

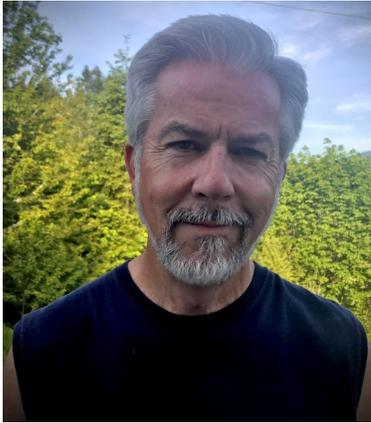


FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
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# JUNE 2020 NEWSLETTER

## *From Your Pastor -*



My Beloved FBCS,

Well. Here we are. Following a two-month delay prompted by love in the face of COVID-19, the time has now come for me to retire from pastoral ministry. My last Sunday as your pastor will be June 21, 2020. Over the course of these additional weeks with you, Janet and I have found great joy in serving you together in new and unexpected ways. Now, the Spirit has confirmed in us that FBCS is prepared to lean into a new season. Here are details for this month of transition:

- Sunday worship will continue to be offered in the online format in June. I do hope you will “tune in” to my three final sermons as your pastor on June 7, 14, and 21. I also urge you to make a point to join in the following two Sundays, as Lou Engle preaches on June 28 and Chris Roush brings the message on July 5.
- Your new Interim Pastor will then begin shepherding you on July 8. Please do read the article that introduces Pastor Sam and his wife Marie to FBCS in this newsletter. And know that I am solid in my perception that Sam is God’s person for FBCS in this season. I encourage you to welcome Sam and Marie with abundant hospitality.

I am so very grateful to have had the opportunity to be your pastor since 1988. You have been my spiritual home and good family to a bunch of Savages! With my love and gratitude comes this reminder: After June, the code of ethics of ministry to which I subscribe wisely directs that I cease all FBCS-related pastoral duties and ministry engagements. I will respect this code of ethics, for the sake of this church and the future God has in store for FBCS.

And now, with an open and overflowing heart, I offer you this blessing:

*“May the God of steadfastness and encouragement  
grant you to live in harmony with one another,  
in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together  
you may with one voice glorify the God and Father  
of our Lord Jesus Christ” (Romans 15:5-6).*

With Deep Love and Gratitude,

Jeffery L. Savage



On behalf of the congregation, the Church Council has called the Rev. Sam Brink to be our interim pastor during this time of transition. Pastors Jeff and Sam have been in contact and are working together to make this transition as seamless as possible, so FBCS will always have pastoral leadership during this time of uncharted territory in this country and throughout the world. Sam will begin as our interim pastor on July 8, 2020.

Sam's ministry has included pastoral leadership in churches in Iowa and Wisconsin. Sam has also served as associate Executive Minister of Mission Support, Mid-American Baptist Churches, Des Moines, Iowa and Minister of Church Resources & Mission Support, ABC of Wisconsin. In 2013, Sam lead a "Mission from the Gospels" presentation at the ABC of the Central Pacific Coast annual meeting. More recently, Sam just completed serving as interim pastor at First Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon.

Sam and his wife, Marie, have 3 adult children who live in the Pacific Northwest. They enjoy spending time with their grandchildren. In order to be closer to their family, they have a home in Bend. Sam and Marie are a delightful couple and we are very excited to have them walk alongside us during this time of transition. Sam is a good friend and colleague of Dr. Chris Roush. She recently commented, "He has some insights into thriving, missional churches that are worth hearing."



Please take time to get to know Sam and Marie and extend your warm hospitality to them as they minister among us. Welcome Sam and Marie to First Baptist Church, Springfield!



**ONLINE SUNDAY SERVICES  
WILL BE HELD AT 11AM UNTIL  
FURTHER NOTICE.**

The link is embedded on the home-  
page of the FBCS website. Find it at:  
<https://www.fbcspringfieldor.com>

You do not need a Facebook account  
to participate.



