



## A Pentecost Message

BY REV. TIM SCHAEFER

As we approach Pentecost, we remember that the Spirit did not erase difference—it spoke through it. In the Pentecost story, people from many nations, cultures, and languages heard good news in voices they could understand. The church was born not through conformity, but through radical inclusion. That witness matters now more than ever.

In a world shaped by fear, nationalism, xenophobia, and attacks on migrants and refugees, Pentecost calls us to a different way. We affirm that every person—regardless of country of origin, language, documentation status, gender identity, or background—belongs fully in the beloved community of God.

The Spirit still moves across borders humanity creates. As followers of Christ, our worship, our welcome, and our public advocacy must reflect that sacred truth: no one is a stranger in God's house.



# CONGREGATIONAL NEWS & UPDATES

## May Monthly Church Dinner & Discussion

BY PAUL CHOTLOS, MODERATOR

Enjoy Taco Tuesday with your church family on May 19 at 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. **Food will be provided by Taqueria Guadalajara.**

After dinner, the DEIB Task Force (Diversity Equity Inclusion Belonging) will be making a presentation about their church report. Come find out what they have been working on.

**We need to order food based on the number of attendees, so please sign up in the Gathering Space (or call the church office at 608-233-1880) to RSVP.**

## Board of Outreach Update – April Meeting

BY DENNIS RAY FOR THE BOARD OF OUTREACH

- Many thanks to the congregation for their generous Easter Offering gift of \$8,560 for the Diversion Services Program of the Salvation Army. A representative of that program spoke in worship on March 22. In addition, the Board authorized \$2,500 from the Fuguitt Social Justice Fund to be sent to the program. The program helps families find and maintain stable housing.
- The Board is looking for people (FBC membership not required) to join the Board beginning in June to help with ministry support. Email [outreach@firstbaptistmadison.org](mailto:outreach@firstbaptistmadison.org) if you would like more information.
- Doug Haynes reported that his art workshops at the West High School Equity Symposium on April 9 went well, with 50 students choosing to attend.

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## Fruits of Our Offering for Global Servants

BY DENNIS RAY FOR THE BOARD OF OUTREACH



Kyle & Katrina Williams in SE Asia  
<https://internationalministries.org/author/author/kk-williams/>

FBC dedicated ¼ of its 2025 World Mission Offering to support International Ministries' global servants Kyle & Katrina Williams. Kyle has facilitated conflict transformation workshops, bringing together community leaders, educators, and practitioners to focus on peace and reconciliation. Participants apply the principles they learned to their communities. The team has been offering trauma care and respite from ministry challenges amongst tremendous turmoil. Kyle has been asked to develop a curriculum for use in Africa. The team is prioritizing educational settings to create opportunities for young people to explore the relationship of Christians to power, justice, and reconciliation. Interest from schools and organizations continues to grow as these perspectives are integrated into their programs.

## Board of Trustees Update – April Meeting

BY BILL HAUSLER FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- A clarification on last month's statement regarding [Immigration and Enforcement actions at places of worship](#). Agents with a valid warrant are allowed to conduct immigration and enforcement actions in places of worship.
- While waiting for a decision on the use of the Novkov bequest, the funds are being placed into a short-term CD.
- Approved a request from MMSD (Madison Metropolitan School District) that in the event of an emergency at Capital High, our church could be used as a staging ground.
- Continued discussions related to the sanctuary sound system and building lighting.

**AND a big THANK YOU to all who helped with the two April workdays (window washing and grounds care)!**

# CONGREGATIONAL NEWS & UPDATES

## Financial Update

BY NANCY MOORE, BOOKKEEPER

### March 2026 Budget Financials - YTD Actual

Revenues --- \$144,503.96  
Expenses --- \$77,454.89  
Surplus (Deficit) -- \$67,049.07

The bookkeeper's full report is available upon request. Please email Nancy Moore at [bookkeeping@firstbaptistmadison.org](mailto:bookkeeping@firstbaptistmadison.org).



## Beyond Plastic

BY LYNETTE MILLER FOR THE GREEN TEAM

Plastic manufacturing exploded after World War II. Plastic now fills our land and water. Plastic continually sheds microplastic and nanoplastics which pollute our air, drinking water, soil, fruits and vegetable and bodies. Plastic manufacturing causes cancer and lung diseases in the poor areas like Cancer Alley where it is manufactured. The production of plastic is responsible for about a sixth of the world's industrial carbon dioxide emissions. Because God calls us to care for creation, the Green Team's Earth Day project is to suggest alternatives to plastic use. There will be weekly challenges for ways we can move Beyond Plastic at the Green Table in the Gathering Place. Also share your own ideas for products that aren't plastic on the suggestion board.

**Challenge #1:** Avoid single use plastic bottles and cups. Carry your own water bottle.  
**Challenge #2:** Choose glass, metal, paper, or silicone instead of plastic containers for food storage, work or school lunches, and carry-out.

Watch the Green Table for more "**Beyond Plastic**" challenges and choose the ones you can do.

