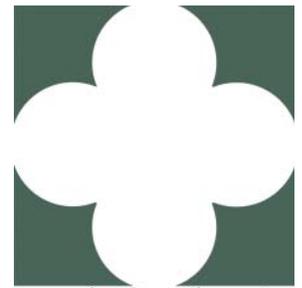


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## Speaking Words of Freedom

*By Dr. Patricia Hunter, Theologian in Residence*

February is Black History or African-American History Month. During this month we recognize the cultural, historical, economic, political, and scientific contributions of African-Americans to this country. Racial discrimination coupled with recent mainstream acceptance of white supremacy have increased the importance of highlighting various ethnic contributions to this country. While specific emphasis is placed on African-American heritage in February, our contributions to life in America are worthy of recognition all year long.

This year we also recognize the quad-centennial of the first Africans brought to this country at Jamestown, Virginia. They first arrived in the new world as indentured servants. Yet, once the value of their labor was recognized, most likely in tobacco fields, the indentured labor agreement turned into the immoral institution of slavery. The year was 1619, a year before the pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock. And, here it is 400 years later and America's original sin of racism still plagues us and haunts us—sometimes even in the church.

If we as a faith community are to wrestle with our attitudes of race in America, we

must look at the economic impact of racism. When Jesus began his ministry, he quoted the prophet Isaiah and read, "The Spirit of our God is upon me; because the Most High has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor.

To bring good news to the poor means naming economic injustice and being bold enough to say that a few people have way more than they need while a whole bunch of people have way less than they need to live with dignity. To bring good news to the poor is to challenge systems that keep poor people poor, the homeless constantly marginalized, children of color failing in our public schools, and poor people chronically ill.

To preach good news to the poor is to remind the poor that God sees your condition, stands with you, and is on your side.

Jesus also read in Isaiah, God has sent me to proclaim liberty to those who are held captive, recovery of sight to the blind, and release to those who are in prison.

We too are to proclaim freedom from all that which holds God's people captive. It is easy to see that all captivity is not behind iron bars. Fear holds many of us captive and we walk the streets everyday.

Fear causes us to make unhealthy choices and unwise decisions. We wrestle with fear of being alone, and the fear of being outed as being lgbtq. There is fear of not having enough money, fear of losing a job, fear of dying. And yes we even fear ending a bad relationship. All these fears hold us captive, and make us blind to God's possibilities for our lives.

As a congregation, we must speak words of freedom and create ministries that liberate for today's concerns and needs. We must discern our ministry and our witness for 2019. How will we make a difference in the lives of those who live in the Capitol Hill community today—not the Capitol Hill community of 1980 or 2000, but today?

While we are ministering to those around us, we may have some internal issues of bigotry, racism, transphobia, classism and ageism that we have to wrestle with as a faith community. We are a progressive community yet the liberations we may need to work on first could be our own. We may need to get free from what used to be, in order to receive our blessings for today and for tomorrow. We are to proclaim recovery of sight to those blinded by ignorance and intolerance even when it is our own ignorance.

This is the year of God's favor and I know we are committed to living our faith and theology outside these gothic walls. We must partner with God to bring life where there is despair; joy where there is sadness; hope where there is discouragement; healing where there is brokenness. In 2019 we will live out our faith so all our neighbors will know we are a people of justice called to serve this present age.

## Celebrating Tim and Patrick

Mark your calendars for Sunday, February 10 when we will celebrate Pastor Tim's 10th anniversary at Seattle First Baptist and Patrick's awesome time as Acting Director of Children's Programming. We will honor them at a luncheon after worship on February 10. If you would like to underwrite a gift for Tim and Patrick, please place a check, made out to SFBC with "Tim and Patrick's celebration" on the memo line, in the collection plate or send it to the church office.

