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Pastor's Letter



Happy Friday, friends!

I don't know how many of us are *Project Runway* fans, but I certainly am! A friend of mine in Austin and I meet virtually on Friday afternoons to stream the latest episode, offering our own critiques and plenty of “Well, I would have...” comments. Neither of us knows how to sew, much less design a red-carpet-ready gown, but that doesn't stop us from helping Heidi Klum and the judges decide who is cut with her infamous tagline: *“And that means you're out. Auf Wiedersehen!”*

As I await today's episode, I realize that all this “in” and “out” judging is not unlike this week's Gospel passage. Once again, Jesus finds himself at a dinner table surrounded by people eager to decide who is worthy of being *in* and who is pushed *out*. But Jesus, as always, turns the tables...literally and figuratively...reminding everyone that in God's kingdom, no one gets cut. No auditions, no eliminations, no runways—just a seat with your name on it, waiting in love.

So come join us this Sunday. Bring your questions, your curiosity, and maybe even your critiques! Let's discover together the wideness of God's welcome, and be ready for all the wonderful things ahead in the life of our church!

Because here, you are most definitely *in*.

Carrie

Sunday Worship

English

- 11:00 AM Sanctuary, Rev. Carrie Winebrenner 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 Offsite Worship and Picnic, Chain O'Lakes State Park, Sunny Ridge Shelter, Rev. Dr. Youngsoo An preaching

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](#).

Please note that the entire FPC Campus will be closed on Monday, September 1, in honor of Labor Day.

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](#)

Korean Congregation

The Korean Language Congregation will worship offsite this Sunday,

August 31! Worship and a picnic will be held at Chain O'Lakes State Park in the Sunny Ridge Shelter. All are welcome!



Join the FPC Choirs



Join FPC's Chancel and Handbell Choirs:

Rehearsals begin September 4, at 7:00 PM (chancel choir) and September 11 at 5:30 PM (handbells). 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.

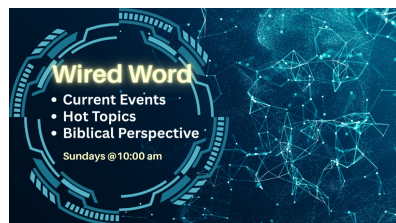
Tutors don't always see the positive results of their efforts, but I have watched the students' smiles when they catch sight of their tutors and their gradual improvements in behavior and respectfulness, while others have made strides in their reading ability. If you have an hour to give on Monday afternoons, 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



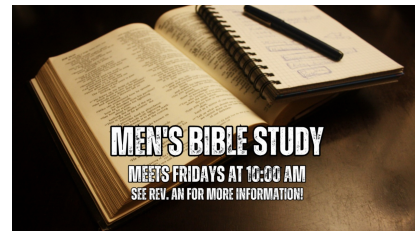
Volunteers Needed: A rummage sale will be held on Friday, September 12, and Saturday, September 13, to benefit Amistad Presbyterian Church in Fort Wayne. Volunteers are needed to assist with the sale at Amistad! Please contact [Bill Patterson](#) to sign up to help, or with any questions!

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!

Men's Bible Study: The Men's Bible study will resume on Friday, September 5, from 10:00 AM to 11:15 AM. We will begin a study the period after the Exile in Israel's history, focusing on the books of Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther. As a supplementary text, we will also read assigned portions each week from John Bright's *The History of Israel*.



The Bible study will be conducted by having everyone read the assigned passages in advance and then sharing their reflections together. We will meet on Zoom, and, from time to time, we will also gather in person for brunch at a local restaurant. Please contact [Rev. An](#) if you would like more information.

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.

Fellowship

North Dinner Group: Be sure to join the North Dinner Group on Monday, September 8, 2025, at 5:30 pm, location is Don Hall's Factory. Please RSVP to Sondra Mergenthal at (260)437-9892 or by email at lisoninc@aol.com. We look forward to seeing you!

South Dinner Group: Please join the South Dinner Group for dinner at Hall's Tavern at Coventry (5747 Coventry Lane) on Monday, September 8, 2025, at 5:30 pm. We look forward to fellowship with you!

Faith, Fibers, and Fellowship: Fiber crafters meet on Mondays 3-5 pm, in Room 302, as long as the church is open (closed holidays and sometimes in severe weather). Bring your own project to knit, crochet, embroider, cross stitch, weave, needlepoint, quilt, hem, etc. If you enjoy a beverage, be sure it has a secure lid!

Questions? Contact Marj Sapp at 260-413-2639 or marj.sapp@gmail.com, or Marcie Weissner at 260.312.5733 or marcie5073@aol.com.

KOREA FESTIVAL

SEP 13 2025
12:00pm - 5:30pm

PURDUE Fort Wayne
Rhinehart Music Center



Prayer List

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

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

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