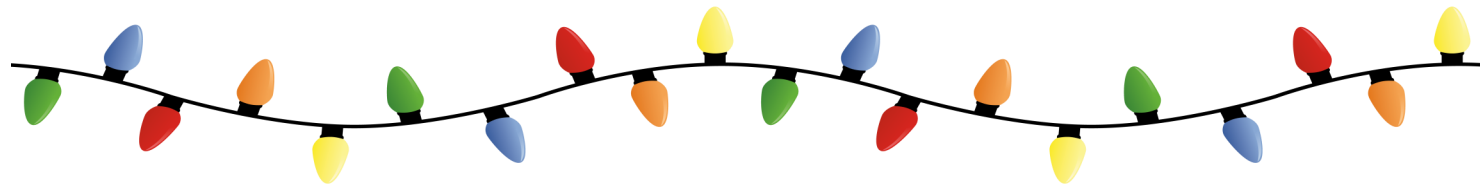


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Christmas Events



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We will begin our Christmas Season celebration with a tradition from Burma that FBC has also adopted.

Saturday Decoration

- 7 - 10pm - Games & food in the Fellowship Hall
- 10 - 11pm - Music Concert
- 11pm - Worship with communion & soup at midnight.

First Sunday in Advent

This is a period of spiritual preparation in which we get ready for the coming, or birth of the Lord, Jesus Christ. We celebrate Advent not only by thanking God for Christ's first coming to earth as a baby, but also for his presence among us today through the Holy Spirit.

7pm - 10pm
TLC Christmas Party

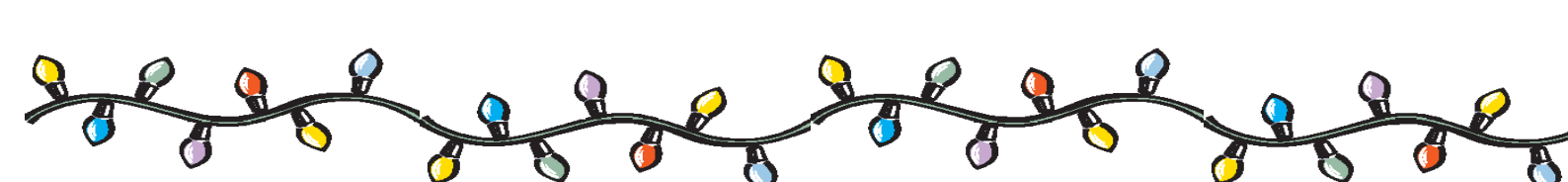
6pm - 8pm
KFC Christmas Party

Christmas Party

- 5:00 - Midnight— Karen New Year Concert at Washington Technology School

- 10:00am - English Language Worship
- 12:00pm - Karen Language Worship
- 6:00pm - Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

This meditative service of worship concludes with the lighting of candles and singing Silent Night, Holy Night. This year we will celebrate with Hope Community Church.



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1. Ta Hsi Po	Mu La Kaw
2. Plar See Sher Kwe	Cinthia Woin
3. Moo Wah	Say Ra
4. Paw Wah Soe	26. Cecilia Oberg
5. Kee Slay	Paw Kyaw
6. Eh Pah Do	27. Psaw Paw Kasuh
7. Heh Nay	Kaw Paw Wah
8. Hser Paw	Air Khel Leh
9. Cree Sai	Tuesday
10. Courtney Sebo	Thu Moo
11. Hellen Paw	Say Kler True
12. Silver Moo	Myint Way
13. Klee Klee Ku	28. Anna Paw
14. Soe Gar	Christy Mway
15. Ywahih So Pei	29. Ready Htoo
16. Bethlehem Gyi	Moo Hset
17. Ku Nay Gay	Christine Ber
18. Ta Baw Kwa	30. Kenny Aung
19. Tha Taw	Eh Moo
20. Law Lar Say	31. Jack Ler Sho
21. Zin Zin Htoo	Tin Kyaw

