

# NOVEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

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"Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change." (James 1:17)

### From Your Pastor,

With November's arrival, we find ourselves standing on the threshold of another holiday season. This month, Thanksgiving. Then, rapidly, the familiar cascade of Advent, Christmas, New Year, and Epiphany . . . So. Right now. Before we get caught in the current, I encourage you to take a deep breath and lean into November as an opportunity to embrace gratitude for the sake of transformation. I mean to lift up two things with that statement. First, let's commit ourselves to making good use of the opportunity this month affords to praise God for who God is and give thanks for the abundance that flows "from above." As David Steindl-Rast wisely observes, everything is a gift! Second, let us consciously carry this practice of gratitude into the days that follow, so that, this time, we might center our journey on God's gracious light and the gift of holy joy. In other words, I invite you to join with me in the practice of being grateful now, in this month of November, with the intention of embracing gratitude as the attitude that will then set the tone for the entire holiday season.

With this intention in mind, I propose the following practices for November:

- ♦ Each evening, as a 30-day experiment, I invite you to engage in a prayerful review of the day. This practice centers on gratefulness and involves five simple steps:
  - Awareness (Settle and become aware of God's presence).
  - Gratitude (Review the day with gratitude).
  - Affirmation (Pay attention to your emotions flowing from the review).
  - Prayer (Choose one feature of the day and pray from it).
  - Hope (Look toward tomorrow with gratefulness).
- As expressions of gratefulness and a measure of our aliveness, each of us is invited to make commitments of finances and service to support the FBCS ministry in 2020.
- We are also called to the generous act of giving to our neighbors by filling, blessing, and delivering Thanksgiving food boxes to those in need.
- Remember, too, as you set the table for daily meals and holiday feasts, set another place or two or three and extend invitations to those the Spirit brings to mind.
- ♦ And this: I will be reading the book, Grateful: The Transformative Power of Giving Thanks, by Diana Butler Bass. Perhaps you will consider reading it as well?

Now, together, let us embrace every opportunity to give thanks to God for countless blessings received, including among them the legacy we share as FBCS by the love of God, the grace of Jesus, and the fellowship of the Spirit!

Let's Do This. - Pastor Jeff

"Everything is a gift. The degree to which we are awake to this truth is a measure of our gratefulness, and gratefulness is a measure of our aliveness." - David Steindl-Rast

### Preparing for Scripture . . .

October 21 - 27

Joel 2:23-32; Psalm 84:1-7; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14

October 28 - November 3

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18; Psalm 149; Ephesians 1:11-23; Luke 6:20-31

November 4 - 10

Job 19:23-27a; Psalm 17:1-9; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17; Luke 20:27-38

**November 11 - 17** 

Isaiah 65:17-25; Malachi 4:1-2a; 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19

**November 18 - 24** 

Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 46; Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43



### **Eugene Concert Choir Presentations**

Friday, Nov. 8 at 7:30 pm, Beall Concert Hall, U of O

We open our 45th season with The Unarmed Child, a heart-wrenchingly important work by composer Michael Bussewitz-Quarm created in response to gun violence against children.

Our commissioned movement, "Bird on a Wire", relates the lament of a bird for its empty nest. "Hip Hopera" performer Adrian Dunn brings authenticity to the "Requiem" movement addressing the inner city, and the work as a whole offers a sensitive expression of hope.

The program will also feature Benjamin Britten's Cantata Misericordium, featuring Delgani String Quartet. The cantata tells the story of the Good Samaritan and was composed for the centenary of the Red Cross.

Delgani String Quartet will also join Eugene Vocal Arts for Paul McCartney's homage to all the lonely people – Eleanor Rigby.



Sunday, December 15 at 2:30pm Silva Concert Hall, Hult Center

From Classical Pops to Popular Classics, the Eugene Concert Choir & Orchestra performs excerpts from Handel's *Messiah* and the Bach *Christmas Oratorio*, plus festive carols of the season. The audience is invited to join in a grand sing-along of the "Hallelujah Chorus"!

