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This Week @FirstPresFW

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Associate Pastor's Letter



“Kimchi and turkey.”

This simple phrase brought smiles to everyone at our recent staff meeting. While we were discussing our upcoming Thanksgiving Dinner, one staff member described the menu for the day in this wonderfully concise way. We laughed because it was a clear and accurate definition — but I especially loved it because it beautifully captures the identity of our church.

Our Thanksgiving Dinner began in 1985, when our church invited 13 Korean War veterans. Ever since, this gathering has been a time to comfort and honor many who still carry the deep wounds of that war. At the same time, it has become a precious event where the Korean group and the American group of First Presbyterian Church share gratitude, love, and fellowship with one another.

This year as well, on Sunday, November 23, after worship, *kimchi and*

turkey will meet again in McKay Hall. Everyone is invited — please come! As we look back on the year, I pray it will be a time for us to give thanks, to affirm our love for one another, and to move forward together toward the mission God has given us.

This year, we especially want to honor all the veterans in our congregation — Korean War veterans, veterans who served in Korea, and every veteran who worships with us. As I reflect on this, I realize that all of us are, in a way, veterans — people who are fighting faithfully for the expansion of God's Kingdom in this world. So please join us. We are all veterans for God's Kingdom.

Happy pastor,
Rev. An

PS: Please bring a dessert to share!

Sunday Worship

English

- 11:00 AM Sanctuary, Dr. Rev. 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](#).

Please stop by the Narthex after worship today to pick up an Advent devotional packet.

News & Events

Click the buttons below to read past editions of the e-news and to see a calendar listing of upcoming events!

Please note: The FPC campus will be closed on Nov. 27-28 in honor of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Weekly Announcements

Blessings in a Backpack Update

New time this week only: Packing at 10:15 AM! We need an assembly line of volunteers to fill the bags! This is a fun and easy volunteer activity, so please stop by and lend a hand!

Christmas Eve Music & Flowers



Christmas Eve Music and Flowers are made possible through donations in memory or in honor of loved ones, as we adorn the Christmas Eve service with music from our friends at the Fort Wayne

Philharmonic and flowers for the Chancel. If you would like to contribute to this beautiful service, please make the check payable to First Presbyterian Church and include "Christmas Eve music or flowers" on the memo line. Additionally, please include a note with your name and the names of the loved ones you would like included in the bulletin.

Please have your donation in by Sunday, December 14 to be included in the Christmas Eve bulletin. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

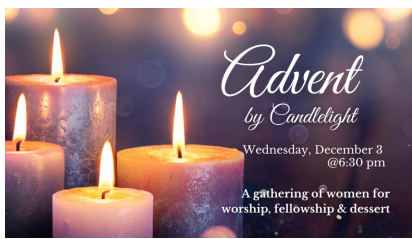
Interfaith Food Drive Success

Thank you: FPC's food drive was an amazing success! Together, the congregation donated over 930 lbs. of food! While it wasn't a competition, we are in the lead for largest donation!

Thank you for your incredible generosity and for making a real difference in helping to feed our neighbors in need!



Advent by Candlelight Service



Wednesday, December 3rd at 6:30pm in the Parlor. Music & Readings in the Chapel at 7:15pm!

An evening of fellowship, music and reflection in the midst of the season of preparation. Members are welcome to

bring a dessert to share if you would like, but you do not need to! Please sign-up in the church office or on Realm. We welcome you to invite friends and family to join us!

Fort Wayne City of Churches Tour

Christmas Church Tour 2025: Stop by First Pres during the annual Fort Wayne City of Churches Tour on Friday, December 5, anytime between 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM! Enjoy festive music, refreshments, and all the beauty of the church decorated for Christmas! FPC docents will be on hand to guide visitors and share the history of our beautiful church. The tour is a delightful, festive activity for all ages!



Christmas Caroling

Christmas Caroling – December 14!

Warm up your vocal cords and dust off your jingle bells...it's time for Christmas Caroling! Join us after worship on Sunday, December 14, as we spread joy, laughter, and good cheer to members of our church family at the Towne House who could use a little extra sparkle this season.

Please bring a sack lunch to enjoy before we head out, and don't forget to sign up on the sheet in the office or click the button below to sign up on Realm so we can plan transportation. Whether you sing like an angel or simply make a 'joyful' noise, your presence will help make the season bright!

Come carol with us; your presence is the real gift!

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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.

Card Shower

Happy Birthday Joan Jackson!

Joan Jackson is turning 95 on November 25! Let's shower her with cards! Please send your cards to:

Towne House Retirement Community
Joan Jackson, Apt 101H
2209 St Joe Center Road
Fort Wayne, IN 46825

Stewardship 2026

Five in Faith: Stewardship Update

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who has already submitted your pledge for 2026! Your generosity and faithfulness help us plan for the year ahead with confidence and hope. Our pledges so far total \$422,662.00!

If you haven't yet turned in your pledge, there's still time! Pledge cards are available in the pews, the church office, and online at.... Every response, no matter the amount, makes a meaningful difference in our shared ministry.

A quick note: we've received a few pledge cards without names. If you turned in your card but haven't received a thank-you letter, please contact Sarah in the church office so we can ensure your gift is properly recorded.

