



**FIRST
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OF MADISON

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

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LET'S TALK
ABOUT RACIAL JUSTICE @ FBC

3/10/24
Join us for an update on
our Racial Justice work.
SATURDAY | 11:30-1:00PM
FELLOWSHIP HALL


LUNCH
INCLUDED

Let's Talk Update

Please join together with members of the Racial Justice Team, Pastoral Relations Committee and Church Leadership Council for a light lunch and an updated discussion of the racial justice work that is being done at FBC. Building on our first "Let's Talk" session, there will be new information shared as well as time for those attending to respond with questions and comments.

Racial justice belongs beyond committees and rests with all of us, doing this work together. We hope to see you there!

In Person – Fellowship Hall, 11:30 am (light lunch included.)

Online – Join Zoom Meeting

Topic: Let's Talk

Time: Mar 10, 2024 11:45 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

The Racial Justice Team, Church Leadership Council, and Pastoral Relations Committee

FROM THE BOARD OF OUTREACH



Dear Members and Friends of First Baptist,

This is a time for celebrating Jesus' resurrection and presence in our lives and the broader community around us, from Madison to the world. As a part of that celebration, the Board of Outreach invites you to contribute to the Easter Offering.

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Jesus said that *"This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you."* (John 15:12). This love is demonstrated through our volunteering and

giving. Help us make Jesus' love known to others in our community and beyond.

The full Easter Offering letter is provided on page 11.

[CLICK TO GIVE ONLINE](#)

Or Text the word "EASTER" to (608) 610-1600

Blessings,
Your Board of Outreach: Cheryl Castillo, Wynn Davies, Barbara Henning, Lynette Miller, Dennis Ray

Wishlist for Haitian Family

A couple escaping from the violence in Haiti arrived in Madison at the end of February. The wife is expecting her firstborn at the end of March.

Resettlement assistance is being provided by friends and members of FBC along with local agencies. They are about to move into an unfurnished apartment off of Park Street and need help with kitchen, bathroom and bedroom items. A list of the needed items can be found at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/FBCWishlist>. (This list will continue to be updated as items are donated.)

Gift cards to Target, Amazon or Walmart are also welcome so items can be purchased by the couple. Please attach a "gift receipt" to any items that you purchase so that they can be exchanged if necessary.

Please contact Leslie at leslie.g07@gmail.com if you are able to donate anything from the list, if you donate a gift card, or if you have questions. You can use the drop-box at the rear entrance to the church for small items or contact Leslie for drop-off of larger items. Thank you!

Warmly,

Leslie Garcia, FBC Members, and Friends
**From Dane Sanctuary Coalition
Casa Alitas Presentation
Sunday, March 10, 7:00PM**

Just a gentle reminder - Please join Beth Israel Center and the Dane Sanctuary Coalition on March 10 at 7:00pm for a presentation from members of Beth Israel Center on their recent volunteer trips to Casa Alitas in Tucson. Throughout October, groups of volunteers from Beth Israel Center journeyed to Tucson to volunteer at Casa Alitas, a migrant welcome center. As the crisis at our border increases, the needs for help at Casa Alitas and similar migrant centers will only increase. Join us on March 10 and hear about the volunteers' experiences and how the trip came together. The event will be in person at Beth Israel Center, 1406 Mound St, Madison, WI 53711, and on Zoom.

Please RSVP by March 8 using this google form: <https://forms.gle/363KwRqsxQwyV3Q59>

I'll look forward to seeing you there!

Bonnie

*Dane Sanctuary Coalition Steering Committee
Rabbi Bonnie Margulis, Executive Director
Wisconsin Faith Voices for Justice
Dane Sanctuary Coalition Steering Committee*

FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

From Your Nominating Committee

As board terms come to a close, the Nominating Committee will begin to actively seek individuals to fill upcoming vacancies. To help you find your niche, various boards will be introducing themselves, offering insights into where your talents and energies may best align.

Today, we're reaching out to those with a passion for education and community, inviting you to consider joining the Board of Education.

Why Join Us?

Collaborative Spirit: Together, we strengthen bonds and enrich lives through educational and social events.

Passion for Education: Shape the future of education at our church by fostering inclusive, nurturing, and safe environments. Whether you're an educator or simply love learning, your enthusiasm is valued. And no, you won't be expected to teach just because you're on the BoE!

How to Get Involved? There are 2 options...

