

The Visitor

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

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Greetings from your moderator,

As I look back over the last three months since Pastor Mark announced his upcoming retirement, I must admit I've been a bit surprised. The complexity of our congregation is deeper than I realized. What I had most expected was to be dealing with some separation anxiety and grieving issues associated with saying goodbye to Mark, and a sense of excitement regarding exploring our future. I sense now that I missed on that expectation of excitement over the new adventure that awaits us and instead have a feeling that there is some "circling of the wagons".

In so many ways I find us grasping firmly to the way we were and not reaching out for the way we can be. God talks to us from the past, but He also calls us to the future. As we age, our bodies begin to fail and we ultimately know we will die, but the body of Christ should not. As God communicates to our community through us, we must ask ourselves, am I listening to Him, open to His word, being a helpmate and part of the solution?

Part of moving forward is to never forget the traditions of the past, to celebrate their importance in our lives and treasure them. However, just as those traditions evolved, that evolution never stops. We must agree to allow that process to continue, knowing that we must all be willing to compromise when that is necessary.

As your moderator, I am praying that together we can strengthen our community and present it as fertile ground for a transitional pastor to begin cultivating. Please join me in the excitement.

In peace,

Bill Fiore, Moderator

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Attendance Numbers

July & August 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 | --- | --- |
| 7/29/18 | 72 | --- | --- |
| 8/06/18 | 52 | --- | --- |
| 8/21/18 | 76 | --- | --- |



FBC's Shared Worship Continues at 11:00

Your Church Council, after reflections by the Deacons as well as our worship leaders, and based in no small way upon the informal feedback received, have decided to continue our summer practice of shared worship into the fall. The council will also be seeking your input and feedback so we can determine if this will be a continual path. Such feedback will also aid us in the formation of our worship experience.



What's Happening

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

From the Pulpit – Instant Sermon

The **August 26th worship** will include “Instant Sermon”. Upon your arrival in the sanctuary you will be given a card. On this card, you are invited to write down an issue/challenge/question/etc. about Christian faith, which you would like to hear addressed. The cards will then be gathered; and Mark will speak to these issues from the pulpit.

Music at First Baptist Church

Our Sunday morning worship has been blessed for the past three years by the talents of Mark Wurzelbacher, pianist, organist, composer, singer (at times), and amazing guitar player who substituted for Matt on one occasion! Mark's last Sunday was August 19, 2018 – a time of celebration of his gifts and wishing him well as he pursues time for more composing, musical theatre, and teaching. The Personnel Committee and Board of Trustees have made an agreement with Mark that he may continue teaching piano lessons at First Baptist Church, and he will return to play for special occasions, so you will see him around.

We have been doubly blessed to have **Chris Boveroux** as Music Director for the same 3-year period, and we are glad to announce that – after receiving his DMA from UW-Madison - Dr. Boveroux will remain in Madison for at least the coming year. Chris has a part-time position at University of Wisconsin-Fox Valley (near Appleton) and will be interviewing for full-time choral conducting/teaching positions around the nation, as they become available. We are grateful that the guiding hand with all music for worship at FBC will continue to be Chris Boveroux. The Personnel Committee advertised widely for about two months and learned that organists and church musicians in general are in very short supply in the Madison area. There are currently four major churches looking for organists! Fortunately, new graduate students come to Madison every August, and we have been able to find a new accompanist: **Ji-Hyun (Jenny) Yim**. Jenny is a native of Pusan, Korea and has lived in the United States since she was a child. She developed a love and passion for music at a young age, and began

her journey as a classical pianist. She received a Bachelor's degree from University of Colorado in Boulder and then a Bachelor's degree from Indiana University – both degrees in piano performance. But along the way, she shifted focus to conducting after working with an orchestral conductor while performing on the piano. Jenny recently received a Master's degree from the University of North Texas (UNT) in orchestral conducting. She has been the conductor of the Abilene Philharmonic Orchestra and Dallas Asian American Youth Orchestra, and assistant conductor of the UNT Symphony Orchestra.

Jenny also has years of experience in church music. She was Music Director of the Korean Central Baptist Church of Irving, TX and the Los Angeles Omnuri Church, founding an orchestra at that church. She is now pursuing a DMA and has a Teaching Fellowship at UW-Madison in orchestral conducting. Jenny plays several instruments (flute, harpsichord, and several reed instruments) and will be moving into organ playing at FBC under the tutelage of Mark Wurzelbacher who - in exchange for space to teach piano students here – will offer organ studies to Ms. Yim. (The organ will continue to be played regularly!)

As we move into the fall of 2018 with Jenny Yim as our new accompanist for Sunday services, worship music will be coordinated by Christ Boveroux, who will direct the adult choir, **Ann Nelson** will continue to direct the hand bell choir, contemporary guitar and mandolin playing will continue to be by **Matt DeBlass and Kelsey Miles**. Look for all the diversity in Christian music that these musicians will bring, and take every chance you can to participate! Join a choir, appreciate the talents we have and the excellent instruments at FBC, and come each Sunday with a new reverence for God's gift of music!

