

Friday, August 30, 2024



## This Week @FirstPresFW

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### Pastor's Note



Dear First Pres Friends,

Don't forget, this Sunday we're worshipping at 9:30 in the Chapel! But, if you do forget, I know Rev. An will enjoy having you in worship at 11:00.

Next Sunday I'm beginning my sermon series "Who Is My Neighbor?" You can read more about it in last week's enews. We are also kicking off our 2025 Stewardship season. You'll hear more about that in the coming weeks.

As we enjoy this last weekend of summer, I leave you with this prayer for Labor Day:

**Gracious God,**

***We thank You for the gift of work, for the hands and hearts that contribute to our world in countless ways. Bless all workers today—those who labor in fields, factories, offices, and homes. May they find dignity in their efforts and rest in Your presence. Guide us to build a world where all labor is valued and all people are treated with justice and respect. We pray for those who are without work; may they find opportunities to use their gifts. In Your holy name, we ask these things. Amen.***

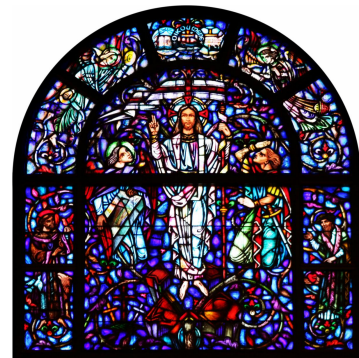
**Gratefully,  
Annie**

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## **Sunday Worship**

### **English**

- 9:30 AM Service in the Chapel, Rev. Carrie Winebrenner preaching
- Watch livestream via [Website](#) and [YouTube](#)
- Public Access Channel 1 and Channel 25, Sun 4:30 PM & Mon 10:30 AM
- Public Access via [Digital Archive](#)



### **Korean**

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

### **Bulletin**

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

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

***Please note that Labor Day weekend worship on Sunday, September 1, will be held in the Chapel at 9:30 AM.***

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## **News & Events**

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## Campus Closed

Please note that the entire FPC campus will be closed on Monday, September 2, in celebration of Labor Day.



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## Worship Schedule Change



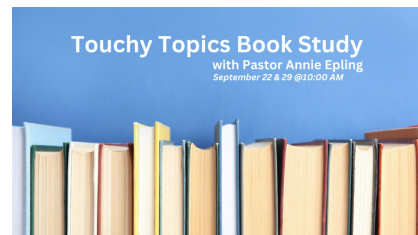
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## Touchy Topics Book Club

### **Touchy Topics Resumes in September:**

The latest Touchy Topic Book Study will be held Sundays, September 22 and 29, at 10:00am in the Parlor. Join Annie Epling as she leads a book study on The Book of Obligations: The Ten



Habits of Good Citizens. In The Bill of Obligations, bestselling author Richard Haass argues that, to solve our climate of division and safeguard our democracy, the very idea of citizenship must be revised and expanded. The Bill of Rights is at the center of our Constitution, yet the most intractable conflicts often emerge from cases that, as former Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer pointed out, “are not about right versus wrong. They are about right versus right.”

There is a way forward: to place obligations on the same footing as rights. The ten obligations that Haass introduces here re-envision what it means to be an American citizen, to commit to our fellow citizens and counter the growing apathy, anger, and violence that threaten us all.

You can purchase a book at a local bookseller or online. We hope to see you there.

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## FPC Chancel and Handbell Choirs

**Join FPC's Chancel and Handbell**



**Choirs:** Rehearsals begin September 5, at 5:30 PM (handbells) and 7:00 PM (chancel choir). New members are always welcome! Contact the Director of Music and Organist, Brent Neuenschwander, at

[bneuenschwander@firstpresfortwayne.org](mailto:bneuenschwander@firstpresfortwayne.org) for more information!

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## Church Data Updates

**First Presbyterian's Member System – Realm:** Cheri Umphrey is in the process of updating FPC's member system, Realm. You may have received an email and/or a phone call from Cheri asking for information to update your individual member profile. This request for information is legitimate. Typical information needed are a picture, full address, email, phone/cell numbers, date of birth (including year of birth), marital status and/or any other pertinent information that you wish to be included on your profile.

You can email Cheri the requested information at [cumphrey@firstpresfortwayne.org](mailto:cumphrey@firstpresfortwayne.org) or call FPC at 260-426-7421 ext. 111. Thank you for your help completing this project!

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## Day School Cookie Fundraiser

**Volunteers Needed:** The First Pres Day School will again be selling cookies at Johnny Appleseed this year! Volunteers are needed to make and bake the cookies from Monday, September 16 through Friday, September 20, anytime between 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM! Look for the sign-up sheet in the small dining room this Sunday!

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## Missions

**Rescue Mission Meal:** The September sign-up for Cookies & Cornbread is now available in the church office. Please drop off your cookies (3 dozen) or cornbread (36 pieces) on September 15. Contact [Bill Patterson](#) with any questions!

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# Fine Arts



**Congregational Reception: Everyone is invited to the FPC Gallery on Sunday, September 8, after worship for the opening of the biennial Parish Art Exhibition. The Gallery will showcase the art of members of the First**

**Presbyterian community of all ages. Artists will exhibit their creativity in painting, drawing, stitchery, weaving, sculpture, pottery, photography, and more. Coffee and cookies will be served.**

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## Fellowship

**North Dinner Group:** Be sure to join the North Dinner Group on Monday, September 9, 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](mailto:lisoninc@aol.com). We look forward to seeing you!

**South Dinner Group:** Please join the South Dinner Group for dinner at Hall's Tavern at Coventry (5747 Coventry Lane) on Monday, September 9, 2024, at 5:30 pm. We look forward to fellowship with you!

**Faith, Fibers, and Fellowship:** Fiber crafters meet on Mondays 3-5 pm, in Room 302, as long as the church is open (closed holidays and sometimes in severe weather). 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? Contact Marj Sapp at 260-413-2639 or [marj.sapp@gmail.com](mailto:marj.sapp@gmail.com), or Marcie Weissner at 260.312.5733 or [marcie5073@aol.com](mailto:marcie5073@aol.com).

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## Prayer List

- Mark Chasse
- Coba Burton
- Ron and Diane Gumbert
- Scott & Joan Pattison

- **Joyce McGiffin**
- **John Ruble**
- **Susan Kester**

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

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