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This Week @FirstPresFW

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Pastor's Letter



Dear First Pres Friends,

Tonight we'll welcome about 300 guests to the theater for our MAD2 Camp Extravaganza. It's been a fantastic week and I'm eternally grateful to Rev. Carrie Winebrenner and her team for making it ALL happen. I've had the fun job of helping with the carpool line which means I get to greet campers in the morning, and all of them have been super excited to be here. It's a great week, and I'm so proud that we offer it to our community.

We're hosting the Fort Wayne Presbyterian churches this Sunday at 11:00 for worship. I hope you will be here *in person* to welcome our guests and greet Rev. Erin McGee, Transitional Lead Presbyter for Whitewater Valley Presbytery, who will deliver the sermon. It's always an honor to worship with our larger Presbyterian family.

Coming up:

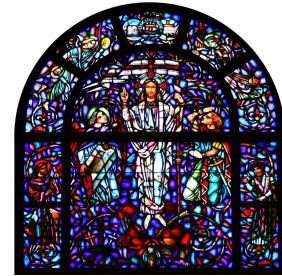
- On June 22 we're celebrating Kathy Miller's retirement. **Please take note of a special book we're assembling for her; we need YOUR help!**
- On July 13 we're celebrating the 100th anniversary of the First Presbyterian Church Foundation. There's information about this in this e-news, including an invitation to be a part of the Centennial Fund. I've already contributed and I hope you will, too.

See you in church!
Annie

Sunday Worship

English

- 11:00 AM PC(USA) Joint Worship in the Sanctuary, Rev. Dr. Erin McGee 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

Event Calendar

Welcome New Members

Please extend a warm welcome to our eight newest members, who joined FPC on June 1! Pictured in order below: Julie and Alex Machado, Savannah and Connor Mooney, Tammy and Mark Laughner, and Jason and Hannah So, and their children Austin and

Benji. We're so glad you've joined us a First Pres!



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.

Help us create a memory book for Kathy! We're putting together a scrapbook to honor Kathy's years of faithful service, and we'd love your help. You're invited to share a favorite memory, write a note of appreciation, or include a photo.

To participate, please stop by the church office to pick up a sheet of paper specially formatted for the scrapbook (available page space is 8.5" x 9.25" and will be marked for you). Return your completed page to the office, or email your message and any photos to

Summer Chancel Flowers

Chancel Flower Sponsors Needed: Chancel flowers create an uplifting and welcoming worship space, and remind us of God's presence. The flowers can be used to honor the memory of deceased loved ones, as honorariums, or to mark special occasions like weddings or anniversaries. The following dates are currently available for sponsorship: July 20, August 3, and August 31.

Please contact Vicki Davis by calling or texting 260-466-5116 or email at vsrdavis46@gmail.com.

Centennial Celebration

Save the Date - Sunday, July 13: Join us for a centennial celebration of the First Presbyterian Church Foundation in McKay Hall after worship on Sunday, July 13, for light hors d'oeuvres, coffee, punch, and cake. For the past 100 of the church's 194-year existence, the Foundation has served many key purposes, programs, and mission.



We'll pay tribute to members who helped make the foundation a cornerstone of First Presbyterian Church and kick off a new Centennial Fund to prepare for the next 100 years. This fund was created to celebrate the 100th Birthday of the First Presbyterian Foundation, INC. and allow individuals to honor the Foundation through a gift of \$100.00. Please join us in celebrating the past and looking forward to the future!

Centennial Fund

Missions

Food Banks: The date for the June Food Bank Collection will be June 15th. Please bring your contribution to the church on Sunday. Food items can be dropped off at the church office throughout the week. Monetary donations are greatly appreciated too. Please specify your donation for "Hunger Relief."

The following items are requested:

- Rice- white or brown (1-2 lbs. bags preferred)

- Instant Mashed Potatoes
- Applesauce Cups
- Canned Baked Beans
- Peanut Butter
- Canned Vegetable - Green Beans
- Canned Tuna

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

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!

Social Justice



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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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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