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This Week @FirstPresFW

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Pastor's Letter



Dear First Pres Friends,

This Sunday is our *second annual* Hands On Fort Wayne Sunday — and I couldn't be more excited! Just like Jesus sent the disciples out into the world, we are heading out into our community to worship through service — with our hands and feet. It's one of my favorite Sundays of the year!

We'll gather at 11:00 AM in the sanctuary for a very brief commissioning before we go out to serve. After that, we'll take a group photo, and the Ambassadors will hand out lunches — so no need to pack your own. Just bring your energy and your love for this community!

Wear your Hands On Fort Wayne t-shirt — if you don't have one, no worries, we'll have one for you. Then, teams will head out to their

assigned work sites. And if you haven't signed up yet, just show up — we'll find a spot for you.

This is a day for jeans and sneakers, not your Sunday best! I'll be in my t-shirt and old jeans, ready to get my hands dirty. Please note: groups will *not* return to church once their work is complete, so plan accordingly.

We'll provide everything you need at your site, but if you have favorite work gloves or gardening gear, feel free to bring them along.

Also — we're once again hosting an e-cycling event here at the church! If it has a plug, we'll take it. Full details are below.

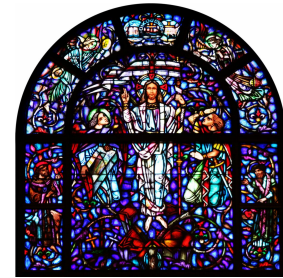
I can't wait to be the hands and feet of Christ alongside all of you this Sunday, April 27. Let's go serve!

Blessings,
Annie

Sunday Worship

English

- 11:00 AM Sanctuary, Commissioning for Hands On Fort Wayne
- 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](#)

[Event Calendar](#)

Planning Ahead: May Worship Schedule

Join us for Worship in May:

- Sunday, May 4, Dr. Annie Epling, preaching- Sacrament of Communion
- Sunday, May 11, Dr. Annie Epling, preaching- Installation and Ordination of Church Officers, Joint Worship Service with KLM
- Sunday, May 18, Rev. Carrie Winebrenner preaching
- Sunday, May 25, Dr. Annie Epling, preaching- 2025 Graduate Recognition

Coffee with the Pastors

Conversation and Coffee: Are you new to First Presbyterian Church and wanting to know more about the church? Are you interested in becoming a member? If so, join us for our next Coffee with the Pastors on Sunday, May 4, at 9:30am in the Session Room.

Coffee with the Pastors is a casual gathering where you learn about the ministries of First Pres and discover opportunities to serve, connect, and grow. We will also take a tour of the building and learn about the church's history along the way.

Following "Coffee with the Pastors" there will be an opportunity for you to become a member of First Presbyterian Church for those who want to take that next step. If you have any questions, feel free to talk to Rev. Annie Epling, Pastor, or email her at aepling@firstpresfortwayne.org.

Touchy Topics Book Club

Book Discussion: The next Touchy Topics Book Club is Wednesday, May 28, at 6:30pm. Touchy Topics Book Club is open to anyone; invite your friends and/or make new ones. Explore how your faith calls you to respond to current events.

This quarter we're reading *Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City* by Matthew Desmond. In *Evicted*, Princeton sociologist Matthew Desmond follows eight families in Milwaukee as they struggle to keep a roof over their heads. *Evicted* transforms our understanding of poverty and economic exploitation while providing fresh ideas for solving one of 21st-century America's most devastating problems. Its unforgettable scenes of hope and loss remind us of the centrality of

home, without which nothing else is possible.

Books can be purchased through Sunbound Books, a local bookseller, or online. An audio copy is available through the library. Childcare can be offered, please register your child(ren) by [emailing Annie](#).

South Side Arts Fest @FPC



South Side High School Partnership: FPC will host the 2025 South Side High School Arts Fest on Saturday, April 26, from 2:00-4:00 pm! South Side students will showcase their talents in 2D and 3D art, vocal and instrumental music, dance, and

theater! Please come out to support these young artists and FPC's South Side initiative as we welcome students, faculty, staff and the public to this free event! Doors open at 1:30 pm, and light refreshments will be available.

Hands On Fort Wayne Sunday

Hands On Fort Wayne: It's here! This Sunday will be our second Hands On Fort Wayne! Come for a brief, casual time of worship before we go forth to serve our neighbors and our community. Please wear your Hands On Fort Wayne t-shirt! A limited number of shirts will be available Sunday morning. If you haven't signed up, you can still join us, and there's something for everyone! Family and friends are welcome to participate with us, too! See you there!



Green Team: Have you got old electronics and small electrical items that you can't use any more? The Green Team can help you dispose of them properly during their Hands on Fort Wayne e-Recycling event on Sunday, April 27! If you can plug it into a wall socket, they'll take it--hair dryers, toasters, coffee makers, desktop computers,

stereos, curling irons and even TVs will all be accepted. **PLEASE NOTE that devices with rechargeable batteries, used light bulbs, or alkaline batteries will NOT be accepted-** some rechargeable batteries and fluorescent bulbs may be taken to Lowes; alkaline batteries may be taken to Batteries Plus.

For this special event, it's FREE to drop items off! So come help us do our part to keep e-waste from harming the environment.

MAD² Camp 2025



Calling all young artists in Kindergarten through 5th grade!

Step into the magical worlds of *The Wizard of Oz*, *Wicked*, and *The Wiz* at our fourth annual MAD² Camp—where Music, Art, Drama, and Dance come to life! Under the creative direction of our incredible partners—Fort Wayne Youtheatre, Fort Wayne Dance Collective, and Happy Keys—campers will explore the performing arts, unleash their creativity, and embark on an unforgettable journey down the Yellow Brick Road. Click the button below to secure your child's spot! Spaces are limited, so register soon!

[MAD² Camp Registration](#)

Prayer List

- Mark Chasse
- John Ruble
- Art & Lou Brickman
- Jane Gastineau
- Jeff Linville
- Barbara McCants
- Jim & Sondra Mergenthal
- Scott Pattison
- Dana & Les Gurney
- Marcie Weissner

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

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