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of First Baptist Church, Madison, Wisconsin

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Welcoming Youngjoo Hong

Please join me in welcoming the newest addition to our First Baptist staff! Beginning this month, Youngjoo Hong will serve as Music Director, leading the church's choral program and supporting the various music ministries of our congregation.

Youngjoo's background, talent, and experience will undoubtedly enhance our worship experience and add a fresh perspective to our worship planning team. You can read more about her below.

Finally, I would like to extend special thanks to the members of the Personnel Committee for their many hours of work and careful consideration as they worked to fill this position. We are truly fortunate to have such dedicated volunteers sharing their time and expertise.

Blessings,
Pastor Tim

More About Youngjoo Hong



Youngjoo Hong is an accomplished soprano performer, teacher, and choir director. She maintains a private voice studio, and is a member of the voice and piano faculty at Harmony

Conservatory of Music in Waunakee. She holds a music education bachelor's degree and a voice performance master's degree from the University of Wisconsin – Madison. She is a passionate performer and advocate of contemporary and early music. In 2019 Youngjoo performed a solo voice recital in Seoul and Pusan, South Korea. In

February 2020, she gave her master's graduation concert at the UW-Madison, Hamel Music Center. Before Youngjoo entered her master's program, she taught general music and choral music in the Middleton/Cross Plains Area School District. As a church choir director, Youngjoo served in the Korean Catholic Community Mass, which is highly attended by university students, at St. Paul University Catholic Center on State Street. Youngjoo resides in Madison with her husband, Jinkuk Hong, who is a researcher at the UW-Waisman Center.

Welcome, Youngjoo!

Thank You, Beth

Beth Gunshor, who has directed the Hymnsters, a group of volunteer singers, for the past several months, will remain as Worship Coordinator on the worship staff team. She will be helping transition the Hymnsters to Youngjoo's leadership. Thank you for your role in this important part of worship.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Pastor's Availability

Pastor Tim will be on vacation Monday, August 14 - Saturday, August 26, with no access to email or phone. For any pastoral needs during this time, please contact the church office, and you will be directed to your assigned deacon.

Upcoming Special Services

Sunday, August 20 – Guest Preacher Breanna Illéné, Curator of Content and Ecumenical Innovation Coordinator, Wisconsin Council of Churches

Sunday, September 3 – We will be participating in **"Labor from the Pulpit, on the Bimah, and in the Minbar,"** an interfaith response to labor justice. Guest Preacher: Rabbi Bonnie Margulis, Executive Director, Wisconsin Faith Voices for Justice

Sunday, September 10 – We will observe Suicide Prevention Week with a **"Service of Hope and Healing"** as part of the National Action Alliance for Suicide's ***Faith.Hope.Life*** initiative.

Save the Date

Monday, August 14 – Saturday, August 26
Pastor Tim Schaefer's vacation begins.

Tuesday, 8/15 – 7:00PM – 9:00PM Najib Azad
Book Reading, CMC, 1862 Beld St, Madison WI

Wednesday, 8/16 – 5:30PM – Church Potluck
Dinner – Fellowship Hall

Friday, 8/18, 8:15AM – 11:30AM
Volunteer @ Second Harvest – Madison WI

Sunday, 8/20, 1:00PM – 6:00PM
Pride Festival @ Warner Park, WI

Monday, 8/21, 5:00PM – 8:00PM
Pride Interfaith Service, Bethany United Methodist
Church.

Monday, 9/4 & Tuesday, 9/5 – Labor Day & Staff
Day Off – OFFICE CLOSED

FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Update from the July Trustee's Meeting

Here are some key items from our last meeting...

We received the report from the quarterly meeting of our Investment and Planned Giving subcommittee given by Wynn Davies, chair of the subcommittee. This included the status of investments, checking accounts, and memorials. We had a discussion relating to accessibility issues – specifically door openers and ramps. The former choir room (aka Hearthroom, Helen C. Towner Room) has had the stage removed (thank you Wayne Bischel!), the floor tile removed, and is scheduled for carpeting.

