

Friday, September 5, 2025



## This Week @FirstPresFW

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## Pastor's Letter



Happy Friday, friends! As autumn rolls in with its rhythms of new routines and fresh starts, I've been smiling at a little trend making its way around TikTok. Folks are sharing their favorite pieces of music they sang in choir...high school, college, or community chorus. For the person posting, it's a sentimental journey through their top ten pieces; but the real joy shows up in the comments, where others chime in with their own memories and even add new suggestions. It's one of the most heart-warming, community-building trends I've seen. Because the magic of choir isn't just about the music; it's about learning how to listen, blend, and create something bigger than us.

That got me thinking about church life, too. Week after week, we practice showing up together, bringing our different gifts, perspectives, and voices. Whether we're teaching Sunday School, passing out bulletins, singing in the pews, or welcoming someone new at the door, we're participating in a kind of sacred ensemble. And

just like choir rehearsals, these practices shape us for life beyond the church walls: teaching us patience, generosity, teamwork, and joy.

So, as we move through the rhythms of fall programming—Faith, Fiber & Fellowship, Bible studies, choir rehearsals, and all the ordinary-but-extraordinary ways we gather, it's an honor to be part of this great choir of faith with you.

With joy and musical memories,  
Carrie

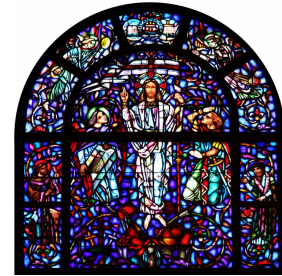
P.S. My favorite is the *Lacrimosa* from Mozart's Requiem in D minor

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## 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 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](#)

## Children, Youth, & Families

**Sunday School Kick-Off: September 21!**

Get ready for a brand-new year of faith, fun, and friends! On September 21, we launch Holy Moly! (Kinder–5th grade) and Level Up (6th–12th grade). Both classes begin in worship with their families and head to class after the Time with Children. \*Please note, Sunday School does not meet on Communion Sundays, so we all participate together.

And for our teens, mark your calendars! Youth Group for 6th–12th graders meets on the 3rd Sunday of the month for games, service, and food! Bring a friend or two, and don't miss it!

**Holy Moly!**  
FOR KINDER THRU 5TH GRADES  
Sunday School kicks off on  
September 21!  
We all start off in church together, then head to Sunday School after the Time with Children! Please note: Sunday School classes will not meet on Communion Sundays so that we may all participate in that sacrament as a family.

**LEVEL UP**  
FOR 6TH-9TH GRADES

**FOR 6TH-12TH GRADES**  
**YOUTH GROUP**  
3RD SUNDAYS  
12-2PM  
LUNCH INCLUDED!

## 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](mailto:steveandkathya@gmail.com). Thank you!

Stephen Ministry



**Care & Support:** FPC is a Stephen Ministries congregation and has a dedicated group of Stephen Ministers. Stephen Ministers are lay congregation members trained to provide one-to-one care to those experiencing a difficult time in life, such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, or relocation.



The Stephen Ministry is completely confidential, and open to all FPC members. Please email [Rev. Ann Pitman](mailto:Rev.Ann.Pitman), or call her at 260-426-7421, extension 106, for more information.

## Fine & Performing Arts



**Art Gallery:** Join us for the FPC Gallery's season opening exhibit, *The Illusion of Permanence: The Art of Su A Chae & Kay Gregg*, on Friday, September 12, from 5:30-7:00 PM.

Su A Chae is an artist and educator with a primary focus on painting. Chae explores the evolving role of painting in the digital age. Her work delves into asymmetrical balance creating paradoxical spatial relationships and the complexities associated with cultural identity. Chae's work has been widely exhibited regionally and nationally.

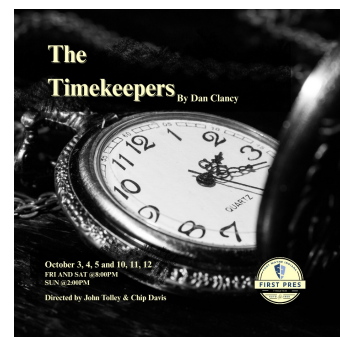
Kay Gregg is a visual artist with a focus on the physical nature of human-to-machine interactions. Her artwork has been featured in numerous solo and group exhibitions across the United States, including at the FWMoA in Fort Wayne, IN. Gregg's work has been collected regionally and nationally.

Enjoy light refreshments while viewing the art and meet the artists behind the work. The event is free and open to the public!

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**FP Theater:** *The Timekeepers* by Dan Clancy  
Opens October 3!

A world in chaos. Two men, one bold, young, and flamboyant; the other old, conservative, and guarded, thrown together by fate. What could they possibly have in common? Dark humor, a love of opera... and something deeper.



This powerful, unexpected friendship will make you laugh, cry, and think twice about the walls we build, and how music, wit, and heart can break them down. Directed by John Tolley and Chip Davis. Please note this production is for mature audiences for language and sexual content.

Tickets are available at the button below! See you at the theater!

Theater Tickets

## Adult Fellowship



**Wired Word:** On September 21, Bill Shassere will lead a discussion on the future of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and the church during Wired Word, in the second-floor parlor at 10:00 am. This is a topic that will affect all of humanity within 5 to 10 years, as AI will become smarter than man and could bring a dramatic change to our world. How will this affect religion and the church? Imagine a virtual Jesus standing before the congregation and delivering the sermon, not just a robot, but a realistic image with power of thought and consciousness. For some, this could create a new religion. Not to be missed.

**Men's Bible Study:** The Men's Bible study meets Fridays from 10:00 AM to 11:15 AM. They are currently studying 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](mailto: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](mailto:marj.sapp@gmail.com), or Marcie Weissner at 260.312.5733 or [marcie5073@aol.com](mailto:marcie5073@aol.com).

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# KOREA FESTIVAL

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

**PURDUE Fort Wayne**  
**Rhinehart Music Center**



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## 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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