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This Week @FirstPresFW

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Pastor's Note



Dear First Pres Friends,

Thank you so much to everyone who participated in our first annual Hands On Fort Wayne. It was an honor to be the hands and feet of Christ with all of you in service to our city. I also want to extend a big round of applause to the Missions Committee for organizing it. It's been a dream for 4 years to do this and we finally made it happen. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

There are many things coming up in worship that you'll want to make note of:

- This Sunday we have a baptism!

- April 21 we'll have 2 very different worship services. At 11:00 we'll celebrate Earth Day Sunday and the Green Team is giving away trees. At 2:30 in the Courtyard we'll have "Wild Church" with Plymouth UCC. We'll honor creation and celebrate our connection to nature, and as a part of Wild Church we'll bless our pets. This means you can bring your pet to church!
- April 28 we'll recognize our Jubilee members and commission our Stephen Ministers.
- May 12 will be our annual hymn festival worship service.
- May 19, Pentecost, is a joint service and we'll ordain and install Deacons and Elders.
- May 26 get ready to rumble! There is one service only at 9:30 in the Chapel followed by a First Pres Pinewood Derby. More details to follow, but here's your chance to design your own pinewood derby car and possibly win. Boy Scouts and wanna-be scouts, I'm looking at you. Yes, there will be a pinewood derby track.

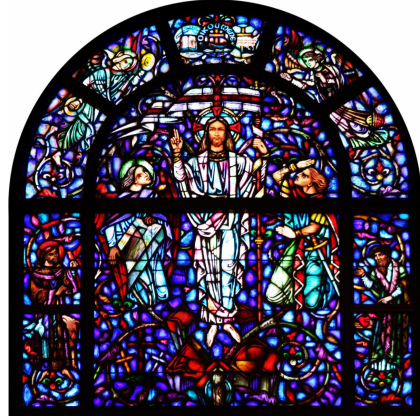
Whew! That's a lot happening. I hope to see you in church!

Annie

Sunday Worship

English

- 8:00 AM in the Chapel & 11:00 AM in the Sanctuary, Rev. Dr. Annie Epling 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. Dr. 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

Event Calendar

Weekly Announcements

Missions



Hands On Fort Wayne: A huge thank you to everyone who came out and joined us for Hands On Fort Wayne! Mission accomplished! Our projects were completed, and a great time of fellowship was had by the volunteer teams as they worked and gave back to the Fort Wayne community!





HHH Team: Hunger Relief is an important part of First Presbyterian's mission in our community. Each month your generosity makes a real difference to hundreds of people who depend on the food banks the church supports at Wellspring Interfaith Social Services, East Wayne Street Center, and United Faith Presbyterian Church.

This month we will be collecting food at the 11:00 service on Sunday, April 21st. Food items may also be left at the church office during the week. Monetary donations are also greatly appreciated. Please specify your donation is for Hunger Relief.

The following items are especially needed:

- Spaghetti noodles
- Corn flakes or crispy rice cereal
- Boxed macaroni and cheese
- Canned fruit in juice (peaches, pears, or fruit cocktail)
- Canned green beans
- Spaghetti sauce—any variety (cans only)
- Manwich

Thank you so much for your participation in this important church ministry.

Special Thanks: *Thank you to everyone for making this year's Lenten Fish and Loaves collection a great success. Over 200 cans of tuna and salmon and nearly 50 boxes or bags of crackers plus boxes of tuna helper were distributed to the local food banks. All were greatly appreciated. Thank you!*

Earth Day 2024



FPC Green Team: First Presbyterian Church Fort Wayne was once again certified as an Earth Care Congregation by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s Presbyterian Hunger Program through February 2025. The Earth Care Congregation certification is designed to recognize churches that make the commitment to take seriously God's charge to "till and keep" the garden.

This status speaks to the serious commitment that First Presbyterian Church Fort Wayne has made to care for God's earth. To become an Earth Care Congregation, this congregation affirmed an Earth Care Pledge to integrate environmental practices and thinking into their worship, education, facilities,

and outreach.

Started in 2010 by the PC(USA), the goal of this program is to inspire churches to care for God's earth in a holistic way, through integrating earth care into all aspects of their church life. The Earth Care Congregation certification honors churches that make that commitment and encourages others to follow their example.

“First Presbyterian Church Fort Wayne is just one of the 331 churches in our denomination that chose to dedicate themselves to intentional care of God's earth this year. This congregation's activities and commitment brings hope to their community and indeed to the world. We believe that First Presbyterian Church Fort Wayne will inspire others to respond intentionally to God's call to care for the earth,” says Jessica Maudlin, Associate for Sustainable Living and Earth Care Concerns for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

For more information about Presbyterian Church's earth care program contact Sherrie Steiner at 484-356-6184.

Educational Resources: Our friends at the United Church of Christ have developed a webinar on climate justice and the election season. You can find it online now [here](#).

