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Pastor's Letter



Dear Friends,

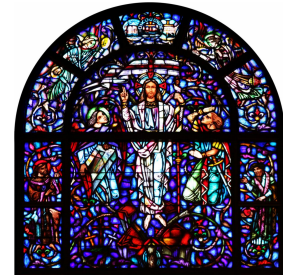
Wow! How else can we describe last Sunday except...**WOW!** We were blessed with sunshine, a gentle breeze, and a spirit-filled time of fellowship. What a gift it was to worship together as one faith family: celebrating the close of a full summer, blessing our children, youth, and adults as they head back to school, and hearing Rev. An remind us that in all our worries, God is present...so we can leave tomorrow's worries for tomorrow.

Friends, if you see one of our church staff members this Sunday, please take a moment to thank them. Behind every meaningful service are countless hours of planning, ordering, moving furniture, setting up, and cleaning up. Their dedication makes Sundays like last week possible, and it's a joy to let them know we see and appreciate their hard work.

And speaking of Sundays, this week marks the finale of our summer sermon series, *Ponderings on Passages*. I'll be joined by Luci Gilpin and Chip Davis for what promises to be a thought-provoking discussion on a particularly challenging Scripture passage. I hope you'll join us, either in person or online, as we explore it together.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend, and I look forward to seeing you Sunday!

Sunday Worship



English

- 11:00 AM Sanctuary, *Ponderings on the Passages*, Rev. Carrie Winebrenner with Luci Gilpin & Chip Davis
- 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 Calender](#)

Concert Postponed

Valentina Huang's upcoming organ concert, scheduled for September 19, has been postponed. A new date will be announced once it is set.

Join the FPC Choirs



Join FPC's Chancel and Handbell Choirs:

Rehearsals begin September 4, at 5:30 PM (handbells) and 7:00 PM (chancel choir). New members are always welcome! Contact the church office at 260-426-7421 for more information!

FPC Study Connection

Study Connection Volunteers Needed: The name "Study Connection" was a great choice by Fort Wayne Community Schools since the program involves the "study" element of tutoring but, just as importantly, the "connection" forged between each tutor and student. Meeting at South Wayne Elementary once a week at 3:30 pm, tutors spend one hour reading, practicing math, and playing games while getting to know their students. A major goal is reading comprehension practice that will help 3rd graders to be successful on standardized tests as well as in all of their studies.

Tutors don't always see the positive results of their efforts, but I have watched the students' smiles when they catch sight of their tutors and their gradual improvements in behavior and respectfulness, while others have made strides in their reading ability. If you have an hour to give on Monday afternoons, either as a tutor or a substitute tutor, please let Kathy Adair know at 260-437-0584 (text or call) or email at steveandkathya@gmail.com. Thank you!

Missions



Monthly Food Collection: The date for the August Food Bank Collection will be **August 24th**. This is a week later than normal since the 3rd Sunday service will be at the park! 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 is for "Hunger Relief."

The following items are requested:

- Rice- white or brown (1-2 lbs. bags preferred)
- Canned Soup
- Canned Fruit - Pears or Peaches

- Cereal - Toasted Oats or Corn Flakes
- Peanut Butter
- Scalloped or Au Gratin Potatoes
- Canned Tuna or Chicken

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. Thank you for your contributions and help with the Hunger Relief ministry.

Schools Team: FPC is once again partnering with Blessings in a Backpack to provide weekend food for the children at Washington Elementary School. Seventy percent of the children in Fort Wayne Community Schools struggle with food insecurity. Blessings in a Backpack, a nonprofit organization, combats this by providing children in our schools with a nutritious bag of food in their backpacks every Friday during the school year, ensuring that children not endure an entire weekend before being fed again.

Starting Sunday, August 24, during fellowship time, we need an assembly line of volunteers to fill the bags! This is a fun and easy volunteer activity! Please contact Taff Silliman at 260-402-2194 if you are interested in volunteering as a team leader - or as a food deliverer – or would like to have more information!

Centennial Celebration Event

Save the Date Sunday, October 19: Join us for a centennial celebration of the First Presbyterian Church Foundation in McKay Hall after worship on Sunday, October 19, 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. We'll also pay tribute to members who helped make the foundation a cornerstone of First Presbyterian Church. Please join us in celebrating the past and looking forward to the future!

The Foundation Board invites individuals to commemorate the milestone with a gift of \$100 to the Centennial Fund. You may give online by clicking the button below, or by cash/check at the church office.

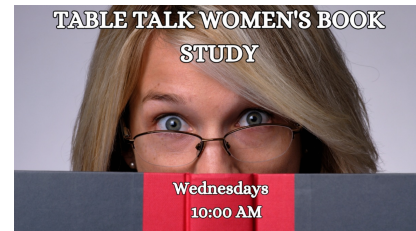
Centennial Fund

Adult Fellowship



Wired Word: Wired Word will not meet on August 17 or 31. Our last summer class will be August 24. Our fall Wired Word season begins on September 7, 10:00 AM, in the Parlor on the second floor. Come join our lively discussions!

Table Talk 1 (Women's Book Study) 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. The group will resume on Sept. 3.



We will be reading *The Red Tent* (1997) by Anita Diamont. This historical fiction novel is based on the biblical story of Dinah, the daughter of Jacob and Leah. The book explores the traditions and challenges of ancient womanhood through the voice of Dinah and her mothers.

ZOOM Meeting ID: 870 6712 2177
ZOOM Passcode: 260 426 7421

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

Vote for Readers' Choice Awards 2025

Let's make our voices heard! The *second* round of Fort Wayne Newspaper's Readers' Choice Awards voting is open, and runs until August 24! We need your daily support to shine a spotlight on the incredible work of First Pres, First Pres Theater, and the Day School! *Cast your vote daily* for First Pres, First Pres Theater, and the FPC Day School at the links below:

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Prayer List

- Rev. Dr. Annie Epling & Family
- Jim & Sondra Mergenthal
- Dana & Les Gurney
- Scott Pattison

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