## SFBC Deepens its Music Ministry

*By Nancy Roberts-Brown*

SFBC Choir Director Ben Luedke will begin in a new and expanded position, SFBC Minister of Music, effective July 1, 2019. This position was developed by a team of SFBC members tasked with the responsibility of identifying ways to deepen and extend music as a ministry of the entire church. Following the completion and approval of the new job description, Ben was offered – and accepted – the position.

The summary of the position reads as follows:

The Minister of Music, in collaboration with the pastoral staff, will lead a diverse and high-quality music program in our community, providing inspiration, challenge and comfort through the power of music. This includes using the congregation's musical gifts as a means of and aid to worship, leading the congregation to minister to each other through music, musical talents and expression among all age groups within the congregation.



*Ben Luedke directing our Sanctuary Choir.*

Seven attributes were identified as being necessary aspects of the job:

**Accountability** – The Minister of Music is accountable to the Lead Pastor and the Music Commission and will have ultimate decision-making authority and responsibility for the overall music program of Seattle First Baptist Church.

**Teamwork and Collaboration** – The Minister of Music will cultivate and maintain strong partnerships and teams in support of SFBC’s music program.

**Full Inclusion of Musical Talents** – The Minister of Music will aspire to the goal that everyone who calls SFBC their home will engage in and appreciate the music ministry of the congregation and provide for a diversity of opportunities for participation in the church’s music program.

**Sparkling Growth and Sustainability** – The Minister of Music will plan for and implement a music program that attracts and retains new talent such that the program grows and is sustained well into the future.

**Articulation of SFBC Values Through Music** – The Minister of Music must embrace and support the SFBC mission statement and values.

**Support for SFBC’s Role in the Wider Church Community** – The Minister of Music shall embrace Seattle First Baptist as a recognized leadership congregation in Seattle, and understand that the music program contributes significantly to this privilege and responsibility.

**Authentic Ministry** – The Minister of Music shall serve in a ministerial role, embracing and nurturing the role of music and musical community in the spiritual life of the congregation.

The Minister of Music position is 75% time. Ben’s current position is 50% time, as was that of Vicky Thomas, who served as our choir director for ten years before him. The decision to increase the time allotted to the Minister of Music position reflected the realization that new and expanded roles would require additional time. The decision to offer the position to Ben reflected that task group’s consensus that Ben, already well liked and well respected by the choir and congregation, had both the skills and sensibilities to fulfill these roles. Ben’s graduate studies at UW preclude him from beginning his new job until the beginning of July, at which time his academic responsibilities will be significantly decreased. So please recognize that as much as he would like to take new things on at this time, it is not yet possible.

Please join us in welcoming Ben into this new responsibility. We are most grateful for his work with the choir now, and we very much look forward to all that is to unfold with this new ministry.

## Moving On

*By Jim Segaar*

Last Sunday I managed to get my church work done earlier than usual. I had things wrapped up by 6 p.m., leaving time for Jim Ginn and me to go out for Chinese food. When we returned home, I decided to settle into the living room and call my sister Dot. I took out my phone, and noticed that she had texted me: “Are you aware of the eclipse? It has started.”

Eclipse! No, I wasn’t aware. I hauled up the heavy blinds over our east window and was delighted to see the moon glowing over Madison Park. I called my sister, and we chatted for nearly an hour while watching the eclipse together – she from Minneapolis and me from Seattle. It was one of the most pleasant evenings I’ve had in recent memory. Perhaps even life-changing. Life-expanding.

I continued watching the eclipse after we hung up, and I found myself contemplating my recent decision to resign my position as communications director at SFBC. That famous verse, Ecclesiastes 3.1, came to mind: “For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven...” I hadn’t known about the eclipse until my sister’s text, and watching it turned out to be the perfect way to spend the evening. In the same way, a few months ago I didn’t realize it was time for me to leave my church job, but recent events have convinced me that it is time for me to move on.

Five years ago this month I agreed to take a new position maintaining the church’s web presence, including the website and social media. It’s been a bountiful experience – with lots of successes, lots of technical irritants, and some great opportunities to share our communal life with the world. It has also been exhausting. I didn’t take a week off for the first two years, and I always had more things on my To Do list than I had time and energy. Between my own ideas and the requests of others the opportunities truly were endless.

