



“SoJourn in this land, and I will be with you, and bless you!” (Gen. 26:3)



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

You and I follow Jesus because God used someone to share the Good News with us. We have continued to grow as followers of Jesus because God has used others to celebrate with us in victory, encourage us in defeat and call us forward in faith.

You can help to make the same things happen in the lives of people half a world away! That's why I am writing to ask you to pray for and to give to the 2010 World Mission Offering.

The World Mission Offering is giving special attention to Haiti this year because it mirrors the ministries IM missionaries and partners are also doing elsewhere. The World Mission Offering is more crucial than ever to sustain those ministries “in Haiti and in the World.” Your contribution will help to support global projects, Christian partners (including churches, schools and hospitals), and missionaries in Haiti as well as in more than 70 other countries around the world.

Our giving to the World Mission Offering helps people

- Come to Christ
- Grow in Christ
- Change their world with Christ

Our God is a God of abundance and can work through us to provide more support to global mission this year than last year. . Please join me in embracing this challenge. We will be receiving the World Mission Offering on Sunday, October 3, 2010.

We have received from the Lord. Let us also give so God can use our gifts as the Holy Spirit works to transform the world.

Yours because of the always present love of Jesus,

Robert Washburn, Chair
FBCB Outreach Ministry Team

SENDING PRAYERS TO OUR FAMILY OF **FAITH**

Please remain in prayer for these people who are or have recently been under doctor's care: Patty Babian, Ray Sharp, Collin Trask, Kelly Kestel, Vicki Schettling, Sandra Paran, Leslie Jaquez, Barbara Diederich and Esther Houstina.

Please also keep in your prayers our homebound friends: Alice Adams, Enid Holliday, Norma Moore, Ray Sharp, Evelyn Morrell, Phil Lett, Patty Babian, Margaret Edgington.

George Weaver has a new address:
c/o Sunrise of Bloomfield
2080 South Telegraph Road, Rm 125
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302

Martha Sterling's new address:
N69 W6759 Bridge Road
Cedarburg, WI 53012



Happy October Birthdays!

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| October 1 | Nickolas Darin
Katie Woodford
Elizabeth Olsen |
| October 7 | Virginia Gardner |
| October 8 | Micky Bly |
| October 9 | Carol Ege |
| October 10 | Steven Drake |
| October 11 | David DeWolfe |
| October 13 | Sherrie Cantrell |
| October 15 | Alice Adams
Anne Arnegard
Scott Moore |
| October 21 | Jennifer Nixon |
| October 24 | Barbara Diederich
Sylvia McCandlish
Ron Bourgois |
| October 28 | Shirley McEwen |
| October 29 | Virginia Brisendine
Jeffrey Kaczmarek |

2010 Officers: Moderator: Dave Brault; Vice Moderator: Brian Blaesing; Financial Secretary: Glenn Craig;
Treasurer: Carol Olsen; Recording Clerk: Nancy Nabors; Membership Clerk: Kathy Charbeneau
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Note from A Friend...

Dear Wes,

It was very nice to receive your letter and good wishes. I am settling in to my new place. It is quite spacious but cozy too. And a stone's throw from downtown Cedarburg. This is a charming little town and I am becoming acquainted day by day. Best of all is being just down the road from my family. I miss you and of course send my love to everyone.

Martha (Sterling)



Budget Planning Night
Tuesday, Sept. 28 @ 6:30 PM



A Look at the Financials

As of August 31, 2010

Pledged Income Actual	\$114,537
Pledged Income Budget	<u>\$120,517</u>
Pledged Variance	(\$5,980)

YTD Total Actual Income	\$182,875
YTD Total Actual Expenses	<u>\$ 181,714</u>
Variance	\$ 1,161

CROP WALK to STOP HUNGER WORLD WIDE

Pledge to walk or support a walker!
Sunday, October 3
1PM Registration
2PM Walk

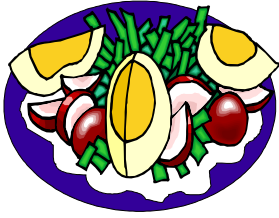


SOUTH OAKLAND SHELTER UPDATE

The South Oakland Shelter Annual Meeting held on Monday September 13, at Kirk In the Hills was well represented by six members of our congregation. Pastor Wes Babian, Dave Drake, Pat and Robert Washburn, Dave Brault and Leona Frost were in attendance as new officers were introduced and 25 people from the 67 congregations, and volunteers, were recognized for extraordinary service throughout the years. Some of the people SOS served last year came from the following situations; 51% were homeless for the first time, 27% suffered with a physical disability, 23 % were victims of domestic violence, 20% had mental health issues, 19% were children, and 7% were veterans The congregations served 32,850 meals and logged 45,000 volunteer hours.

