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Pastor's Note



Dear First Presbyterian Friends,

This Sunday is Baptism of the Lord Sunday. While it's not a high holy day, nor is it known by many people outside the church, it's significant in that it kicks-off the season of Epiphany and helps us to discover anew what discipleship to Jesus involves. This Sunday we'll hear the story of Jesus's baptism as told by Luke who puts his own spin on the story. I look forward to exploring it with you.

As we begin a new year, we are also assembling a new online church directory. (Gone are the days of Olan Mills. Sorry!) Cheri

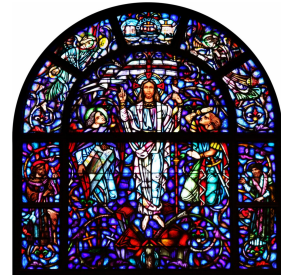
Umphrey, administrative assistant, has been working on this project for the past few months, and it is now time to roll it out to you. But the only way this directory will work is if you respond to the invitation to register your Realm account. You can read all about it below, and Cheri will begin sending email invitations this week. If you have questions, contact [Cheri](#).

Mark your calendars for the upcoming show “5 Lesbians Eating a Quiche”, produced by the theater but held in McKay Hall. This comedy will help fight any winter blues you might be feeling! And later, the Chili Cookoff is back on February 9.

I hope to see you in church!

Annie

Sunday Worship



English

- 11:00 AM 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. Pastor Lim 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](#).*

Campus Closing: Please note the entire FPC Campus will be closed on Monday, January 20, in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

News & Events

Weekly Announcements

New Church Directory

Attention FPC Members:

Realm is the church management software currently used by First Presbyterian Church to keep member information updated. We are excited to begin offering FPC members the opportunity to update their own *Realm* profile by creating an online account, and providing you access to an updated church directory! We have beta tested this to four different groups with good results.

Now, it's your turn as a congregation! The first step is to register/create an online profile and, once that is completed, it will enable a member to upload a picture, change addresses, etc., make pledges, search for other member's addresses (with their permission, of course) and much more.

In the near future, staff member Cheri Umphrey will be sending out a *Realm* invite email to register/create your profile. When you receive that email, you simply click on the link that is contained in the invite and from there, you would:

1. Get registered on *Realm*.
2. Once you are logged in, in the upper right corner you'll see your initials and name. Click on "My Account" after you click on your name at the top right. Go to "Privacy".
3. From there, you can give permission as to who can see what of your profile or select "custom privacy". NOTE: If you don't allow "anyone in the church", people will not be able to access your address, phone or email. They will only see your name in the Directory.
4. Please know that the only information members can see is your contact information, personal information (which appears as birthday with year), and groups you're a member of (such as: choir, session, etc.)
5. If you have contact information to correct or want to upload a picture, you can do that.

Please be assured we won't just throw you in the deep end! Cheri Umphrey, FPC Administrative Assistant, is available by phone at 260-426-7421, ext. 0, or email cumphrey@firstpresfortwayne.org. Cheri is in the office every Tuesday from 9:00am–3:00pm and will be more than happy to assist you in navigating this process. Thank you!

FW Philharmonic at FPC Day School



Musicians from the Fort Wayne Philharmonic will be presenting a musical program for the children of the FPC Day School on Wednesday, January 29, in the Chapel! You may join us for one of two programs, the first at 10:00 AM or the second at 10:40 AM. If you have children or grandchildren who would benefit from this concert, please feel free to attend! A little bit of music will help to brighten this winter day!

2025 Presbyterian Scholarship

Applications Available: The 2024 selection period for First Presbyterian scholarships is now open. Scholarships in the amount of up to \$1,000 are made available to members of First Presbyterian Church, Fort Wayne, and their families to provide financial assistance in pursuit of post-secondary education.

Scholarship recipients may be of any age if they are/will be full-time students taking degree-directed courses. No one can receive the scholarship more than four times.

If interested, please email [Sarah Kelley](#) in the Financial Office for more information and an application. Completed applications, along with a carefully edited essay, a listing of church participation and activities, and a cumulative high school or college transcript, must be received by April 1, 2025.

Fine and Performing Arts

Tickets on Sale Now for the Hilarious Comedy Five Lesbians Eating a Quiche: It is the 1956 Susan B. Anthony Society for the Sisters of Gertrude Stein's annual quiche breakfast. The normally idyllic gathering, where the motto is "no men, no meat, all manners," is upended when the Society's matriarchs must confront the startling revelation that an atom bomb may be falling on their fair city. As fears are confronted and confessions fly, the chipper ladies stay firm in their commitment that the quiche is a mighty thing and that one must "respect the egg." Don't miss the amazing chemistry of this high-energy cast, directed by Reuben Albaugh, in an audience interactive show! All performances will take place in McKay Hall at First Presbyterian

Church/Theater! Call ArtsTix at 260-422-4226 to purchase tickets, or click the button below to buy online!



Theater Tickets

Stephen Ministry



Resource Library: The Stephen Ministry maintains a resource library of books dealing with a range of issues, among them, dementia, grief, end of life planning, aging, mental health issues, and gender issues. The books are available to be checked out to members of the congregation. Please contact [Rev Ann Pitman](#), [Marcie Weissner](#), or [Carolyn Krebs](#) to arrange a time to look through the titles available.

Missions

Rescue Mission Meal: The January sign-up for Cookies & Cornbread is now available in the church office. Please drop off your cookies (3 dozen) or cornbread (36 pieces) on January 19. Contact [Bill Patterson](#) with any questions!

HHH: The date for the January Food Bank Collection will be January 19th. Please bring your

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contributions to the church on Sunday. Food items can also be dropped off at the church office during the week. Monetary donations are also greatly appreciated. Please specify your donation for "Hunger Relief."

The following items are requested:

- Canned Pineapple Chunks or Fruit Cocktail
- White or Brown Rice - 1 or 2 lb. bags
- Peanut Butter
- Canned Chili
- Oatmeal in packets
- Spam
- Applesauce cups

We support three food banks: Wellspring Interfaith Social Services, United Faith Presbyterian Church, and East Wayne Street Center. Hunger Relief is an important part of FPC's mission to our surrounding community. Thank you very much for your contributions and help for this ministry.

Fellowship

North Dinner Group: Be sure to join the North Dinner Group on Monday, January 13, 2025, 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: Please join the South Dinner Group for dinner at Hall's Tavern at Coventry (5747 Coventry Lane) on Monday, January 13, 2025, at 5:30 pm. We look forward to fellowship with you!

Special Prayer Request

We extend our sincerest condolences to Rev. An and his family upon the recent death of his mother. Rev. An is traveling to South Korea at this time. Please keep Rev. An and his family in your prayers.

Prayer List

- Mark Chasse

- Ron Gumbert
- John Ruble
- Art & Lou Brickman
- Bill Fish
- Jane Gastineau
- Jeff Linville
- Bill Patterson (PDA Deployment)

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

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