- 1) We are looking into ways to receive a better return and better access with our checking accounts.
- 2) We accepted the recommendation of the Personnel Committee (thank you Diane Adams, Brenda Lempp, and Coral Bishop!) to offer the position of Music Director to Youngjoo Hong.

Also, an update from a prior meeting – we have added our church to a list of participating congregations that can be contacted by the Dane County Office of Emergency Management if the need arises for emergency short term shelter due to weather events or other crisis situations.

– Bill Hausler for the Board of Trustees

FROM THE BOARD OF OUTREACH

Summer Offerings



Our 2023 One Great Hour of Sharing and America for Christ offerings are drawing to a close. These offerings support ministries of the American Baptist denomination.

As of August 1, we have received \$5,430 for the One Great Hour of Sharing offering and \$3,095 for the America for Christ offering. THANK YOU!

You can still make your contribution by going to the Donate page on FBC's website, <http://firstbaptistmadison.org/>, by mail to the office, or in person on Sunday (drop in black box in the Gathering Space.)

Your Outreach Budget at Work: Allied Partners

Allied Partners (<http://alliedpartners.madisonwi.us>) is a collaboration of congregations and organizations who share a vision of a strong and healthy community in the Allied Dunn's Marsh neighborhood. Board of Outreach member Wynn Davies volunteers as their Treasurer. The Board of Outreach's 2023 budget includes \$2,000 for Allied Partners; and \$1,000 of that budget has been spent to date. Of course, FBC's budget just contributes to cover some of their expenditures. Here is a brief report on a few of their activities.

Eviction Fund

There were four situations during June that they were able to support from this fund:

- A man whose hours were cut back fell behind in his utility payments. MG&E threatened to cut off his utilities unless \$500 was paid on the outstanding bill. Funds from Eviction Fund were provided.
- A woman who had surgery and had to take time off from work to heal. Consequently, she fell behind in her rent, and \$500 was paid to help.
- A woman who applied for disability relief because she found it difficult to maintain employment. As a result, she fell behind in her rent, and \$500 was paid to help.
- A woman whose newborn son was hospitalized with pneumonia lost work hours caring for him and fell behind in her rent, and \$500 was paid to help.

These are typical stories that provide insight into the lives of people in this community – often minorities who are employed in non-living wage jobs that enable them to live only paycheck to paycheck until life throws them a curve. Thank you First Baptist for being there to help some of them avoid the disaster of homelessness.

Special Projects Fund: \$400 were used to support the Allied Food Fresh program of Allied Wellness Center. This initiative provides nutritious food boxes each Friday to Allied neighborhood residents who live in this “food desert” where there are few grocery stores and limited means of transportation.

Allied Partners work with members of the Allied neighborhood and with service providers to support the neighborhood’s physical and economic health, sustainability, and the common good. Those are a few examples of how our budgeted funds are being combined with the donations of others in outreach to the residents in that southwest side neighborhood.

Other Outreach Activities by FBC Volunteers

First Baptist is active in so many ways to reach its mission to “follow Jesus by doing justice, loving people, and advocating for equity”. Here are a few examples from the last two months.