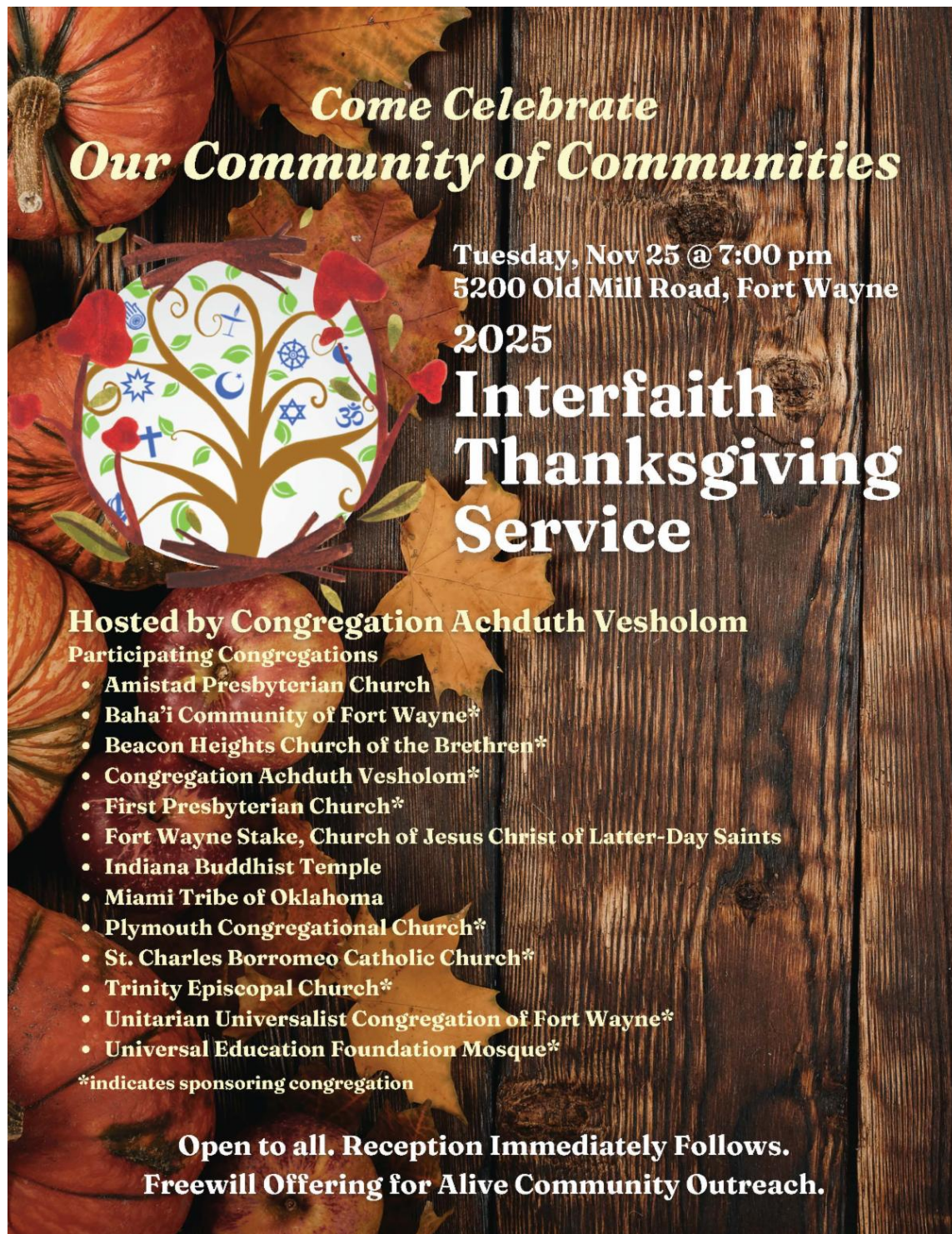
Make your 2026 pledge at the link below:

<https://onrealm.org/FirstPresbyteri78353/AddPledge/2026pledgeinfait>
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The 2026 giving envelopes are also now available for pick up in the

small dining room for those who prefer to use the weekly envelopes.
Together, we're stepping forward...by faith, not by sight!

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

The poster features a dark wood-grain background. On the left, there are several pumpkins and autumn leaves. A central graphic shows a stylized tree with a white trunk and branches, adorned with various religious symbols including a Star of David, a crescent moon, a cross, and a Om symbol. The text is arranged on the right side of the poster.

***Come Celebrate
Our Community of Communities***

**Tuesday, Nov 25 @ 7:00 pm
5200 Old Mill Road, Fort Wayne
2025**

**Interfaith
Thanksgiving
Service**

Hosted by Congregation Achduth Vesholom

Participating Congregations

- Amistad Presbyterian Church
- Baha'i Community of Fort Wayne*
- Beacon Heights Church of the Brethren*
- Congregation Achduth Vesholom*
- First Presbyterian Church*
- Fort Wayne Stake, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
- Indiana Buddhist Temple
- Miami Tribe of Oklahoma
- Plymouth Congregational Church*
- St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church*
- Trinity Episcopal Church*
- Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fort Wayne*
- Universal Education Foundation Mosque*

***indicates sponsoring congregation**

**Open to all. Reception Immediately Follows.
Freewill Offering for Alive Community Outreach.**

Prayer List

- Cormac Wallace
- Kelly Leach
- Kathy Miller
- Jim & Sondra Mergenthal

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

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