A year ago I started an effort to reign in my effort and time spent on the job, but it didn’t work. I hated to say “No” to other people’s requests, and I didn’t want to ignore my own ideas. For a while I thought the answer was to increase the number of hours per week I was compensated for, but that wasn’t a workable solution. In December it became clear that it was time for me to move on.

And so, on February 1, I begin a new phase in my life – one of full retirement. At least for now. I’m looking forward to devoting more time and energy to things I love – the outdoors, writing, watching the world go by with our dogs

– and less time and energy to things I don't love so much – figuring out Facebook's constantly changing interfaces and usage statistics comes to mind.

It has been a great five years. I've been challenged and blessed in equal measures. I'm proud of the work we did together, and I cherish the people I've worked with. I especially want to thank two folks. Kellie Whitlock has been a great partner and I truly appreciate all that she does for our church. And Lupe Carlos III, his love of photography and artistic genius, enriched our content and gave me much-appreciated scheduling flexibility.

And now it is someone else's turn to guide our online ministry. We have a huge opportunity to serve our own community and reach out to the world at large online. I have every confidence that a new generation will take us even further forward into cyberspace. And I look forward to continuing to be part of the SFBC community – singing and writing more and running around less!

A Note From Pastor Tim:

*I am so grateful for the work of Jim Segaar that has powerfully put us on the online map. His gifts of creativity, sensitivity, and attentiveness have truly been a Godsend. I am personally grateful for Jim's teamwork as we have worked together on ways to expand the experience of worship beyond our sanctuary walls. That work includes seasonal devotional postings, online worship settings, and that direct planning of Good Friday services that have been authentic and moving. All that would be wonderful on its own. But Jim's care for details and the mundane have been essential for the ongoing presence of our witness in the world. Thank you, Jim. You are – and remain – a gift! Blessings as you move on to new adventures.*

## Welcome New SFBC Volunteer Retreat Coordinator

By Gary Davis



Companis is excited to welcome Cherry Johnson as our newest Companis Worker in placement with Seattle First Baptist. Cherry will serve as Retreat Coordinator for SFBC, a new volunteer position. Cherry has extensive experience in retreat planning and leadership in the local faith and nonprofit community. In fact, Cherry has been involved in coordinating several SFBC retreats in the past, including the annual Women's Retreat, as well as the Senior Retreat.

Of her position, Cherry says, "I think sometimes we just have to get away to rekindle our connections with the sacred — to remember who we are and what we're about."

If you have thoughts about SFBC retreats, please contact Cherry at [ [retreats@seattlefirstbaptist.org](mailto:retreats@seattlefirstbaptist.org) ].

*Photo: Cherry Johnson*

## February Adult Education Offerings

By Joanne Wright

### February 3: Witnessing Our Faith and Living Our Values - Parlor

To introduce our new Contemplative Program, Rev. Harriet Platts will share her experience of contemplative practice, and will offer a brief orientation to the Christian contemplative tradition. She will include reflections about the difference between our inner and outer journeys as people of faith, and will ask us to look to Jesus to discover how his inner life informed his actions in the world.

### February 10

#### Contemplative Program – Fridell Hall

Harriet Platts: "Arriving to Silence, Stillness, and Solitude."

#### Bible Study - Parlor

Pastor Tim Phillips will lead a conversation on "Reading the Bible with Black South Africans," the Exodus story.

### February 17

#### Contemplative Program – Fridell Hall

Harriet Platts: "Arriving to Silence, Stillness, and Solitude."

#### Bible Study - Parlor

Pastor Tim Phillips will lead a conversation on "Reading the Bible with New Eyes," Isaiah 56 and Acts 8.

### February 24

#### Contemplative Program – Fridell Hall

Cherry Johnson: "Arriving to Silence, Stillness, and Solitude."

