



A Note From the Pastor

BY REV. TIM SCHAEFER

As we mark Pride Month, we do so in a time when LGBTQIA+ rights are under renewed threat, and hate crimes are rising. In this climate, the Church's voice matters more than ever.

We know that Jesus calls us to radical love and justice. In this dangerous political climate, let us double down on our efforts to be a place of refuge and joy for our Queer siblings. Not merely welcoming, but actively affirming. Not silent, but outspoken.



We are called to reflect the love of Christ by celebrating the sacred worth of every person. Pride is not just a parade—it's a proclamation that God's image shines in every color of the rainbow. Let us be a community where Queer people are seen, heard, and honored—without condition. This Pride, let love be louder.

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Church Activities

BY BETH GUNSHOR & TODD ANDREWS

Join us for a variety of fun and meaningful church-wide events this summer and fall!

There's something for everyone, and the whole family is invited.

Included is an overview of events—watch the Weekend Update and our online church calendar for more details and updates on each upcoming activity.

UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE

- June 7, 4pm: Canoe/Kayak Rental
Deadline: May 31, Boat rental fee: \$30-40
- June 13, 7pm: Madison Radicals Ultimate
Purchase your own tickets: \$12
- June 26, 7pm: Capitol City Band
Come early with your dinner!

JULY

- July ?, TBD: Pontoon Ride
Volunteer to help us organize this!
- July 24, 7pm: Capitol City Band
Come early with your dinner!
- July 26, 6pm: Madison Night Mares Softball
Deadline: July 6, Tickets: estimated \$25

AUG

- Aug 2, 5pm: Madison Forward Soccer
Deadline: July 13, tickets estimated \$21
- Aug 16, 10AM: Bike Ride
Information coming soon

SEPT

- Sept ?, TBD: Vilas Zoo
Information coming soon
- Sept ?, TBD: Hike
Information coming soon

OCT

- Oct 11, TBD: Apple Picking
Information coming soon
- Oct ?, TBD: Biergarten
Information coming soon

TO REGISTER, SCAN OR CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE

Climate & Faith Research Participants

BY JANE AHN

Hi everyone! My name is Jane Ahn, and I'm a graduate student in Sociology at the University of Wisconsin–Madison. I'm conducting research on how religious people think about climate change, and I believe First Baptist Church is a wonderful community to learn from.

My research involves interviews, which can be done over Zoom, phone, or in person—whatever is easiest for you. With your consent, interviews may be recorded for transcription, but all recordings will be deleted afterward, and your responses will be kept anonymous.

If you're interested in participating or have questions, feel free to reach out to me at 973-413-3318, jahn63@wisc.edu, or in person following a worship service. Consent forms that explain the process in more detail are available.

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Being the Light of Love and Compassion

FROM THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN OUTREACH

In June you will have two giving opportunities to support the ministries of our broader church family through American Baptist Churches-USA (ABC-USA). In our giving, prayers, and volunteering, we become connected to these essential ministries.

One Great Hour of Sharing, taken in cooperation with five other denominations and Church World Service, supports disaster relief, ministries to refugees, and development projects in the U.S. and throughout the world.

American Baptist Home Mission Societies has also provided healing and hope to communities, families, and children through American Baptist churches and affiliated organizations across the US and Puerto Rico. Through our giving, we have enabled community outreach, leadership development, and Christian education.

Information about how to give will be provided soon.



Financial Update

BY NANCY MOORE

April 2025 Budget Financials: **Year-To-Date Actual**

Revenues --- \$119,445.32
Expenses --- \$105,072.15
Surplus (Deficit) --- \$14,373.17

The bookkeeper's full report is available upon request. Please email Nancy Moore at bookkeeping@firstbaptistmadison.org.

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Green Team News

BY BARBARA HENNINGS

Fires occurring in recyclables are often caused by mistakenly disposed of batteries. Batteries in recyclable carts spark due to the weight of contents. Contents are often tamped down to make room for more and often weigh-in at 4,000 pounds. The City of Madison Streets Division lists these simple rules for disposing of batteries:

- Tape all Lithium & Nickel Batteries and Alkaline Batteries greater than twelve volts.
Tape the contact points (the exposed metal parts).
- Use clear tape, like packing tape.
- Take batteries to Drop-Off sites:
 - East: 4602 Sycamore Ave
 - West: 402 South Point Rd
 - Central: 121 E Olin Ave (weekends and evenings only)

More info at the City of Madison website and see the Green Team table for a display.

Magic Pride Festival

BY BILL BEAUDREAU

THE MESSAGE OF GOD'S LOVE FOR EVERYONE IS RETURNING TO THE MAGIC PRIDE FESTIVAL ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 17 | 1-6PM | WARNER PARK, MADISON



First Baptist Church is honored to participate for the fourth year, celebrating the LGBTQIA+ community at this vibrant annual event. With help from our congregation, we'll share written affirmations, stickers, small giveaways—and most importantly, the message of unconditional love.

Alongside other welcoming congregations, we seek to reverse rejection with connection, and replace hate with hope. Join us in building community, fostering acceptance, and sharing love. All are welcome!

