



THE LIGHT

December 2021 Newsletter

CHRISTMAS EVENTS

If you could ask for any gift in the world, what would it be? This Christmas, unwrap four of the most important gifts we could ever receive. The season of Advent, the four weeks leading up to Christmas, is a time to prepare our hearts and celebrate the coming of the ultimate gift, Jesus Christ.

Christmas Eve Service will be 6:30PM December 24th.



December 11th, 2021



The Bazaar is Back!

A decades old tradition of the annual Fall Bazaar was interrupted in 2020 due to COVID. Now there is good news! The Bazaar returned on November 13, 2021 as a resounding success.

A steady flow of shoppers entered the fellowship hall which had been transformed into a shopper's delight. Tables of handmade decorations, stocking stuffers, jams, jellies, breads, clothing and "white elephants" offered "usable stuff" at very reasonable prices.

The cookie shop in the hallway collected over \$500. Thirty-three bakers donated 79.5 pounds of cookies so shoppers could fill a box of mixed goodies. One man was overheard exclaiming "this is the greatest idea!"

Over \$8000 was raised for missions. The specific recipient ministries will be announced at a later date. This "amazing" success is the result of a joint effort of many very organized volunteers.



SILVER SAINTS MINISTRIES

This group was organized 20 years ago. Norma Payne, Nell Bowen, Bonnie Perkins, and Barbara Oliver saw the need, and a ministry was born. Through the years a number of people have volunteered to minister.

The need was to serve those who could no longer leave their homes to attend services. Age is not a requirement, need is. As a church we wanted these people to continue to feel part of FBC. The committee has been committed to the mission. Anyone who would like to embrace this ministry should feel free to contact the office.

Through the years there have been various means of staying connected. Norma and Howard Payne took tapes of the service and bulletins weekly to those who could not attend, while others made sure cookies were taken or cards and a welcomed visit accompanied.

Times have changed. From tapes to GrandPads, the Saints continue to stay connected. Those who are with us in spirit, enjoy the visit that comes with remembrance or card in the mail. We celebrate with the Saints holidays year-round which is a tradition.

The torch has been passed. The vision of the ladies who started the Silver Saints remains strong as they continue to lead and advise.

Our Saints will be seen in the newsletter. Feel free to add to the ministry with a card, a phone call, or a visit.



HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY! NORMA PAYNE

Norma is turning 100 years old on December 20th.

Please send a birthday card to Norma @

9337 W 125th Street
Overland, KS 66213



Featured Members



RITA SHELTON

Rita and her family moved to Olathe from Norton, Kansas. Ironically they were close friends of the Bowen family in Norton.

Rita is an avid reader and likes to read most everything. She enjoyed going to the opera, stage performances, and solo vocal concerts.

Rita has been a member of FBC since 1985 and has been involved in ABW. Young at Heart was a passion she had. She planned the programs for their monthly gathering and pot luck. She also taught the art at the Senior Center.

Rita really started a ceramic group in her home that worked all year to have beautiful ceramic Easter eggs, fruit baskets, jack-o-lantern and more to sell at the Fall bazaar

Rita and her husband would plan trips for the FBC family. They would take the church bus to Branson and various day trips.

Rita wrote a book. She named it Memories by Rita Shelton. This book is in the church office and she would love to share her life with you.



JAN CRUMLY

After graduating from Baker University Jan moved to Olathe and began her teaching career. As a teacher she taught History and English before going into Library Science. She finished her 36-year career as a librarian.

During her 54-year membership at FBC Jan sang in the choir, and taught Sunday School. She presently teaches an adult class and subs in a D Group. Jan has served on the Diaconate as well as an active member of the ABW. She participates in the annual Fall Bazaar by making adorable items and coordinating the Cookie Cafe.

Jan likes to play cards and enjoys reading. She considers herself a sugar addict. Offer her ice cream, chocolate or pizza and she is in 7th Heaven.

Jan likes to travel. She has been to Europe but has a love of the mountains of Colorado and Wyoming. On her bucket list is a visit to Glacier National Park.

If you see Jan, ask her about the first place she lived in Olathe.



KEITH LAWS

Keith an integral part of the FBC Audio Visual (AV) team. You can find him on most Sundays sitting in the Sanctuary sound booth. On days he isn't working AV, you will find him sitting with his wife and several of his nine children.

As a youth, Keith went to a church where there wasn't a Youth Group. One year he was invited to attend FBC and became involved in our activities.

Keith has been the Vice Moderator this last year and will become the Church Moderator in January.

Keith is a busy father. His interest in technology allows him from time to time to develop video games for his children, specific to their interests. He also has made some that were available online.

Keith is a teacher of Archery in 4-H organization were his children are involved. His favorite reading is anything computer, which helps keep him on top of the game in IT with the U.S. Post Office. Keith's favorite food comes from a family event of cooking Chinese including Crab Rangoon.

CHURCH FINANCES

October 2021

General Operations \$128,978.75

Capital \$10,373.02

Loan \$46,426.25

Grand Pads \$5,425.00

Revenue \$27,839.00

Expenses \$25,063.00 = +\$2,776.00



Online Giving

Brazilian Church Grant \$2,450

Reshaping Grant \$5,000

As always, thank you to everyone who continues to tithe.
It is appreciated more than you know.

Deb Ruse, Treasurer (913) 206 6342 if you have any questions.

Notice: Business Meeting

Quarterly Business Meeting
Sunday, December 19th,
directly after service.

Entire congregation is
welcomed.

ONLINE CHURCH

We encourage everyone to join in on Sunday around 10:15 AM for online worship to chat with our church family.

Go to fbcolathe.org or Scan this QR code.

WORSHIP



Online Worship

CHURCH INFORMATION

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

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If you would like to submit news for the January newsletter, please send to:
Communications@fbcolathe.org
by
December 23rd, 2021. Thanks.

TWO MINISTRIES COME TOGETHER CONNECTIONS PRESCHOOL & 4H

The Recipe for a Perfect Day at Connections Preschool

1 sewing project + 2 handfuls of clay, 3 tools (Hammer, foam & golf tees), lots of bugs, snacks all around and garnish with a pet chicken = 1 Perfect Day for a preschooler!

Two ministries of our church came together to enjoy learning and teaching. Our 4H group spends a Monday with our preschoolers sharing 4H projects. It was a mini 4H Fair and it was fun as well as rewarding. How do we know it was fun?

Lots of smiles and of course put a pet chicken in a room of kids, fun is a guarantee!

Thanks, 4H group for a great day!

