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Pastor's Note



Hello, friends!

On Sunday, we will continue learning about what discipleship means to Jesus and explore the beautiful diversity of God's gifts as described in Paul's letter to the Corinthians. Have you ever considered how the many sides of life—its joys and challenges—are woven into God's greater purpose? Am I the only one grateful that worship is not a cookie-cutter, one-size-fits-all experience?

After the service, stay and connect! From fellowship time to upcoming events, there's something for everyone and every spiritual gift: music, theater, art, teaching, questioning, leading, exercising, caring. The Church needs and would love to see you!

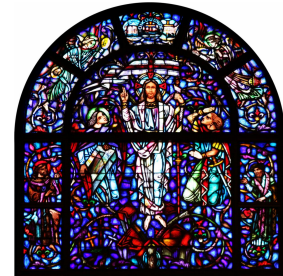
We invite you to take the next step in discovering your spiritual gifts. Whether you're interested in joining a ministry team, volunteering for upcoming events, or simply learning more about how you can contribute, there are countless ways to get involved. Check out this newsletter, or reach out to any of our pastors or Session elders. Your gifts can make a difference, and we can't wait to see how God will use us in this new year!

Grace and peace,
Carrie

Sunday Worship

English

- 11:00 AM Sanctuary, 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. 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

Click the buttons below to read past editions of the e-news and to see a calendar listing of upcoming events!

Weekly Announcements

Fellowship



2025 Chili Cook Off: Save the date and bring the heat! The annual FPC Chili Cook Off is Sunday, February 9, after worship! Please bring a large crock pot (and a list of ingredients for those with food sensitivities) of your famous chili to share. If chili is not

your thing, we are asking that you bring a side of cornbread or a dessert to share. Bring your contributions to McKay Hall before the 11:00am service and we will set it up. This event is free, and the top three entries receive trophies and bragging rights! Please email [Vicki Davis](#) for more information!

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!

Fine and Performing Arts

Five Lesbians Eating a Quiche Opens January 24: 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



FW Philharmonic at FPC Day School

Concert January 29: 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!



Green Team



Annual Sustainable Chocolate Sale: Want to multiply your love with a gift for Valentine's Day? Purchase chocolate from the Green Team after church on February 2 and February 9! You will support fair wages and sustainable farming practices, and surprise someone you care about with a yummy gift, and all of the proceeds will be used to purchase food for the food banks we support! What a win!

Missions

Saint Joseph's Mission: This frigid weather is the perfect time for warm comfort food. Do you have a favorite that you would like to share with the women at St. Joseph's Mission? Monday, January 27th is our date this month and you can sign up in

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the Small Dining Room this Sunday the 19th. Thanks once again for your ongoing support of this mission.

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

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.

Prayer List

- Mark Chasse
- Ron Gumbert
- John Ruble
- Art & Lou Brickman
- Bill Fish
- Jane Gastineau
- Jeff Linville
- Rev. An and family

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

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