



*Our Vision is to be Christ to each other
and our community— doing
justice, loving mercy and
walking humbly with our God.*

CHURCH CONFERENCE VOTING Results

Effective immediately the Church Conference called for the purpose of voting electronically on changes to our Church Procedures and approval of officers and teachers for 2020-2021 is adjourned.

Thank you for taking time to let your voice be heard through this new way of doing business. We had 60 members participated in this important vote and both questions were passed unanimously. A summary of the ballots will be filed in the Church office.

You also responded overwhelmingly to affirm our seven new members with 77 of you affirming their membership with one voice.

Thank you,
Wendy Case
Deacon Chair

The Choral Corner

If you will permit my departure from our Window Series this week, I'd like to offer a selection that is dear to me for many reasons. It is the choral movement from the very center of Johannes Brahms's REQUIEM MASS called How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place. Brahms completed this work in 1868, shortly after his mother passed away, and it was premiered in the Bremen Cathedral in Bremen, Germany.

This was the first city that Becky and I lived in when we moved to Germany in 1992, and I was not there long before I found myself sitting inside that church and imagining the first time this piece was heard. The mass in its entirety is quite profound, and it is the first Requiem mass that was written in a language other than Latin. Brahms was adamant that it be written in German for a German audience, and that is why it is among the most translated Requiem masses of all time, which allows the listeners to hear it in their own language. It is also unique because its focus is not on the one who has passed (as is the focus in most Requiem masses), but rather on those left behind.

This video is of a performance by the Mormon Tabernacle Choir recorded on July 30, 2017. The choir sings with such clear diction, you will likely not even need the text, which is from Psalm 84:1-2, 4. But, just in case, it reads as follows:

*How lovely is thy dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!
For my soul, it longeth, yea fainteth, for the courts of the Lord:
my soul and body crieth out, yea for the living God.
Blest are they, that dwell within Thy house: they praise Thy name evermore.*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9mQwZuTjFDQ>

Stafford Turner



This time of year is always exciting. Students are going back to school. Football teams (and fans) are preparing for their season to begin. While things look a lot different and present multiple levels of uncertainty, there is comfort in that we are "moving on" through the yearly cycle. The Ministry Council continues moving on into a new year of service. New members, new procedures, and new ideas make serving God and our Fernwood family an exciting venture. In the next day or so, you will receive a copy of the 2020-21 Ministry Council and Standing Committees list of members.

Along with it, you will have the opportunity to approve that list in a manner similar to how we have approved procedures and Teacher/Church Officer Lists. Thank you so much for participating in the decision-making process through online voting.

Speaking of exciting ventures, I want to take the opportunity to ask you to "Save the Date" and help Ministry Council prepare for a wonderful community outreach event. **On Saturday, October 31, we will offer a safe Drive Thru Trick-or-Treat** experience. Members can volunteer to set up stations along the sidewalk/driveway in the front of the church to pass out candy/treats to families who remain in their cars. Stations are distanced, masks and gloves are worn, and pre-bagged treats are dropped into containers. It will be a non-stop, roll-along Trick-or-Treat alternative! More details to come. Be thinking of how YOU can participate.



As this new church year begins, we look forward to engaging in our mission of being Christ to each other and our community. Look for opportunities to reach out to one another. Join in the efforts as we as a church reach out to our neighbors. Despite our social distance, we can still come together through our heart-felt worship. We can join in on group discussions and studies to feel like we belong. We can look to where God is working and join Him in His work by serving through Fernwood ministry teams. We can invest our soul's work and monetary contributions in our church's mission to make a difference. Let us carry on and begin again with hope for this new year.

It has been my pleasure to serve you.

Lee Anne Bailie
Ministry Council Chair

Family Night Supper Support - Will You Help?