More Than We Can Imagine

Spiritual  *Renewal*

Spiritual Renewal

The Spiritual Renewal group, which meets on the first and third Monday of each month, **will resume on September 17**, Gathering Space. We will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will be reading Thomas Berry: Selected Writings on the Earth Community. Selections by Mary Evelyn Tucker.

Nursery Staff Roster

Three young people will staff the FBC Nursery for children ages 0-4 starting in September. **Haley Schoenfelder** is returning after being gone this summer; **Jamie Wheelock**, an incoming Freshman at UW-Madison from Milwaukee who has worked in church nurseries, has been interviewed and hired to be the second staff person in our Nursery; **Ava Kersten** remains as a regular substitute. Parents of infants and toddlers can worship in the Sanctuary this fall while their young children are well cared for by this team. Staff will be available from 9:15 am – 12:15 pm starting after Labor Day every Sunday in our well-equipped Nursery and remain until children are picked up by their parents.

Marriage

We pray God's blessing upon **Ashley Gale and Zyron Pearson** who were united in Christian marriage on Sunday, August 19th. Ashley is Carla Eakin's grand-daughter and Jodi Lara's niece. Emmi Lara was an attendant.

New Volunteering Opportunities for Family Housing Ministries

The last FBC *The Visitor* explained that we have new opportunities to help The Road Home of Dane County serve families in need of affordable and stable housing.

You can now view the volunteer needs for September (the month our "Blue Team" has been assigned) and sign-up using SignUp Genius. Please put your mouse pointer on "Sign Up" below and press <CTRL><Click> to see the list of volunteer needs. You can also cut and paste (or press <CTRL><click> the following URL into your browser:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0E44ADA72CA5F85-2018/70386697>

SignUp Genius shows you a calendar with the volunteer needs. If you click on the calendar entries, you will see more detailed descriptions of what is needed and you will see the number of volunteers that are needed. If you volunteer, you will be working with others. You will also be able to click on a button to volunteer.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Alane at The Road Home by emailing her at Volunteer Manager <vol_mgr@trhome.org>.

Getting to Know Us

Hello, my name is **JungJa Haynes Lee**. You have most known me through the choir and the bell choir. The things I like about FBC are the fellowship via the music program and eating meals together. I came to FBC a long time ago via my husband, Doug Haynes, who is a lifetime member. Lydia and Palmer are his parents.

The most essential people in my life are my immediate family, Doug and Hyunji, my family in Korea, my in-laws, and friends both in Madison and other parts of the USA and in Korea. They have shaped who I am today.

I have lots of favorite stories and verses from the Bible. So, it is hard to say which is my favorite. It varies from one day to the other. Saying that, I like Matthew's "Consider the lilies of the valley. All the glories of Solomon are not as precious as the little flower in the field." The verse makes me less anxious of who I am and what I do, and accept things as they are. The people whom I admire most in the Bible are Abram and Sara, Rebecca, Tamar, Esther, Mary Magdalene, Mary, the mother of Jesus... Tabitha/Dorcas because they all followed their calls faithfully.

My heroes from history are Martin Luther King, Junior, Kwansoon Yoo, my mom and dad, in-laws, siblings. They are heroes to me because they make most of their lives, walk their ways despite many shortcomings.

My hobbies are watching Korean dramas, TV shows and movies, which Hyunji and Doug like. I get great pleasure out of ordinary work done leisurely such as doing house work, gardening, cooking. I enjoy biking, walking around Monona Bay, singing and yoga. Anything which facilitates me to breathe and move, gives me joy.

Adjectives which describes myself are perceptive, mindful, aware, kinetic and musical. My daughter at times calls me nagging.



"Getting to Know Us" profiles randomly-selected First Baptist member/attendee about once a month. Whether you are a long-term member or a newbie, this is the first in a series of randomly selected names from our membership, providing an opportunity for us all to get to know one another just a bit better. We come from all walks of life, have different experiences and talents, we may attend Sunday services upstairs or downstairs, but what we have in common is, WE are First Baptist Church. Let us celebrate this community together! its vision.

Connie Smith

We celebrated Connie's life and entrusted her to God's care on Wednesday August 15th. Please reach out to Hall while keeping him and their children, Eve and Eric, in your prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Save the Date Summit by the Sea

2019 The American Baptist Mission Summit (formerly call the Biennial) Sponsored by ABC-USA

The American Baptist Churches USA 2019 Mission Summit will be held June 21-23, 2019, at the Virginia Beach Convention Center in Virginia Beach, Va.

- The American Baptist Mission Summit returns to the East Coast for the first time since 2007!
- Experience the all-new ABCUSA Biennial Academy – offering continuing education and spiritual growth opportunities for both clergy and lay leaders.
- Not only is this a family event with sessions for all ages from day care through high school, but Virginia Beach is one of the top "family friendly" destinations in the US.
- The Virginia Beach Convention Center and the Mission Summit hotels are all within a mile of the beach and cover a wide range of affordability. Special discounts are available for post-biennial activities and attractions!