## Bible Study - Parlor

Pastor Anita will lead a conversation on "Reading the Gospel in Solentiname," considering Luke 6 alongside Fr. Ernesto Cardenal's Bible studies with peasants in Solentiname, Nicaragua.

If you have questions about Adult Education, please contact commission co-leaders Joanne Wright and Lynn Gaertner-Johnston.

## "Arriving to Silence, Stillness, and Solitude"

### A New Contemplative Practice Offering

By Rev. Harriet Platts

Imagine a sacred place... a time set aside at the church on Sunday mornings where there's time to be quiet, to receive short spoken meditations and practice guidance, a time to listen within, and to rest in the presence of others and of the Spirit.

So many are longing, even yearning for a closer connection to the Holy within and to share this within community. Anyone interested in exploring for the first time or deepening their contemplative practice, whether you have experience in one form of prayer practice or another, is welcomed. Choir members are encouraged to come as well.

We seek to create a supportive context for people to:

- learn about contemplative spirituality,
- explore deepening connection with the God of our understanding
- practice with different prayer forms (sound/silence, simple body/breath prayer, lectio divina, use of images, song),
- be a part of a group who sits in silence together

Beginning in the month of February, you are invited to join us in Fridell Lounge at 9:30 on the 2nd through-4th/5th Sundays of the month. Harriet Platts will lead the opening sessions on Feb. 10 and 17th, followed by Cherry Johnson on the 24th. Going forward these sessions will be led by a series of different conveners who may teach a variety of practices.

## Chaff

Rebecca Alder has written a poem after reflecting on the January 13 service from Luke 3.15-22. Please also remember Rebecca's work, *Finding Myself*, about her experience of abuse and healing. Books are available in the church library and directly from her.

### Wheat and Chaff

Chaff is a necessary part  
of the growing wheat kernel. Needed  
to maintain coherence and identity  
for protection.

But there comes a time  
when the chaff  
is no longer needed and  
it can be shaken loose  
blown away -  
burned even.

So it is with me as well.  
My chaff:  
those old habits of thought  
those understandings of a world now gone  
all that which I needed then.  
but now  
is too small to contain me  
that wall of protection  
which now restrains  
my True Self

I ask the wind  
of Spirit to shake me loose  
from my confines.  
I ask  
for that which  
is no longer needed  
to be blown away.

—01.19 Rebecca Alder



Rebecca Alder shared her poetry with us in January during Adult Education.

# We Want Your Help with CFYA Visioning

By Pastor Anita Peebles

The Children, Families and Young Adults Commission invites you to the upcoming Next Generation Visioning sessions on Wednesday, February 20 at 6:45 p.m. and Sunday, February 24 at 12:30 p.m. In these sessions we will dream together of our common goals for young people at SFBC, considering developmental stages from birth to young adulthood. Join us in envisioning what traditions, stories, songs, worship experiences, fellowship moments, outreach opportunities are important to faith development and help tell the story of who we are together. Each session will be about 45 minutes. Handouts will be available for those who are not available to attend these sessions to share feedback.

## Wednesday Evenings of Prayer

Beginning Wednesday, February 6, we will be offering an "Evening of Prayer" beginning at 7 p.m. and ending at 7:30. This brief time of sharing and prayer will meet in the Parlor following dinner and will include quiet reflection, scripture, prayer requests, and prayer. All are welcome.

On February 27, after dinner, all are invited to stay after dinner for a "Know Your Black History" night. We will play Jeopardy, explore art and music by 20th and 21st century Black artists, and learn about some important Black Baptists.

## Faith at Home during February

By Pastor Anita Peebles

Being your Associate Pastor for Next Generations is an honor and a joy. Some of my favorite things about the youngest members of this congregation are the abundance of wonder, the endless questions, the critical thinking and the passion for learning new things. The children in this church are brilliant, diverse and beautiful human beings, full of compassion and curiosity.

