

The Visitor

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

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Things to Be Proud Of

“*This is why I go to this church,*” was the response one member had hearing Jill Thomas describe our trip to Washington, DC for the **Rally to End Racism**. What I heard in that comment was a reaffirmation that together we can accomplish more than we can on our own; and that we have a lot to be proud of as a church. So, that got me thinking, what are some other things that I am proud of in being part of First Baptist Church?

There’s a lot, actually. Here are just a few:

- I am proud that we are a diverse congregation that acknowledges the realities of racism and white privilege and works to educate ourselves on these matters so that we can fight to end them.
- I am proud that we are part of the Madison Sanctuary Coalition; and that we are working to be ready to provide sanctuary to anyone who is at risk of experiencing the cruelty of deportation.
- I am proud that First Baptist was one of the first ABC churches to be **Open and Affirming** and that we continue to make that a central part of our mission and ministry.
- I am proud that we have experimented with our Sunday morning worship. Experimented with styles, times and locations in an attempt to be inclusive of all. And I am proud that we are still experimenting. It is the experimenting church that will lead the way in the 21st century.
- I am proud that we are a lay-lead church with power resting in committees and at congregational meetings. And, I am proud of

our current lay leadership and the difficult work they are undertaking.

- I am proud of our staff. That we support our staff. That we have longevity in our staff. That we have diversity in our staff. That our staff is passionate, skilled and up to the challenge of leading this church.

So yes, there is a lot to be proud of here at First Baptist, and I hope you feel that way too. We are far from perfect, of course, and there is much work to be done; but, I believe that we are ready to go wherever God leads us.

Sincerely,
Pastor Jason



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Attendance Numbers

July 2018

Date	Summer Worship	Traditional Worship	Common Table Worship
7/1/18	49	---	---
7/8/18	69	---	---
7/15/18	52	---	---
7/22/18	65	---	---

What's Happening

An update on things of interest to the FBC family and friends:

Peace Camp 2018 - ALL are Welcome

July 31 - August 3, 2018 - Tuesday – Friday, 9:30 am. – 11:30 a.m.

FBC would love to see your children, grandchildren, friends, neighbors, and anyone else who might be interested in attending Peace Camp this year. Call or email FBC's office for registration information. Registrations are available on the kiosk in the Gathering Space. You can also register on the first day of camp.

Host Family Needed

A German High School student named Vincent has received approval and financing to spend a year at West High School here in Madison. While housing arrangements are in place for Vincent to spend the second semester, there is still a need to find him housing for the first semester. Time is running out for him to obtain the visa necessary for him to come to Madison!

If you would like to learn more, please contact Wynn Davies, (608) 238-1817, or Cynthia Kuenzi (608) 239-3933.

Fresh News



Thank You From our Youth Leader

Thank you for providing your paper tubes for the Youth Mission Trip as well as much needed supplies.

We look forward to serving the children in Milwaukee on behalf of First Baptist this summer. Although we don't know what our exact mission will be, the youth participating are: Charlotte Kersten, Ava Kersten, Rachael Hebblewhite, Olivia Hebblewhite and Ethan Mack. Your support and prayers are also very much appreciated as we prepare for this journey. Julia Mueller Voss, Youth Leader, julia.mueller06@gmail.com.

Did You Know?

“The One Great Hour of Sharing began sixty-nine years ago in response to the devastation of World War II. In March 1949, a national broadcast on a Saturday evening asked Americans to give generously the next morning in their churches.



A remarkable assembly of national leaders and celebrities gave their efforts to the broadcast, and more than 75,000 churches responded the next day.

Today, One Great Hour of Sharing serves people in over 80 countries around the world. Sponsored by eight Christian U.S. denominations and Church World Service, One Great Hour of sharing makes sure that we can respond to needs as soon as they happen and that tens of thousands of people receive support.” *

The support for relief, rehabilitation and development is ongoing and the administration and promotion costs are at 5% because the funds go through church personnel who are already at work in those countries.

First Baptist Board of Christian Outreach has set July 15 through August 5 as the time to promote One Great Hour of Sharing. Offering envelopes have been mailed and there are envelopes in the pews and on the kiosk by the Gathering Space. **Together we are able to “accomplish abundantly more than we can ask or imagine” (Eph 3:20)** to: 1. bring fast emergency relief, 2. support development projects meeting chronic human need, 3. minister to refugees and immigrants. Lynette Miller, Board of Christian Outreach

*from ABC OGHS Planning and Resource Guide

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; Susan Donahoe's father, Rev. John Davey; Rhiannon Tibbetts

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.

Others: Those whose names and needs are unspoken.

Reminders



Peace Camp 2018 Starts Soon – ALL are Welcome Register Now

July 31 - August 3, 2018

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 must have to be people of peace in our world. **There is no charge**, but we do welcome food pantry donations.

Call or email FBC's office for registration information at (608) 233-1880 or email us fbcoffice@firstbaptistmadison.org. Registrations are available on the kiosk in the Gathering Space. You can also register on the first day.

FBC is Helping Fill the Lunch Gap!

The Allied Drive Neighborhood experiences "lunch gaps" as the schools discontinued their noon lunch program; and the Boys and Girls Club began their summer noon meal program.

Allied Partner congregations stepped in to fill the "gaps"; on August 30, FBC gets to do it again. 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.**

Many hands help feed many kids.

Meals on Wheels—You can still help!

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 by two organizations that would appreciate your help.

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

- To volunteer to deliver evening meals call Independent Living at (608) 204-0923.
- To volunteer to deliver noon meals call Home Health United at (608) 276-7598.

Birthdays

July

August

1 Amy Bischel	2 Paul Brynelson
1 William Vlasak	3 Art Hebblewhite
3 Gloria Hawkins	6 Blanca James
6 Susan Donahoe	8 Bea Dewey
6 Flora Csontos	10 William Hurst
7 Tanya Mack	12 Thomas Gunshor
9 Catherine Haynes	15 Luis Castillo
10 Joni Mitchell	16 Raymond Moen
11 Emmi Lara	17 Carol Ferge
14 Linda Olson	17 Rachel Hebblewhite
16 Tom Kersten	18 Gwen Abramson
17 Erica Kersten	22 Phil Daub
19 Gene Dewey	22 Nancy Emmert
19 Carol Thompson	22 Tara Drozdenko
20 Carsen Cadorette	25 Chad Vlasak
20 Ruth Evans	27 Adan Lara
22 Martha Fuguitt	27 Byron Parfrey
22 Jane Evans	28 Maddie Frazier
23 Mat Gunshor	31 Carys Abramson
23 Marilyn Martens	
25 Megumi (Meg) Kita	
25 Pat Young	
26 Gladys Carlson	
26 Rebecca Hebblewhite	
28 Barb Sorenson	
29 Diane Adams	



FBC's Blended Worship Schedule

**A blending of worshipping styles to create
meaningful experiences!**

Through Sunday, September 2, 2018

11:00 a.m. - Blended Worship Service
Pastor Mark or Pastor Jason

12:00 Noon - Light Lunch served on 8/5



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