

Friday, September 13, 2024



## This Week @FirstPresFW

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### Pastor's Note



Dear First Pres Friends,

My sermon series “Who Is My Neighbor” continues this week with a look at 1 Corinthians 12 and Paul’s discussion of gifts. His use of the human body as a way to talk about the different gifts we have is one of the more well-known passages in the Bible, and I’m eager to explore it with you.

Opening this weekend in the theater is “Beauty and the Beast”. We all know the basic story of Beauty and the Beast: To learn to love and be loved . . . A young prince under a curse that only his true love can remove . . . and they must fall in love even though the prince looks like a frightening Beast.

But remember, too, that this is a story of a town, a seemingly idyllic community where neighbors know, care and work with each other until a handsome bully dupe them into believing that a beast is out to get them and ruin their town. This turns neighbor against neighbor until the truth is revealed and the bully is removed and all are brought back together supporting each other once again. Join us for this timeless tale about welcoming old and new friends, what it means to be a neighbor, and how a community comes together in this provincial town. Tickets can be purchased at the door or online/phone through Artstix, though they are almost sold out for opening night and Sunday's matinee.

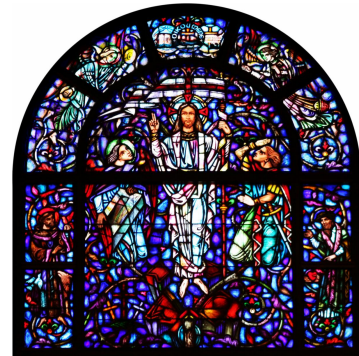
I'll see you in church and at the theater.  
Annie

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## Sunday Worship

### English

- 11:00 AM Worship in the Sanctuary, Rev. Dr. Anne Epling 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 [Sarah Kelley](#).*

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## News & Events

Weekly Announcements

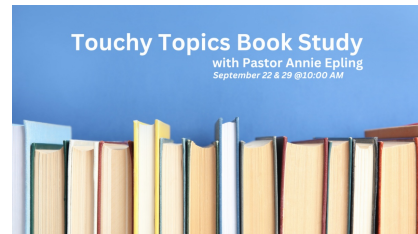


## Touchy Topics Book Club

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

Join Annie Epling as she leads a book study on The Book of Obligations: The Ten Habits of Good Citizens, September 22 and 29 at 10:00am in the Parlor. The ten obligations that Haass introduces

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.



## Small Group Study

**Small Group Resumes:** The English and Korean language congregation small group resumes this Sunday! The group is meant to build a bridge between the two congregations.

The group meets once a month on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 9:15 in McKay Foyer. Our next meeting will be Sunday, September 15. Please email [Rev. An](#) and/or [Annie](#) if you'd like to take part or have any questions.





# **YOUTH GROUP**

# **THIS SUNDAY**

**12:15-2PM**  
**LUNCH AND SLIME PROVIDED**  
**BRING A CHANGE OF CLOTHES**

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## Day School Cookie Fundraiser

**Volunteers Needed:** The FPC Day School will again be selling cookies at the Johnny Appleseed Festival this year! Volunteers are needed to sell cookies at the festival booth on September 21 & 22! Please click the button below to view the remaining two-hour slots available, or sign-up in the small dining room if you can help!

[Sign Up](#)

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## Missions

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HELP US MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

**St. Joseph's Women's Shelter:** Who is our neighbor? Certainly the eighteen women who reside at the St. Joseph's Mission house are our neighbors. This is our opportunity to show them we care by providing their evening meal on Monday, September 23rd. Sign up to take food will be in the small dining room on this Sunday, the 15th. Please

help us to continue in our mission to help the hungry and the homeless.

**Schools Team:** Please join us every Sunday after worship as we gather after church in McKay Hall to pack bags of food for the children at Washington Elementary School to put in their

backpacks and have over the weekend. This is a relatively quick volunteer activity that allows us to help bridge the food insecurity gap that children face when they are not in school. With enough volunteers, it should only take us 15 to 20 minutes to fill these bags and know that we are providing a valuable service!

**Save the Date:** Project 216 will be held on Wednesday, October 16.

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## Fine Arts at First Pres



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300 W. WAYNE ST. FORT WAYNE  
ORDER TICKETS ONLINE  
FIRSTPRESFORTWAYNE.ORG

**First Pres Theater:** The opening show of the 2024/25 season, *Disney's Beauty and the Beast*, opens this Friday, September 13, at 7:30 PM! Click the ticket button below to purchase online, or call the ArtsTix box office at 260-422-4226! See you at the theater!

## Tickets

**2024/25 Music Series:** Join us on September 29, 2024, at 2:00 PM for *Broadway, Spirituals, & More*, the opening concert of the 2024/25 Music Series! John Tibbetts, Baritone, Victoria Isernia, Mezzo-Soprano, Raymond Chenault, Accompanist, and Elizabeth Chenault, Assisting Accompanist, will perform. The concert will feature a wide variety of music, from Broadway to opera, to spirituals and pop tunes. The concert is free and open to the public!



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## Fellowship

**Table Talk 1 (Women's Book Study):** Table Talk meets online on Wednesdays at 10:00 am. We take turns "reading around the table", so no homework is assigned.

We are reading *Defending Democracy from its Christian Enemies* by David P. Gushee (2023). Participants obtain their own copies of the book. **New ZOOM info below:**

**ZOOM Meeting ID: 870 6712 2177**

**ZOOM Passcode: 260 426 7421**

If you have any questions, please contact Marj Sapp at 260-413-2639 or Marcie Weissner at 260-312-5733.

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**New Church Group:** Looking for a fun and relaxing way to spend a Monday afternoon? We're excited to announce a new church group for older adults to gather, play board games, and enjoy fellowship! Whether you love dominos, mahjong, bridge, or simply want to meet new friends, this is the perfect opportunity!



**When:** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4th Mondays immediately following 3B (around 2:30 PM) starting on September 23rd

**Where:** McKay Hall

Never played euchre before or looking for a refresher? Pastor Carrie will be there on the 23<sup>rd</sup> to teach anyone interested in learning, so feel free to join even if you're a beginner!

Come join us for some lighthearted fun and great company! We'll have many games and decks of cards on hand, but feel free to bring your favorite board game, mahjong set, or just come ready to play. All skill levels are welcome, so we hope to see you there! Contact [Pastor Carrie Winebrenner](#) with any questions!

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## In Memoriam

We extend our sincerest condolences to the family and friends of FPC member Ronald Taylor II, who died on August 31. His obituary may be found [here](#). Please keep his family and friends in your prayers.

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## Prayer List

- Mark Chasse
- Coba Burton
- Ron and Diane Gumbert
- Joyce McGiffin
- John Ruble

- **Susan Kester**

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

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