



# The Light

FBC OLATHE NEWSLETTER

# Easter

AT FBC OLATHE  
HOLY WEEK

**March 28 Palm Sunday**

10:30 In-person & Virtual

**April 1 Maundy Thursday**

5:00pm in-person & Virtual

**April 2 Good Friday**

7:30pm Virtual

**April 4 Easter Sunrise Service**

7:00am in parking lot

**April 4 Easter Sunday**

10:30 In-person & Virtual

## Easter Lilies

To purchase an Easter Lily in memory of someone, contact Morna at [FBCOFFICE@fbcolathe.org](mailto:FBCOFFICE@fbcolathe.org) or call the church office, 913-764-7088



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*Olathe*  
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## IN PERSON CHURCH UPDATE

FBC will begin in person service on March 28th. All Covid safety precautions will be in place.

- Mask wearing inside the building.
- Hand sanitizer at the entrance.
- Social distancing.
- No congregating in the lobby.
- One way entrance and exit.

## ONLINE CHURCH

We encourage everyone to join in on Sunday around 10:20AM to church online and join in and chat with our church family.

Go to our website [fbcoolathe.org](http://fbcoolathe.org) and click on Worship button.

**WORSHIP**

## CHURCH INFORMATION

Office is currently open  
Tuesday and Wednesday,  
9AM to Noon.

Phone: 913-764-7088

Email: [fbcoffice@fbcolathe.org](mailto:fbcoffice@fbcolathe.org)

[www.fbcolathe.org](http://www.fbcolathe.org)

## PRAYER NEEDS

Pray for wisdom and patience for the search committee.

Pray for wisdom for our future pastor, the one God has specifically called to join with us.

Pray for hope and excitement for our church family as we are companions in this adventure of trust.

## Diaconate & Business Meetings

- February Diaconate met 2/18/21
- Vote passed to reopen the church on 3/28/21
- March Diaconate 3/18/21
- Quarterly Business Meeting March 21st @ 4PM

If you would like a copy of meeting minutes, please contact the office.

## Pastoral Search Committee

The search committee continues through the process to find a new pastor.

- Survey data is being compiled.
- Church Profile is to be completed by mid-march.
- Website continues to be updated to match the Church Profile.
- Data entered in American Baptist database to pull potential candidates by April.

## Church Finances

### January 2021

Cash available for General Operations \$76,603.79

Revenue \$18,205

Expenses \$17,043

= + \$1,162

Capital fund (after payment of \$15,000) = \$13,703.02

Loan balance, end of January was \$55,256.38

Thanks to everyone who continues to tithe!! It is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions regarding church finances, please let me know.

**Deb Ruse - Treasurer - 913 206 6342**

## Featured Members



**Ted Dempsie**

Meet Ted Dempsie. Ted is the man who manicures the lawn and landscape at our church. He never turns down an opportunity to serve.

Ted and his bride of fifty-three years, Janet, have been friends since first grade. They grew up on farms in Minnesota and rode the bus to school together until they graduated from high school. Retirement allows Ted priceless grandparent time.

Ted worked for International Truck and transferred from Minnesota to Indiana then landed him and his family in Olathe. He likes to keep busy so works three days a week delivering parts for NAPA AUTO. When you see Ted ask how many times he has watched the movie, Top Gun!

Shannon Hunsaker has a bright smile laced with a hint of a secret. For 20 years, she has provided child care for children from birth to 3 years.

Shannon loves summer, mowing, weed-eating, pool cleaning and gardening. Her favorite vacation would be at a beach or camping. The secret behind her smile must be joy in the life God gives, the exuberance of the youngest human to the freshness of the outdoors to the beauty of God's creation.

She grew up in South Olathe and has always lived in Kansas. She is married and has two kids and two dogs. Her favorite foods are Mexican or roast and mashed potatoes. The next time you see Shannon ask what is her favorite movie. Surely you'll see her smile!



**Shannon Hunsaker**



**Miriam Laws**

The Little Mermaid, Potatoes and Crimson. What do these words have in common? These are a few of the favorite things of Miriam Laws.

Miriam recently began her career as a hairstylist. During her home school years, she enjoyed YMCA Basketball, math and the arts, specifically drawing and dance.

Crimson is her pet bearded dragon. She finds him very entertaining to watch. Next time you meet Miriam, ask her to tell how she came to have a bearded dragon and why his name is Crimson! Christian rap music motivates her to work hard at the gym. Last but not least among her favorite things-- "all things potato and chocolate ice cream."

## Missions Spotlight

### America for Christ Offering in March

The promise of warmer weather in March gives us hope of better days as we emerge from winter. March is also the month we highlight the America for Christ offering. As we give to this offering, we join other American Baptists to give the hope of better days to families and communities. Matthew 22:39 reminds us to love our neighbors. America for Christ offering gives us the opportunity to love neighbors near and far.

Since 1832 the American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS) have been answering God's call to heart-broken families and communities-- as well as cultivate strong Christian leaders and equip passionate disciples. ABHMS ministers to families who have lost homes to floods, children in poverty, and seminarians preparing to devote their lives to answering God's call to proclaim The Good News.

Join this effort to meet many needs, to cultivate leaders, to equip disciples, to heal communities, to show God's love with support of the work of ABHMS.

To give to America for Christ, send you gift, designated for America for Christ to the church office or use our online giving option. Thank you for providing hope for better days for our "neighbors."

For more information on America for Christ see <https://www.abcopad.org/News/America-For-Christ-2021.aspx>