



**Office Hours:** Monday 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. (Closed for lunch)      Friday: 9 am – 1  
 402-721-1265

Father, I thank you that behind history, and especially behind the part of history where I live, your hand is always working for my redemption and your glory. Give me faith to ride out the difficult times, knowing that you will use those difficulties to be the incubator of your next great work in me. In the name of Jesus, I pray. Amen



Reminder: as Pastor Richard begins his sabbatical, Pastor Fred Daugherty will be filling in during the sabbatical. **Continue to use the pastor's phone #402-630-1380 and/or email address [richard@fremontfbc.org](mailto:richard@fremontfbc.org) when you need to make contact....Pastor Fred will be using those contacts for the duration of the time he is taking Pastor Richard's place. You may also contact the church office at 402-721-1265 or email [office@fremontfbc.org](mailto:office@fremontfbc.org) for any questions or concerns that may arise.**

**JANUARY 2023**



Greetings from Your Very Personable Personnel Team!



Quite frankly, it is required (at least according to FBC Chimes lore) that we put our January efforts into the theme "New".

*Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. Isaiah 43:19 ESV*

God is indeed doing a "New thing" at First Baptist. We are experiencing a time of sabbatical.

**"Do you not Perceive it?"**

Well, if not, you will. Pastor Richard is embarking on a 10-to-12-week sabbatical. Nope, we have never done that before! But, to borrow a phrase, we are going to "face unafraid the plans that we've made". Thankfully, the reverend Fred Daugherty has agreed to be our Interim Pastor for the duration. We are including some brief biographical information and a handsome photo! Most people know Pastor Fred from previous times he as filled our pulpit. As quickly as this endeavor developed, we felt the presence of God and are convinced that His hand has made this all possible. Thank you so much for your vote of confidence and support. We appreciate your willingness to come together and honor God (and Pastor Richard) through our newest adventure as members of FBC, Fremont.  
 Joel, Marcia, Mary, Mike, and Shelly

*The Lord will give Strength to His people.  
 The Lord will Bless His people with Peace.*

*Psalm 29:11*





Fred Daugherty was born in Indianapolis IN, and grew up on a farm in southern Indiana. He made a commitment to Christ early in life, was Baptized and became a member of Hopewell Baptist Church near Holton, IN.

During his high school years Fred felt a call from God to be a minister. He responded to that call at Church Camp the summer prior to his senior year.

Fred graduated from Franklin College in Franklin, IN. Then Easter Baptist Seminary in Philadelphia. He was ordained to Ministry by the Hopewell Baptist Church in 1961.

He served churches in Indiana, West Virginia, Kansas, and Nebraska the last being Second Baptist in Lincoln. In 1988 he stepped out of the Pastor Ministry and went to work for the Prudential Insurance Company where he worked as an agent and sales manager. In 1988 Fred accepted the position of Vice President of Field Serves for the American Baptist Foundation in Valley Forge, PA.

After retiring from the AB Foundation, he served as interim pastor for 3 churches in Pennsylvania and New Jersey before returning to Lincoln.

Fred is married to Roberta (Bobbi) and through the years they have enjoyed traveling and God's beautiful creatures across this country.



### December Answers

#### Bible Puzzle

The Christmas story recording the slaughter of the Bethlehem children mentions Jeremiah's prophecy of "Rachel weeping for her children" from Jeremiah 31, a chapter that talks about God turning his people's mourning into joy...and certainly though there was this terrible tragedy of slaughter, the birth of Jesus resulted in great joy for all eternity. However, the reason it is an appropriate reference is because Genesis 35 recounts the story of Rachel dying in childbirth as her son was born. She named the boy "Ben-Oni"...son of my sorrow...but Jacob changed his name to "Ben-jamin"...son of my right hand." So Rachel is associated with the combination of children and sorrow.

#### Peoples Puzzle

The church member who in a previous church used to help with puppet skit ministry was Betty Laughlin.

