



The Visitor

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

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Make Music Madison

Thank You! Make Music Madison Day at First Baptist Church



The annual “Make Music Madison” day was **Tuesday, June 21**. First Baptist Church was one of over 100 sites in Madison where musicians performed that day all over town.

Despite exhausting temperatures, with wind blowing the music around even when secured with clothes pegs and skillful rescue by nearby helpers(!), and the need for continuous moving of chairs out of the sun, the FBC venue on “Franklin Lawn for Make Music Madison Day” was a success!



Each of the sets done by our own FBC musicians was "excellent" to "superior-compared-to-anything-you-could-hear-in-Madison" - and the

audience let performers know how much they were appreciated, using enthusiastic applause.



Thank you to each of the musician volunteers for such cooperative spirits, energy, musicianship, and creativity. Ted Reinke showed his great versatility on the keyboard (with Janet Reinke as his alert page watcher). Diane Adams and Ted did



piano duets, Karen Fennema skillfully performed on her clarinet, a small bell choir played beautifully, and Beth Gunshor (with son Robbie on drums) played piano jazz – and then led a



FROM FBC'S BOOKKEEPER

Below is a summary of the June financial reports. Halfway through the year, the various budget categories should be at about 50%. Budgeted income is at 63.14% (pledged income is at 62.02%), and budgeted expenses are at 49.70%. The current year-to-date budget surplus is \$42,278.63.

In June, 3, budget categories exceeded their annual budgets--HVAC Maintenance, now at 203.57% of annual, Computer Systems, now at 131.13% of annual, and Fuel, now at 102.79% of annual, and the last two will definitely continue to incur monthly charges. Electric and Water are both over 60% of annual and will continue to incur monthly charges.

In the investment accounts, both the Endowment and Communion (Gibson Communion Memorial) accounts are worth less than the principal amount.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. Also, please let me know if anyone wants to be added to (or removed from) my distribution list.

– Nancy Moore

SPECIAL NOTICE – PARKING LOT

FBC Asphalt Sealing & Striping 2022 July 18 – July 22

The week of July 18 through July 22 has been reserved for asphalt sealing and striping FBC's parking lot.

There is the possibility that the work can be concluded within the first three days. However, heat and the weather may affect the ability to do the work within that time. These are water soluble products and cannot end up in the storm sewer. The hotter the faster it dries but becomes more difficult to apply and obviously dangerous to work in.

Please park on the side streets until the job is done. There is a 2-hour parking restriction in some streets.

Thank you.

group in "bell changing" – which definitely sparked the imaginations of the audience. A special thanks to Bill Hausler who thoughtfully provided a cooler with water bottles, while also serving as MC and bell changing guy(!), and to Kelsey Miles, who not only demonstrated her prowess with sound systems, but also filled one of the "breaks" by singing some of her own music! And thanks to Pastor Tim for support/suggestions and some "heavy lifting" - putting up signs and finding just the right bell tables and/or com cables when needed, while other volunteers did the set up and take down! Thank you!

You each know what you did to make this event a positive experience - for 30+ members of our own congregation who came, and the 9 or so unknown individuals who walked up and/or came from the



neighborhood or elsewhere (I may have missed a few). Thanks for participating. Many others wanted to perform but had scheduling or illness issues. The tip bucket received \$70, which will be used as part of the Board of Outreach efforts to contribute to racial justice efforts in the community.

I am grateful that we could "staff" a 3-hour slot on this important day in the community. Now, to the beginning of a Madison summer

– Diane Adams

INTERFAITH PRIDE SERVICE

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18, 2022
AT 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, MADISON

This service centers Queer voices and celebrates the LGBTQIA+ community and our allies.



Gather with us for an interfaith event to celebrate and support the LGBTQIA+ community.

FOOD TRUCK & VENDORS @ 5:00PM

Featuring the Holy COW (Church on Wheels) Food Truck and Queer-affirming community organizations on the front lawn.

HOSTED BY:

- First Baptist Church of Madison

PARTICIPATING FAITH COMMUNITIES:

- Advent Lutheran Church of Madison Christian Community
- Bethany United Methodist Church
- Christ Presbyterian Church
- Circle Sanctuary
- Community of Hope UCC of Madison Christian Community
- First Unitarian Society of Madison

- Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
- Holy Wisdom Monastery
- Jewish Social Services of Madison
- Memorial United Church of Christ
- Middleton Community Church UCC
- St. John's Lutheran Church
- St. Mark's Lutheran Church
- Temple Beth El

COMMUNITY PARTNERS:

- Briarpatch Youth Services
- JustDane
- League of Women Voters of Dane County
- Madison Area Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming Association (MATA)
- Outreach LGBTQ+ Community Center
- Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin
- Vivent Health
- Wisconsin Faith Voices for Justice

In-person attendance requires masking and social distancing, regardless of vaccination status.

