

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

From Family Life and Recreation Ministry Team...

Our family **Camp Croft Gathering is Sunday, October 18 from 2 until 4pm.** We will meet at Croft State Park from 2-4 pm to visit, catch up with each other, and play a little bingo. Bring your own chair; masks are encouraged in case we get a little enthusiastic and find ourselves closer than 6' apart. Feel free to bring your own drinks and snacks, but no sharing is allowed. We will be at the same place as last time, near the playground. Go in the main Croft entrance (\$1-3 entrance fee). Drive down the main road about 3 miles; at the stop sign, turn left, then right into the gravel road to park. Contact Penny Ginn at [email](mailto:penny.ginn@church.org) or 864-923-0232 for any questions.



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) 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.

Safety & Security Info

If anyone has an interest in serving on the Fernwood Baptist Church safety and security team please contact Jack Todd at 529-7711 or [email](#). Service opportunities include:

- worship security team
- mental health team
- medical team

Prayers of the People Highlights October 11-17, 2020

Lesley-Ann Hix Tommey
New York City, New York
www.cbf.net/tommey



O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

Isaiah 25:1

Lesley-Ann journeys with the most vulnerable in the neighborhood of Hell's Kitchen, New York, offering support and resources alongside Rauschenbusch Metro Ministries. Through her ministry, Lesley-Ann extends hospitality, builds community and works to empower survivors of domestic violence, veterans experiencing homelessness and students seeking greater educational opportunities to realize their own transformation.

Rauschenbusch Metro Ministries seeks to encourage the social, educational, spiritual and economic growth of the Hell's Kitchen community, offering non-sectarian, multifaceted educational opportunities and direct services to community residents.

The Hell's Kitchen neighborhood supports a highly diverse community, including a vibrant Hispanic and Latino population. On the streets of Hell's Kitchen, where the midtown bustle often drowns out the needs of Manhattan's most vulnerable, Metro Baptist Church is a consistent and life-giving presence among the city's most marginalized white, black and Latino communities.

Book Study Group

The Fernwood Book Group is offering a one night discussion on **Tuesday, October 27**, to discuss ***The Last Ballad*** by Wiley Cash. This historical novel is about the 1929 Loray Mill strike in Gastonia, NC. Although the strike turned the city upside down, people died, and families were run out of town, this story had been almost completely buried in the history of Gastonia and NC. The book chronicles the lives of the brave people who struggled to win basic rights for the textile workers and all laborers of that time. Award winning author Wiley Cash is a native of Gastonia, lives in Wilmington, and is writer-in-residence at UNC-Asheville. The title is available from Amazon and Barnes & Noble.

This will be an excellent opportunity for all Fernwood members as well as anyone else interested. The meeting will be led by Kathy Hensley on Zoom and will start at 7:00 p.m. A link will be sent prior to the meeting time. Contact Nancy Easler for further information at 680-8518.



Facebook Live

Bible study every Wednesday Night at 6pm.

Adult Sunday School Time

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

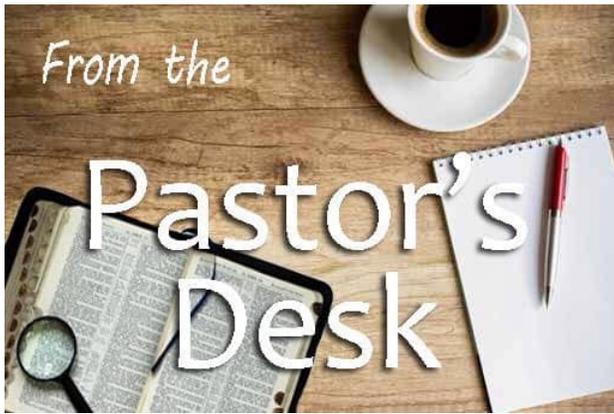
Children's Sunday School Time

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.



From the Pastor's Desk...

Last year, our church formed a team to join a cohort of churches who would receive training in “Growing Young” through the Fuller Youth Institute. As it did so many things, this training was sidelined for a while by COVID, but the first meeting was held this past weekend via Zoom. Two members of our church’s four member team were able to be in attendance.

I would like to share some of the things we are learning with you. Today, I want to talk about the concept of “emerging adulthood”. Our society’s conception of the stages of life change over time. Until the 19th century, there was no concept of being a “teenager”. Generally speaking, you were either a child or an adult. But the idea of a middle stage between childhood and adulthood grew to be commonly accepted.

Similarly, we now see a new life-stage in younger adults. Millennials (ages 25-40) and Gen Z (ages 10-24) do not seem to be following the traditional path to adulthood that has defined the last couple of generations: high school, college, job, marriage, children. These groups tend to follow a non-linear path, moving back and forth through these markers, taking many detours. They are also delaying many of these check marks of adulthood later than their parents and grandparents did. Today, we see an “emerging adulthood” that lasts from the ages of 18-30. That is to say, it isn’t until about the age of 30 that most people have passed through most of those key markers of adulthood and become financially independent.

