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Pastor's Note



Dear First Presbyterian Friends,

This Sunday at 4:00 PM in the Sanctuary you're invited to the 1st concert of the 2023-2024 music series. Russian pianist Ilya Yakushev will present a recital celebrating Rachmaninoff's 150th anniversary; I'm told "Pictures at an Exhibition" is on the program! This concert is free and open to the public. So, invite your friends and family to join you for what will be a lovely concert that will soothe your soul.

I'm preaching Sunday, and even though I'm not focusing on AI, all of the liturgy, prayers, and cover art were designed by AI. Next

Sunday is World Communion Sunday, and we'll all worship together in a service you won't want to miss and need to be in-person to experience in its entirety. You won't want to miss it.

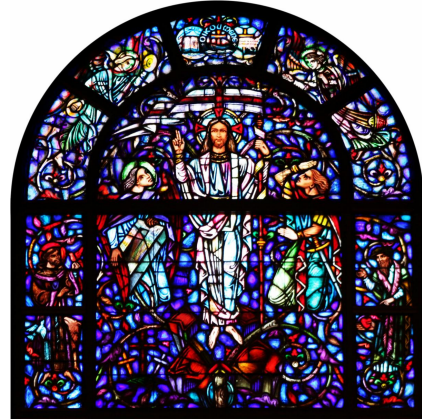
See you in church!

Annie

Sunday Worship

English

- 11:00 AM Service in the Sanctuary, Rev. Annie Epling, Pastor preaching
- Watch livestream via [Website](#) and [YouTube](#)
- Public Access Channel 1 and Channel 25, Wed 7:00 PM & Thurs 11:00 AM
- Public Access via [Digital Archive](#)



Korean

- 11:00 AM Chapel Rev. Youngsoo An preaching
- Live Stream via [Website](#), and [YouTube](#)

Bulletin

- The complete weekly bulletin may be found [here](#).

E-News submissions should be sent to [Jenny Conrad](#).

News & Events

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World Communion Sunday

Join Us for a Special World Communion Worship Service, October 1, 11:00 AM. We are excited to invite you to a truly



meaningful and unique worship experience that you won't want to miss! On October 1 we will gather together as a global family for our World Communion Worship Service.

Our worship will feature inspiring music, heartfelt prayers, and a time to gather around the communion table. We will dedicate all of our stewardship pledges, and the staff have something special planned just for you. Whether you are a long-time member, a visitor, or exploring your faith, this service is an opportunity to come together in unity and experience the rich tapestry of God's diverse family.

Let's make this World Communion Worship Service a memorable and impactful moment in our spiritual journey.

Stewardship 2024

We're in the final stretch of our annual stewardship campaign! Only one week remains before dedication Sunday, October 1. Your pledges are vital for the continued growth and flourishing of our church and its ministries. They allow us to plan and budget for the year ahead, ensuring that we can maintain our worship services, support our outreach programs, and provide a welcoming and nurturing environment for all. Every contribution, no matter the size, is invaluable.

Here's how to submit your pledge:

Online: [2024 Stewardship Online Giving Link](#)

Follow the simple steps to pledge securely.

In Person: Drop off your pledge card at the church office during office hours or worship.

By Mail: Mail your completed pledge card to the church.

Let's come together in unity and dedication, supporting our church's mission. Your pledge matters. Let's make a difference!

Faces of First- Dr. Tom Hayhurst

Longtime member Tom Hayhurst is



a welcoming and familiar face at FPC. His involvement with the church spans decades and started with his children: “Judy and I joined First Pres in the early 1970s when our daughters were enrolled in the church’s nursery school. My favorite memories at First Pres revolve around our two daughters. They both participated in many church programs such as Work Camp and choir and both were married at First Pres.”

Tom is an active volunteer, working to advance causes important to him and our community. Tom has served in various church programs and has worked to improve lives in the greater Fort Wayne community, sharing his professional expertise and his passion to help others: “I have enjoyed being a member of the (FPC) Green Team and working on a variety of projects including our ongoing effort to bring solar power to the church. I also enjoyed being on the PNC (Pastoral Nominating Committee) in 2018. In the community, I am the volunteer director and a volunteer physician at a free medical clinic for the un- and underinsured in Whitley County and am also president of my neighborhood association. I also served as a member of the Fort Wayne City Council from 1995 to 2007. I am passionate about all of the FPC ministries whether they be local or global in nature. The Green Team is increasingly active in and around the Fort Wayne community. I particularly appreciate Project 216 and its global nature.”

