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Pastor's Letter



Dear Friends,

This Sunday is a special day in the life of our church! We will gather for joint worship with KLM, a beautiful opportunity to come together in faith and unity. Our theme is "Wake Up to the Great Things We're Doing", and I can't wait to celebrate all that God is doing in and through our church.

Following worship, we'll hold our Annual Meeting, a time to reflect on the past year, give thanks for our shared ministry, and look ahead with hope and excitement. There is so much to celebrate, and I encourage you to be part of the conversation as we dream boldly for the future.

Come for worship, stay for fellowship, and let's rejoice in all the ways God is moving among us. I look forward to seeing you there!

Blessings,
Annie

Sunday Worship

English

- 11:00 AM Sanctuary Joint English & Korean Worship, 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](#)



Bulletin

- The complete weekly bulletin may be found [here](#).
E-News submissions should be sent to [Jenny Conrad](#).
Bulletin submissions should be sent to [August Burger](#).

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](#)

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Annual Meeting Called

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will take place in McKay Hall immediately following worship. The following business will be presented: annual reports, financial report for the preceding year, budget for the current year (information only), changes in the terms of call for the pastors, Nominating Committees report for church officers, and electing members to serve on the nominating committee. Coffee, punch, and cookies are provided. A copy of annual report may be viewed in advance on our website by clicking the button below. Financial reporting will be shared at the meeting.

[2024 Annual Report](#)

Lent 2025

Ash Wednesday: Join us as we begin the season of Lent with a special Ash Wednesday Worship Service on March 5 at 7:00 PM in the Chapel. This solemn service will include the imposition of ashes and a time for reflection, prayer, and renewal. Come and enter this sacred season with a heart prepared for the journey ahead. All are welcome!



Lenten Bible Study: Join us for our special Lent Bible Study Series, "The Message of Jesus," where we will delve into six of the most significant themes in Jesus's teachings and explore their relevance and impact on our lives today. With over 3 billion people claiming to follow Jesus, it's crucial to understand what he truly taught, as much of what is commonly believed may not reflect his actual words. When: Thursdays, March 6- April 10, 6:15pm-7:15pm in the Parlor. Don't miss this opportunity for meaningful discussion and spiritual growth!

Interior Design Assistance Needed

Calling all interior designers or interior design devotees: Are you an interior designer or do you love design? McKay foyer could use some improvements and your opinions and expertise are needed. If you are interested in helping, or have a friend or family member who would be interested in contributing, contact Beth Iserman (bdiserman@gmail.com).

Adult Fellowship & Resources



Table Talk 1 (Women's Book Study): The group meets online on Wednesdays at 10:00 am. We take turns "reading around the table", so no homework is assigned. Participants obtain their own copies of the book.

Beginning March 19, we will be reading the book *The Last Week: What the Gospels Really Teach About Jesus's Final Days in Jerusalem* (2007) by Marcus J. Borg and John Dominic Crossan.

Using the gospel of Mark as their guide, Borg and Crossan present a day-by-day account of Jesus's final week of life. They begin their story on Palm Sunday with two triumphal entries into Jerusalem. The first entry, that of Roman governor Pontius Pilate leading Roman soldiers

into the city, symbolized military strength. The second heralded a new kind of moral hero who was praised by the people as he rode in on a humble donkey.

