

Friday, October 13, 2023



## This Week @FirstPresFW

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### Pastor's Note



Dear First Pres,

Just a quick note to remind you of a couple things happening here. Artober continues this week with the opening of *Head Over Heels* in the Theater. This laugh-out-loud love story is set to the music of the iconic 1980's all-female rock band the Go-Go's, including the hit songs, "We Got the Beat," "Our Lips Are Sealed," "Vacation," and many more! A hilarious, exuberant celebration of love, *HEAD OVER HEELS* follows the escapades of a royal family on an outrageous journey to save their beloved kingdom from extinction—only to discover the key to their realm's survival lies within each of their own hearts.

Following worship on Sunday, you can get a behind-the-scenes tour of the theater with Todd Sandman-Cruz, Director of Fine Arts Ministry. And Monday night on Zoom, you can learn to make pretzels with me! [Email me](#) for the zoom link and ingredient. They're not hard to make and delicious to eat with these cooler Fall temps.

This week my "Thoughts and Prayers" sermon series continues with a look at Prayer as Singing, Art, and Dancing. This will be a fun one!

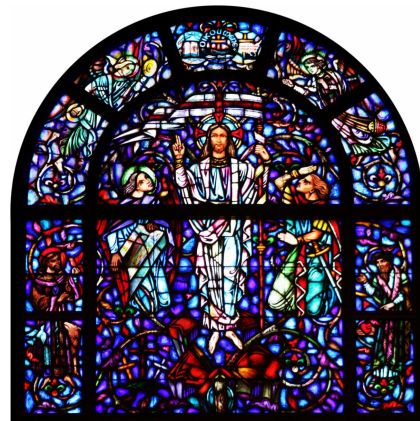
See you in Church.  
Annie

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## Sunday Worship

### English

- 11:00 AM 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](#).*

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## News & Events

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# Faces of First- Beth Iserman



**Beth and her family (husband Tony Borton and daughter Matilda) began attending First Pres in 2019. They decided to join in late Spring 2020, amid the pandemic and George Floyd protests. During a time of so much uncertainty, Beth found what she and her family were looking for in a church: “There are many aspects of the experience at FPC that I love, so it’s hard**

**to list them all. Some highlights include all the lovely people we’ve been lucky enough to develop friendships with, exposing our daughter to highly competent, compassionate and awesome female leadership, aligning our political beliefs with a church that urges us to take action (I didn’t think this was possible), myriad opportunities to tie current events to scripture (bible study, sermons, lecture series, etc.) and so many ways to serve others. I’m proud to be a member of FPC, which is not an experience I have had before.”**

**Beth was quick to get involved in the FPC community and has continued to expand her involvement in the church. FPC’s long tradition of supporting social justice issues and helping the needy was a particular draw: “I have the honor of being a member of the Missions Committee, focusing on Mission Co-Workers and Social Justice, and we like to attend FPC events like Project 216 (packing meals for the needy). I’m a new member of the Fine Arts Committee and help with MAD2 Camp (children’s art camp) in the summer. I like that there are so many opportunities to become involved.”**

**The four years Beth has spent in the FPC community have given her many favorite experiences and memories. Her family’s involvement in the CYF Ministry is a particular highlight: “I have many favorite memories, one of which is ice skating at the Headwaters Park rink with my husband, daughter and the rest of the Children, Youth, and Family members. Like many times before this, FPC acted as a catalyst. We hadn’t visited the Headwaters Park rink before, I had not skated for decades and we may never have done this if we hadn’t had this opportunity, facilitated by FPC. It was a lot of fun, a lot of falling down and a lot of camaraderie with other church members. It reminded me of parts of myself that I had forgotten and how lucky we are to be at FPC.”**

**Beth’s warmth and kindness, her commitment to FPC, and her**

passion for social justice and missions is deeply appreciated. Thank you, Beth, for being an integral part of our faith community.

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## Stewardship 2024

Thank you to everyone who has submitted their pledge cards! 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.

Pledges are still being accepted! 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!

