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Doing the Lord's Business

Moderator Karen Knauerhase opened the First Baptist Church Diaconate meeting Wednesday, November 18, with prayer.

Karen reported that Pastor David and the Executive/Personnel Committee continue to interview Business Administrator candidates. The Committee is recommending a candidate to fill the Minister of Christian Education and Development position; per FBC bylaws, this will be presented for a vote at the special business meeting on December 9 at 6:30 p.m. The candidate was present at services Sunday, November 13, and spent time with youth during the Sunday school hour. Anyone with questions regarding the candidate should contact Pastor David or Karen.

PASTOR DAVID Wheeler reported that the Cambodian and Hispanic programs on November 1 were positively received and well-attended. He also shared that he is working with a broad group, including other downtown churches, pastors, and ministry partners, to organize a free medical/dental clinic in early 2010 in conjunction with Compassion Connect. The Retired Ministers and Missionaries offering will be taken in December. The World Mission Offering raised \$7,000. Thank you for your generosity!

Membership Committee reminds you that Christmas Craft Night is Friday, Dec. 4 at FBCCC; plan to attend this fun, family event! Angel Tree "angels" will be available on Nov. 29; select an "angel" and purchase gifts for a child through this prison ministry program. Church photo directories will be available after the holidays.

Property Committee needs strong bodies to assist with the delivery and set-up of the Christmas tree on Dec. 2 at 11:00 a.m.

There are many fun, family-friendly holiday happenings at FBC. For more, be sure to read the Opportunities page in the Sunday bulletins.

The Christian Education Committee and Sunday school classes collected hygiene items, toys, and school supplies and made 23 boxes for the Samaritan's Purse ministry Operation Christmas Child. These will be distributed to needy children throughout the world.

The Nominating Committee continues its work to fill FBC's 2010 leadership positions — and they WANT YOU! Contact Chair Fredrik Eriksson if you are willing to serve God and FBC in this way.

Stewardship Committee Chair Steve Shearer reported that

FBC has engaged a temporary accountant to provide assistance with financial records and reports. The committee has been working to prepare the 2010 budget; a deficit of between \$65-80,000 is projected. This is based on conservative estimates of 2010 income.

Major recent expenditures include payment of transit mall improvement assessments and taxes.

In other business, the discussion regarding changing the name of the Faith and Witness Committee to include the word "Evangelism" was tabled. Pastor David emphasized that the faithfulness of the committee is more important than its name. The Christmas offering will be dedicated to our building fund, to help maintain our facilities and keep them in good repair, especially given how much they are used.

The meeting closed with prayer. A special business meeting will be held Wednesday, Dec. 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the Activity Center. The agenda includes the first reading of the 2010 budget, election of leaders, and the vote to call the MCED candidate. The next Diaconate meeting is Wednesday, December 16 at 7:35 p.m.

—Karen Knauerhase, Moderator—

**SPECIAL SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 29**

- First Sunday of Advent**
Lighting the candle of Hope
- Commitment Sunday at both services**
- Angels for the Angel Tree will be available.**

**Deck the Halls of FBC
for Christmas**

Volunteer to decorate our church for Christmas to make it even more beautiful.

**Saturday, November 28,
at 9:00am in Fellowship
Hall**

Help put up wreaths and garlands in the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall. Sign up sheets will be at the Welcome Center. Contact is Bruce Bridgess

**Wednesday, December 2,
at 11:00am** A huge Christmas tree will be delivered and strong backs will be needed to bring it in and set it up. Call Keith Ponce at 503-228-7465 or email him at kponce@fbc-portland.org.

**Saturday, December 5, at
9:00am in Fellowship
Hall**

Decorate the 25-foot church Christmas tree, followed by a light luncheon. Sign up sheets will be at the Welcome Center. Contact is Bruce Bridgess

**Personal Prayer Available
every Sunday**

To have someone pray with you about a personal concern, go to the Parlor at the back of Fellowship Hall after the 11:00 worship.

Angel Tree Ministry

This is the 15th year we have ministered to young children of prison inmates.

You can participate in one of many simple ways:

1. Make phone calls,
2. Write requests on angels,
3. Tend to angel tree and register gifts,
4. Purchase, wrap and bring gifts to the church,
5. Move gifts to the attic,
6. Bag gifts for delivery,
7. Deliver the gifts on December 19.

Volunteer forms are available at the Welcome Center. Please sign on with our team and work with us to make Christ's love evident in our service to them through Angel Tree.

Angels will be available
Sundays, November 29,
December 6 and
December 13
Wednesdays, December 2
and December 9

Please keep these dates in mind.

If you have questions, contact Rev. Norm Lawson at 503-692-6252 or 503-544-3286

**Business Meeting
Wednesday, December 9**

The business meeting usually held on a Sunday will be held after the Wednesday Night Dinner at 6:30 for the first reading of the 2010 budget, for the election of leaders and for the vote to call the MCED candidate.

Members of all three congregations are urged to attend and to vote.