Tom’s love for and commitment to FPC and the Fort Wayne community is evident. What makes FPC the ideal church home for him? Tom states, “I have appreciated First Pres as an important force in the Fort Wayne community since I was a 10-year-old boy growing up in Fort Wayne back in the 1950s. I am a great fan of Pastor Annie and Pastors Carrie, Ann, Max, and Reverend An. We have many good people in our activist congregation who are actively doing all they can to improve our community.”

Thank you, Tom, for your commitment and desire to improve our community, both church and city, by giving back with a life of service.

Wednesday, October 18, 6:00 Dinner; 6:30-7:30 Discussion

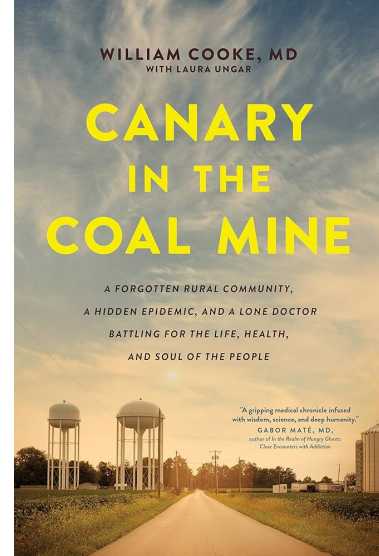
Books available free-of-charge in the church office.

We'll delve into the thought-provoking book "Canary in the Coal Mine."

When Dr. Will Cooke, an idealistic young physician just out of medical training, set up practice in the small rural community of Austin, Indiana, he had no idea that much of the town was being torn apart by poverty, addiction, and life-threatening illnesses. But he soon found himself at the crossroads of two unprecedented health-care disasters: a national opioid epidemic and the worst drug-fueled HIV outbreak ever seen in rural America.

To help us plan for dinner, please RSVP by October 15 by [emailing Annie](#) or signing up in the church office. Cost for dinner is \$12.

****On Saturday, November 4, 2:00pm, Dr. Cooke will speak about his book at the downtown library.**



Fine & Performing Arts



2023/24 Music Series Concert: The first concert in the 2023-24 First Presbyterian Church Music Series features Russian pianist Ilya Yakushev. He will present a recital in honor of Sergei Rachmaninoff's 150th birthday. Yakushev has concertized internationally with major orchestras and in solo recitals. This concert is part of his Rachmaninoff tour. The concert is free and open to the public.

Artober: During the month of October, the Fine Arts Ministry will be celebrating Artober. There will be events showcasing the music of the church, the permanent art collection, the inner workings of the theatre, and "art" in general. The schedule is as follows with Sunday events held immediately after church:



- October 8th – Organ Crawl/Demonstration after church
- October 13, 14, 15 & 20, 21, 22 – Theatre Production: Head Over Heels
- October 15th – Theatre Crawl after church, come see what's backstage!
- October 16th – Culinary Arts with Rev. Annie (via Zoom)
- October 22nd – Art Tour of permanent art collection after church
- October 29th – Music Series Concert: Brazilian Jazz Duo (4pm)

Come celebrate the Fine Arts Program here at First Pres as we continue to *Enrich Our Faith Through the Arts!*

Artist Credit: Matilda Borton

Project 216



On Wednesday, October 11, we will once again be packing meals for Project 216! Sign up as an individual or a team this Sunday after Worship in the small dining room. Contact [Bill Patterson](#) with any questions. Learn more about the mission of Project 216 [here](#).

PROJECT
216

FIGHT HUNGER. GIVE HOPE.

**Hunger Service
Project**



“Make a difference by packaging meals that fill tummies and give hope!”

Date: Wednesday, October 11

Event time: 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM (Pizza at 5:30 PM)

Place: McKay Hall

*Our goal is to pack 25,000 dry meals which will go to feed
Ukrainian Refugees in Poland and Moldova*

Sign-up for this fun event is in the small dining room

In Memoriam

Sincerest condolences to the family and friends of jubilee member William Wareham, who died on Tuesday, September 19, 2023. Please keep his family and friends in your prayers.

Prayer List

- Cheryl Kirchner
- Mark Chasse
- Bob Jesse
- Bob and Coba Burton
- Nancy Adams
- Jim & Sondra Mergenthal
- Lou Brickman
- Barbara McCants
- Kip & Mary Jane Ormerod
- Joyce McGiffin
- Kasey Arvold

If you are in need of prayer or an encouraging word, [let us know!](#)