The interfaith service can be viewed online at live.firstbaptistmadison.org.

FROM FBC'S RACIAL JUSTICE TEAM



Are we still going to talk about this? Are we going to talk about racial justice? Again?

Yes, we are, because racial justice is not a project that we complete, but a consciousness that we instill in our everyday lives, that we nurture for our own spiritual growth and for the justice that has still not been achieved.

The Racial Justice Team (RJT) invites you to continue that path towards racial justice with a specific plan to reflect and to act on what we learned from Jemar Tisby's book, The Color of

Compromise that we read in January/February. If you have not yet done so, you now have the summer to engage in this thoughtful reading which will prepare you for a series in which we will put our knowledge into action.

All will be held virtually, from 7-8:30 PM.

- September 18 - we will refresh our memories and knowledge about some of the larger concepts discussed in Mr. Tisby's book.
- October 16 - we will generate potential next steps for promoting social justice.
- November 20 - we will plan our next steps, both as individuals and as a congregation.
- January 2023 – we will begin a plan to implement the steps we have agreed upon.

If you have an interest in helping the RJT team plan for and execute meaningful actions to achieve racial justice, please contact any of the team members for further information.

Thank you!

Anna Donahoe, Mary Fiore, Beth Gunshor, Gloria Hawkins, Tim Schaefer. Linda Stamm (and soon to join, Jennifer Angelo)

PICNIC IN THE PARK



It's been a long time since we could all get together.

Everyone is invited to a BYOL* picnic on Friday, July 15 between 11am and 3pm at Rennebohm Park, 115 N Eau Claire Avenue (between Sheboygan and Regent St.), Madison, WI 53705

Judy Sutterlin will be a special guest.

*BYOL means Bring Your Own Lunch.

YOUR OFFERINGS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

A Note of Gratitude

Thank you, First Baptist Members and Friends, for your generous donations to recent offerings:

Easter Offering

The Easter Offering was received in April. Donations totaled \$5,290 - \$5,000 was given for a wheelchair to help a high school student, \$240 was sent to Catalyst to help a mother with her education and \$40 plus garden tools were given to Urban Triage for minority gardening.

Combined One Great Hour of Sharing and America for Christ – A combined offering for One Great Hour of Sharing and America for Christ was received in June.

- OGHS received \$5,171.96 with \$925 specified for the Ukraine Refugee Relief.
- AFC received \$1,456.96.

– Lynette Miller for the Board of Outreach

LECTIONARY – READINGS FOR JULY REVISED

A WOMEN'S LECTIONARY FOR THE WHOLE CHURCH, YEAR W

July 3 - FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

- 1 Samuel 2:12–17, 22–25
- Psalm 49:1–2, 5–9, 16–17
- 1 Timothy 6:6–16
- Luke 16:10–13

July 10 - FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

- 1 Samuel 4:2, 5-11, 19-22
- Psalm 77:1–12, 19–20
- Romans 5:1–5
- John 14:25–31

July 17 – SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

- 1 Samuel 8:1, 4–18
- Psalm 72:1–4, 12–14, 18–19
- Acts 17:1–7
- John 6:14–20

July 24 – SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

- Genesis 16:10–13
- Psalm 68:4–11
- Romans 16:1–16
- John 20:1–2, 11–18

VOLUNTEER

Second Harvest Foodbank

Join our team of volunteers at Second Harvest Foodbank



Upcoming Dates:

Friday, July 22 | 8:30 - 11:30 AM
Friday, August 19 | 8:30 - 11:30 AM

For those parking at FBC and riding together to Second Harvest, remember the parking lot **MAY** be closed, and you'll need to be on the side streets.

The Crossing - Dinner+Worship Meals for UW Students Return

The Crossing Campus Ministry is supported by American Baptists, Methodists and United Church of Christ. It has been an important meeting place for UW students for many years. We are offering this opportunity from Karla Schmidt, Campus Minister, to be involved with the UW students that enjoy the services offered there.