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Welcome Carl Johnson

BY BILL HAUSLER

You may remember that with our 2025 budget, passed in February, we had split the responsibilities of the former full-time Administrative Secretary role into two half-time positions: Administrative Assistant and Rental Manager.

We're pleased to announce that Carl Johnson has accepted the Rental Manager position at FBC as of June 1. Carl lives in Mt. Horeb and has an engineering background. Over the past 16 years, he has held roles including Facilities Manager at the Carbone Cancer Center at UW-Madison, and most recently worked with First Congregational Church and The Crossing in building and office management. Carl brings extensive facilities and management experience, and a strong history of working with religious organizations. He received glowing recommendations from his former supervisors.

We're excited to have him on our team. If you see Carl in the building during the week or on weekends, please give him a warm welcome!

Board of Outreach News

BY DENNIS RAY



The Board of Outreach shares letters it has received, photos, events, contributions, and news posted on the Outreach Bulletin Board near the church office.

We encourage you to come by and see how we are working to help our community both here and abroad.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Spring Business Meeting

SUNDAY, JUNE 8 | 1:00PM (ZOOM Only)

Join us for our virtual Spring Business meeting.

We'll hear updates from boards and teams, vote on new board members, and conduct other necessary business. An important financial matter will also be discussed: a proposal to change how we manage the church's endowment.

Meeting materials and ZOOM instructions were recently emailed to all members, posted to our church website (see the Spring Business Meeting event on the church calendar for links), and made available in print form.

Questions? Contact our Moderator, Paul Chotlos.

Juneteenth Sunday

SUNDAY, JUNE 22 | 10:30 AM



Join us for our Annual Juneteenth Sunday Celebration during morning worship. This special service will feature a moving blend of readings and songs that honor the spirit of freedom and faith.

Through scripture, spoken word, and music, we'll reflect on the legacy of Juneteenth and God's enduring promise of liberation.

All are welcome to worship with us in remembrance, hope, and praise.

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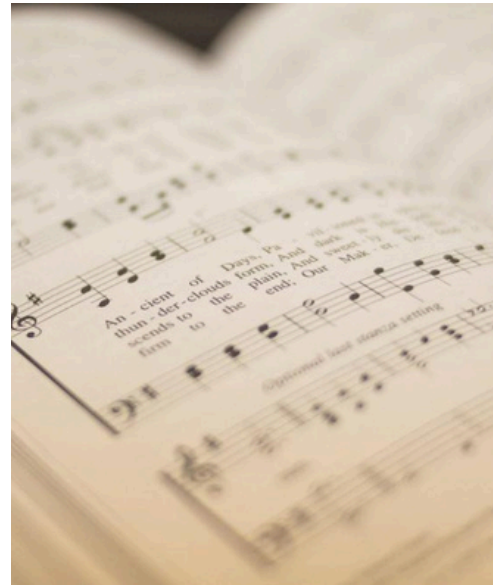
Hymn Sing Worship

SUNDAY, JULY 6 | 10:30 AM

You're warmly invited to join us for a
Hymn Sing Worship Service!

Come lift your voice in praise, celebrate community, and experience the Spirit through music and fellowship.

All are welcome—no experience needed,
just a heart ready to sing!



ABC-USA Biennial Mission Summit

JULY 3-6

Our denomination, the American Baptist Churches-USA, will hold its Biennial Mission Summit in Omaha this summer.

Pastor Tim, Student Minister Amanda Huff, and Dennis and Mary Ray will be representing First Baptist Church of Madison as voting delegates.

BIRTHDAYS AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

JUNE 2025

1 KAREN E	13 SEAN B
2 GIL E	16 ALEX E
2 LISA A	20 GERALD E
5 MATTHEW C	21 AVA K
6 JAMES T. E	24 KAREN F
8 LAURA S	25 LES F
10 JOHN D	28 SUSAN H
11 STEFFEN L	28 BARRY K
12 BRUCE C	28 SYLVIA L
12 COLE D	30 VERN L



JULY 2025

1 AMY B	14 LINDA O
1 WILLIAM V	16 TOM K
3 GLORIA H	17 ERICA K
3 LAURA R	20 CARSEN C
5 ADYSEN Z	22 JANE E
6 SUSAN D	23 MAT G
7 TANYA M	23 MARILYN M
7 SARAH M	25 MEGUMI (MEG) K
10 JONI M	26 REBECCA H
11 EMELINA L	

Prayer Wall

Our Church Family & Community Members:

Vern L; Isaac Carcasses; Mark Clinger; Mary's relative; Russell Novkov; Amber & Hunter, Family of Joy Miller; Curt Grinde; Nancy E

Our Homebound:

Linda O; Sheila D; Susan H



Please visit our Prayer Wall, where you will see prayer requests from and for our members, friends, and families.

Share your joys & concerns with us!

To submit a prayer request or view prayer requests submitted by others, scan the QR code or visit firstbaptistmadison.org/prayer.

[GO TO WALL](#)