

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

## It's That Time Again...

Angie Quinn, our Administrative Assistant, will be on vacation next week. September 28-October 2. If you need anything, please contact Mary Helen Wessinger, our Financial Administrator, during office hours, Monday and Wednesday 9am - 1pm. If you have an emergency, please contact Matt Johnson, our Senior Pastor either by [email](#) or by cell - 1-502-974-4480. Thanks in advance for all of your help in this matter.



### Results from Church Conference

2020-21 Ministry Council and Standing Committees Vote

64 Yes 0 No



Help us provide a safe  
Trick-or-Treat  
experience for our community.

Please save the date for **Saturday, October 31 from 5:00-6:00 pm.** Ministry Council has planned a safe trick-or-treat community event. We will have persons stationed in front of the church wearing their Halloween costumes along with masks and gloves to pass out candy to families who drive by in their cars. We need your help.

Please email me ([saragardner70@gmail.com](mailto:saragardner70@gmail.com)) if you are willing to help with any of the following needs:

- Someone to mark off stations in front of the church 10-12 feet apart
- Volunteers to guide traffic in front of the church
- Lots of our Fernwood family to dress up and hand out candy to families who drive by in cars
- Runners to keep candy supplied to those members who are at the stations

Everyone please bring candy by the church during office hours. There will be a bin inside the door for your candy donations.

## Discipleship Ministry Team News...

Your Discipleship Ministry Team is a new ministry team that combines our former Prayer and Spiritual Development team, our Library team, and an additional emphasis on Adult Sunday School and Bible study. During this time of physical distancing we can still pray. Here is an opportunity for us to pray for Field Personnel of The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. This is an excerpt from CBF Fellowship Weekly Magazine.



### ***Print Copies of Prayers of the People available now!***

*Your fervent and faithful prayers renew and sustain CBF field personnel serving around the world. You can now receive the print version of our beloved year-long prayer guide featuring CBF field personnel directly to your home. [Order your free Prayers of the People today!](#)*

*You can also download a digital version of the year-long prayer guide.*

*Thank you for your prayers that share Christ's love and hope around the world.*

Thank you, Fernwood for your continued faithfulness in prayer for our local communities and our World community. You will be hearing more from our team on ways you can "belong" in small group studies, Sunday School Zoom sessions, Zoom book studies, Facebook Live Sunday School, and individual readings from our media center.

Blessings,  
Your Discipleship Ministry Team

## **A Thank You Note...**

Fernwood Family,

A very special thanks to each of you who has prayed, called, texted and sent cards and food during my three hospitalizations for carpal tunnel surgery, back surgery and the placement of a coronary stent. Your faithfulness and kindness mean a great deal to Jean and me and reminds us how we seek tangibly to live out our mission as God's people.

Sincerely,  
***Jim***

## **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!

## From the Pastor's Desk...

### Prayers of the People Highlights



Recently I received a prayer guide from the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship called "Prayers of the People". Each week, it focuses on a different missionary or ministry we support through CBF and asks us to pray for their work. Elsewhere in this newsletter you can find information on how to download this guide for yourself.

We will also highlight each week's missionary/ministry in our weekly Wednesday news. This week's missionary is Angel Pittman. Angel serves in Miami, FL doing educational ministries. You can find out more about her (and give to support her important work) by visiting this website: [www.cbf.net/pittman](http://www.cbf.net/pittman)

I hope you will join me in praying for Angel this week.

**Matt**

### The Choral Corner

Back in July, our Window Series allowed us to celebrate the wonderful season of Christmas for a second time in less than a year. This week, we will examine the windows that feature the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ. The birth of Christ is memorialized in many fine choral compositions through history, as are his crucifixion and resurrection; however, only one work that I am aware of honors the beginning and end of Christ's life that work is George Frederic Handel's Messiah. Each Christmas, we look forward to the delightful chorus "For Unto Us a Child is Born," and at Easter we revel in the majesty of "Hallelujah," works from the first and second parts of the oratorio respectively. This oratorio stands alone among the many works of Handel in the genre; it has no named characters like many of his oratorios based on old testament stories; it has no dialogue, and, save the part one description of the shepherds "keeping watch over their flocks by night," there are no scenes. Yet it is perhaps the most cherished choral work ever written that celebrates the life of Christ. The final number of the entire work encapsulates the majesty of Christ and his worthiness of praise and honor. The text of "Worthy is the Lamb" is as follows:

*Worthy is the Lamb that was slain, and hath redeemed us to God by his blood, to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing. Blessing and honour, glory and power, be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb, for ever and ever.  
(Revelation 5:12-14) Amen.*

In honor of the resurrection of Christ, I offer this uplifting final chorus of Messiah as this week's selection. It is performed in the link below by the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and Orchestra, which was broadcast on April 21, 2019.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EZueKR1qRxs>

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**Book Group News...**

The **Fernwood Book Group** is offering a *one night discussion on Tues, Oct. 27*. We plan to discuss "The Last Ballad" by Wiley Cash. It is a novel about the textile industry, that has as it's locale, the Carolinas. It has a message for all times and will be led by Kathy Hensley. The title is available from Amazon and Barnes & Noble.

This will be an excellent opportunity for all members, and others. Please consider joining us for this discussion. If you haven't joined us already, we would love to have you. This will be a Zoom meeting, and the time will be 7-8 PM. A link will be sent prior to the meeting time. Contact Nancy Easler for further info. at 680-8518.

**Publication Notice**

The next bi-weekly e-blast newsletter publication will be **Wednesday, October 14, 2020**. Deadline for all articles is **Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at Noon**.

PLEASE NOTE: You may submit your information via email ([angie@fernwoodchurch.org](mailto: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!



**Facebook Live**

Bible study 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.