Dear Crossing Friends,

I'm so excited that we are again serving meals for students at The Crossing -- and to welcome you back or to welcome you for the first time! We are now holding Worship on Wednesday evenings from 6-7 pm. The meal is actually part of the Worship service (which we call Dinner+Worship) in the Spirit of Jesus who often dined with people as part of his ministry. We invite you to help us make this service a place of hospitality where students can feel that same Spirit of Jesus -- inclusivity and love -- and for those students who are food insecure, an opportunity to have a good meal.

Congregation's providing a meal for the students need to be here at 5:30 pm to set up, and then can join us for Dinner+Worship. Clean up generally starts at 7 pm and is around 1/2 hour.

To provide a meal for students means providing for a variety of dietary needs. Most will eat anything they are given, but some have restrictions such as non-dairy, vegan (which can include vegetarians), gluten free, egg allergy, nuts or seed allergies (including peanut butter). Because of this we invite you to bring a meal that has lots of choices for students who have these restrictions. If you need ideas, please contact me (we don't want you to have to worry or spend too much money to meet their needs). When here, you will not need to directly serve food to students as they will serve themselves as they go through the line at the table where it is set up. For now, we are preparing for 25 students and if that number changes, I'll let you know. We provide drinks and tableware and just ask you to bring the meal and desserts.

If you have any questions, please ask. In addition, I will send out more info once you've signed up.

Here are the dates that we are needing a meal in the Fall. We hope that your congregation is interested in this opportunity for service, and we invite you to send me possible dates and I will book you (hopefully with your first choice if it is not already booked):

September 7, 14, 21, 28
October 5, 12, 19, 26
November 2, 9, 16, 30
Dec. 7, 14
Jan 25
Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22
March 1, 8, 22, 29
April 5, 12, 19, 26
May 3

Again, thank you for considering bringing a meal for our students this coming year! I'm excited to be resuming this program and to reconnect with many of you who have served in the past as well as to meet those of you who are new! And I know you will enjoy our new group of students (since pre-pandemic times) as we are blessed with wonderful students (you can read and listen to testimonies of some of them on our website.) Together, in whatever way we each contribute, including meals, we are all impacting the lives of so many university students!

Blessings,
Karla

Karla Schmidt (she, her, hers)
Campus Minister, The Crossing, Inc.
karla@crossingministries.org
608-257-1039 ext. 3

THANK YOU

FROM JIMMY PATON

Thank you, to everyone for the warm send off.

I'm so glad I got the chance to share a meal with all of you. Spending time with all of you over these last few months has been a true joy. The Thursday evening

service has been so enjoyable for me and has served as a bit of respite from other church experiences I've had.

Thank you so much for allowing God to work in that way. I hope it will continue to serve as shelter from the storm for folx who may feel alienated. I want to thank you all so much for being so welcoming and hospitable. I will miss you.

Sincerely,

Jimmy Paton (He/Him), MAML

FROM THE LIN AND GURM FAMILIES

Thank you for joining us in celebrating Jacki's life. We appreciate Jacki's family and friends, the memorial cards, and cards of sympathy.

Paul & Marilyn Lin and Sandra Gurm

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Our Church Family: Wayne B & family; Sara S & family; Pat Y; Linda R; Susan D's sister, Carol D; Ruth P; Carla & Doris E; Alan F; Ann N; Paul H's friend, Kathy; Sheila D

Our Homebound: Pat & Harley Y; Linda O; Byron & Ruth P; Martha F; Ruth E

Others: The victims of gun violence, their families and friends, and those whose names and needs are unspoken.

(If you would like to add prayer requests, send your request to the office email, fbcoffice@firstbaptistmadison.org or call the office.)

GIVING, OFFICE VISITS / HOURS

Ways You Can Give

There are several ways you can contribute to your pledge, offerings, memorials, and other / special gifts.

- Online – This link will take you to FBC’s Donate page–firstbaptistmadison.org/give to make a donation.
- FBC’s Website – <https://tinyurl.com/FBCDonate>
- Smart Phone – GivingPlus Application - <https://giveplushelp.vancopayments.com/>

Thank you for your spiritual and financial support.

Office Visits



You can schedule an appointment with Pastor Tim over Zoom or phone, at the following link:

<https://tinyurl.com/2p8d7yhh>

OR call the church office (608) 233-1880 to schedule a time.

Pastor Tim’s day off is on Mondays

Office Hours

Monday – Friday – 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

518 N Franklin Ave, Madison WI
Monday through Friday

FBC’S COMMUNICATIONS

Weekend Update

- weekly e-digest, released each Friday, article submission deadline is Thursday, and 60 word limit. The purpose of this publication is to provide information and links to joining worship, special events, upcoming events, news from our ministry partners, advocacy and volunteer opportunities.