- Up to ten FBC members volunteered at Second Harvest in June and July to prepare food boxes for food pantries and programs in southern Wisconsin. They composed and sang a Second Harvest Pep Song when they volunteered on July 21. If interested in volunteering, contact Wynn Davies.
- Jill Thomas, Lynette Miller and Katie Dean provided meals for the [Healing House](#) in June. Meals are provided quarterly. More volunteers would be great!
- With the encouragement of the Wisconsin Council of Churches, members of our congregation signed petitions for restoration of the Brothertown Nation as a federally-recognized tribe.
- First Baptist joined other faith groups to co-sponsor a press release from Wisconsin Faith Voices for Justice to ask President Biden for a just immigration system. Members of the Board of Outreach represented First Baptist at the [press conference](#) on July 19 at Orchard Ridge UCC.
- First Baptist was also a co-signer of an open letter to urge an end to political, civic, and religious hate speech against the LGBTQ+ community. First Baptist hosted the associated [press conference](#) on June 28.
- The congregation was invited to give to the America for Christ and the One Great Hour of Sharing offerings that support the work of our American Baptist denomination as well as responding to disasters and developmental needs throughout the world.
- A \$1,000 donation was made to the OWN IT Fund to support grants and education classes to enable more home ownership by the Black and brown communities (see article in this Visitor).
- In coordination with North Shore Baptist Church, \$192 was used from the Board’s Special Opportunities Fund to purchase requested women’s and men’s running shoes, and baby

wipes for the Immigrant Rapid Response in Chicago, Illinois.

- A donation of \$100 was made for co-sponsorship of the second annual Interfaith Pride Service on Monday, August 21, at Bethany United Methodist Church.
- A registration fee of \$50 was paid for participation in Madison's annual official Magic Pride Festival put on by the OutReach LGBTQ+ Community Center. Bill Beaudreau is organizing First Baptist's participation in the festival on August 20.
- The Green Team organized a tour of the Dane County Landfill in July to help people understand the importance of caring for our environment.

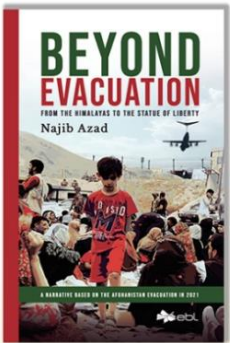
Let us know if you are interested in volunteering or if you are already volunteering for a special ministry.

– *Board of Outreach: Cheryl Castillo, Wynn Davies, Barbara Henning (Vice-Chair), Lynette Miller, Dennis Ray (Chair)*

RACIAL & SOCIAL JUSTICE

Special Reading Event with Najib Azad

Tuesday, August 15, 7:00PM to 8:30PM at the Catholic Multicultural Center (CMC) 1862 Beld St. Afghan author, professor, and political figure Najib Azad will talk about his book "Beyond Evacuation: from the Himalayas to the Statue of Liberty".



Reflections of an Afghan Evacuee

Tuesday August 15

7:00-8:30pm

CMC, 1862 Beld St, Madison

- Hear the spokesman for the former Afghan president, journalist, and professor read and discuss his memoir about his family's harrowing escape from Afghanistan and journey to Wisconsin
- Light refreshments served

Najib was the press secretary to the former Afghan president. He has a captivating and heart-wrenching story to tell about his own family's evacuation story, in addition to providing commentary on the political situation in Afghanistan and on the beautiful sides of Afghanistan we rarely hear about.

All are welcome to this free event!

For more information click the following link.

<https://cmcmadison.org/reflections-of-an-afghan-evacuee/>

Responding to the Wisconsin Council of Churches Action Alert

It is unconscionable that the Afghan evacuees, who put everything on the line as allies of the US, should be denied what we have offered to other evacuees in similar circumstances.

Time is running out on the Afghan evacuees' temporary authorization to stay in the US. Tell your Congressional representatives to act now by passing the Afghan Adjustment Act. ([See this statement by Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services.](#))



FBC welcomed and supported several Afghan families with relocation and readjustment to their new lives in Wisconsin.

Click here to contact your legislators

<https://tinyurl.com/EvacueeReflections> (FAIR)

First Baptist Contributes to “OWN IT”

A Wisconsin State Journal article on July 3 pointed out that Madison has had some of the starkest housing disparities in the nation. According to the 2021 American Community Survey from the U.S. Census Bureau, the homeownership rate for white residents was 63% and only 20.9% for Black residents. Reasons for this finding include disparities and discrimination in health care, housing, education, and more that created wealth and income gaps for people of color thereby making it difficult to afford the high cost of housing.