We welcome back dear friends Darline Jackson and Calvin Orlando Smith to light up the stage with familiar and timeless holiday tunes. South Eugene High School Concert Choir and the OCC Young Men's Ensemble, directed by Chris Dobson, will bring their youthful enthusiasm to this joyful holiday celebration.

This warm and engaging performance will fill the hall with Christmas spirit.





Join us for a pre-concert sing-along with the Oregon Tuba Ensemble at 2 pm inside Silva Concert Hall.



### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3 at 2pm, THE SHEDD**







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### Learn More About Kindness in:

- Our personal lives for self and others
- Children from preschool through high school
- Policies and practices for community well being
- Bringing faith groups together
- Increasing workplace satisfaction and productivity

Follow the Choose Kindness Celebration on Facebook. www.JoinSKC.org



Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for all of your prayers and cards. Rodney is doing better.

Thank you also for the beautiful cake for our anniversary. Chocolate is our favorite!

Love, Rodney & Jackie

## Partnership & Space Sharing

A reminder that we share space with the following programs:

**CATS** ~ After school program using the Sunday School classrooms Tue & Thur, 2:45-5p during the school year.

**Centro Cristiano Familiar (CCF)** ~ A Spanish speaking Congregation which meets in the Fellowship Center Fridays at 7:30p and Sundays at 3p, with setups and practice Thursday evening at 7:00p.

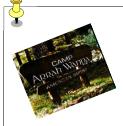
**G Street Oasis** ~ A day use area for unhoused in the Fireside Room, Mon-Fri, 9a -3p.

**Hospice Pet Advocates** ~ a new non-profit group using the East Breezeway Classroom as their office, Mon-Fri and by appointment on the weekend.

**Young Life** ~ A youth group organization with offices here.

Numerous other groups such as AA, Yoga, TOPS, SSRA, etc., meet at various times in a variety of areas.







# COMMITMENT SUNDAY



Save the date: ~ November 3rd ~

Be prayerfully considering the mission and financial health of the church as you decide how to contribute to our ongoing ministry for the coming year.

















### **Thanksgiving Food Baskets**



We will be providing Thanksgiving baskets to those in our area who are less fortunate.

Through November 17th, we will be handing out slips asking you for needed food items for the twenty baskets we will prepare. A barrel will be placed in the Gathering Area for your donations.

The baskets, with extras provided by the Deacons' Fund, will be prepared and distributed on November 26th.

FBCS Deacons



## GROWING TEAM

### Who Are We?

Our goal as the Growing Team is to promote the ministry of spiritual growth and transformation. We strive to nurture and deepen friendships with Christ and one another. The way we work toward these goals is by promoting stewardship, providing meaningful and relevant worship opportunities, promoting an outstanding music ministry and facilitating meal functions.



While these may sound like complicated and elaborate responsibilities to accomplish, there are many of you who help us accomplish these tasks every week. Each time you tithe, volunteer and give of yourself and your talents you are helping us to reach our goals.

Promoting stewardship is providing opportunities to you as our church family to share your time, money and gifts that were given to you by God. As good stewards we are to take risks in order to multiply what we been given. This includes tithing, volunteering as the needs arise, and serving with a joyful heart. We are always striving to glorify God.

Being involved in the worship service is a large part of what we do. This is where we help provide meaningful and relevant worship opportunities. We organize the schedules for: those in the sound booth, those who run and make PowerPoint, and those who are worship leaders and ushers. Each of these jobs is an essential part of worship each Sunday.

Simply joining in and making a "joyful noise" is another wonderful way to participate with one another and sometimes leads ones heart to try providing music during worship or special occasions. If not that, then being involved in our music ministry which includes the Praise Team, providing special music and/or joining the choir and playing an instrument. All are part of the opportunities the Growing Team offers each of you.

As every Baptist knows, an integral part of our church fellowship and celebration is planning meals. We plan, organize and carry out the special meals and events we have. This includes the Easter breakfast, Celebration of Life Together, Celebration of Youth, Christmas Fest, the Combined Worships we've had this year and any other events or special occasions that may arise.