It’s important to note that these changes aren’t necessarily a good or bad thing. They just are. If, for instance, your adult child in their 20s moves back home with you, that doesn’t mean they have failed at life. That is a totally normal thing to happen for someone of their generation, especially when we consider how much younger people have been affected by student loans, stagnant wages, and now a global economic downturn brought on by the pandemic.

The key question for a church is, how will we minister with and to emerging adults? If it is to be effective, it can’t look like young adult ministry did 20 years ago. Life is different now, and we need to adapt to these changes. I look forward to discussing with you more things we have been learning from Growing Young in the future.

Matt



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!

The Choral Corner

This week, we focus on the window depicting St. Peter's Vision, as described in the 10th chapter of Acts. Many churches today bear the name of St. Peter, but the most famous is the one that serves as the seat of the Catholic church, St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City in the heart of Rome, Italy. Peter himself served as the head of this church for 34 to 38 years (exact length unverified), making him essentially the first Pope. This church also serves as the home for the oldest choir in the world, namely The Pope's Choir, or as it is called today, The Sistine Chapel Choir. This choir has documented evidence of existence dating back to the 7th Century and is today made up of choristers from all over the world.



The Sistine Chapel was recently opened up to the major record label of Deutsche Grammophon to create an historic recording of the choir singing Giovanni Palestrina's Pope Marcellus Mass. Palestrina wrote this mass in 1562 in memory of Pope Marcellus, who was chosen as Pope on April 9, 1555. He died 22 days later of a stroke. (The shortest reign of a Pope, incidentally, came only 35 years later, when Pope Urban VII passed away only 13 days into his papacy.)

A documentary was made on the choir's recording, and the link below offers a short clip of the project. The beautiful paintings of Michelangelo on the ceiling and walls of the chapel offer an exceptional background for the video.

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

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FERNWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH
 OPERATING FINANCIAL RESULTS
 Year-To-Date September 2020

	Actual	Budget	Actual Better or (Worse) Than Budget
OPERATING RECEIPTS			
Contributions Received	\$224,227	\$289,500	(\$65,273)
Use of Building Receipts	\$5,825	\$0	\$5,825
Interest Income	\$543	\$0	\$543
Processing Fees	\$221	\$0	\$221
Other Income	\$161	\$0	\$161
Transfers	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Operating Receipts	\$230,977	\$289,500	(\$58,523)
OPERATING EXPENDITURES			
Total Personnel Related	\$127,120	\$132,547	\$5,427
Children / Youth Ministry	\$179	\$1,374	\$1,195
Music Ministry	\$1,377	\$3,525	\$2,148
Community Ministry	\$15,263	\$17,363	\$2,100
Ministry Teams	\$3,352	\$8,175	\$4,823
State & World Missions	\$9,224	\$11,587	\$2,363
Operating Ministry	\$112,524	\$114,929	\$2,405
Total Operating Expenditures	\$269,039	\$289,500	\$20,461
OPERATING RECEIPTS MORE(LESS) THAN OPERATING EXPENDITURES			
	(\$38,062)	\$0	(\$38,062)

**Homebound Member
of the Week**

**Madge Atkins
 354 Savanna Plains Drive
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Ministry Council News

Hope you are enjoying these sunny days!

I have heard people say that our church is closed. I tend to disagree. It is true that we are not meeting in person, but the church is hard at work. There is a lot planned for Fernwood:

- The Family Life/Recreation Team has an outdoor event planned for this Sunday from 2-4pm at Camp Croft State Park. More details are included in this newsletter.
- The Ministry Council is sponsoring a safe drive-by Trick-or-Treat event for Halloween from 5-6 pm. More information about how you can help can be found in this newsletter.
- Our Worship Team is hard at work planning for Advent. Stay tuned for details.
- The Missions Team along with the Discipleship Sunday School class will sponsor a Coat Drive this year. More information will be available later.
- The Missions Team has asked that our church support a couple of ministries that serve the community. These are activities initiated by Total Ministries and Habitat for Humanity. Please plan to participate as more information is made available.
- The Missions Team also continues to serve meals at Hope Center for Children thanks to the generosity of the Fernwood family.

I hope you can see that there is no doubt that Fernwood Baptist Church is still working hard, even though we continue to worship virtually.

Thank you for your dedication to Fernwood. Stay Safe.

Sara Gardner, Chair of Ministry Council

Office Hours

CURRENT OFFICE HOURS ARE:

Monday: 9am until 1pm

Wednesday: 9am until 1pm

Ways to get information to us:

1. Call the church office and leave a message on the answering machine. We will check on Mondays and Wednesdays when in the office.
2. If it is information which is needed before we return to the office or an emergency, you can [email](#) Angie or call her cell 864-978-7404.

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Publication Notice

The next bi-weekly e-blast newsletter publication will be **Wednesday, October 28, 2020**.
Deadline for all articles is **Tuesday, October 27, 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!