean Blythe
20 Gerald Eggleston
21 Ava Kersten
23 Billy Holland Jr.
24 Karen Fennema
25 Les Ferge
28 Susan Hausler
28 Barry Kita
28 Sylvia Lowell
29 Edith Davison
30 Vern Lowell

July

1 Amy Bischel
1 William Vlasak
3 Gloria Hawkins
6 Susan Donahoe
6 Flora Csontos
7 Tanya Mack
9 Catherine Haynes
19 Joni Mitchell
11 Emmi Lara
14 Linda Olson
16 Tom Kersten
17 Erica Kersten
19 Gene Dewey
19 Carol Thompson
20 Carsen Cadorette
20 Ruth Evans
22 Martha Fuguitt
22 Jane Evans
23 Mat Gunshor
23 Marilyn Martens
25 Megumi (Meg) Kita
25 Pat Young
26 Gladys Carlson
26 Rebecca Hebblewhite
28 Barb Sorenson
29 Diane Adams

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