Board Members: Our board currently meets virtually at 10 am on the first Tuesday of each month, though this can be flexible to accommodate members' schedules. Terms can range from 1 to 3 years.

Project Support: Interested in contributing to specific activities but not being on the BoE? You can help with holiday events, art displays, community picnics, movie nights, potlucks, game nights, coordinating volunteers, organizing educational speakers, and much more!

If you're interested, please reach out to Deb Chotlos today.

*Let's come together, have fun,
and shape FBC's future!*

Update from the Board of Education

Caring for children, providing a safe environment, and encouraging children to ask question about God and Jesus is an important mission.

Our Nursery and elementary rooms are active most Sundays with Godly play supervised by nurturing volunteers. For those children who prefer to stay in worship with parents or guardians, activity trays are available in the Gathering Space for individual use. The trays contain coloring supplies, fidget toys, and quiet activities. Anyone is welcome to use them!

Summer and graduations are just around the corner. We will be honoring our graduates in May or early June. We don't want to miss anyone, so please let

the church office or Deb Chotlos know if anyone in your family will be graduating from high school or college this year.

Dinner and Game Night

The February Wednesday potluck dinner was a big success with games of all kinds afterwards.



We hope you will join us next time.

From Your Board of Education

DON'T MISS IT

Second Harvest Foodbank

Friday, March 15, 2024, from 8:15 am - 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.

Wednesday Potluck Dinner

Wednesday, March 20, 5:30PM

Fellowship Hall



On the third Wednesday of the month, join us for a church potluck meal and for a time of community, conversation, and great food. If you haven't

attended previously, it is a relaxing, social event. We hope to see you there!

Deb Chotlos and the Board of Education

Building Beloved Community

Speaker Series

Sunday, March 25, 10:30 am During Worship

Dr. Nakia S. Wiley

The series continues during the worship hour on the 4th Sunday of each month through 2024.

The *Building Beloved Community Speaker Series*, which centers the voices of BIPOC leaders from various community sectors – each of them sharing their unique expertise and experiences with us – continues with **Dr. Nakia S. Wiley**. Dr. Wiley is a native of Chicago, Illinois (South-side). She is a wife, mother, grandmother, and community advocate who lives in Madison on the West side. Her pronouns are,

she, her, huh, and she identifies as Black-disabled-Cisgendered Woman.

See Page 12 for more details.

Presidential Primary Election

Tuesday, April 2, 2024



The Wisconsin Presidential Primary Election will be on April 2. All polling places will be open.

For more information about voter registration and requesting absentee ballots for the 2024 elections, go to <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/>.

The Crossing Campus Ministry

Annual Gala

Friday, April 19, 6:00 PM

At the Crossing



A FUN & CASUAL EVENING WITH MUSIC, FOOD TRUCK FARE & COMMUNITY!

COMMUNITY TICKET: \$20.00

INCLUDES REFRESHMENTS, JUST BAKERY DESSERT & ENTERTAINMENT

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OR MAIL CHECK PAYABLE TO "THE CROSSING"

BE SURE TO INCLUDE # TICKETS WITH PAYMENT



SCAN TO PURCHASE

See you there!

Not able to attend The Gala?
Consider making a donation to The Crossing!

www.TheCrossingUW.org/GIVE

People of Faith and Justice Protecting Our Earth

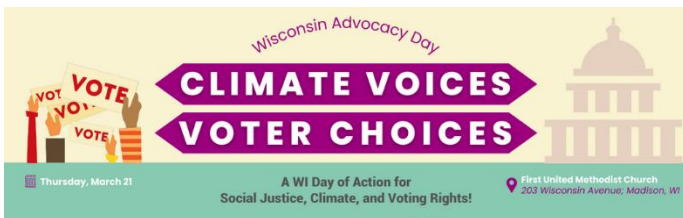


Faith in Place is a non-profit organization that our First Baptist Church Green Team has worked with for information in our mission of conservation.

From their website, <https://www.faithinplace.org/>, they relate “Faith in Place partners with communities of faith from diverse religious traditions as well as people who identify as spiritual or motivated by justice but don’t identify with a specific faith tradition.”

Their Vision is described as “People of diverse faiths and spiritualities leading the environmental movement to create healthy, just, and sustainable communities for all.”