Moving forward SOS is beginning a new program to help prevent homelessness. Called Homeless Prevention Rapid Rehousing (HPRR) this program will provide emergency rent and mortgage payments on a case by case basis to help people remain in their homes. SOS continues to monitor and audit the way it provides services to ensure that those receiving services are truly in need.

For more information about South Oakland Shelter please visit their website at southoaklandshelter.org



**ABW Salad
Potluck Lunch!**

Join us October 8th for this always popular annual gathering in the parlor at 11:30AM. Bring your favorite salad to share!

M.O.S.E.S. Public Meeting

“Regionalism... Equity & Opportunity”
Sunday, October 10, 2010
3:30 PM at Bethel AME Church at 5050 Richard Allen Blvd. in Detroit

RSVP with the FBCB church office or at MOSES directly at 313-962-5290

ABC-Michigan Annual Meeting

This meeting will be held on October 22-23 titled “Change: How to Manage the Journey”. The event will be held at First Baptist Church of Charlotte. A special worship service will be held on Friday evening at 7PM. The featured speaker will be Rev. Brad Powell, author of Change your Church For Good, and ABC-MI Exec. Minister Mike Williams will make a presentation as well. The ABC-MI Annual Meeting will take place at 9:30 AM on Saturday. Registration packets are available in the Welcome Center. **Register by October 8.** We do need several delegates to represent our church. Please call the church office if you can serve in this capacity.



The Public Is Invited...

The Race Relations and Diversity Taskforce invites the public to its free seminars...

“Do Young People Have It Right?” Monday EVENING, September 27, 7PM ~ Do High School Students think about Civil Rights? And if they do, what are they thinking?

“Can We Work Together?” ~ Thursday, October 21 at 8AM ! How can the Metro Detroit Area reach consensus on issues about which we all feel passionately?

All programs are held at the Birmingham Community House and are free to the public.

FBCB Capital Funds Projects

These projects are in Progress or in the Planning Stage

Church Organ Renovation - in progress

Youth Lounge Update - in progress

North Entrance Landscaping - planning

Check out the changes!

November 13: American Baptist Men's 9th Annual Fall Dinner.

More details to come.
Let's get a group together
and have a great time!



OCTOBER IS FAIR TRADE MONTH

When we shop Fair Trade we are voting with our dollars to enrich the lives of many by supporting better working conditions, a living wage, clean water, education for children and adults, a safe environment in which to live and much, much more. This month look for the Fair Trade label as you shop. This month shop Global Gifts after church for soup mixes, coffee, chocolate, and gift items.

PRINCIPLES OF FAIR TRADE

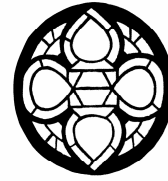
From the *TRANSFAIR USA* website at www.transfairusa.org comes this excerpt about the principles of fair trade.

1. Fair Price: Democratically organized farmer groups receive a guaranteed minimum floor price and an additional premium for certified organic products. Farmer organizations are also eligible for pre-harvest credit.
2. Fair labor conditions: Workers on Fair Trade farms enjoy freedom of association, safe working conditions, and living wages. Forced child labor is strictly prohibited.
3. Community development: Fair Trade farmers and farm workers invest Fair Trade premiums in social and business development projects like scholarship programs, quality improvement training, and organic certification.
4. Environmental sustainability: Harmful agrochemicals and GMOs are strictly prohibited in favor of environmentally sustainable farming methods that protect farmers' health and preserve valuable ecosystems for future generations.

*The next newsletter will
be available on
October 31st*

Bible Study Opportunities

Sunday Morning, Colossians
with Phyllis Bourgois
Tuesday 10-11 AM or
Thursday 7:00 PM
Hebrews with Pastor Babian



Join together for our second Taize Worship Service at 6PM October 10. This is wonderful service of candles, meditations and music, that is very different from our Sunday morning service.



Our youth will participate in the "Greening of Detroit" project on October 16th 9AM to 1PM. All interested children and youth should contact Harriet Stewart for further details.



Bible Study is a part of the Covenant we have together and with God. We are "to encourage spiritual growth through daily and personal devotion, Bible study and prayer."

Join a Bible Study group today or visit the Church Library for literature that will stimulate your spiritual growth.

Bell & Chancel Choir

Participation in these opportunities are a wonderful chance to meet new people and offer your gifts to the church. Please, don't be shy! Let us come together and lift our voices and music up in the Glory of God! Bell choir practices on Wednesday at 6:15 PM and Chancel Choir will meet Wednesdays at 7:30 PM.