10/12 Spurgeon morn "I will meditate in Thy precepts." Ps 119:15



"There are times when solitude is better than society, and silence is wiser than speech. We should be better Christians if we were more alone, waiting on God, and gathering spiritual strength through meditation on His Word for labor in His service. We ought to muse on *the things of God, because thus we get the real nutriment out of them.* Truth is something like the cluster of the vine: if we would have wine from it, we must bruise it' we must press and squeeze it many times. The bruisers fee must come down joyfully on the bunches, or else the juice will not flow; and they must well tread the grapes, or else much of the precious liquid will be wasted. So we must, by meditation, tread the clusters of truth, if we would get the wine of consolation therefrom. Our bodies are not supported by merely taking food into the mouth, but the process that really supplies the muscle, and the nerve, and the sinew, and the bone, is the process of digestion. It is by digestion that the outward food becomes assimilated with the inner life. Our souls are not nourished merely by listening a while to this, and then to that, and then to the other part of divine truth. Hearing, reading, marking, and learning, all require inwardly digesting to complete their usefulness, and the inward digesting of the truth lies for the most part in meditating on it. Why is it that some Christians, although they hear many sermons, make but slow advances in the divine life? Because they neglected their closets, and do not thoughtfully meditate on God's Word. They love the wheat, but they do not grind it; they would have the corn, but they will not go forth into the fields to gather it; the fruit hangs upon the tree, but they will not pluck it; the water flows at their feet, but they will not stoop to drink it. From such folly deliver us, O Lord, and be this our resolve this morning, "I will meditate in Thy precepts."



*Glory to God in the Highest*



If you know of someone in our church family whose name should be on this birthday and/or anniversary list and it is not, please call the office at 402-721-1265 to let us know.

BIRTHDAY	PHONE	DAY	ANNIVERSARY	PHONE
Mary Ann Ritthaler	402-721-1623	4		
Marilyn Hillrichs	402-721-0949	14		
Wes Howe	402-721-4163	20		
Deb Peterson	402-727-4034	21	Jim and Dottie Strenger	402-721-9648
Joyce Jokumsen	402-719-4857	27		
John Dennert	660-240-8699	29		

### Homebound and Shut-Ins

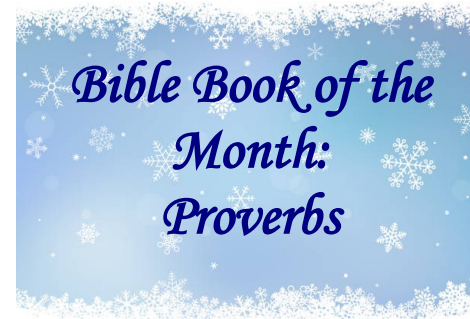
<b>NYE SQUARE APTS</b>	
650 W 21st St. Fremont 402-721-9224	
Dalton Benson 402-721-7717	#126
Wes Howe 402-721-4163	#133
Joan Sorensen 402-830-6519	#178
<b>SHALIMAR GARDENS</b>	
749 E. 29th St. Fremont, 402-721-1616	
Harlan Waugh (402-753-8046)	#219
<b>Edgewood Vista</b>	
2910 Clarkson St. Fremont 402-753-8800	
Mary Ann Paulger	#7
<b>NYE SQUARE</b>	
655 W 23rd St. Fremont 402-721-9224	
Esther and Leonard Bechtel	#601



Coming Soon another round of small groups!! Are you able to Host, or Lead a group? If so let Mike Raasch or Amity know ASAP and we will get you all the details.

### Answer Key

- 1) 5 B.C (In the year 532 A.D., a monk named Denys le Petit calculated that Jesus was born in the Roman year 753 and we number our years of the Christian era since that date. However, it is now believed that Denys miscalculated and Jesus was actually born between 6 and 4 B.C.)
- 2) Bethlehem (The story of Jesus' birth is told in Luke 2. Mary and Joseph were traveling to Bethlehem, a city that is now in the West Bank area of Israel.)
- 3) They were instructed by Angels
- 4) An Angel of the Lord told them.
- 5) They followed a star in the East.
- 6) To escape King Herod, who wanted to kill Jesus (Matthew 2:13-15. Herod misunderstood Jesus mission on Earth. He thought Jesus would grow up to seize power and become the new king. However, Jesus' grew up to reign over the Kingdom of Heaven, not an earthly kingdom. "Madonna and Child" by Bernardo Daddi (c. 1335)
- 7) Nazareth (Nazareth is in what is now the northern part of Israel, near the city of Haifa. )
- 8) 12 years old