The OWN IT Building Black Wealth program is a collaboration among Madison-area professionals in the real estate, banking, and financial industries. Its mission is to empower, educate, and guide Black and Brown families in building wealth through education and real estate ownership. Participants in the program attend courses to improve their financial literacy and understanding of home ownership. Upon completion of the education phase of the program, they become eligible for a \$15,000 grant that they can use toward the purchase of their first home. One City Schools acts as the fiscal agent for this pilot program. Families attending this charter school can participate in the program, 85% of whom are families of color. Members of the One City School staff can also participate. More details about the program can be found at <https://ownitbbw.com/>.

After collaborating with the FBC Racial Justice Team at a recent meeting of your Board of Outreach, it was decided to allocate \$1,000 from our Outreach Budget to this effort addressing an important issue within Madison's minority communities. A generous contribution from an FBC member matching the allocated, budgeted amount increased FBC's contribution to \$2,000. This is an example of our efforts to help members of the "Other Madison" to overcome the systemic barriers to achieving more stable and rewarding lives. Would you like to add to our support of "OWN IT"? Community donations are invited. Your tax-deductible contributions can be made on-line at <https://ownitbbw.com/donate> or by sending a check to One City Schools/OWN IT Attn: Accounting 2012 Fisher Street Madison, WI 53713.

Keeping Informed

What follows below is a press release for a press conference on July 19 at Orchard Ridge United Church of Christ.

Faith Community Calls for a Just and Humane Immigration System

When President Biden ran for office, he promised to make the immigration system fair, orderly and humane. He said he wished to “undo the moral and national shame of the previous administration.” On his first day in office, he announced sweeping plans to reform decades-old U.S. immigration laws.

But two years later little has changed. Migrants still daily risk death from any number of dangers—lethal exposure to excessive heat or cold, drowning trying to cross rivers, suffocation in semi-trailers, falls from the border wall, outright homicide, and now detention center disasters. Of those who reach here, the vast majority face denial of entry—or even worse, family separation.

Largely because of a lack of good faith efforts on the part of the Republican Congress and a conservative Supreme Court, the President has only been able to deal with this issue via Executive Orders, but even those have disappointed immigrant advocates. He now has finally ended the oppressive Title 42 policy, but the situation at the border continues to be dangerous and untenable for the thousands of migrants trying to enter the US. The UN has criticized Biden's replacement of Title 42 with Title 8 as a violation of international law:

“Barriers preventing people from exercising the fundamental human right to seek asylum are unacceptable and contrary to States’ international obligations. The new US Government Rule that restricts access for asylum-seekers who arrive irregularly after transiting through another country is incompatible with principles of international refugee law,” said the United Nation’s Refugee Agency and International Migration Organization in a joint statement.

In a very real sense, our immigration system is not “broken,” as we so often hear. It is doing the job our politicians want it to do quite well, namely, to discourage all but the most “desirable” immigrants from even trying to come to the U.S. This despite the fact that our economy runs on immigrant labor, including the undocumented, who lack “papers” but are willing to do the jobs U.S. citizens are not.

We could speak further of all the many contributions immigrants have always made to this nation and the fact that they pay taxes, replace our aging workforce, create small businesses, etc., but that is not our purpose in this letter. Rather it is simply to remind people of faith – all faiths – that all religions teach us that all people are siblings to us, no matter their race, nationality, or economic status. Clearly, this is not the way we should be treating other members of our human family. We are not calling for “open borders” – no country is bound to accept all those who wish to resettle there to the point its social and economic life is jeopardized. But people also have a right to migrate, and all, migrants and natives, are equal in God’s eyes. We are calling for a system that is humane, and for the U.S. to live up to the international agreements it has been part of for decades.

We call upon our leaders to think about the common good, instead of viewing immigration as a useful “wedge” issue, and we call upon our citizens to reject the politics of fear and demonization and call upon our elected officials to do the same. Lastly, we call upon all faith communities to respond to this moral crisis and become even stronger advocates for our immigrant families.

