



FBC News

“For Christ, having received, not one or two of us, but all together, has thus connected us, so that we ought to cherish one another”

John Calvin

JULY 2022

New Beginnings!

On June 6th, we celebrated the grand opening of the LGBT Center of Greater Reading at FBC with a ribbon cutting and reception. Thank you to everyone who worked to bring our FBC family together with the amazing people at the LGBT Center of Greater Reading, especially Joel Dugan! Joel, your dream may have taken a bit longer than you hoped, but the fruits of your labor are already being felt in our community.

On Wednesdays, the LGBT Center at FBC will host individual counseling as well as a teen group called VOICES (ages 12-17). VOICES meets each week from 4:30pm to 6:30pm, so if you know a young person who might be interested, help us spread the word.



We're also planning an older adult group! Stay tuned as we figure out time and dates.



Congratulations Patience Muale and Dustin Cook!

Patty and Dustin welcomed their new baby Jayden Robin Walter Cook on May 29th! We are so excited for your family. If anyone would like to send congratulations to Patty and Dustin, reach out to the office for their new address.



What a Difference Some Mulch Makes

Thank you to everyone who helped mulch the flower beds at FBC. They look great!



Research Study on LGBTQ Inclusion in Church

Are you an adult (18 years or older) member of First Baptist who identifies as LGBTQ+? If so, please consider participating in a research study being conducted by Dr. Megan Yost, a professor at Dickinson College (Carlisle, PA).

The purpose is to learn about LGBTQ people who have found a home in a welcoming congregation, because most other research on this topic has examined LGBTQ people who have left churches due to experiences with sexual prejudice. To learn more about the study, please go to <https://tinyurl.com/3b3srway> for a video introduction, or go to <https://tinyurl.com/2p93xy5t> for a written description.

What's Happening at FBC! 📅

Check out these upcoming events! Visit us online to find links at www.FBCPottstown.org.

- June 16th at 7pm Ministry Coordination Team
- June 19th at 10:30am Worship on Zoom with guest Rev. Dr. Marsh Brown Woodard
- June 26th at 10:30am Worship on Zoom with guest Rev. Dr. Kadia Edwards
- July 3rd at 9:15am Podcast Study – “The Bible and Climate Change”
- July 3rd at 10:30am Prayer and Communion Service on Zoom with Rev. Dennis Landon
- July 3rd at 3pm In-person Worship & Ice Cream Social at FBC with Rev. Dennis Landon
- July 10th at 9:15am Podcast Study – “The Bible and Climate Change”
- July 10th at 10:30am Worship on Zoom
- July 14th at 10am Save, Repurpose, Recycle Team Meeting at FBC
- July 17th at 10:30am Worship on Zoom
- July 18th at 4:30pm Board of Spiritual Life Meeting
- July 21st at 7pm Ministry Coordination Team
- July 24th at 10:30am Worship on Zoom with guest Rev. Dr. Rachael Lawrence
- July 31st at 10:30am Worship on Zoom
- Aug 7th at 10:30am Prayer and Communion Service on Zoom
- Aug 7th at 12pm Pool Party at the Forrest's House
- Aug 14th at 10:30am Worship on Zoom with Rev. Dr. Marvin Marsh

Financial Info

We continue to come together to do the work of ministry in our neighborhood and in the world. Your gifts make this happen! Thank you!

Offering Income in May	\$ 5,989.64
Rental Income in May	\$11,758.45
Other Income in May	\$ 50.00
<hr/> Total income in May	<hr/> \$17,898.09
 Expenses in May	 \$ 5,445.41
 Net Gain for May	 \$12,352.68



Do you have anything you'd like to add to the next edition of FBC News?

Email details to the office at office@FBCPottstown.org by July 13th!