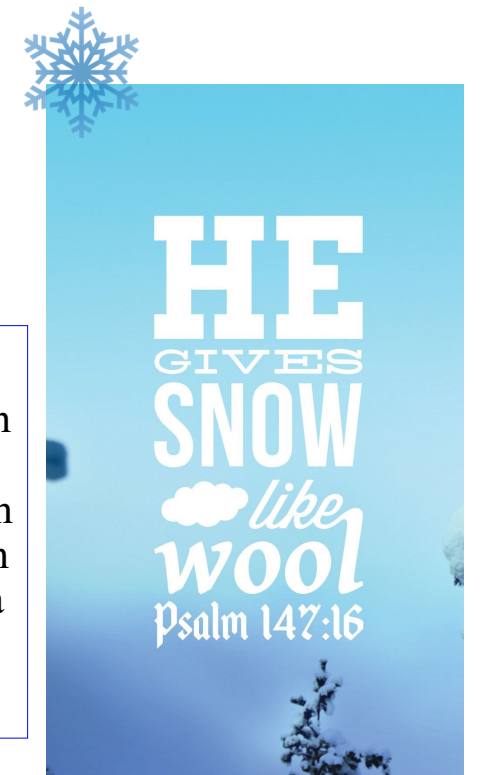
Meetings  
 Esther Circle  
 January 9 @ 11:00 -Village Inn  
 Hannah Circle – No Meeting  
 Naomi Circle  
 January 26 @ 12:30

The **Prayer room** is open during office hours and by appointment.

Happy  
 New  
 Year  
 2023

Are you looking to join one of FBC Circles? There is plenty of room for you, call the church office or reach out to a circle directly.

January 5, 2023  
 ABWM @ 1:30  
 FBC Parlor  
 Hostess: Esther





## VISION TEAM: December 10, 2022



Members present were Pastor Richard, Mike Raasch, John Mitchell, Marcia Hill, Joel Foreman, Mary Weldon, Luke Chavanne, Eileen Cash, Randy Cash, and Dorothy Charleston.

Mike opened with Psalm 48: 1-6 The theme is Praise.

Reminder: Business meeting with Election of officers and the Budget on December 18 at 10:30. The annual meeting is scheduled for January 22, 2023.

Larry (reporting for John Mitchell). The property team was looking for leaks in the green room on third floor. Estimated cost to repair would be \$20,000 (McGinnis) Getzschman's will be called to check the thermostat on the third floor. Details on the front door repair are being finished.



Chess Club is using the Family Center today. Many families attend. Some folks from there have toured the church.

Fred Daugherty will be interim Pastor during Richard's absence. He will be here Sundays and Wednesdays January 1st until March 12.

ABM - no report.

Marcia reported many new people helped with the meal for the Kid's Program. They will be providing meals for Nola following her knee surgery this week.

Randy reported \$12,345.69 in the checking account and \$12,419.62 in the Buildings Account. The regular Endowment has \$287,830.20. The Youth Fund has \$46,613.0936. Memorial Gifts has \$18,189.18. Randy made a motion to withdraw \$2500 from the Youth Endowment to cover short areas. Mary Weldon seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous in favor. It will be divided into areas of Discipleship next year.

Luke reported a very successful Youth Group. From 16 to 24 and even 30 kids. They enjoyed one Wednesday meeting with Fremont Fellowship of Christian athletes. They are looking forward to the State Spring Youth Retreat weekend at Camp. This will increase interest in Summer camping. After hearing Eric and Yuri speak about Thailand, they are interested in raising money for them.

Joel presented the new budgets for Ministry and Expenses for 2023. Marcia made a motion to accept them and Eileen seconded it. The vote was unanimous in favor.

# New Beginnings

## January



- Day 1: Genesis 1:1-2
- Day 2: Jeremiah 29:11
- Day 3: Job 8:7
- Day 4: Lamentations 3:22-23
- Day 5: Psalm 30:5
- Day 6: Psalm 40:3
- Day 7: Isaiah 43:18-19
- Day 8: Isaiah 40:31
- Day 9: Isaiah 58:12
- Day 10: Ecclesiastes 3:1
- Day 11: Ecclesiastes 3:11
- Day 12: Isaiah 65:17
- Day 13: Ezekiel 11:19
- Day 14: Jeremiah 31:31
- Day 15: Matthew 26:27-28
- Day 16: Hebrews 12:1-2
- Day 17: 1 Peter 1:3
- Day 18: 2 Corinthians 5:17
- Day 19: Galatians 6:14-15
- Day 20: Colossians 3:8-9
- Day 21: Colossians 3:10-11
- Day 22: Romans 6:4
- Day 23: 2 Peter 3:10-11
- Day 24: 2 Peter 3:12-13
- Day 25: Philippians 3:13-14
- Day 26: Ephesians 4:21-22
- Day 27: Ephesians 4:23-24
- Day 28: Romans 12:2
- Day 29: Revelations 21:1-2
- Day 30: Revelations 21:3-4
- Day 31: Revelations 21:5



# FBKids | FBYouth

What a BLESSING!!!! Who knew there could be so many talented people in one room?! Thank you to all that helped put on such a wonderful show, and providing a delicious meal...it wouldn't quite be a Baptist event without food!!