Exciting VBS-style classes will be offered for elementary, middle, and high school ages. Day care will also be available. For more information go to <http://www.abc-usa.org/2018/04/16/save-the-date-for-a-summit-by-the-sea-at-the-2019-biennial-mission-summit/>



Witnessing Whiteness: The Need to Talk About Race and How to Do It

By Shelly Tochluk
(<http://witnessingwhiteness.com/>)

Book Workshop Series Facilitated by Laurel Finn and Laurie O'Donnell

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

| <u>Dates</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Location</u> |
|--|-------------|---|
| Mondays 9/10, 9/17, 9/24, 10/1, 10/8, 10/15, 10/22, 10/29 11/5, 11/12 | 6:00-8:15pm | Dane County UW-Extension 5201 Fen Oak Drive Madison, WI |

Attendance: To really understand and ultimately address how whiteness affects racism, a strong commitment to attendance is required. Sessions 1 and 10 are mandatory. We ask that any absences are pre-planned; maximum number of absences is 2. At Session 1, we will ask you to let us know the dates you plan to miss (if any).

The series is free and is limited to 25 participants. To register, please email Laurel at lafinn@wisc.edu by August 31st.

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



What Is Justice?

As previously featured in the July 9th *The Visitor*, Ruth Mooney, is an American Baptist missionary to Latin America. One of her students, Julio Chacon, explored the theme of justice for his graduation thesis. He used Deuteronomy 15:1-18 as his text. Debts should be forgiven and slaves set free. Psalm 72 is a prayer for the king to judge with God's righteousness so that the king will rule over the people with justice. A copy of Ruth's summary of Julio's thesis is on the Mission Section of the kiosk in the Gathering Space. Lynette Miller, Board of Outreach and Women's Circle



**ABC of WI -Annual
Gathering – Friday & Saturday
October 12 - 13, 2018** at Pilgrim Rest

Missionary Baptist Church. Rev. Martin Childs, Jr., DMin, Senior Pastor, 3456 N. 38th Street, Milwaukee, WI. This year's gathering is under the theme of "Two by Two . . ." Luke 10:1-2. Among the leaders will be The Rev. Dr. Lee Spritzer, General Secretary of the American Baptist Churches, USA; past president Non Ng; and Wisconsin's own Trinetta McCray. For further details go to www.abcofwi.org.



Music on the Lawn

Westminster Presbyterian invites ALL to attend "Music on the Lawn", a benefit for Madison Area Jail Ministry. **Saturday September 29th from 4-6 pm.** Enjoy a jazz performance by *Chance Allies* and dinner from *Let's Eat Out* food carts and *Just Bakery*. Plus, learn about the important work of the Jail Ministry! The event will be held **Rain or Shine.**



**Sunday School Begins
September 9th!**

Sunday School for all ages will begin at 9:30 on Sunday September 9th. Look for the September 3rd Visitor for more details.



Meals on Wheels

You can continue to be that caring presence bringing a nutritious meal to shut ins in our community. 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.**



Reminders



FBC is Helping Fill the Lunch

Gap! The Allied Drive Neighborhood experiences "lunch gaps" as the schools discontinued their noon lunch program. Allied Partner congregations have 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.



Rehearsal Begins

The Handbell Choir will begin rehearsal on **August 30th at 6:30 p.m., Room 303. Please come!**

Prayer Concerns

Church Family: James Evans; Katy Marty; Atlee Wilson; Lance Dockter; Jeff & Jeanette Kersten & family, and Jeanette's father; Paul Husting's friend, David Baer; Sheila Donald; Linda Stamm's sister, Karen Coleman; Susan Donahoe's father, Rev. John Davey; Rhiannon Tibbetts and family; Hall Smith & family; the Tardrew family

Our Shut-Ins: Virginia Henderson; Mercile Lee; Pat Young; Phyllis Reisdorf; Linda Olson; Ruth Parfrey; Martha Fuguitt

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

Others: Those whose names and needs are unspoken.

Birthdays

August

September

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| 2 Paul Brynelson | 5 Alan Ferguson |
| 3 Art Hebblewhite | 6 Christopher Evans |
| 6 Blanca James | 7 Nikki Borchardt |
| 8 Bea Dewey | 7 Cristy Carter |
| 10 William Hurst | 8 Palmer Haynes |
| 12 Thomas Gunshor | 8 Ann Miller |
| 15 Luis Castillo | 8 Pihra Pizzingrilli |
| 16 Raymond Moen | 9 Cheryl Castillo |
| 17 Carol Ferge | 9 Jeff Kersten |
| 17 Rachel Hebblewhite | 14 Judy Craig |
| 18 Gwen Abramson | 14 Tyler Mack |
| 22 Phil Daub | 16 Claire Rider |
| 22 Nancy Emmert | 24 Jeanette Kersten |
| 22 Tara Drozdenko | 25 Bob Martens |
| 25 Chad Vlasak | 25 Rhiannon Tibbetts |
| 27 Adan Lara | 27 Moira Kersten |
| 27 Byron Parfrey | 29 Ginger Henderson |
| 28 Maddie Frazier | 29 Linda Mintener |
| 31 Carys Abramson | 30 Sara Strain |