(for a comprehensive analysis of current immigration policy and the situation at the border, see:

<https://www.migrationpolicy.org/article/border-after-title-42>)

Fast Action Interfaith Response Team (FAIR)

Join the **Fast Action Interfaith Response Team (FAIR)** to receive periodic text messages inviting you to participate in social justice actions that have been vetted by one of our partner organizations.

[CLICK TO JOIN HERE.](#)

MUSIC ADVISORY SUB-COMMITTEE

FBC’s Vast Collection of Choir Music



Dear Members & Friends of FBC:

The Music Advisory Sub-Committee of the Board of Trustees was asked to evaluate and make recommendations for our church’s music inventory which, in part, includes equipment and choral collections. After extensive review of FBC’s vast collection of choir music, we have identified approximately half that we recommend either finding a new home for or discarding due to it being:

- 1) in a state of falling apart, literally;
- 2) uncomfortably outdated or with archaic themes or language; or
- 3) quite complex and meant for much larger choirs than FBC will have in any foreseeable future.

All music we recommend discarding is still available in the event you or anyone you know might like a copy (or multiple copies). A full list can be viewed at the following link: [Click Here](#) (a printed version will be available in the Gathering Space or in the church office through August).

At the end of August, any music not requested will be sent to recycling.

Please be sure to contact Susan or Gwen if you have questions or would like to request a copy (copies) of the music.

Gwen Abramson (gedabramson@gmail.com)
Susan Dean (gmdeanster@gmail.com)
& Lynette Miller

Financial Report as of June 30

The June financial reports have been provided, but they are out of balance by \$10.48. The bank statements all balance. The budget report shows the surplus of \$954.86, but with all the balances of the other funds entered (including moving part of the BMO checking account balance to cover the amount for the Designated Fund), the Operating Fund shows assets of \$1,189.66 and liabilities of \$224.32, for a balance of \$965.34, which is \$10.48 more than \$954.86.

Similarly, when I enter the amounts under Net Assets, using \$954.86 for Operating (and which is displayed at the bottom as Current Period Changes to Net Assets), and \$594,485.96 as Dedicated Accounts, as the 798 Offset Designated Gifts amount, the Journal Entry is off by \$10.48, so I had to enter \$594,475.48 (i.e., \$10.48 more) to make the Journal Entry Balance.

The year is 50% over, and income is 51.49% of the annual Budget amount, while expenses are at 51.19% of the annual Budget amount, giving a \$954.86 budget surplus year to date. Repairs & Maintenance had a large expense this month to replace a burned-out fire alarm panel (thus my request to transfer funds from the Capital Reserve), but in July we received reimbursement from our insurance company for most of that expense. I remitted the \$3,000 in the 21200 One Great Hour of Sharing and \$550 in the 21201 America for Christ accounts to ABC as they were quite large, but so far in July we've received over \$2,000 more in each of those accounts.

Please contact me if you have any questions at bookkeeping@firstbaptistmadison.org.

– Nancy Moore, FBC's Bookkeeper

Green Corner Home Cooling Tips

The recent heat wave here in the Madison area has me interested in Home Cooling Systems. I've discovered several Cooling Tips from Energy Saver, a part of the US Department of Energy.

- Set your programmable thermostat as high as is comfortable in the summer and raise the setpoint when you're away from home.
- Clean and replace filters on air conditioners once a month or as recommended.
- Turn off the kitchen, bath, and other exhaust fans within 20 minutes after you are done cooking or bathing. When replacing exhaust fans consider installing high efficiency, low-noise models.
- During summer, keep the window coverings closed during the day to block the sun's heat.
- Select energy-efficient products when you buy new cooling equipment.

Also, *Energy Star* has a section on Fans for Cooling. This link describes the benefits and uses of a whole host of fans.
https://www.energystar.gov/products/ceiling_fans.

These fans create a wind chill effect that will make you more comfortable in your home, even if it's also cooled by natural ventilation or air conditioning.