**JUNE 21st is Graduation  
Sunday. Please let Cheryl Vaught or  
Angie Werder know if you have a  
graduate.**

## Preparing for Scripture . . .

### May 25 - 31, 2020 ~ Day of Pentecost ~

Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13; John 7:37-39

### June 1 - 7, 2020 ~

Genesis 1:1-2:4a; Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20

### June 8 - 14, 2020 ~

Exodus 19:2-8a; Psalm 100; Romans 5:1-8; Matthew 9:35-10:8, (9-23)

### June 15 - 21, 2020 ~

Jeremiah 20:7-13; Psalm 69:7-10, (11-15), 16-18; Romans 6:1b-11; Matthew 10:24-39

### June 22 - 28, 2020 ~

Jeremiah 28:5-9; Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18; Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42

### June 29 - July 5, 2020 ~

Zechariah 9:9-12; Psalm 145:8-14; Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30



## Church Bloopers!



- The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.
- The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'
- Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.
- Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.
- Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.
- For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
- Next Thursday there will be try-outs for the choir. They need all the help they can get.



## CAMP ARRAH WANNA

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Register at: [www.camparrahwanna.org](http://www.camparrahwanna.org)  
Phone: 503-622-3189 — FAX: 503-622-1229

## SUMMER CAMPS

### High School Camp

July 6 - 10

### Junior Camp Middle & Elem. School

July 20 - 24

### Friends & Family Camp

September 4 - 7



# EUGENE/SPRINGFIELD RELAY FOR LIFE



Although we are in limbo regarding the relay and unable to do much right now, *unfortunately Cancer is never in limbo or on hold.*

We are unable to hold our regular fundraising events this year and Purple in the Park has been canceled. I want to reach out to you to ask you to donate to Relay for Life. Our fundraising is the only way to keep American Cancer Society working on a cure.

Understandably, fundraising in the United States is down by more than 60% this year. That said, if you are able and willing to donate, please make checks out to ACS; cash is also good. You can mail donations to the church office or directly to me at:

638 M Street  
Springfield, OR 97477

As we've learned in the past, every nickel, dime and penny helps to find a cure. Thanks for your support and please reach out to me if you have any questions! Kelly  
kellydrob62@gmail.com

*Help us so those with Cancer will celebrate more birthdays!  
F - Fighting B - Because C - Cancer S - Sucks*

## INA HUBBARD SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED

There was only one person who applied for the Ina Hubbard Scholarship this year. The scholarship committee met via Zoom. We are pleased to announce Amanda Gley as the scholarship recipient.



AMANDA GLEY is attending Lane Community College and is pursuing a Business Degree ~ specializing in Human Resources. Amanda has been an Ina Hubbard Scholarship recipient for the past 2 years. In addition to going to school and working as Human Resources Technician for the Springfield School District, Amanda is an active member at FBCS. She participates on the Praise Team, a Friendship Plus group, the Training Team, Women's Ministries, All Church Retreat Planning Committee and the Prayer Team. Over the years, the Women's Tea takes a great deal of planning and Amanda has played a key participant in this event from planning and preparing food, sharing profound messages and of course, fellowship. One of Amanda's instructors wrote that

Amanda is a diligent, outstanding and highly dedicated student. Her supervisor at the school district wrote that Amanda is always willing to take on any new challenges with rigor and passion while helping others in their roles within the office as well. During this time of COVID-19, Amanda took time to help others with the new technology of FaceTime, Facebook, and Zoom meetings so FBCS folks could participate in virtual activities. Amanda is an exceptional woman of strong faith and seeks to practice Christ-honoring discernment and gives her best in everything she undertakes. We are so happy to walk along life's journey with you, Amanda. Congratulations!

Betsy Clewett, Kathy & John Paskey and Debbie Herr  
Ina Hubbard Scholarship Committee



Karen Gillette

# Reaching Team

## Who Are We?



Bradys Savage

The Reaching Team's mission is to reach out to others with the living and joy-giving message of Christ. In order to do that, we are continually blessed with a faith community that responds to our requests for help and participation in many activities throughout the year. Thank you to each of you who, out of abundance, invest your time and resources.