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## Board of Education Update

BY DEB CHOTLOS AND BRENDA LEMPP FOR THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

**Graduate Celebrations** - Join us on Sunday, May 31, during worship, to celebrate the accomplishments of graduates Matt Chotlos, Thomas Gunshor, Hyunji Haynes, and Emmi Lara. Thomas is graduating from West High School. Matt, Hyunji, and Emmi are graduating with advanced degrees. Blessings to each of these members of our community as they continue on life's journey.

**Poetry & Popcorn** - Thanks to all our readers and audience members at this event. A special thanks to Deb & Paul Chotlos for making the popcorn and Dennis Ray for the mic setup.

**Easter Egg Hunt** - Another successful egg hunt and activities with lots of fun and participation. Thanks to Brenda Lempp (organizer), Carolyn Cross, Barb Henning, Jane Evans, Lily Evans, Lynette Miller, Mary Ray, and Deb and Paul Chotlos; and the FBC Monthly Gathering folks at Oakwood that helped get the eggs ready.

## First Baptist Donates to Porchlight

BY WYNN DAVIES FOR THE BOARD OF OUTREACH

Homelessness and housing insecurity are major challenges for many members of the Madison Community. Porchlight is the largest nonprofit provider of low-income housing in Dane County, and its men's homeless shelter served between 300 and 350 guests per night during the recent winter months. This is only a fraction of the men, women, and families struggling with housing insecurity in the area. With significant city and county funding, Porchlight plans to open a new men's homeless shelter in 2026, offering not just nighttime shelter but also 24/7 services designed to break cycles of chronic homelessness. Beyond its men's homeless shelter, Porchlight provides 330 housing units, both permanent and transitional, which served 432 men, women, and children in 2025. The "Safe Haven" day program for individuals experiencing homelessness and mental illness assisted 558 guests last year. First Baptist is proud to support Porchlight's work, contributing \$900 from the Outreach Budget. Individuals from the community also provided donations and volunteer support.

**If you're interested in learning more, volunteering, or donating, visit Porchlight's website for information: <https://www.porchlightinc.org/>.**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Young Adult Game Night

FRIDAY, MAY 8 | 6:00 PM



You're invited to a Young Adults game night!

Bring your favorite board/card game and a snack or drink to share.

**Meet in Room 104 at the church.**

### Connections Class

SUNDAY, MAY 17 | 12:00 - 2:00 PM



Curious about First Baptist Church and what it means to be part of this community? The Connections Class is an opportunity to learn about who we are.

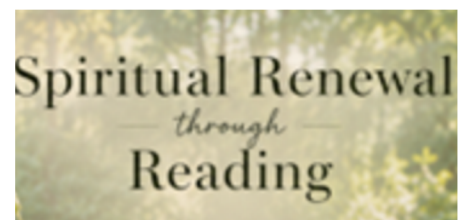
**Light lunch provided. RSVP requested. [RSVP HERE](#)**

### Spiritual Renewal Group

MONDAY, MAY 18 | 7:00 PM VIA ZOOM

We will discuss four chapters from The Prophet: "On Beauty," "On Religion," "On Death," and "The Farewell."

We will also discuss our next reading selection and the summer schedule.



### Memorial Day BYO Breakfast

MONDAY, MAY 25 | 9:00 AM | HOYT UPPER SHELTER

FBC friends have gathered for outdoor breakfast at Hoyt Park for years (started by the DOTS group). Join us for a relaxed breakfast, good conversation, and to learn what DOTS stands for!



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## DEIB Task Force Lunch & Presentation

SUNDAY, MAY 31 | 11:45 AM



The DEIB (Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Belonging) Task Force invites you to a lunch and presentation following worship service. Lunch will start at 11:45 and the presentation will start at 12:15.

DEIB will give a detailed presentation of the purpose, process, and next steps of the Task Force.

**JOIN US!**

## FBC Spring Business Meeting

SUNDAY, JUNE 7 | 12:00 PM

The Spring Business Meeting will be held on June 7<sup>th</sup>. One week prior to the meeting, the Church Council will email meeting materials. Printed copies will also be available in the Gathering Space on Sunday, May 31.

**If you have an agenda item, contact Paul Chotlos by May 15 and submit meeting materials by May 19.**



# BIRTHDAYS AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## MAY 2026

- 1 SAM G
- 1 HYUNJI H
- 2 MORGAN T
- 13 JAMES WE
- 18 NANCY M
- 24 DOUG H
- 27 STEVE D
- 29 BROCK D
- 30 JIM D
- 30 DEL D
- 30 CHARLOTTE K



## JUNE 2026

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

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## Prayer Wall

### Our Church Family & Community Members:

Gil & Nancy E; Edzard van Santen; Richard B; Dale H.; Joni M.; Friends & Family of Curt Grinde; The Lemmp Family; Susan D; Cheryl's grand-niece; Jim & Susan Pike

### 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 community members.**

### 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](https://firstbaptistmadison.org/prayer).