Just search Energy Star for even more information.

https://www.energystar.gov/saveathome/heating_cooling?s=mega

– Barb Henning for the Green Team:
 Lynette Miller, Wynn Davies,
 Gil Emmert, Mary Ray

FROM THE BOARDS OF ED

Wednesdays Potluck Dinners



Wednesday, August 16
5:30PM
Fellowship Hall

Invite a Friend

Join us for a church-wide potluck meal every Third Wednesday of the month. If you're able, bring a dish to share!

We hope to see you there!

July 19, 2023, Wednesday Potluck Picnic

A good time was had by all during the July gathering potluck picnic on the church's lawn.



VOLUNTEER

Volunteer @ Second Harvest



Friday, August 18, 8:15AM - 11:30 AM

Join our team of volunteers in packaging care boxes for families experiencing food insecurity. **Contact the church office or Wynn Davies for more information.**

Thank You...From

Thank you FBC for your commitment to our community.

— Lynette Miller & Wynn Davies for the Board of Outreach



Dear First Baptist Church June 2023
and Board of Christian Outreach ~
Thank you for your generous
donation of \$2,455.71! We appreciate
your generosity and thoughtfulness!
This gift from your congregation
will help benefit the 300+
children who attend our child
care and school age programs
every year. Thank you!
Red Caboose Staff &
Board & children



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info@PlayingFieldMadison.org

RECEIPT

DATE July 17, 2023

TO
First Baptist Church, Board of Christian Outreach
Lynette Miller
518 N Franklin Ave
Madison, WI 53705-3640

Dear Ms. Miller,

Thank you for a 2023 donation of \$2,455.71 received on July 17, 2023 to the Playing Field. We are so grateful!

With your help, we have been able to serve more children and improve our ability to work with children impacted by trauma. Your support has helped us to not only survive the pandemic, but to expand our operations to a second location! Many families impacted by homelessness were able to return to work because they had access to safe, reliable child care.

Because of our faithful supporters, The Playing Field is continuing to build a model for early care and education. Thank you for the value you place on young children and on creating equity amongst the youngest citizens of Madison.

Looking ahead, we hope to expand our model to allow us to serve more children in our community. We have entered into a new partnership with The Road Home and Plumber's Union Local 75 to offer families stable housing, job training, and child care in a coordinated effort. You can follow our progress on Facebook or you can subscribe to our monthly newsletter at www.playingfieldmadison.org.

If you would like more information about getting involved at The Playing Field, please email us at info@playingfieldmadison.org.

Thanks again from all of us at The Playing Field.

With Gratitude,

Abbi Kruse



August 1, 2023

Reverend Tim Schaefer
518 N Franklin Ave
Madison, WI 53705-3640

Dear Reverend Schaefer,

What a wonderful thing you have done!



The most heroic of acts come directly from the heart and yours is boundless. Thank you for your generous and compassionate gift of \$100 on 7/19/23 to WI Faith Voice for Justice for co-sponsorship of our upcoming Interfaith Pride service.

It's a challenging time to be an interfaith education and advocacy organization trying to create a more just and equitable society. Your gift is a bright spot and the encouragement we need to keep fighting to advance the common good.

Your investment will help us lift up faith support for the LGBTQ+ community and center the voices of the queer community in a joyful celebration.

Thank you for your grace, generosity and good will. Your gift is the fuel that keeps us addressing the needs of all peoples. We could not accomplish this work without you.

Bonnie

Rabbi Bonnie Margulis
Executive Director

Thank you so much for all your support!
Bonnie

GIFT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Donor Name: First Baptist Church
Gift Date: 7/19/23
Gift Amount: \$100
Gift Fund: Interfaith Pride Service 2023

22 Chautauqua Trail, Madison, WI 53719 Phone: 608-513-7121 Email: wifaithvoices4justice@gmail.com

The mission of Wisconsin Faith Voices for Justice is to draw on the wisdom, courage, and strength of our various faith traditions to advance the common good. As progressive people of faith committed to crossing religious boundaries, we uphold the dignity of all human beings. Through advocacy, education, and partnership, we lift the voices of those who are underserved. No goods or services were provided in exchange for this contribution. Wisconsin Faith Voices for Justice is an exempt organization as described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; EIN 81-5284790.