1. Cartol Tu Tu
Tulip Tun Baw
Har La Htoo
2. Tho Pya Lo
Paw Bar Blut Shwe
Dah Eh Ray
Bay Bay
Nay Thar
3. Mo Sica
Lay Lay
Wing Oo
4. Ta Kwah
Mulee Paw
Tamla Paw
Hsa Aye Htoo
5. Tho Thoo
Kwa Lah
Thaw Mas
7. Judy Say
8. Kathrina Se
9. Hay Jew
Kae Blut Moo
10. Rosaline Kyaw
Has Nohel
Nay Tathawtrue
11. Zipora Tun Baw
Paw Blut
Berry Paw
Banyan Doh
Eh Hser Ku Gay
Kimberly Say
Sher Nay Say
12. Christina Shin
Say Ka Paw
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13. Saw Clay
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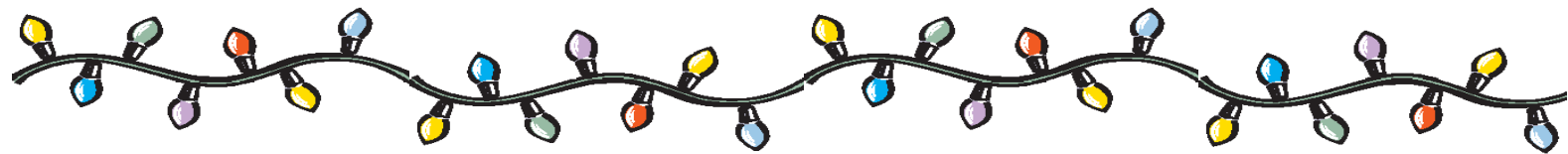
Retired
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Offering
2017

Today, RMMO is a tangible way for the American Baptist congregations to say “Thank you for ...” the commitment, service and spiritual guidance of retired ministers, missionaries and their widowed spouses. The offering supports those who have devoted 15 or more years of their lives to God’s service by providing emergency assistance in times of need and a thank you check at the end of each year.

IN MEMORIAM

We wish to remember especially these members and friends who have died during the month of November over the last five years. May God's Grace and peace be with their loved ones at this time.

Paw Blute - November 15, 2015



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sunday, December 3	10:00am Service—Lighting Advent Candle 1
Tuesday, December 5	10:00am— Bible Study
Wednesday, December 6	7:00pm— Midweek Prayer Service
Thursday, December 7	6:00pm— Citizenship Class
Saturday, December 9	10:30am — Board of Deacons Meeting 12:00pm — Church Council Meeting
Sunday, December 10	10:00am Service— Lighting Advent Candle 2
Tuesday, December 12	10:00am— Bible Study
Wednesday, December 13	7:00pm— Midweek Prayer Service
Thursday, December 14	6:00pm— Citizenship Class
Sunday, December 17	Lighting Advent Candle 3
Monday, December 18	5:30pm— Trustees Meeting
Tuesday, December 19	10:00am— Bible Study
Wednesday, December 20	7:00pm— Midweek Prayer Service 5:30pm — Trustees Meeting
Thursday, December 21	6:00pm— Citizenship Class
Saturday, December 23	Morning - Night— Karen Language Christmas Party
Sunday, December 24	10:00am Service— Lighting Advent Candle 4 (Christmas)
Monday, December 25	10:00am - 2:00pm— FBCC Christmas Party
Tuesday, December 26	10:00am— No Bible Study
Wednesday, December 27	7:00pm— Midweek Prayer Service
Thursday, December 28	6:00pm— Citizenship Class
Sunday, December 31	7:00pm-Midnight— New Year celebration

OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Earl Swanlund	Luchene Donazal
Mary Cisneros	Aye Saw
Patrick Junior	Tai Kwe
Robert Zan	Pi Paw



Paw Wah Toe

In the past 15 years, more than 40,000 refugees have come to Minnesota. On Thursday, the Department of Human Services announced it will recognize seven for their contributions to the state.

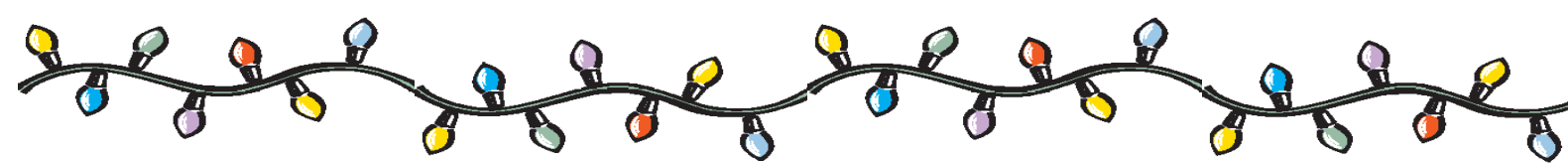
Among those being honored are two east metro residents: **Paw Wah Toe** of St. Paul and **Blia Vang** of Lake Elmo. They are being recognized for their “courage, resilience, and entrepreneurship.”