Earth Day Events: First Presbyterian Church will celebrate Earth Day on Sunday, April 21. Worship with us at 11:00am or 2:30pm. We'll have two very different worship services this day. At 11:00 AM we'll celebrate Earth Day and the Green Team is giving away trees. At 2:30 PM in the Courtyard we'll have “Wild Church” with Plymouth UCC. We'll honor creation and celebrate our connection to nature, and as a part of Wild Church we'll bless our pets. This means you can bring your pet to church!

You're Invited!

Pet Blessing

Sunday, April 21, 2:30 PM
In the Courtyard off Wayne Street

Tough Talk- Fossil Fuels

Join us for a Tough Talk via Zoom on Wednesday, April 24! Rev. Annie Epling will discuss the topic of Fossil Fuels with Rev. Colleen Earp, Program Director at Massanetta Springs in Harrisonburg, VA. Rev. Earp previously served on staff at Presbyterian camps in NJ, LA, and elsewhere in VA, and served a yearlong chaplain residency at the UVA Medical Center. She holds a B.A. in Geography from the University of Mary Washington, an M.S. in Geography from Rutgers University, and a Master of Divinity (M.Div.) degree from Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, VA.



Join the conversation using the information below:

Topic: Tough Talk -- Fossil Fuels

Time: Apr 24, 2024, 7:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86922553131?pwd=UeNY7hTvyGokqqPDgnkBPb59hmqT8t.1>

Fine Arts

MAD2 Camp Registration Now Open: That's right! Our registration is now OPEN for this summer's MAD2 Camp, and we are so, so excited to welcome you all back to First Pres! Pastor Carrie has been wearing her top hat, eating all the chocolate, and dreaming, scheming, and meeting to make our FOURTH camp the absolute sweetest yet!

We hope you'll be joining us for First Pres MAD2 Camp, June 3-7, 2024!

Camp Schedule:

Monday - Friday 8:15AM-12:30PM

Friday Camper Call for Showcase 6:30PM

Friday Showcase and Reception at 7PM

\$60 for one child

\$80 for two siblings

\$100 for three siblings

All campers must live in the same household.

Scholarships are available! Please email Pastor Carrie for details. Spaces are limited to the first 100 campers to register, so register soon!

Questions? Pastor Carrie is always eager to help!

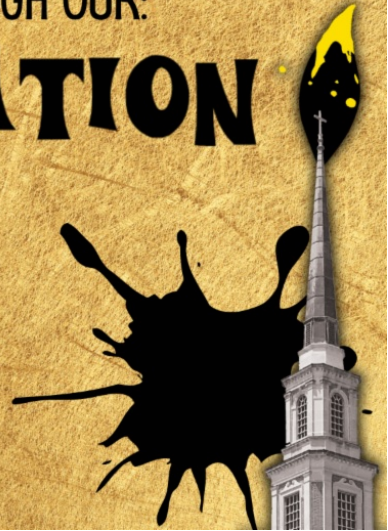
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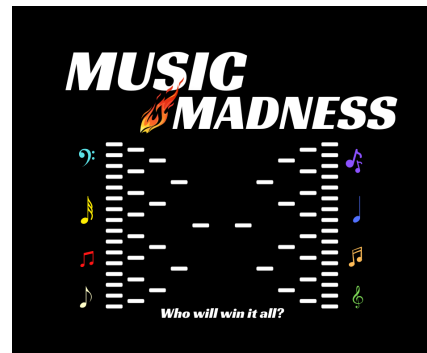
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JUNE 3---7, 2024

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!
SPACES ARE LIMITED!



Music Madness: Thank you to everyone for participating in the *March Music Madness* hymn contest. It was such fun learning all of your hymns and to seeing which ones progressed from week to week. The final four hymns will be featured in a sermon series this summer, and our annual Hymn Festival on May 12th will be 11 hymns that were originally entered and which fit the idea of singing through all aspects of life. And this summer, there will be eight Sundays where a pickup choir will sing eight more of the hymns from the list. Thank you for being a part of that process!



Of course, a winner must be announced, and the two winners are: *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* and *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*. Please know that the hymns you entered have been saved and will help in future music planning. Thank you!

Staff Member Goodbye

Shannon Timmons, longtime facility and events coordinator, has resigned from First Pres after faithfully serving for 26 years. On April 21, Shannon will be here for fellowship after church to say goodbye. You are welcome to bring a card and note of appreciation for Shannon, have a cupcake, and say thank you to

her.

Funeral Notice

Funeral arrangements for longtime member Paul Sheets will be held on Saturday, April 20. A graveside service will be on April 20, 2023, at 11:00 AM, at Oaklawn Cemetery, 701 South Jefferson Street, Ossian, IN 46777. A celebration of Life will be following the graveside service at Lighted Gardens, 10794 N IN-1, Ossian, IN 46777. You can read the full obituary [here](#).

Cards and notes can be mailed to Ben and Nancy Sheets, Paul's son and daughter in law, at the following address:

Ben and Nancy Sheets
50635 Blackhawk Ct.
Granger, IN 46530

We continue to offer our prayers and deepest sympathy to Paul's family and friends.

Prayer List

- Mark Chasse
- Bob and Coba Burton
- Betty Dew
- Jim Mergenthal

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