HOURLASS BIBLE STUDY

Fall 2023 Via Zoom – Sundays – 4:30PM



This Fall the Hourglass class resumes on September 10 with reading the three letters of John in the New Testament. Then we will read the gospel of John. We will look at the ways the author found meaning in Jesus' life and teachings, and how the scripture is still relevant to us today. All views are welcome in this safe place to ask questions and explore your understanding of the Bible. Questions? Contact Mary Ray at mbray5@sbcglobal.net. See page 11 for information on how to participate via Zoom.

BIRTHDAYS

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
28 Maddie F
31 Carys A

SEPTEMBER

3 Brett T
5 Alan F
6 Christopher E
8 Heather Z
8 Pihra P
9 Cheryl C
9 Jeff K
12 Charlotte E
14 Judy C
14 Tyler M
16 Claire R
20 Ashley B
20 Rachel E
24 Jeanette K
25 Bob M
25 Rhiannon T
27 Moira K
29 Linda M

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Our Church Family: Nancy M's sister, Marty; Cheryl C; Bert A; Ann P

Our Homebound: Sheila D; Harley Y; Linda O; Glenn F

Others: Those whose names and needs are unspoken.

(Send your prayer request to the office email at office@firstbaptistmadison.org.)

OTHER HELPFUL INFORMATION

Season after Pentecost

<https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/lections.php?year=A&season=Season%20after%20Pentecost>

You can also read the specific scripture readings by going to <https://www.biblegateway.com/>

Ways You Can Give

There are several ways you can contribute to your pledge, offerings, memorials, and other gifts. (See blue, boxed information on last page for ways you can give.)

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 will be on vacation:
Monday, August 14 - Saturday, August 26, with
no access to email or phone. For any pastoral
needs during this time, please contact the church
office, and you will be directed to your assigned
deacon.**

Church Office Hours

Office: Monday – Friday – 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
518 N Franklin Ave, Madison WI 53705
(608) 233-1880



The office will be closed on
Monday, September 4, Labor Day observed, and
Tuesday, September 5, Staff vacation day.

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 – 1st of the month, 200-word limit. This monthly newsletter provides church news, summary of activities, future events, and updates.

Worship Service

Sunday Mornings

In-person – join us Sunday mornings at 10:30 am. Fellowship time after worship.

Online

Livestream to Worship:

<http://live.firstbaptistmadison.org>

Zoom Fellowship Time:

Please call the office for link.

Livestream to YouTube:

<https://tinyurl.com/eubzz6mr>

Livestream to Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/FBCMAdison>

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: For joining link, please call the office.

Updated Hourglass Bible Study (Online) The Hourglass Bible Study group will meet via Zoom June 25th and July 23, 4:30 PM – 5:30 PM for a monthly touch base meeting. The group will resume weekly, September 10.

Join Zoom Meeting: For joining link, please call the office.

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: For joining link, please call the office.

Updated Spiritual Renewal Group 1 (Online) – Over the Summer, some of us will be reading the novel "O Jerusalem" by Laurie R. King and then getting together on Zoom once a month to discuss it. The Zoom gatherings **will be the third Monday evenings of each month at 7 PM. - 19 June, 17 July, 21 August.**

This is a "Sherlockian" mystery - a departure from our usual format but similar to what we did last Summer. If you would like to join us for this book reading over the summer - you are invited! If you have questions, please contact Janet Reinke (reinke4@mac.com).

Join Zoom Meeting: Join Zoom Meeting: For joining link, please call the office.

Spiritual Renewal Group 2 (Online) – The group will resume in September. 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.

First Baptist Church of Madison

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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