“Refugees have experienced horrendous situations in their home countries, sacrificed a great deal to survive and are welcome additions to Minnesota,” Human Services Commissioner Emily Piper said in a written statement. “We are thrilled to honor those who have given up so much and contributed so greatly to our state.”

Paw Wah Toe will get the Civic Leadership Award for her work as the co-director of the Karen Chemical Dependency Collaboration, an organization working to end alcohol and drug use in the Karen community, according to its website.

Paw Wah Toe was nominated “for her work in influencing how chemical dependency and addiction is addressed in an innovative, comprehensive and community-driven way,” the department said.

If you want to read the whole article go to: <http://www.twincities.com/2017/10/19/two-minnesota-refugees-now-living-in-east-metro-to-be-recognized-for-contributions-to-state/>



By Geri Johnson

Thank God



Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to God and praise God’s name. Psalm 100:4.

Psalm 100 is a joyful Psalm telling us to thank God in all circumstances; whether we’re happy or sad. God is good and God’s love and faithfulness endures forever. Shout for joy and worship the Lord with gladness! Wouldn’t it be nice if we could greet God and each other with joy?

Paul tells us in Philippians that he doesn’t want us to worry. Instead of worrying, pray. Let our concerns and praises shape our worries into prayers, letting God know our concerns. Paul says that before we know it, a sense of God’s wholeness, knowing that everything is coming together for good, will come and settle us down. It’s wonderful what happens when God takes our worries and gives us an inner peace. Focus on the best, not the worst. Imagine asking ourselves “What is the best that our church can do?”

With God’s help, we can make everything work together into God’s excellent harmony! I’m excited and I pray that together; you and I can make First Baptist Church work towards the BEST that FBC can be!

Prayer: Loving Father, you know our concerns. Help us work together to make FBC the BEST church it can be. Show us what you want us to do. Amen.



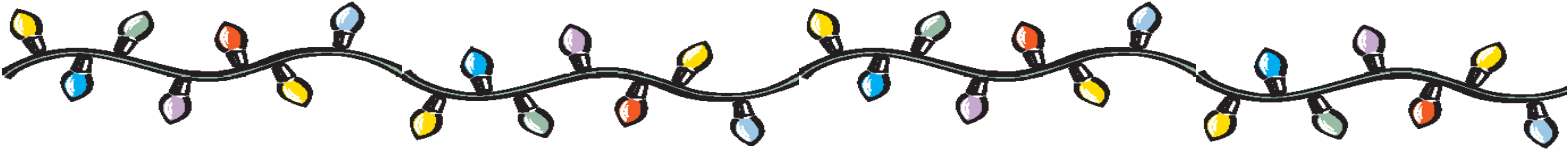
In President Ronald Reagan’s farewell address to the nation 25+ years ago, he borrowed a line from Jesus, describing the United States as a “**shining city on a hill.**” He called our country a place for those fleeing loss, persecution and trauma, a place “teeming with people of all kinds living in harmony and peace” whose “doors were open to anyone with the will and heart to get here.”

These words perhaps do not as accurately reflect the sentiment of some in our nation today, as our government has lowered the annual number of refugees who can come to the USA to a record low of 45,000 and has put further restrictions on which refugee families can be reunited with loved ones already here. Yet, these words should still ring true for followers of Jesus who have been commanded to “love the stranger” to “care for the widow, orphan and the prisoner” and to “do justice and walk humbly with our God.” This is especially salient as we consider the 22.7 million refugees around the globe, 66.5 million displaced people, including 12 million Syrians, and 250,000 women and children (70% of the total) who were refugees and arrived in the U.S. since 2011 after rigorous security vetting (Source: US Department of State).

Today, Minnesota is 13th nationally for the number of refugees who call our state home, but is consistently ranked first or second in the number of refugees per capita (Source: Star Tribune, Sept. 2, 2016). Anyone living in the Twin Cities has experienced this significant population change as Burmese, Iraqis, Ethiopians, Nepalese, Somalis and Liberians now join our children in schools and shop where we shop. The changing demographics are also significantly felt in places like Willmar, St. Cloud, Moorhead, Faribault, Rochester and dozens of places in-between.

In the midst of the greatest displacement of people in the history of the world (surpassing even World War II), we are thrilled how Christ-followers and our local congregations are making an impact right here as they respond to those who on average have spent 17 years as refugees before coming to Minnesota.





For the year of 2018, we ask all our members to fill out a registration . Those who cannot come to church, please fill out this registration from and send it back to our address:

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2018 First Baptist Church Registration and Pledge Form
(to be filled out by all FBC members)

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

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Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

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Spouse information

Name: _____

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Children Information

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