Here are some pictures from the Christmas Program.



On Christmas Day there will be a combined service at 10:30 in the Sanctuary. The same schedule will be New Year's Day in the Family Center.

There being no further business, Mike closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Dorothy Charleston, clerk



Nola and I want to express our deep appreciation for all the Christmas kindness that have come from the congregation, including the end of the year gift. Serving here with you has been such a blessing to us.  
Pastor Richard and Nola Crooks

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOU KINDNESS, GENEROSITY, AND FELLOWSHIP THAT YOU SHOW ME, NOT ONLY DURING CHRISTMAS, BUT ALL YEAR LONG. MUCH LOVE TO ALL OF YOU, AND YOUR FAMILY.  
AMITY BRUCE



Thank you so much for your love gift, I'm Heading to Hawaii!!  
Mary Weldon



- 1) Jesus was born closest to what year? \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) Where was Jesus Born? \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) Why did Joseph and Mary give the baby the name Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) How did the shepherd who visited Baby Jesus know where to find him? \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) How did Magi (wise men) who visited Baby Jesus know where to find him? \_\_\_\_\_
- 6) Why did Joseph take Mary and Baby Jesus to Egypt? \_\_\_\_\_
- 7) Where did Jesus grow up after returning from Egypt? \_\_\_\_\_
- 8) One year when Jesus and his family went to Jerusalem for Passover, Jesus stayed behind in the Temple and his parents could not find him for 3 days. How old was Jesus then? \_\_\_\_\_

(\*\*Answers by Birthdays and Anniversary's\*\*)



*It's always a good idea to verify times and places,  
Thanks!*

# January 2023

## Cookies & Coffee

**1 - ABM**  
**8 - HANNAH**  
**15 - ESTHER**  
**22 - NAOMI**  
**29 - ABM**

Please have all reports  
that are to be entered  
into the Annual  
Report submitted to  
the office by  
**January 8th**  
Thank you!!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> <i>Communion</i> 10:30 Combined Service in the Family Center	<b>2 Office Closed</b> 9am Men's Coffee 7pm Woodcarvers	<b>3</b> 7pm - AA Meeting	<b>4</b> 9:30 - Women's Coffee <b>No Kids Club</b> 7pm - Bible Study	<b>5</b> 1:30 - ABWM Meeting	<b>6</b> 9am Men's Coffee	<b>7</b> 8am - ABM Breakfast 9am - Property Team
<b>8</b> 9:30 - Tradition Service 11am - Casual Service	<b>9</b> 9am Men's Coffee 11am - Esther Circle	<b>10</b> No Hannah Circle until March 7pm - AA Meeting	<b>11</b> 9:30 - Women's Coffee 6:15pm - Meal 7pm - FBKids   FBYouth 7pm - Bible Study	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 9am Men's Coffee	<b>14</b> 8:50 - Personnel Team 9am - Vision Team
<b>15</b> 9:30 - Tradition Service 11am - Casual Service	<b>16</b> 9am Men's Coffee 7pm Woodcarvers	<b>17</b> 7pm - AA Meeting	<b>18</b> 9:30 - Women's Coffee 6:15pm - Meal 7pm - FBKids   FBYouth 7pm - Bible Study	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 9am Men's Coffee	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 9:30 - Tradition Service 11am - Casual Service <b>ANNUAL MEETING</b>	<b>23</b> 9am Men's Coffee	<b>24</b> 7pm - AA Meeting	<b>25</b> 9:30 - Women's Coffee 6:15pm - Meal 7pm - FBKids   FBYouth 7pm - Bible Study	<b>26</b> 12:30 - Naomi Circle	<b>27</b> 9am Men's Coffee	<b>28</b> 9:30 ABW Bible Study
<b>29</b> 9:30 - Tradition Service 11am - Casual Service	<b>30</b> 9am Men's Coffee 7pm Woodcarvers	<b>31</b> 7pm - AA Meeting				