The Team is excited and grateful to the agencies who continue to partner with us to bring an incredible program to support families, called "The G Street Oasis." The program provides homeless Springfield families a place of stability, reinforces school attendance and helps families develop their own plan to take positive steps toward self sufficiency, particularly for housing and employment. Sharing our space (the Fireside room has become their "living room") with these families is sharing Christ's love for one another.

The responsibilities and activities the Reaching Team embraces include:

- Coordinate meals at the Interfaith Homeless Night Shelter for one week;

- Provide welcome mugs to new attendees of morning worship;
- Outreach to Rainbow Acres as well as promote international, national and local mission projects;
- Coordinate wedding and baby showers;
- Support Church Across the Street (CATS) after school and summer program;
- Provide snacks during Sunday morning greeting time;
- Outreach to teachers and staff at Two Rivers/Dos Rios Elementary School;
- Support and work with G Street Oasis program staff and families.
- Sponsor fundraising events for Relay for Life.

The mission work provided by each of you comes in many ways throughout the year. Maybe you have attended a regional Mission Conference, participated in all or a few of the special offerings in the year (America for Christ, One Great Hour of Sharing, United Missions, Retired Ministers/Missionaries), volunteered your time, talent and resources at the Interfaith Night Shelter, volunteered at CATS, served refresh-

ments on Sunday mornings. The list can go on and on, as we celebrate our life together in Christ and journey with one another to serve Him.

Thank you for your service to others as we work to fulfill our mission as a faith community. Thank you to those who are serving on the team and we welcome anyone who would like more information about the team to become more involved.

Karen Gillette and  
Bradys Savage  
Co-Leaders





# G STREET OASIS



HOORAY!!! The G Street OASIS facility is getting a long-awaited face-lift courtesy of the Eugene Emerald Valley Rotary. Our clients will love the new bright and uplifting look they will encounter. God bless the generous Rotarians!



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Your gifts to the America for Christ Offering impact thousands—through ministries with marginalized children, mission trips that transform lives torn asunder by hurricanes, resources that cultivate Christian leaders, chaplains who bring comfort to hospitals and nursing homes, and much more.

Let us not become weary in doing good!

[www.abhms.org](http://www.abhms.org)

# *For Your Health:* Live. Life. Healthy



## *Summer Healthy Living*

by Gail Engle

I am giving you eight ways to better enjoy summer. These ideas came from health experts in fields such as diet, fitness, stressless living, vision and oral health.

1. If you do one thing this summer to improve your diet have a cup of mixed freshly picked berries, blackberries, strawberries or blueberries everyday. They are full of antioxidants which reduce the risk of age related illness.
2. Get dirty and stress less. Plant a small garden, cultivate a flower box or plant a few pots. Putting your hands in soil is "grounding" especially when life feels like you are moving too fast. Being mentally grounded often helps physical and mental stress.



3. Floss daily, because flossing reduces oral bacteria which improves overall health.
4. Go outside to exercise. Go for a walk or a hike, ride your bike, swim, even playing tag with your kids will help you shed the cooped up feeling of working out in a gym. If you do it with family you are also deepening the bond.
5. Be good to your eyes, wear protective eyewear when mowing or using other motorized equipment. Wear sunglasses that block at least 99% of ultraviolet A and rays.
6. If you take a vacation use the time to unwind. This can lower your blood pressure heart rate and stress hormones.
7. If you drink alcohol choose a light, chilled alcoholic beverage. Those who drink up to two drinks of light beer, wine spritzer or a sangria a day might be protecting against heart disease.
8. Finally, sleep well. Resist the urge to stay up later during the long summer days. Avoid daytime naps unless this is a normal everyday occurrence for you.

Here's to a long and safe summer!



# INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES



Myllinda Baits



*“My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.’ Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.”*

- II Corinthians 12:9-10

Imagine Dory’s whale impersonation from the film Finding Nemo: “Mylliiinda, Teee veeemooooos, teeee escuuuuchaaammooss, teeee hoonraaaam-mooos”- appreciation I heard at the end of the Training of Conflict Transformation Trainers in Barranquilla, Colombia Feb.2020

In these days of unprecedented anxiety, fear and uncertainty, to suggest that we play, may seem inappropriate and outright absurd. I would never suggest that we take suffering and pain lightly. However, I have experienced through artful play, the mystery of deep connection in spite of and in the midst of significant pain and loss. I am intrigued by the paradoxical promise of wholeness and healing embedded in and entwined with wounds and heartbreak.