Wisconsin’s 2024 Advocacy Day is March 21! Join Faith in Place and partners for an impactful day of advocating for voting rights, climate justice, community welfare and more! RSVP: <https://bit.ly/WI-Advocacy-24>



Climate Voices | Voter Choices: WI Advocacy Day 2024

Join Faith in Place and our partners for an impactful day of action advocating for voting rights, climate justice, community welfare, and beyond! Our Advocacy Day this year aims to rally communities in Wisconsin, emphasizing the crucial role of voting in the upcoming 2024 elections. We're dedicated to equipping participants with resources, training, and advocacy tools to foster meaningful civic

engagement. Together, we'll address pressing issues like social and climate justice across the state. Don't miss this opportunity to make a difference!

Event Details

Thursday, March 21 | 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. CT
First United Methodist Church: [203 Wisconsin Ave., Madison, WI 53703](https://www.fuwc.org/)

FREE bus transportation from Milwaukee, WI, courtesy of Faith in Place, will be available to registrants. [Please fill out this form before March 17 to reserve a seat on the bus!](#)

Agenda:

7:45 a.m. - Bus Pick-up: 3500 N. 26th St., Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53206

9:00 a.m. - Registration: Welcome and registration of participants

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Keynote Speakers & Expert Panels

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Lunch & Networking: Enjoy a meal provided by [Cranberry Creek Catering](#)

1:15 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. Rally and Press Event!

1:45 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Legislative Visits

3:00 p.m. - Bus Departure: Return to 3500 N. 26th St., Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53206

Participation Information

Materials Provided: Educational resources, voter registration forms, and advocacy tools.

Future Engagement: Encouraging ongoing participation in voter mobilization efforts.

Catering: Lunch will be provided by [Cranberry Creek Catering](#)

Contact and Support: Alexander D. Malchow, alexander@faithinplace.org | (262) 224-0481.

Go to

<https://secure.everyaction.com/9bkqGYuBSUiNHfC5OzAbTg2> for additional, needed contact information.

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

FROM THE FBC BOOKKEEPER

January Financial Report

The church opened a new checking account at Old National Bank this month, intended to eventually replace BMO Harris bank once we use up all the remaining checks we have (which are a lot) for BMO Harris.

There is currently a surplus of \$70,791.56 in the budget after transferring last year's surplus, prepaid pledges and the Other Funds (except for the funds designated to support particular budget lines, which will be transferred as the budget lines are disbursed). The large balance in BMO Harris is because Linda Mintener wanted to send more Chinese Orphan money in February while the exchange rate was so good.

No Outreach funds were disbursed in January except the Martin Luther King Celebration because the Budget was not yet approved.

Don't hesitate to ask if you have any questions at bookeeping@firstbaptistmadison.org.

Nancy Moore, Bookkeeper

THANK YOU FROM...

Madison Area Jail Ministry

"Thank you for your prayers for and your partnership with our ministry...Paul Hundt"

(FBC members & friends provided coats, clothing and other warm items for men being released during the cold weather.)

The Salvation Army

"...Your generous donation for Homeless Ministry helps us to continue to provide the critical programs offered by The Salvation Army. Without your support, we would not be able to help those who need us most...Stephen Heck"

Allied Fresh / Second Harvest Mobile Food Pantry

"...Thank you for your generous donation to the Allied Fresh/Second Harvest Mobile Food Pantry. Your donation has allowed us to provide essential pantry staples to 350 households (over 1,000 individuals) each month...Janice Ferguson"

(From a portion of FBC's Christmas Offering.)

The Road Home (Dane County)

"...Thank you so much for your recent gift to The Road Home. Your ongoing generosity has been instrumental in our work to end family homelessness in our community...Angela Smith."

Fair Wisconsin

"...Because of your support, we have been able to defend against the largest wave of anti-LGBTQ+ and anti-transgender legislation that Wisconsin has ever seen. Thank you for standing with us in the fight for equality. Sean O'Brien"

Just Dane

"...Your support helps to sustain the programs that enrich and improve the lives of all our neighbors. With your partnership, we will continue to build a more equitable and inclusive community...Linda Ketcham"

Urban League of Greater Madison (Black Business Hub Acceleration Program)

"...On behalf of the ULGM, I would like to thank you for your gift which we received in support of the Black Business Hub...Ruben L. Anthony, Jr."

The Crossing Campus Ministry

"...Your financial support will help us provide resources and support for students who are dedicated to impactful advocacy and their personal spiritual growth...Michael Burch"

If you wish to read the complete letters or notes, please see the board across the church office.