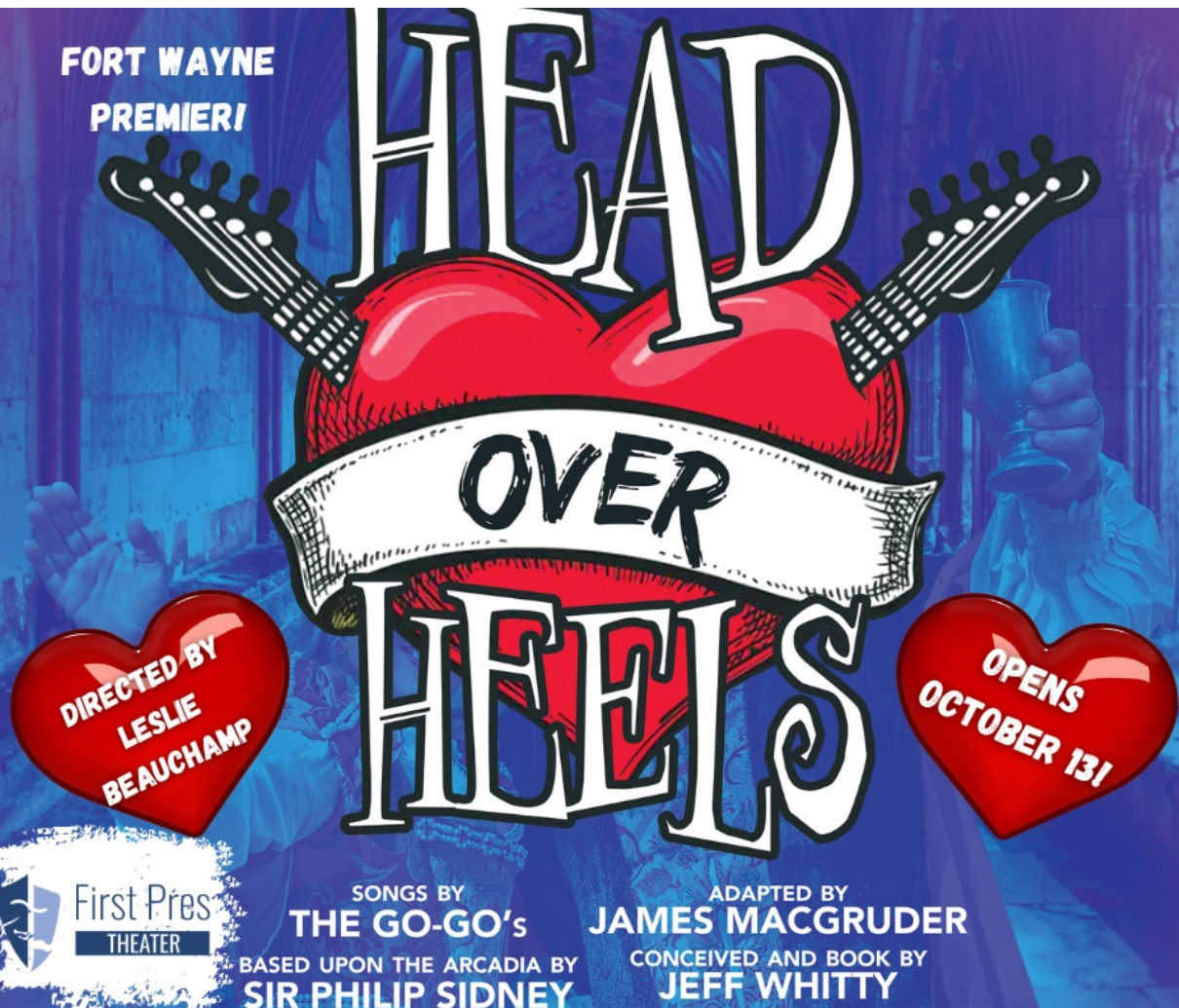
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## Fine & Performing Arts

**FP Theater:** HEAD OVER HEELS opens this weekend! This laugh-out-loud love story is set to the music of the iconic 1980's all-female rock band The Go-Go's, including the hit songs, "We Got the Beat," "Our Lips Are Sealed," "Vacation," and Belinda Carlisle's "Heaven is a Place on Earth" and "Mad About You." A hilarious and exuberant celebration of love, HEAD OVER HEELS follows the escapades of a royal family on an outrageous journey to save their beloved kingdom from extinction—only to discover the key to their realm's survival lies within each of their own hearts. Tickets on sale now! Call the Arts Tix box office at 260-422-4226 or click the button below to purchase online. See you at the theater!