How is it possible that when I recall my first time in Colombia, at a gathering of peacemakers from some of the most violent and dangerous contexts in the Americas (which includes the South, Central and Northern American continents plus the Caribbean island of Haiti) the sounds of animal voices, laughter, and singing is what first comes to mind? I was invited along with three other Conflict Transformation trainers by Tearfund to co-facilitate a weeklong peacebuilding through conflict transformation workshop with their Latin American partners. My co-facilitators came from Colombia, Mexico and the United States. The peacebuilders came from Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Colombia, Argentina, Bolivia and Brazil. Each of us carried our own unique experiences and perspectives from diverse settings and cultures into this common space. As part of creating this shared space, each morning we did a welcome



round to bring our names and bodies into the room. A well-loved ritual in many of the workshops I facilitate is the “We See you, We Hear You, and We Honor You” greeting. Each person introduces themselves, the group then says in Spanish, Te vemos, Te escuchamos,, Te honramos. The person then responds, “Estoy aquí” or I am here. This commitment to seeing, hearing and honoring our humanity in our differences, allowed us to create an experiential playground where we could bravely explore, engage, express, expand and extend our understandings. This brave, experimental space allowed us to meet each other in our struggles and in our silliness.



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I noticed this on the day we were exploring self-limiting beliefs. While planning for the day, we began to share some of our own. We recognized that we all have them. They show up strongest right before we are about to do something significant. We hear internal voices telling us things like, "You're not capable." "You're not enough." "You'll never follow through." "Who do you think you are?" I mentioned using humor to befriend and disarm our inner critic's negative power over us. In a weird way, this inner critic or self-limiting belief is trying to protect us from harm or embarrassment. If we could imagine our internal critic as a cartoon character speaking those negative thoughts out loud, it might help. My whale voice has shown up on a number of occasions, effectively bringing smiles and breaking the social ice. I imagined Dory, in her whale voice, telling me that I was too silly to be taken seriously in my doctoral studies. By honestly naming my fears in a way that invited laughter and resonance, I created a new and deeper emotional connection with my colleagues. They then felt freed up to share theirs with me as well. I realized that it was exactly in these playful, non-judgemental and humane ways, that a felt sense of safety happened, allowing us to form even deeper bonds. Through artful play, we met in the middle of our pain and a bit of healing came. We built a playful group culture on this rapport. In our welcome ritual that day, each participant was invited to share how they were feeling through an animal sound. My whale showed up again.



Eric Allen, in his writings, "Grateful by Nature" reflects on the nature of gratitude. I would say that I've experienced artful play as embodied gratitude. He posits, "The more that our gratitude is experienced through the many senses at once, the more deeply it resonates, and the more it persists. The more difficult the circumstances with which we're faced, the more useful and essential gratitude is, to help us navigate turbulent days with grace." By embodying gratitude through artful play (movement, rhythm, ritual, symbol, song, and games) we bypass the judgement centers of the brain. By bypassing judgement, we are more likely to feel safe, and the safer we feel, the freer we are to connect with others. Often it is our own self-judgement that keeps us from meaningful connections. Playing together helped us to befriend our self-judgement and find commonality in our shared and imperfect humanness. I've been exploring this idea with the following verse, to the tune of Singing in The Rain.

*I'm playing in the pain; Just playing in the pain; What a peculiar feeling; I'm living again!*



Many of the participants of the February 2020 Training for Conflict Transformation Trainers in Colombia were going home to extremely challenging situations: political upheaval, armed conflict in their neighborhoods, economic and environmental devastation, immigration issues and a myriad of complex individual and community stressors. On top of these already existing vulnerabilities, the collective trauma of the COVID-19 pandemic is wreaking havoc now. I can't pretend that playing together fixed any of these. I can say with confidence, that the connections that were formed and nurtured through artful exploration, serious silliness and sacred sharing on that experiential, peace waging playground during that week in February will help each of us navigate these turbulent days ahead. They will serve to remind us, though separated in space, we are in this together, we are not alone, we will live again.