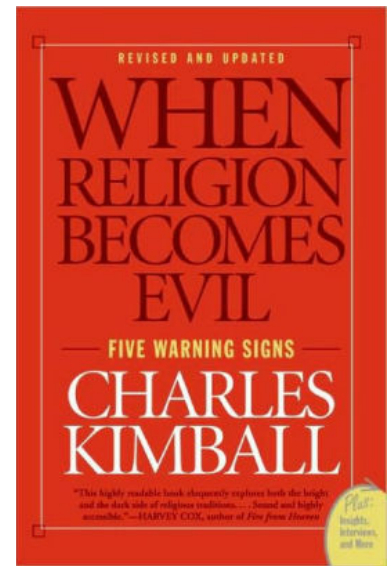
We are supporting a local mission with meals. The Hope Center for Children are excited and pleased to be receiving these meals. Tina will be preparing larger casserole type meals along with sides. They have 3 residential homes that she will be preparing for. These meals will be hot and fresh and delivered on Wednesday afternoon at 5:30pm at each location.

Are you willing to continue to pay for your meal, but allow it to be served to your neighbors? If you would like to help pay for some meals, you can write "Family Supper" on your check or choose "Family Supper" when you give online. Please give generously and help spread the word to others. Thank you to those of you who continue to support this important ministry!

New Book Study

Gerald Keown will be leading a study of the book *When Religion Becomes Evil: Five Warning Signs* by Charles Kimball. The book is published by Harper Business (2008) and can be purchased from either Amazon or Barnes and Noble. The less expensive options seemed to be on Amazon. I would encourage you to purchase the Plus version which is a revised edition of the book. Amazon has it in Kindle version as well as paperback.

We will be meeting via Zoom on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 beginning September 8 and each following Tuesday through October 6. We will limit our time to one hour. I will offer an overview of the section for each session and then offer opportunity for questions/discussion. I will send out some advanced questions for your consideration in advance of each session. This is a very timely volume and offers some important issues for our consideration. I hope you will be able to join us. I will send out a Zoom URL in advance of each session that will allow you to join our conversation.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARY

BIRTHDAYS

- 2 - Dan Vincent
- 2 - Kari Mason
- 4 - Lori League
- 6 - Becky Turner
- 8 - Lonnie Myers
- 10 - Margaret McDowell
- 13 - Meghanne McDaniels
- 15 - Lloyd Callaway
- 15 - Rusty Keesler
- 16 - Margaret League
- 17 - Cuba Ford
- 17 - Randy Giles
- 17 - Amber Hutzell
- 17 - Jack Robinson
- 18 - Margaret Phillips
- 18 - Myra Hendrix
- 23 - Button Wilburn
- 25 - Deanna Jordan
- 27 - Randy Gardner
- 28 - Gerry Moore

ANNIVERSARY

Ken and Peggy Barton
September 8, 1963

Facebook Live

Between Two Fernwoods,
a weekly interview show
every Wednesday night at 6pm.

Adult Sunday School Time

every Sunday at 10am online taught
by Dr. Gerald Keown.

Children's Sunday School Time

every Sunday at 10am online taught
by Lee Anne Bailie.

Sunday Morning Worship Time

every Sunday at 11am online
We will be uploading the video on
our [website](#) each Sunday
and also will be on our Facebook page.

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Stay at Home Order UPDATE Procedures for Fernwood

CURRENT OFFICE HOURS ARE:

Monday: 9am until 1pm Wednesday: 9am until 1pm

Ways to get information to us:

Call the church office and leave a message on the answering machine. We will check on Mondays and Wednesdays when in the office.

If it is information which is needed before we return to the office or an emergency, you can email Angie or you can call her cell 864-978-7404.

We are also asking that if you are coming to the church to drop off your offering or to pick up something, please know that Angie or Mary Helen will meet you at the door to help you. We are asking that no one enter the building during this time to keep us all healthy and safe. Thanks for understanding in this matter.

Publication Notice

The next bi-weekly e-blast newsletter publication will be **Wednesday, September 16, 2020**. Deadline for all articles is **Tuesday, September 15, 2020 at Noon**.

PLEASE NOTE: You may submit your information via email (angie@fernwoodchurch.org) or through the church office. Please do not submit any information over the phone. Information submitted after the deadline will not be published until the following issue (no exceptions). Thank you for your understanding!