Soon we all will receive a service covenant. As you prayerfully reflect on how you will serve God and your church family, please consider our team; we would love to have you join us. It is a great way to share your ideas and creativity. You can serve and have a great time while you are doing it.

We would like to thank our wonderful team! We would also like to thank those of you who work so closely with our team and volunteer your time and talents to ensure that we are able to meet our commitment to God and our family here at FBCS.

Jennifer Patterson & Kelly Roberts Growing Team, Co-Leaders





SE BRING A DISH TO SHARE

All youth group members are invited and are encouraged to bring a friend. Please RSVP to Mandy by November 10 to ensure there is enough food.

> IN THE YOUTH ROOM DOWNSTAIRS FOLLOWING CHURCH FBCSPRINGFIELD.COM



### Make A First Aid Kit



by Gail Engle

Do you know how to choose items for a first aid kit? Do you know that you should have perhaps two to three first aid kits? One for your home, one for your vehicle and perhaps one for hiking, camping, fishing or another similar type of activity that you might do regularly.

You can purchase a Red Cross first aid kit, one from a store or you can make your own. But whether you make one or buy one, include your personal items like medications and a list of emergency phone numbers.



Check your kit every 6 months or sooner and while checking it notice all the expiration dates and replace any used or out of date contents. The Red Cross recommends all kits have the following:

- 2 absorbent compress dressings 5x9 inches
- 25 adhesive bandages, all sizes
  - 1 adhesive cloth tape
  - 5 antibiotic ointment packets
  - 5 antiseptic wipes
  - 2 packets of 81 mg. aspirin
  - 1 blanket (a space blanket will do)
  - 1 breathing barrier
  - 1 cold compress
- 2 pair non latex gloves

- 2 hydrocortisone packets
- 1 three inch roller gauze bandage
- 5 3x3 inch squares
- 5 4x4 inch squares
- 1 thermometer
- 2 slings or triangular bandages
- scissors
- tweezers
- first aid instruction booklet



## ~ FBCS Annual Meeting

Following Morning Worship Sunday, November 24th

We will: 

√ Review the proposed budget for 2019 J Elect Officers & Ministry Team Leaders

Please note date on your calendar and plan to Participate!

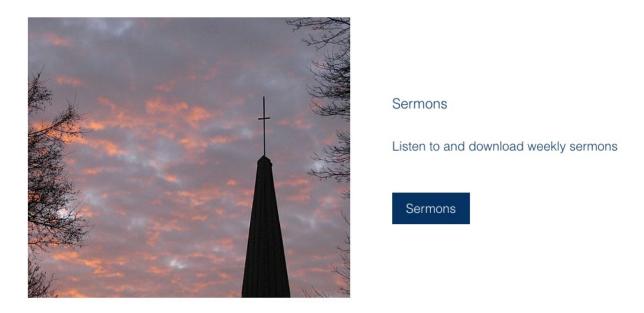
Save the Date!



# Did you know that you can now listen to sermons online and on your smart phone?

### Here is how:

Go to <a href="https://www.fbcspringfieldor.com">https://www.fbcspringfieldor.com</a> in your browser Scroll down to the button that says Sermons



Click Sermons to launch Sound Cloud ~



You can listen to by simply pressing the orange play button by the date of the sermon you wish to hear.





The Reaching Team is coordinating with the **G Street Oasis Program** to again provide Christmas gifts to the families in the parking lot program. The team will be providing information

for the needs/wants of the families later in November and we will ask that you bring your donations wrapped and tagged to the church no later than *Sunday, December 15.* We welcome your participation in this loving mission work in our neighborhood for the guests living in the parking lot.

Thank you,

Karen Gillette and Bradys Savage

Reaching Team Co-Leaders

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Please Join us for our Christmas Fest on Saturday, December 14th at 4pm in the FBCS Gathering Area.

This is a fun-filled time that includes food, music, fellowship, family and a fabulously fantastic time, and of course all the yummy cookies that each of you bring!