Grateful for your companionship on the Way, Mylinda

# SUNDAY SCHOOL



As we continue to worship from a distance, Sunday School for our younger members is being led via Zoom each Sunday morning at 10 am. We read a story, have a chat, and of course play games and sing songs!

For more information please contact Mandy via Email at [mandysloan@me.com](mailto:mandysloan@me.com) or phone at 541-337-9814.

*Mandy*



Through the month of June *Ignite* will be meeting after church ~ via Zoom until we can meet in person again ~ to discuss "The Drive," a 21 day devotional designed for teens and young adults navigating their faith as they face the many obstacles of life. For information on how to access this devotional and join in on the discussion email, text or call Mandy at 541-337-9814.

Watch for more details about some small group outings as soon as it's safe to do so!



# June 2020



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 9:30 Yoga 6 CS, Growing & Training Teams Zoom Zoom Council Mtg 6:30	<b>3</b> 11:00 Food Box Delivery	<b>4</b> 7 Deacons Meet 7:00 CCF Practice	<b>5</b> 10 Dwelling in the Word Zoom 7:30 CCF Service	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 9:15 Lou's Class 10 Children's Sunday School 11 Online Worship 12 Ignite 3 pm CCF	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 9:30 Yoga 10 Reaching Team Meets 4:00 SSRA	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 10:30 PRC 7:00 CCF Practice	<b>12</b> 10 Dwelling in the Word Zoom 7:30 CCF Service	<b>13</b>
 <b>14</b> 9:15 Lou's Class 10 Children's Sunday School 11 Online Worship 12 Ignite 3 pm CCF	<b>15</b> Newsletter Deadline	<b>16</b> 9:30 Yoga Zoom Sessions 6 Executive Team 7 Church Council	<b>17</b> 11:00 Food Box Delivery	<b>18</b> 7:00 CCF Practice	<b>19</b> 7:30 CCF Service	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> 9:15 Lou's Class 10 Children's Sunday School 11 Online Worship 12 Ignite 3 pm CCF	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 9:30 Yoga	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 7:00 CCF Practice	<b>26</b> 7:30 CCF Service	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 9:15 Lou's Class 10 Children's Sunday School 11 Online Worship 12 Ignite 3 pm CCF	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 9:30 Yoga	 <b>Sunday Lockup ~ Michael Nau</b>			

Flag Day

Father's Day

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS



Eduardo Davalos-G. 2	Andrew Rosales.. 10	Auzriah Pitt ..... 23
Jennifer Patterson.2	Ronni Deam ..... 11	Haley Pitt ..... 23
Lili Davalos-G ..... 3	Sammy LaDuke.. 11	Judy Davies..... 24
Andrew Helms ..... 6	Larry Vaught..... 11	Joshua Nau..... 24
Raven Stafford ..... 8	Laura Elkin ..... 15	Linda Forbes ..... 26
	Avery Laird ..... 15	Kelly Roberts..... 27
	Tammy Davis ..... 16	Jennifer Savage . 27
	Saryah Judish..... 17	Mike Davis ..... 28
	Bradys Savage ... 22	Aaron Gley..... 30

## JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Tim & Kim Moore ..... 11
David & Chris Roush..... 11
Robert & Liza Stucky ..... 20
Stephen & Caroline Snider... 21
Tom & Margaret Stafford..... 22
Russ & Barbara Ragland ..... 25



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<p><b>AS FRIENDS AND FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST, WE ARE COMMITTED TO:</b></p> <p><b>Growing</b> our friendship with Christ and one another through worship, prayer, study, partnership and service.</p> <p><b>Reaching</b> out to others in our community with the living and joy-giving message of Christ.</p> <p><b>Training</b> those in this congregation for ministry and leadership in the church and the world.</p> 		