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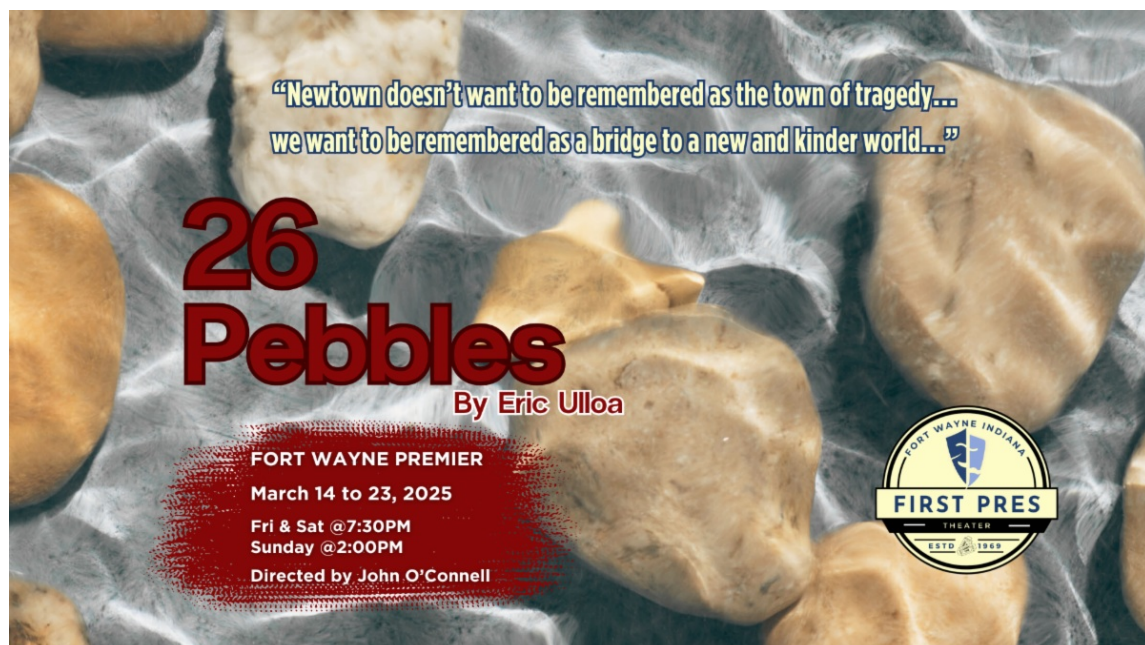
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If you have any questions, please contact Marj Sapp at 260-413-2639 or Marcie Weissner at 260-312-5733.

Fine and Performing Arts

Theater: On December 14, 2012, 20 children and six adults died in the shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School. Following the tragedy, the community rallied together to care for and support each other as the world watched their suffering. Eric Ulloa's documentary drama 26 Pebbles chronicles the experiences of the parents and community members of Newtown and Sandy Hook and explores how the community came together in the wake of unimaginable loss.

In a series of monologues and short dialogues, they tell the story of their hometown: The experience of community events, the day of the shooting and their panic, the grief and trauma following the tragedy. Lauded for its compassion and message of healing, 26 Pebbles show how pebbles dropped in the pond can create a ripple effect for the rest of the world. Directed by John O'Connell. Tickets are on sale now. Click the ticket button to purchase online or call the ArtsTix box office at 260-422-4226. Content Warnings: Discussion of mental illness, school shootings, death, and child loss.



Theater Tickets

Missions

FWCS Clothing Bank: The Schools Team wishes to remind everyone that a designated bin is available in the Small Dining Room to deposit gently-used clothing for the Fort Wayne Community Schools Clothing Bank. Through school referrals, the Clothing Bank has provided clothing for thousands of students and families in need, sometimes enabling the attendance of students who have no appropriate clothing for school. All types of gently-used clothing in all sizes (baby to adult) are needed, as well as shoes, coats, boots, gloves/mittens, and hats. (Socks and underwear must be new.) If you're paring down your wardrobe, please remember to bring in a bag of wearable items for the FWCS Clothing Bank bin. Thank you!

New Church Directory

Attention FPC Members:

Email invitations to join our church directory in *Realm* are now being sent! If your email address has changed in the last 2 years, please email [Cheri Umphrey](#) or call the church office so you do not miss your invitation!

When you receive your email invitation from *Realm*, 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 email any questions to [Cheri Umphrey](#), or call her in the office at 260-426-7421 on Tuesday from 9:00am–3:00pm, and she will be more than happy to assist you in navigating this process. Thank you!

2025 Presbyterian Scholarship

Applications Available: The 2025 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
- John Ruble
- Art & Lou Brickman
- Bill Fish
- Jane Gastineau
- Jeff Linville
- Barbara McCants
- Jacob Martin & Family
- Rev. Carrie Winebrenner & Family

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

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