Online Tickets

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**Artober:** During the month of October, the Fine Arts Ministry will be celebrating Arttober. 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 13, 14, 15 & 20, 21, 22 – Theatre Production:** Head Over Heels
- **October 15th – Theatre Crawl** after church, come see what’s backstage and take a tour of the set for Head Over Heels! The theatre crawl starts at 12:15. See you at the theatre!
- **October 16th – Culinary Arts with Rev. Annie (via Zoom)** To register for “Pretzels with Our Pastor”, [email Annie](#). You’ll receive the zoom link and recipe so you can prepare ahead of time. We’ll make soft, hot pretzels that will make your family and friends swoon! The class will last about 2 hours, and you’ll “leave” with pretzels you can eat. The only prep you need to do is have your ingredients ready, and the list is

staple pantry stuff that you probably have on hand. No special equipment needed.

- **October 22nd – Art Tour of permanent art collection** after church
- **October 29th – Music Series Concert: Brazilian Jazz Duo** (3pm)

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

Artist Credit: Matilda Borton

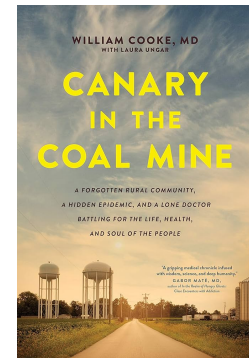
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## Fellowship

**Table Talk (Women's Book Study)** The group meets on Wednesdays via Zoom at 10:00 am. We are reading *Jesus and John Wayne: How White Evangelicals Corrupted a Faith and Fractured a Nation* by Kristen Kobes De Mez (2021). If you have any other questions, please contact Marj Sapp at 260.413.2639 or Marcie Weissner at 260.312.5733.

Zoom Meeting ID: 241 730 827 Passcode: 260 426 7421.

**Touchy Topics:** Join us Wednesday for the next Touchy Topics book club. We're discussing "Canary in the Coal Mine", and even if you haven't finished the book, you can take part in the discussion. **THERE WILL BE NO DINNER.** Discussion begins at 6:30 in McKay Hall. See you there!



**Faith, Fibers, and Fellowship:** Fiber crafters meet on Mondays 3-5 pm (except holidays), in Room 302. Bring your own project to knit, crochet, embroider, cross stitch, weave, needlepoint, quilt, hem, etc. If you enjoy a beverage, be sure it has a secure lid!

Questions? Call Marj Sapp at 260-413-2639, or email her at [marj.sapp@gmail.com](mailto:marj.sapp@gmail.com), or contact Marcie Weissner at [marcie5073@aol.com](mailto:marcie5073@aol.com) or by phone at 260-312-5733.

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## Missions

**Saint Joseph's Mission:** Fall is upon us and with it come thoughts of warm sweaters and comfort food. Do you have a favorite recipe you would like to share with the residents of St. Joseph's Mission Home on Monday, October 23rd? The sign up will be in the small dining room on Sunday, October 15th and I am sure the ladies would also like a treat for Halloween.



**Hunger Relief:** It's not even Halloween yet, but as displays in many stores remind us, the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays are approaching. The three food banks that First Presbyterian supports are prepping for those holidays as well, gathering the foods that the hundreds of people who depend on them will need for the holiday season. This month Hunger Relief asks you to contribute food items geared to holiday needs. The following items are especially needed:

- Cake mixes (any variety)
- Frosting (any variety)
- Boxed stuffing mix
- Canned sweet potatoes/yams
- Canned cranberry sauce
- Jiffy corn muffin mix
- Gravy mix packets—turkey or chicken
- Boxed or bagged instant mashed potatoes

This month we will be collecting food at the 11:00 AM service on Sunday, October 15th. Food items may also be left at the church office during the week. Your generosity makes a real difference to our neighbors who depend on the food banks. Thank you so much for your participation in this important church ministry.

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## Prayer List

- Cheryl Kirchner
- Mark Chasse
- Bob Jesse
- Bob and Coba Burton
- Nancy Adams
- Jim & Sondra Mergenthal

- Lou Brickman
- Joyce McGiffin
- Kasey Arvold
- Margaret Thena

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