This February, as our congregation joins with millions of people around the country (and world) in honoring the legacy of the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s, calling especially on the life and work of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., I want to pass on some resources for sharing the important stories and lessons of Black History Month with children and youth in your life. Who knows, perhaps grownups will learn something new, as well!

Check out these websites for book lists:

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

[www.childrensdefensefund.org](http://www.childrensdefensefund.org) (check out the [cdfwebstore.com](http://cdfwebstore.com) for book ideas)

[www.coloursofus.com](http://www.coloursofus.com)



## YOU are invited to the Evergreen Association Leadership Training!

Are you wondering how to integrate your desire to follow Jesus in the way of love and justice with events and opportunities in your own community? Would you like to strengthen your capacity as a leader in this congregation and in the world?

You are invited to attend the Evergreen Association of American Baptists at our "Evergreen Way" Leadership Training at Camp Burton on Vashon Island. We will focus on making effective use of the tools and skills our communities have as we answer God's call to action. Laypersons will gather Monday-Wednesday February 18-20, and clergy will gather Wednesday-Friday February 20-22. Scholarships are available.

Visit <http://www.ea-abc.org/evergreen-way-training.html> for more information and to register.

## Where in Seattle is Pastor Anita?

Find her at Elliott Bay Brewing Company in Burien (255 SW 152nd St, Burien 98166) on Tuesday, February 26 from 4-6 p.m.

## International Minister to Speak at SFBC



*Sarah Nash.*

*Photo from <https://www.internationalministries.org>*

Sarah Nash, recently commissioned by International Ministries, will speak at the Friendship Circle meeting in February. Sarah will serve through House of Hope in Santa Cruz, Bolivia. House of Hope Ministries offers tutoring and after-school programs for children, works with youth with addictions, serves the homeless and provides medical and dental clinics. Sarah is an educator and a dental assistant and is passionate about serving women and children through these programs. Her home church is Olympia First Baptist and she was a speaker at the 2017 Washington State ABW conference.

The Friendship Circle supports Sarah financially and is eager to meet her in person. She will be in church on Sunday, February 24, and at the coffee hour in Fellowship Hall. She will talk about her mission at the circle meeting in the Fridell Room at 12:30 p.m. All are invited to attend.

## ABWM Happenings

*By Shirley Wilkinson*

The American Baptist Women's Ministries is sponsoring a Blanket Drive on Sunday, February 10. Bring new or clean blankets, preferably twin-sized, to the front of the church on that day. They will be distributed to Mary's Place, Union Gospel Mission, Elizabeth Gregory House, and NightWatch, all of which operate shelters.

The Penny Project is another way that we can help people in the shelters run by Mary's Place. Penny Project jars are located at the coffee table and punch table during Coffee Hour after worship; feel free to remove the lids so that you can more easily contribute coins and currency. Thank you!

Friendship Circle is making a big change to avoid driving in the evening traffic. They are moving meeting dates from the second Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. to the fourth Sunday of the month following worship. They don't meet in January so the next meeting is February 24. The speaker will be Sarah Nash, member of First Baptist Church in Olympia and newly commissioned global servant to Bolivia!

## Help, please!

*By new member Brooke Rolston*

I joined Seattle First Baptist Church in September, and I'm working my way into the congregation. And for me it's hard. SFBC is the largest church I've ever joined, and my memory isn't up to the work it did easily a few years ago. I'm having trouble remembering names, and I'm asking that we make it part of our welcoming ministry to wear name tags.

Please believe me: I once hated name tags, thinking they were a bother and a fake way to introduce myself. Now I see them much differently. I can imagine that, for those of us who have known each other over years, there could be a common feeling that there is no need for name tags... names and faces have come together, and a plastic name tag holder is a nuisance.

A nuisance, that is, until someone like me comes along... and the person after me, who visits, hopefully joins, and wants fully to belong... but has trouble memorizing names and faces, and finds the crowd in the sanctuary or the fellowship hall just plain daunting. Please, for those who find names a challenge, take your name tag – then color it, put stickers and emojis on it, make it your own any way you like – and wear it.