ABC-MI Annual Meeting

Plans are underway for worship at the 2010 Annual Equipping Event, Friday, October 22 - Saturday, October 23 to be held at the First Baptist Church of Charlotte. Individuals or groups interested in offering their musical gifts should contact Pat Hernandez (phernandez@abc-mi.org) as soon as possible.

Invitation to the Congregation

Church Member Lindsay Cannon will be married at the Church on Saturday, October 9th at 3:30 PM. The Congregation is invited to attend.

Finding Your Way - A Tour for Visitors

Visitors to FBCB have often asked,
"How do you find your way around in this church?"

This past Sunday, September 19th, church visitors were invited to get their bearings in FBCB by joining Moderator Dave Brault, Pastor Wes Babian and long-time member Bill Olsen for a tour of the facility and a walking presentation of church history, ministry and mission. Sixteen visitors and several members explored the building and learned about the church.



ABW Ministries Region Project - 2010

Each year ABW Ministries of Michigan chooses a mission project for women throughout the state to share. Several years ago we collected gloves and written prayers for Tangkhul Naga women in Manipur and raised money to help send a group, including three of our own members, to present a Women's Conference in Ukhrul.

This year we are raising money for dorm beds for Universite Conretienne du Nord d'Haiti. In May of 2010, UCNH broke ground for a new women's dorm to replace the dorm damaged by the earthquake. Opening day is scheduled for 2011-2012. AB Women's Ministries is hoping to provide the money for at least 200 beds at a cost of \$4000.

A "bed" includes a frame, mattress, sheets, blanket, pillow and pillow case.

UCND serves the rural north of Haiti and is one of only a handful of colleges that meets a need for higher education among the less wealthy of Haiti. It is a private, Christian four year university "committed through scholarships, teaching, spiritual formation, service and social involvement to the preparation of men and women for purposeful Christian lives and leadership roles in the renewal of their communities."

You can help with this project by donating your "H"* dollars or by dropping your pocket change into the Bed Bank in the Welcome Center. With weekly attention, the Bed Fund will slowly grow toward a full "bed." Or maybe two! We'll keep you posted.

**Wondering what an "H" dollar is? Look at a \$1 bill. To the left of Washington's picture is a circle with a letter in it. The letter is the first digit in the bill's serial number. For many years AB Women have been collecting "L" and "G" bills for Love Gift. Looking for and donating "H" bills for Haiti make it fun to participate in the project!*



October 17, 2010
4 to 6PM

Note time change for this season
Meri Slaven Quartet

"I am in the hands of God, and
He has His own good purposes regarding me.
I do not concern myself, therefore,
about anything that people can do to me.
If I cannot serve God here,
I will find some place else in which to serve Him.
-Brother Lawrence in
The Practice of the Presence of God

Available in the Church Library

Attention Out-of-State SoJournal Recipients

Email vs. Snail Mail

If you are receiving this newsletter in the regular mail but you have email and would like to receive the newsletter that way, please contact the church office. Email versus snail mail saves money and is more ecologically friendly. The version is better too!



Daily
Prayers
For
This
Month

Each morning when you get up, take a brief moment to say the prayer written below. See if, by the end of the week, having made this time for God's word, somehow, your life has changed for the better, your outlook has become brighter, your spirit, stronger. These prayers are taken from the "Seasons of the Spirit" lectionary materials.

September 26, 2010

O God, help us to trust in you. May we learn to let go of the things that give us illusions of security, and embrace the goodness of your truth and love. Amen.

October 3, 2010

O God, you invite us to be open and honest about our feelings. May we not be ashamed of the secrets of our hearts. Trusting in your steadfast love and unconditional acceptance, we place our lives into your humble care. Amen.

October 10, 2010

O God of indomitable spirit, your ways overcome weariness, spark new imagination and plant new life within us. Grant us the wisdom to be aware of your Spirit working in us and through us. May we be one with your Spirit of love and life. Amen.

October 17, 2010

Patient God, prepare us to do what you call us to do. When we are faint of heart and our faith grows dim, fortify us with hope and perseverance, so that we never give up your vision of justice. Amen.

October 24, 2010

Help us, O God, to open ourselves to the innermost depths, and know that you are with us in compassion and joy. May we discover our heart's deep longings and respond to others with the same love you show to us. Amen.

Upcoming Sunday Morning Worship at 10:30 AM

September 26, 2010

“Surprising Investment” ~ Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

October 3, 2010

“Free to Grieve” ~ Psalm 137

October 10, 2010

“Planting Life” ~ Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

October 17, 2010

“Ask Boldly, Live Justly” ~ Luke 18:1-8

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