BIRTHDAYS

March	April
1 Sheila D	4 Laura D
2 Marni B	13 Aaron H
9 Bessie W	15 Noriko K
11 Bill F	17 Wayne B
12 Molly D	18 Geta C
12 Joan T	25 Judy M
13 Pam M	26 Tanya B
16 Lesa R	26 Gladys C
19 Perry H	26 Steve B
20 Carrie S	26 Dale H
20 Sally D	28 Tim C
22 Wynn D	29 Robbie G
25 Susan C	29 Carmen P
26 Chris B	30 Brenna K
30 Anna D	
31 Beth G	

Pam Mack Invites You to Her 70th Birthday Celebration Sunday, March 17, 2024, 1 – 3 pm

Join Pam Mack as she celebrates her 70th birthday at the Middleton Sport Bowl in the 6800 Block of University Avenue. Please RSVP – 608-695-6623.

(Note there are no elevators available.)

FROM THE FLOWER COORDINATOR

Easter Lilies

What weather we've had! Spring has been in the air! However, we never know what kind of weather March will bring! We do know that no matter what the weather, on the last day of the month, we'll "make a joyful noise to the Lord..." on Easter Sunday!

Let's celebrate by filling the Chancel with Easter lilies! **The lilies are \$20.00 and the orders are due by Wednesday, March 20th.** You can submit your order online, by calling the office or completing the

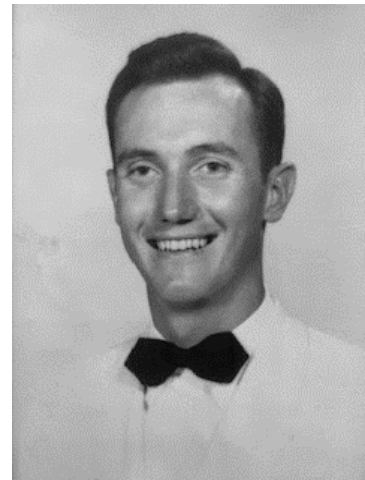
order form and placing it and your payment in the black boxes on the kiosk. The lilies can be taken home after the Easter service. If you place an order, but are unable to pick your lily up, please let us know so that we can make arrangements to get it to you. In addition to that, if you would like a lily, but are not in a position to get one, please let us know. There are those among us who are in positions to "buy one and share one."

Thank you for joining us in celebrating the resurrection of our Lord by filling the Chancel with lilies! If you have any questions, please touch base with Blanca James or Linda Stamm.

Paper Form on Page 10.

FAREWELL TO A DEAR FRIEND

Glenn V. Fuguitt



1928 – 2024

Glenn was totally dedicated to his life's work as a Rural Sociologist, and most of all, to his family and his dear beloved wife, Martha. Besides his family, his pride and joy, his PhD students, now professors, writers, and educators, were his true passion.

Making lifelong friends in their travels around the world, Glenn and Martha left their mark, helped others, and truly made a difference.

Glenn will be missed by many.

OTHER HELPFUL INFORMATION

Ways You Can Give

You can contribute to your pledge, offerings, memorials, and other gifts in several ways.

(See blue, boxed information on last page.)

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.

Church Office Hours

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

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.

Prayers of the People

Our Church Family & Our Homebound –; Glenn F's family; Sylvia L; Lynette M's brother; Jill T's friend, Connie; Nancy M's sister, Marty; Ann P; Linda O; Sheila D; Harley Y; Susan H; Paul H

Others – Those whose names and needs are unspoken.

(Email your prayer requests to
office@firstbaptistmadison.org.)

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:

Call Church for Joining Information

Livestream to YouTube:

<https://tinyurl.com/eubzz6mr>

Livestream to Facebook:

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

If you missed the service, you can go to FBC's YouTube Channel at any time and view it:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJHk7PdGaa700k4UFphlnhw/videos>

Office News

Friday, March 15, our Music Director, Youngjoo Hong, will be performing with The Wisconsin Gagok Ensemble. **See next page.**

Good Friday, March 29 – the church office will close at noon.

Pastor Tim Schaefer will be out of the office April 11 – April 13 attending the Alliance of Baptists' 2024 Annual Gathering. He will have limited access to emails and will respond upon his return to the office on Tuesday, April 16.

The Wisconsin Gagok (가곡) Ensemble



Presents :

"Bom" (봄), A Spring Recital

Arts+Literature Laboratory.