You may be surprised at how many grateful people you'll meet and who will thank you!

## An Invitation to the Care of Souls Conference

*By Patricia Warming*

Join your colleagues for "The Cura Animarum: Care of Souls Conference" February 22-24, 2019, at the Washington State History Museum in Tacoma. Find out more and register at [ [www.fstnw.org/souls](http://www.fstnw.org/souls) ].

The C. G. Jung Institute of Seattle and the Washington Pastoral Counseling Association are co-sponsoring this national Jungian conference for depth-oriented professionals longing to foster the central presence of soul in profession and vocation.

Celebrated Jungian analyst Ann Belford Ulanov and renowned theologian Matthew Fox provide an elegant Care of Souls

plenary leadership. Participants can earn up to 18.5 CEUs, choosing between more than 30 extraordinary accompanying presentations on a wide variety of Care of Souls themes. To anchor all this in the poetic and contemplative body-psyche, acclaimed international poet David Whyte will give a performance the evening of February 23. In addition, practitioners of a variety of ancient spiritual traditions will offer brief mindfulness moments before each major plenary session.

Be a part of this unique conference experience for professionals from all walks of expertise— psychology, psychotherapy, medicine, law, education, religious, as well as interested lay persons.

## Jake Bergevin Quartet at Seattle Jazz Vespers

Sunday, February 10 at 6:00 p.m.

Please note date change to February 10 from February 3, 2019 for this month only.

**Jake Bergevin** - trumpet, vocals, flugelhorn; **Tim Carey** - bass; **John Sanders** - piano; **Milo Petersen** - drums

Seattle area favorite, Jake Bergevin, is known for his soulful song stylings and passionate trumpet playing. Often heard fronting his power-packed Javatown Swing Orchestra, Jake is known for his easy charm and commitment to swinging the Great American Songbook. Performance highlights include 17 years as guest artist at the Ellensburg "Jazz in the Valley" Festival and recently as a guest vocalist spot with the Tacoma Symphony.

Raised in a musical family, Jake was lucky to have caught the jazz trumpet bug in Junior High school in Kirkland, Washington with the help of jazz mentor Gary Evans. At Lake Washington High School, singing became more of a focus and Jake formed a vocal jazz quartet which would win the Downbeat Award in 1985. Jake attended Central Washington University with many generous scholarships and earned his BM and MM degrees with honors.

Jake is also a successful music teacher in the Seattle area. He has led the Edmonds-Woodway High School jazz ensemble to New York as finalists in the Essentially Ellington contest 4 times so far. He recently returned from a European tour as the director for the Washington Ambassadors of Music tour. He has served on the board for the Washington Music Education Association as Jazz Chairperson and is also an in-demand instrumental and vocal clinician throughout the Northwest.



## Celebrating Our Volunteers

Seattle First Baptist held its 149th Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, January 20. We approved a slate of officers and budget for 2019 and called out achievements from 2018. A highlight of the day was recognizing some of our wonderful volunteers. Harriet Platts, president of our congregation, presented Volunteer Appreciation Awards to Megan Walker and Aaron Burkhalter and Linda and Mike Zaugg for their work with our #NextGen children and youth. Shirley Cline, not pictured, received an award for her many years of service to Seattle Jazz Vespers. Thank you to everyone who keeps SFBC humming by giving of their time and talents.



# February Calendar of Events

## February is Black History Month

### Sunday, Feb. 3

- 9:30 a.m. Adult Learning - Witnessing Our Faith and Living Our Values - A new contemplative Sunday morning program with Rev. Harriet Platts - Parlor
- 10:15 a.m. Family Fellowship Breakfast in Youth Lounge, 3rd Floor
- 11 a.m. Worship and Communion with Pastor Tim Phillips preaching on Luke 4.31-43

### Wednesday, Feb. 6

- 6 p.m. Community Dinner - Fellowship Hall
- 6:45 p.m. Youth Group Meeting - Youth Lounge
- 7 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