Come for the dinner and then stay for the meeting or come only for the meeting.



**November 29, 2009
First Sunday in Advent: "Hope"**
Jeremiah 33:14-16
Luke 21:25-33
"Look!"

**December 6, 2009
Second Sunday in Advent: Peace
Recognition of Retired Ministers
and Missionaries**
Malachi 3:1-4
Luke 1:68-79
"And you, child..."

**December 13, 2009
Third Sunday in Advent: "Love"**
Isaiah 12:1-6
Luke 3:7-18
"Love and Fire"

**December 20, 2009
Fourth Sunday in Advent: "Joy"**
**Combined Service: Cambodian,
English & Spanish Congregations**
Micah 5:2-5a
Luke 1:39-45
"Leaping for Joy"

**December 27, 2009
First Sunday of Christmas**
Psalm 148
Luke 2:41-52
"From Manger to Messiah"

Worship Services at 9:00 am
and 11:00 am

11:00 worship also in Spanish
and Cambodian languages.
Spanish: Candlelight Chapel
Cambodian: Community Center

"Time for Children" during the
11:00 service

Children's Church for ages 3 through
Second Grade follows the
Time for Children at 11:00am.

Worship and Praise Celebration at
5:30pm in the Candlelight Chapel

Sunday school for all ages at
10:00am.

Join in the Christmas Festivities offered at First Baptist Church!

Christmas Craft Night Friday, December 4,

from 6:00 to 9:00pm in the Community Center
Create wreaths and crafts while enjoying music and treats for all ages. Invite your friends and family.

Table hosts are needed.

Please contact Chris Beard at 503-232-5991.

(Free parking at The Portland Clinic lot.)

Sunday Fellowship Dinner and Carols 'Round the Tree Sunday, December 13

after the 11:00 service. The Sunday Fellowship dinner will be followed by Carols 'Round the Tree. In addition to the carol sing, there are going to be organ and brass numbers and a Laurel and Hardy silent movie. Santa will also be visiting with the children while Paul Newman captures it on film. There will be delightful refreshments of eggnog and a variety of "sugar plums."

Christmas Eve Service Thursday, December 24, at 8:00pm in the Sanctuary.

The next Food Barrel Sunday is December 13.

Non-perishable food used for a Christmas dinner would be wonderful to tuck inside a food box this holiday season. Karen Brophy is putting a call out for winter jackets for the people coming for Drop-in.

Jack Brophy would like to buy 50 pigs when he's in Thailand in January. If you would like to help, mark your check "Lahu Pigs."

Worship and Praise Celebration Sundays

from 5:30-7:30pm in the Candlelight Chapel

There will be worship on the first Sunday, December 6, but no worship on the last Sunday, December 29.

Christmas Holiday Closures

There will be no Wednesday Dinner and Bible Study on December 23.

Jack Brophy says the Drop-in Center will "probably" not be open on Christmas Eve.

The FBC Office will close after Noon on December 24.

Our hearts go out to the families of

 *Max Peck*

Born: July 12, 1920

Joined: January 26, 1949

Died: November 10, 2009

 *Patricia Weidman*

Born: April 18, 1928

Joined: April 24, 1983

Died: November 14 2009

A memorial service is planned in the future.

 *Polly Madenwald*

Born: January 11, 1924

Joined: January 22, 1958

Died: November 21, 2009

Service arrangements are pending.

December Birthdays

- Dec 1 - Lou Gates
Florin Ionescu
Ratanak Jenkins
Hazel Johnson
Gene Youngman
- Dec 2 - Dominick Gambino
Sally Lee
Singbory Nem
- Dec 5 - Dan Beard
Mike Woolwine
- Dec 8 - Pastor David Wheeler
- Dec 11 - Mary Bird
Joann Metcalf
Tom Muller
- Dec 14 - John Mitsch
- Dec 15 - Dale V. Johnson
Don Garrett
Sonn Im
Bettie Schweinfurth
- Dec 16 - Carol Darlington
Charles King
- Dec 17 - Robin Mills
- Dec 18 - Lois Knopf
Pauline Pagulayan
- Dec 20 - George Hartman
- Dec 21 - Kakrona Khem
Alberta Sanchez
- Dec 23 - Yovanny Perez
Nora Russell
- Dec 24 - Jaimee Gubrud
Carol Wheeler
- Dec 27 - Phil Mosley
- Dec 28 - Tina Kirkendall
- Dec 31 - Seren Lay (Kong)
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- The December 9, 2009 Trumpeter will list January birthdays.

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Downtown Fellowship

**December 17 at
10:30am
Third Thursday**

The Dickens Duet

A costumed presentation
of Old English and other
Christmas Carols
featuring Ellen Poole and
Dee Luppold

The Dickens Duet has been
performing in greater Portland
since 1995. Using vocal har-
monies with lute and guitar
accompaniment, they interact
with their audiences and have
them join in some of the
songs. Their performances
have been described as "fun"
and "festive."

Stay for the hot lunch served
at 11:45 for only \$3.00.

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