We need to know how many are attending so we can set up; Please RSVP by or before December 1st

~ Jennifer Patterson and Kelly Roberts ~





## INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES







Early August, 2019:

For the past two weeks we have been visiting the East Coast, our first stop was the town of North East, Maryland for two IM led confertime with some colhave been living

ences. We spent a lot of leagues: some of which

cross-culturally, others who are in pre-assignment like us, and many friends from the IM home office. For us, learning from and spending time with our IM family was the highlight of these two conferences. Our time was not just about hanging out with each other though, the main focus was on Soul Care and being in a healthy place spiritually, emotionally, physically, and relationally. We took time to practice solitude, silence, community, prayer, along with other spiritual practices. Why is this important? If we are not healthy when we are serving, it is easy to get off track and rely on ourselves rather than on God. Loving God with everything we are allows us to love others and love ourselves.

After our time in Maryland, we decided that since we were so close to our nation's capital, we could take the opportunity to visit Washington DC. What a great way to end our East Coast trip! We spent our time visiting the monuments, memorials, and museums along the National Mall. Our goal was for the kids to experience some American history before we move to Thailand. While we were expecting to learn from the monuments, we were not expecting such a thought-provoking experience. The two most thought-provoking and introspective memorials for us were for Franklin Delano Roosevelt and Martin Luther King Jr. Both memorials highlighted some of the more famous quotes from each of these men. What impressed me most was the power that many of these quotes still carry today in several different contexts, especially as we walked and read each one, building upon each other. My favorite quote is one that I have read before but the context gave it more of an emotional punch:

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that." – Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

When I reflect upon those words, I think of what we are called to do as followers of Christ: love God, love ourselves, and love others – even to the extent of loving our enemies. There is a lot to hate in this world: sin, actions, choices, violence, etc. but we must resist the temptation to stop loving people. The way that we combat hatred is not with more hatred, we combat hatred with love. What does that look like? I think it differs for each of us and our context. For me and my family, it is expressed by sharing God's Word and God's love with others holistically, especially in Thailand.

We are getting closer to being able to move to Thailand; and each week we are moving closer to being able to join in with what God is doing in Thailand, by loving people. Thank you to our current partners, we are at 84% of our pledged support goal! If you aren't partnering with us on an ongoing basis, we would love for you to partner with us and with what God is doing in Thailand. Please join us in loving the people of Thailand, in bringing light into the darkness, and in bringing love to drive out the hate.

### Looking Forward:

On October 19 we will be celebrating the journey we are about to embark on with our Commissioning Ceremony at Crosswalk Community Church, Sunnyvale, CA (our home church!)



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Paul & Bev Appling.	9
Dan & Jennifer	11
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Mike & Carol	17
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Gary & Sharon	27
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sunday Lockup Amanda Gley					7:30 CCF Service	2
Daylight Saving Ends Worship Leader: Lou Engle Commitment Sunday 12:30 Ignite 3 CCF Serv	4	5 Election Pay 10:30 Yoga 2:45 CATS 7 CS, Grow- ing & Train- ing Teams	<b>6</b> 6-7:15 Bells	7 10 Reaching Team 7 Deacons 7:00 CCF Practice	7:30 CCF Service	9
10 Worship Leader: Janet Savage 12:30 Ignite 3 CCF Serv	11 Veteran's Day	<b>12</b> 10:30 Yoga 2:45 CATS 4:00 SSRA	9:30 CATS Board Mtg 6-7:15 Bells	14 2:45 CATS 7:00 CCF Practice	15 Newsletter Deadline 7:30 CCF Service	16
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### **Sunday Worship**

9:30 am Christian Education 10:30 am Fellowship 11:00 am Worship Service

> Sunday Youth Group Ignite

> > 12:30 pm

### AS FRIENDS AND FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST, WE ARE COMMITTED TO:

Growing our friendship with Christ and one another through worship,

prayer, study, partnership and service.

Reaching out to others in our community with the living and joy-giving

message of Christ.

Training those in this congregation for ministry and leadership in the

church and the world.

