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This Week @FirstPresFW

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Pastor's Letter



Dear First Pres Members and Friends,

This Sunday we have the joy of receiving eight new members into our church family — and one will also be baptized! What a gift! At a time when membership in the Presbyterian Church (USA) is declining, we continue to grow. I hope you'll be here to extend a warm welcome and celebrate this moment with open arms.

Looking ahead, Pentecost Sunday is June 8, and we'll once again worship with our fellow Presbyterians in Fort Wayne. Rev. Erin McGee, Transitional Lead Presbyter, will preach. Don't forget to wear red — it's a vibrant and visible sign of the Spirit among us. I'm honored that we are hosting this service again this year.

Not everyone heads to the lake on summer weekends! I hope

you'll make time for worship — and if possible, join us in person. There's just no substitute for gathering with others to sing, pray, and share Sabbath rest.

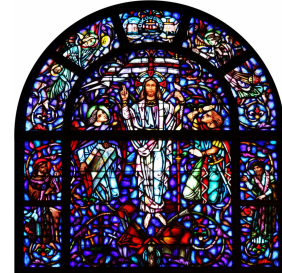
Hope to see you Sunday,

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, 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 [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](#)

PC(USA) Joint Worship/Pentecost

Annual Joint Worship/Pentecost Service: Join us Sunday, June 8, at 11:00am, when all the Fort Wayne Presbyterian churches will come together for a joint worship service on Pentecost, the day we celebrate the Holy Spirit, at First Presbyterian Church! Fellowship



time will immediately follow in McKay Hall. **In honor of Pentecost, please wear red to church.**

Honoring Kathy Miller



Retirement Reception: Please join us as we gather to extend our heartfelt gratitude to Kathy Miller, as she prepares to begin her well-earned retirement! Kathy has faithfully served at First Pres as our Assistant Organist for many years, and she will be greatly missed!

A special reception will be held in McKay Hall on June 22 after worship. This will be an opportunity to celebrate Kathy's contributions, spanning nearly 50 years, to our church and music ministry and to express our appreciation for her dedication and service.

Realm Online Church Directory

Realm Assistance Available: Cheri Umphrey will provide personal in-house assistance to those members who need help with creating an online Realm account. Creating an online Realm account will enable you to change your contact information and give you access to the church member directory.

Cheri has the remaining times available to help:

- Tuesday, June 10:
 - 1:00pm
- Tuesday, June 17:
 - 10:00am
 - 12:00pm

Please use the link below to sign-up online for the date and time you wish to stop by the First Presbyterian office:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050C4BA5A62FA6FA7-56769215-1on1>

You may call the office to sign up for a time at 260-426-7421.

Please bring whatever device you use to access your personal emails. If you don't want to bring your device in, I may be able to access it on my computer. Thank you!

Social Justice

Diaper Drive: Support Healthier Moms and Babies' fourth Annual Community Wide Diaper Drive! Between June 1-15, 2025, donations of diapers and wipes for families in our community will be accepted at FPC. Please place the items in the bin located in the Narthex. Last year, over 150,000 diapers, wipes, and baby items were donated! Please considering helping with the effort in 2025!



Pride Fest 2025: Come be a part of God's vibrant mosaic!

What: Fort Wayne Pride Festival 2025

When: Saturday, July 26, 12:00 noon – 7:00 p.m.

Show your love and represent First Presbyterian at the Fort Wayne Pride Festival this year by volunteering for a 1.5 hour shift at our booth.

Volunteers will help visitors to create small pieces of art that will become a big mosaic over the course of the day. The mosaic will join an exhibition of art created by the Queer Art Club of Fort Wayne, showcased at the First Presbyterian booth.

Three to four volunteers will cover each shift so there will be plenty of time to talk, laugh, hug, and make art together.

Click the button below to sign-up for a slot! Contact [Carrie Winebrenner](#) with any questions.

Pride Booth Sign-
Up

Fort Wayne Area Interfaith Cooperative

Picnic on Saturday, June 14: Fort Wayne Area Interfaith Co-op is a newly formed group of leaders representing different faith traditions in the Fort Wayne area, including First Pres. Join us for our inaugural event at 1:00 pm on Saturday, June 14, at Temple Achduth Shalom, located at 5200 Old Mill Rd. We'll enjoy a picnic-style potluck lunch as we seek to create a neutral and safe environment for all to eat, play games and have fun together.

A Super Shot truck will be on site next door at the Unitarian Universalist Church for a community vaccine clinic (details below).

All are welcome!



Fort Wayne Area Interfaith
Cooperative (FWAIC)

COMMUNITY VACCINE CLINIC

Saturday, June 14
1:00 pm

Unitarian Universalist Congregation
5310 Old Mill Road
Fort Wayne, IN 46807

- **Super Shot can check if your family is up-to-date on their vaccines.**
- **Bring your insurance card with you.** Insurance not required.

PROTECT YOUR HEALTH

CDC-recommended vaccines for children and adults will be available.

One MMR dose is recommended for adults who received a less-effective measles vaccine between 1963 and 1967.

Available Vaccines

Measles (MMR)	1st Dose: 12 months 2nd Dose: 4-6 years
Routine Childhood Vaccines	Children should receive vaccinations at specific ages to best protect them from serious preventable diseases.
Tdap Tetanus Diphtheria Pertussis	Adults: Boosters are recommended every 10 years and during each pregnancy

Super Shot is a nonprofit clinic funded through the generosity of community partners and donors.



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In Memoriam

We extend our sincerest condolences to the family and friends of Jubilee member Phyllis Stanley, who died on May 24. You can find her obituary [here](#). Please keep the family in your prayers.

Prayer List

- John Ruble
- Art Brickman & Family
- Jane Gastineau
- Jim & Sondra Mergenthal

- Dana & Les Gurney
- Marcie Weissner
- Mary Winters
- The Family of Phyllis Stanley

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

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