Friday, March 15th, 2024 7:30PM
111 S. Livingston St. Suite 100 Madison, WI

ORDER YOUR EASTER LILIES

ORDERS ARE DUE 3/20
COST IS \$20 PER PLANT



NUMBER OF LILIES: _____

GIVEN BY: _____

IN MEMORY / CELEBRATION / APPRECIATION OF:

RETURN YOUR ORDER FORM AND PAYMENT BY MAIL
OR PLACE IN A BLACK COLLECTION BOX
IN THE GATHERING SPACE

TO ORDER AND PAY ONLINE, VISIT:
FIRSTBAPTISTMADISON.ORG/FLOWERS





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Solace Friends, Inc.



Many vulnerable members in our community suffer unnecessarily at the end of their lives, including those who are homeless or housing insecure, those in extreme poverty, or with mental/emotional health issues, substance abuse disorders or social isolation. **Solace Friends, Inc.** is a start-up 501(c)(3) non-profit, the first of its kind in Madison, that will serve these individuals so that they can die with dignity. Using a newly remodeled 4-bedroom house in Monona, Solace will provide a home environment along with emotional, spiritual, and physical comfort for vulnerable individuals who are receiving hospice medical care. This community-supported organization will use paid staff and trained volunteers, serving as surrogate family members when needed, who will work with clinical professionals from local hospice organizations, and healthcare and social service organizations. Full-time staff will start work in early March with the expectation that the first residents will be housed in late March. Some 100 people have volunteered to provide direct care or ancillary support based on their interests and willingness to serve. More volunteers would be welcomed. For more information about Solace, go to <https://solacefriends.org>.

Outreach Ministry 2024 Budget

To help balance the **FBC 2024 operating budget**, the Board of Outreach substantially reduced its proposed budget for denominational, student, and local ministries. This cut affected the support of such ministries as:

1. Homelessness, affordable housing, emergency housing, particularly for families
2. Family, children, youth ministries
3. Ministries with FBC volunteer involvement
4. Incarcerated individuals and their families
5. ABC regional and nationwide missions, study resources, evangelism, and church building
6. National affiliations to advance social justice at the community, state, and national levels
7. The Crossing student ministry
8. Advocacy for social and racial justice for vulnerable communities, such as LGBTQIA+, Latinx, Blacks and immigrants.

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Your Board of Outreach:

Cheryl Castillo, Wynn Davies, Barbara Henning, Lynette Miller, Dennis Ray





Dr. Nakia S. Wiley, EdD

Sunday, March 24, 2024 – Sunday Worship, 10:30 AM

Dr. Nakia S. Wiley is a native of Chicago, Illinois (South-side). She is a wife, mother, grandmother, and community advocate who lives in Madison on the West side. Her pronouns are, she, her, huh, and she identifies as Black-disabled-Cisgendered Woman.

Black history and excellence were intentionally taught in her home, schools, and churches she attended during her formative years. She has served in education since 1999 in various capacities and lands. She accepted the call to Madison Metropolitan School District in the summer of 2016 as a Cross Categorical Teacher and continues to serve in student services with joy and gladness. She currently serves as the Student Services Coordinator of Professional Learning at MMSD.

She received her doctorate from Edgewood College where she conducted a study pertaining to educators who use curricula and pedagogy to create inclusive environments for fourth grade Black students. She is a volunteer member of the Black Educators Network in Madison. They are a group of Black school professionals who collectively provide intentional spaces for Black school professionals. She is the volunteer President for Disability Pride Madison. Disability pride is the idea that people with disabilities should be proud of their disabled identity. She is also the Vice Chair of the Disability Commission of Madison. People with disabilities are the largest and most diverse minority within the population, representing all abilities, ages, races, ethnicities, religions, and socio-economic backgrounds (National Council on Independent Living, n.d). She is also a member of Madison Organizing in Strength, Equity, and Solidarity for Criminal Justice Reform (MOSES), which is a grassroots interfaith organization affiliate of WISDOM that works to promote social justice with a focus on ending mass incarceration (MOSES, n.d). She is a board member for the Black Teacher Project which is an affiliate of the National Equity Project. She also serves as a board member of a local organization called OWN It. OWN It is a not-for-profit organization that helps people of Color secure home ownership. She is a board member for NAMI and champion for humans who have mental health concerns. She is a member of Mount Zion Baptist Church located in Madison, Wisconsin. She is also a Saturday school teacher for the 100 Black Scholars.

