

Friday, April 5, 2024



This Week @FirstPresFW

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Pastor's Note



Dear First Pres Friends,

This Sunday is our first ever Hands On Fort Wayne Sunday and I'm excited! We're going out just like Jesus told the disciples to do and serving in many places in our community while worshipping with our hands and feet. Awesome!

Everyone will gather at 11:00 in the sanctuary for a very brief commissioning for service and a hymn. After that, we'll gather for a group picture and the Ambassadors will distribute lunches and t-shirts. So, no need to pack a lunch which will include bottled water. After that, groups will leave for their work site. If you haven't yet signed-up, you can do that [here](#) or show up on

Sunday.

Come dressed ready to work! This is not a day to wear your Sunday best. I'll be in my Hands On Fort Wayne t-shirt and old jeans. Please note that groups will not be returning to the church when they're done.

We'll have everything you need for your site, but if you have work gloves or gardening gloves that you like to wear, or something that you think your site might use, feel free to bring it.

Also note that we're holding an e-cycling event here. If there's something you want to bring, feel free to bring it with you. Details are below.

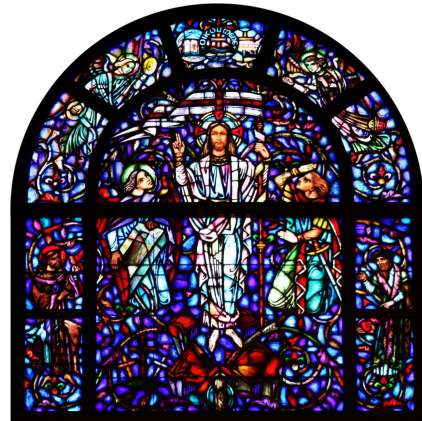
I'm looking forward to being the hands and feet of Christ with you all on April 7.

**Blessings,
Annie**

Sunday Worship

English/Korean Joint Service

- **11:00 AM in the Sanctuary, Rev. Dr. Annie Epling, Short Commissioning Service for Hands On Fort Wayne**
- **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](#)**



Bulletin

- **There will be no bulletin this week.**

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

News & Events

Event Calendar

Weekly Announcements

Missions



Hands On Fort Wayne: It's here! This Sunday will be our first ever Hands on Fort Wayne! Come for a brief, casual time of worship before we go forth to serve our neighbors and our community. You can still sign up and join us, and there's something for everyone! A t-shirt will be provided! Please dress to work! Many of our on-site projects can use more help:

- Helping with intake of contributions to the Green Team's E-recycling bins
- Assembling "Gift of the Heart" bags for the Schools Team to distribute to the schools we serve
- Writing letters to support our Missions Co-Workers in Latin America, Taiwan & the Middle East
- Writing letters of appreciation to staff at Washington and South Wayne Elementary Schools
- Writing letters with KLM to residents of a refugee orphanage in South Korea

And there's still room for more teams to help refill Little Free Libraries with books or do help with cleanup at some of our local community centers.

Sign-up sheets are available in the small dining room for all volunteer activities! You may also sign up online at this link:

[Hands On Fort Wayne Project Sign Up](#)

Electronic & Household Appliance Recycling:

Hands on Fort Wayne will be offering electronic and household appliance recycling drop off on Sunday, April 7, from 11:30-2:00 pm. A free will offering will be taken, and a \$10.00 fee will be charged for tube televisions. Please drop off your items in back of the church and look for the big Citywide truck! Items to consider dropping off include:

- Vacuums/Toasters/Blenders
- Computers
- Telephones
- Televisions/VCRs/DVD Players
- Radios/Stereo Equipment
- Electric Powered Equipment

Please note we cannot except the following items:

- **Fluorescent Bulbs**
 - **Items Containing Mercury or PCB's**
 - **Smoke Detectors**
 - **Batteries**
 - **Gas Powered Equipment**
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Welcome New Members!

FPC would like to welcome our newest members: Connie Hintz, Kate White and daughter Skylar, Tim McKeachie and Tina Hickman, William Schassere, and Randy and Susan Bolinger (who joined in October).



Earth Day 2024



FPC Green Team: First Presbyterian Church will celebrate Earth Day on Sunday, April 21. The earth and all God's creation will be the center of the sermon, the children's message and the music. At the end of the service, the Green Team will be handing out saplings to members interested in planting a new tree. There will be an animal blessing at 2:30 PM in the courtyard. If weather is inclement, the service will be in the narthex. All people and pets are invited! This joint service has been planned by the First Presbyterian Green Team and Plymouth Congregational Environmental Action Team. The service will be led by Rev. Annie Epling and Rev. Sara Ofner-Seals.

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, 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting:

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

Meeting ID: 869 2255 3131

Passcode: u08dW9

Fine Arts

New Gallery Exhibit Opens Tonight: Cara Wade, Professor of Photography and Digital Imaging at the University of Saint Francis, will exhibit her photo series, Legacy, inspired by the struggle she saw both of her grandmothers go through while struggling to retain their dignity and memory as they battled Alzheimer's Disease. Simplicity consists of photographs and original haiku by co-authors, Jim Gabbard, Museum Director, of the Garrett Museum of Art, and Angela Green, Gallery Coordinator, also of the Garrett Museum of Art.

Everyone is invited to an opening reception to be held on Friday, April 5, from 5:30-7:00 PM.

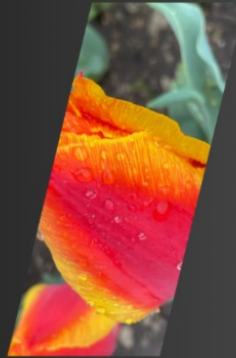
Legacy + Simplicity

April 5 - May 22

First Pres Art Gallery, Fort Wayne



Cara Wade



Angela Green



Jim Gabbard

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!

Email: cwinebrenner@firstpresfortwayne.org Office: 260-426-7421 x112.



MAD2 CAMP

EXPERIENCE THE ARTS THROUGH OUR:

PURE IMAGINATION

JUNE 3---7, 2024

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!
SPACES ARE LIMITED!

The poster features a textured, parchment-like background. The title 'MAD2 CAMP' is in a large, bold, black, stylized font with decorative flourishes. Below it, 'EXPERIENCE THE ARTS THROUGH OUR:' is in a smaller, plain font, followed by 'PURE IMAGINATION' in the same large, bold, black font. The dates 'JUNE 3---7, 2024' are in a large, bold, black font. Below the dates, 'REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!' and 'SPACES ARE LIMITED!' are in a bold, black font. On the right side, there is a graphic of a paint splatter and a stylized tower with a flame on top.

Fellowship



Faith, Fibers, and Fellowship: We will *not* be meeting on Monday, April 8, as many are planning to experience the eclipse in various locations. Join us again on Monday, April 15, from 3:00-5:00 PM in Room 302! Newcomers always welcome!

North Dinner Group: Call me, but don't call me late for dinner! Be sure to join the North Dinner Group on Monday, April 8, 2024, at 5:30 pm, location is Don Hall's Factory. Please RSVP to Sondra Mergenthal at (260)437-9892 or by email at lisoninc@aol.com. We look forward to seeing you!

South Dinner Group: Do you hear that? It's the sound of the dinner bell! Please join the South Dinner Group for dinner at Hall's Tavern at Coventry (5747 Coventry Lane) on Monday, April 8, 2024, at 5:30pm. We look forward to fellowship with you!

Prayer List

- Mark Chasse
- Bob and Coba Burton
- Betty Dew
- Bob and Kathy Beatty
- Fannie McCowen

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