### Friday, Feb. 8

- 7:30 p.m. Irish Tenor Emmet Cahill concert at SFBC. Information and tickets at [www.emmetcahill.com/tour-dates](http://www.emmetcahill.com/tour-dates)

### Sunday, Feb. 10

- 9:30 a.m. **Blanket Sunday** - bring new or clean blankets to be donated by American Baptist Women's Ministries Adult Learning - Contemplative Practice - Fridell Hall - Harriet Platts will provide a brief reflection and practice guidance around the theme, "Arriving to Silence, Stillness, and Solitude. Bible Study - Parlor - Pastor Tim Phillips will lead a conversation on "Reading the Bible with Black South Africans," the Exodus story.
- 10:15 a.m. Family Fellowship Breakfast in Youth Lounge, 3rd Floor
- 11 a.m. Worship with Pastor Anita Peebles preaching on Luke 5.1-11  
Following Worship - Celebrate the 10th Anniversary of our Lead Pastor, Dr. Tim Phillips.  
We will also honor his spouse, Patrick Green.
- 6 p.m. Seattle Jazz Vespers Presents The Jake Bergevin Quartet- sanctuary

### Wednesday, Feb. 13

- 6 p.m. Community Dinner - Fellowship Hall
- 6:45 p.m. Youth Group Meeting - Youth Lounge
- 7 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

### Friday, Feb. 15 - Monday, Feb. 18

UBC Snow Retreat at Cascade Meadows

### Sunday, Feb. 17

- 9:30 a.m. Adult Learning - Contemplative Program – Fridell Hall - Harriet Platts: "Arriving to Silence, Stillness, and Solitude." Bible Study - Parlor - Pastor Tim Phillips will lead a conversation on "Reading the Bible with New Eyes," Isaiah 56 and Acts 8.
- 10:15 a.m. Family Fellowship Breakfast in Youth Lounge, 3rd Floor
- 11 a.m. Worship with Pastor Tim Phillips preaching on Luke 6.17-26

### Monday, Feb. 18 Presidents' Day - Office Closed

### Wednesday, Feb. 20

- 6 p.m. Community Dinner - Fellowship Hall
- 6:45 p.m. Youth Group Meeting - Youth Lounge
- 6:45 p.m. #NextGen Children Youth and Families visioning session - all invited
- 7 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, Feb. 21

- 7 p.m. Diaconate - Parlor

### Sunday, Feb. 24

- 9:30 a.m. Adult Learning - Contemplative Program – Fridell Hall - Cherry Johnson: "Arriving to Silence, Stillness, and Solitude." Bible Study - Parlor - Pastor Anita will lead a conversation on "Reading the Gospel in Solentiname," considering Luke 6 alongside Fr. Ernesto Cardenal's Bible studies with peasants in Solentiname, Nicaragua.
- 10:15 a.m. Family Fellowship Breakfast in Youth Lounge, 3rd Floor
- 11 a.m. Worship with Dr. Patricia Hunter preaching on Luke 6.27-38  
Following Worship - #NextGen Children Youth and Families visioning session - all invited

### Tuesday, Feb. 26

- 4 - 6 p.m. Where in Seattle is Pastor Anita? Find her at Elliott Bay Brewing Company in Burien.

### Wednesday, Feb. 27

- 6 p.m. Community Dinner - Fellowship Hall
- 6:45 p.m. Youth Group Meeting - Youth Lounge
- 7 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

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## Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Members of our choir participated in a combined gospel choir again this year at the Annual Evergreen Association MLK service on Monday, January 21. The service was at New Beginnings Christian Fellowship in Kent.



## Online Extras

We had some great worship services in January. Every week we publish portions of the service, including the sermon and music, on our website:

<http://www.seattlefirstbaptist.org/last-sunday.html>

We also keep an archive of past sermons, as well as some music. This page has recent services, and our archive goes back several years:

<http://www.seattlefirstbaptist.org/jan---april-2019.html>