Currently, Dr. Wiley, serves at the Edgewood College Cutting Edge Program as a Graduate Assistant who supports students and alumni who have disabilities while she studies as a Thanatology student. Lastly, she is a human who will advocate for social justice in public and private institutions so that we can have thriving communities for all.

**Madison Metropolitan School District
Student Services Coordinator of Professional Development**

November 2021-Present

- Professional Learning (PL)
- Anti-Racist IEP PL
- Curriculum & Interventions
- Bilingual Evaluators
- C&I, OMGE, ISAL Collaboration
- Comprehensive Assessment
- System Support
- Collaboration & Coordination with Special Education
- Administrative Team
- Coordination of Open Labs
- FAST Progress Monitoring Tool
- IDEA Compliance PL
- New CC Teacher PL
- Principal/Coach PL with Professional Learning Department
- Special Education Assistants PL

JustDane's 50th Anniversary Celebration

featuring

Father Gregory Boyle of Homeboy Industries



April 11th
6-8:30 pm

*at the Mitby Theater
of Madison College:
Truax Campus*

JUST DANE

Celebrating 50 YEARS of Community Advocacy

Join us for an evening of live jazz music and refreshments

from 6:00-7:00 PM

Followed by a presentation by Father Boyle & Homeboys of Homeboy Industries

from 7:00-8:30 PM

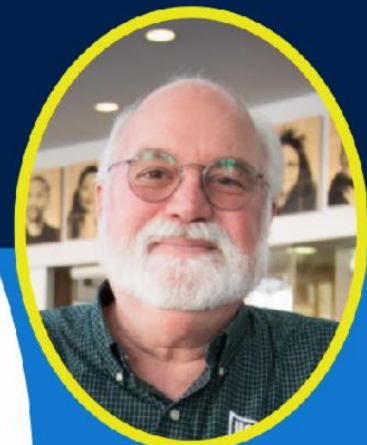
To purchase tickets, please use the below link or QR code



General Admission \$50

Student Admission \$20

<http://JustDane50th.eventbrite.com>



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: Call Office for information.

Hourglass Bible Study (Online) – Lasting until Easter, The Hourglass class will study the gospel of John, seeing how this gospel complements the three synoptic gospels and deepening our understanding of John's view of the meaning of Jesus's life, death, and resurrection. Newcomers are always welcome--no previous experience is necessary. We also like to provide a safe place where all honest views of the meaning of the scripture are respected and shared.

Hourglass meets via Zoom from 4:30 to 5:30 on Sunday afternoons. Questions? Contact Mary Ray at mbray5@sbcglobal.net.

Join Zoom Meeting: Call Office for 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: Call Office for information.

UPDATE - Spiritual Renewal Group 1 (Online) We will continue reading Hineni: An Imitation of Abraham by Alisa Kashmir. We return to meeting the first and third Mondays of the month, 7:00 pm. In March the readings are: Monday, March 4 (III Collected Wisdom from the Field pages 43-80); Monday, March 18 (IV Conclusion and Notes).

If this sounds interesting to you, please join us! Connecting information for both meetings is give below; and if you have questions, please feel free to contact Bill Hausler at hhausler@tds.net or 608-231-2890!

Join Zoom Meeting: Call Office for information.

UPDATE - Spiritual Renewal Group 2 (Online) – Meets the second and fourth Tuesdays at 4 pm. on Zoom. We try to pick books that help us to grow spiritually. We are all women and have found that we like it that way. The book that we are using at the present time is titled; THE WISDOM JESUS by Cynthia Bourgeault. You are welcome to join us.

Join Zoom Meeting: Call Office for information.

WELCOME TO 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

518 North Franklin Avenue, Madison, WI 53705-3699

Telephone: (608) 233-1880 | **E-mail:** fbcoffice@firstbaptistmadison.org

Office Hours | Building Access

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

Ways To Give

<p>1</p>  <p>OFFERING BOXES</p> <p>Place your cash or check gift in the black offering boxes located in the Gathering Space.</p>	<p>2</p>  <p>ONLINE</p> <p>firstbaptistmadison.org/give</p> 	<p>3</p>  <p>MOBILE</p> <p>Text the word "GIVE" to (608) 610-1600</p> <p>Or give through the Church App</p> <p>firstbaptistmadison.org/app</p>	<p>4</p>  <p>MAIL</p> <p>Mail your gift to:</p> <p>First Baptist Church 518 N. Franklin Ave. Madison, WI 53705</p>
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Every Sunday @ 10:30 AM

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