Worship Bulletins

- released every Sunday or for special services. The publication of the bulletins is strictly for use during worship services. Inserts may occasionally be permitted and must be worship related.

The Visitor

- monthly newsletter, released 1st week of each month, deadline is 1st of the month, 200-word limit. This monthly newsletter provides church news, summary of activities, future events, and updates.

BIRTHDAYS

JULY

1 Amy B
1 William V
3 Gloria H
6 Susan D
7 Tanya M
9 Catherine H
19 Joni M
11 Emmi L
14 Linda O
16 Tom K
17 Erica K
19 Gene D
20 Carsen C
20 Ruth E
22 Martha F
22 Jane E
23 Mat G
23 Marilyn M
25 Megumi (Meg) K
25 Pat Y
26 Gladys C
26 Rebecca H
28 Barb S
29 Diane A

AUGUST

2 Paul B
3 Art H
10 William H
12 Thomas G
15 Luis C
17 Carol F
17 Rachel H
18 Gwen A
22 Phil D
22 Nancy E
25 Chad V
27 Adan L
27 Byron P
28 Maddie F
31 Carys A



FBC Bible Study and Other Groups

Men's Breakfast (Online) – Via Zoom only - bring your breakfast to your computer and connect with other men via Zoom; we meet at 8:30 a.m. **the first Wednesday of each month.**

Join Zoom Meeting: Please call the office for Zoom meeting information.

Hourglass Bible Study (Online) – The group **will not be meeting** for the summer. It will reconvene in September and continue to **meet via Zoom** from 4:30 to 5:30 each Sunday evening.

Bible Study Group (Online) – This group is led by Rev. Bob Martens (retired ABC pastor). The focus is on the lectionary texts for the following Sunday. It meets for about **one to one and a half hours on Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m.**

Join Zoom Meeting: Please call the office for Zoom meeting information.

FBC @ Prayer (Online) – Pastor Schaefer will lead in prayer. This prayer group lifts up joys and concerns of the congregation. It meets for **half hour on Thursdays at Noon.**

Join Zoom Meeting: Please call the office for Zoom meeting information.

Spiritual Renewal Group 1 (Online) – **Summer Schedule is the third Monday of the month at 7 PM (June 20, July 18, and August 15).** We will continue our reading/discussing of the historical fiction book, "God's Liar," by Thom Satterlee.

This is a 174-page book with a lot of chapters! In order to finish the novel in three meetings, we will read through the chapter, "The Truth Behind Your Lies."; and reading about 60 pages at a time with a break at the chapter closest to 60 and 120 pages. Contact Janet Reinke with any questions at (608) 831-7317.

Join Zoom Meeting: Please call the office for Zoom meeting information.

Spiritual Renewal Group 2 (Online) – The group plans to continue to meet the **second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 4:00 PM.** Books are picked to help them grow through a spiritual journey. They have become a support group as well and endeavors to not share with the general public and no one is wrong. They do not discuss church business during meetings.

Join Zoom Meeting: Please call the office for Zoom meeting information.

Welcome to Worship at First Baptist Church

We extend a special greeting to visitors and hope that you will find meaning and fellowship in our church. If you are searching for a church home and would appreciate a call or visit, please contact the office.

Our Mission

The Mission of First Baptist Church is to follow Jesus by doing justice, loving people, and advocating for equity.

Our Purpose

The purpose of First Baptist Church of Madison is to invite all people, regardless of race, culture, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, or marital status, to unite as full participants in this Christian fellowship.

Our Shared Beliefs

God loves all people unconditionally and seeks a personal relationship with every person.
God offers forgiveness and hope to heal our lives and make us whole.
Jesus shows us who God is and who we can become.
God is present, speaking to us through prayer, our sacred scriptures, other people, and creation.

Our Core Values

Inclusive Community ♦ Soul Freedom ♦ Spiritual Growth ♦ Mission
Beyond these shared values and beliefs, a great diversity of personal faith, beliefs, and values is found and treasured within our community.
We expect no conformity to any creed.

First Baptist Church Madison

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Office Hours | Building Access

Monday through Friday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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(Affiliated with the American Baptist Churches, USA)

Worship Schedule

Every Sunday @ 10:30 AM and Every Thursday @ 6:30 PM

Next Publication: First Week of August 2022- Article deadline is 1st of the month / 200 word limit.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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