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Music Director's Letter



Dear Friends,

It is always a great joy and pleasure to present distinguished friends-and-colleagues; I am delighted that Dr. Jeremy Filsell is available to visit us here in Fort Wayne and offer us an exciting program of some of the great piano repertoire.

Jeremy is one of those rare individuals who is both a world-class pianist and organist in addition to being a choir director of the highest rank. Until recently, Jeremy was Director of Music at St. Thomas Church, Fifth Avenue in New York City, one of the most renowned sacred music programs within the US and abroad. Jeremy is one of the select few listed on the roster of "Steinway Artists, the company which makes the most bespoke pianos in the world and also the builder of our main sanctuary instrument.

He will be putting our Steinway piano through its paces with a spectacular program, featuring among other works, the Ballade No. 4 in F minor of Chopin, excerpts from the second book of preludes by Debussy and the monumental Sonata in B minor by Franz Liszt.

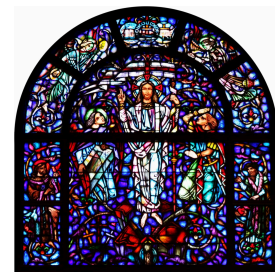
The concert will be on Sunday March 22 at 2:00 p.m. A luncheon will be available following worship at 12:45 pm and so it will be very easy and convenient to have lunch, enjoy some fellowship and then hear a splendid piano recital all free of charge. Do plan to hear this marvelous concert, bring your friends and support the first music series event in more than a year.

I am very much looking forward to seeing you all there.

In Christ,

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Sunday Worship



English

- 11:00 AM Sanctuary, Rev. Dr. Annie 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](#).
The deadline for submission is Wednesday at 10:00 am.

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

Weekly Announcements

Holy Week 2026

Join Us for Holy Week: Walk with us through the sacred journey of Holy Week as we prepare our hearts for the joy of Easter!

- **Palm Sunday | March 29 | 11 AM – Celebrate Jesus’ triumphal entry with palms and praise. Weather permitting, we’ll begin in the Courtyard.**
- **Maundy Thursday | April 2 | 7:00pm – A solemn reflection on Jesus’ Last Supper with Communion and a soup and salad supper in McKay Hall.**
- **Good Friday Taizé | April 3 | 12 PM – A meditative service of prayer, song, and silence at the foot of the cross.**
- **Easter Egg Hunt | April 5 | 10 AM – A joyful celebration for children, youth, and families.**
- **Easter Sunday Worship | April 5 | 11 AM – Rejoice in the resurrection with a traditional service featuring brass orchestration.**

Good Times, Great Company

"Good Times, Great Company" Lenten Series: Our events end next week! Join us for a relaxed time to build new relationships, make new friends, and reconnect with one another. No prep, no pressure, just time together and a little good news along the way. Come as you are and make connections!

- **Mar. 21, 7:30-9PM Glo Wild @ FW Zoo**

Don't miss your opportunity to see the Zoo transform into a wild and wonderful nighttime lantern festival. This event requires an RSVP at the link: [Sign Up for Glo Wild](#)

- **Mar. 24, 5:30-7:30PM Mahjong at Two Bamboo**

Want to learn how to play American Mahjong? Are you already a pro? Join us for a fun night of learning and playing at the newest spot in town, Two Bamboo is owned by a friend of our own,

Betsy Perry Patton! For those who already know how to play, some tables will be designated for open play all evening. This event is \$15 per person, and RSVP is required at the link: [Sign Up for Mahjong at Two Bamboo](#)

Fine & Performing Arts



Consider The Lilies of the Field: Botanical art, featuring work by Hannah Burnworth, Megan Sheetz, Patricia Weiss, and Vicki Davis.

Reception: March 27, 5:30-7:00 pm,
Showing: March 27-April 22, 2026

In keeping with our sermon series, many of us have experienced “something good” when we spend time in the natural world God has created for us. Expressions like, “a breath of fresh air,” or advice like, “stop and smell the roses,” reference the healing qualities of what the earth provides. Now there is a growing body of evidence for what we’ve experienced for millennia: nature really is good for us.

The relatively young field of environmental neuroscience has measurably shown that nature can improve executive function, reduce crime, mitigate anxiety and aggression, ease grief, and speed up the healing process. While being outside is the strongest medicine, even the view of a tree from a hospital window can have an impact. This is “soft fascination,” according to pioneering environmental neuroscientist, Dr. Marc Berman. Soft fascination gently invites our gaze but allows our minds to wander. It’s like a drink of cool water on a hot day that prompts an organic kind of mindfulness and meditation.

In contrast, “hard fascination” competes for and dominates our attention with screaming headlines, entertainment, and the noise of everyday life. For example, we may think that lounging in front of the TV or scrolling through our feed is a nice break, but hard fascination only drains us further.

So, take a moment for something good on Friday, March 27, from 5:30-7:00 pm, for the gallery show “Consider the Lilies of the Field.” Enjoy the work of local artists Hannah Burnworth, Vicki Davis, Patricia Weiss, Nancy Fritz, and Megan Sheetz. Let this remind us to find rest in our faith and the companionship of each other (while eating eco-friendly chocolate sold by the Green Team and lots of wine and yummy snacks).

Come and enjoy art, music, refreshments, and conversation! The event is free and open to the public.

Silent Movie & Organ in the Theater:
Step back into film history with two special screenings of “Our Hospitality” (1923), a classic Buster Keaton comedy brought to life with a live theatre organ performance by Fort Wayne native Mark Herman.



In this beloved silent-era gem, Keaton, famous for his brilliant physical comedy and legendary “stone face”, plays a New Yorker who unexpectedly gets swept up in an old-fashioned family feud in 1840s Kentucky. The film is packed with everything from train chases and daring stunts to sweet romance and laugh-out-loud slapstick. Upon its release, Variety hailed it as “one of the best comedies ever produced for the screen.”

Your musical guide for the evening, Mark Herman, is an internationally acclaimed theatre organist who has performed hundreds of concerts and silent film accompaniments across the globe. He received the American Theatre Organ Society’s Organist of the Year award in 2012, and also serves as President of Herman Organ Company, where he leads a team dedicated to the restoration and care of historic pipe organs.

Join us for an amazing blend of classic cinema, live music, and timeless entertainment, perfect for film lovers and audiences of all ages! Children 17 and under are FREE! Tickets are available through ArtsTix online or call 260-422-4226!

Tickets

Missions



Hands On Fort Wayne T-Shirt Distribution!

We will be handing out HOFW t-shirts before and after worship *this Sunday*, March 22, from 10:00-11:00 am and 12:00-12:30 pm! Please stop by the table in the small dining room!

Mark your calendar for *Hands on Fort Wayne*, to be held on Sunday, April 12!

The FPC Missions Committee is thrilled to announce the kick-off of our third annual community service initiative, *Hands on Fort Wayne*! We are again organizing a series of service projects as part of a special day of service on the Sunday after Easter and we can't wait for you to be a part of it!

- What is *Hands on Fort Wayne*? It's a day that we as a congregation will go out into the community together and share the good news of Christ through our actions— sending members to multiple sites throughout the area to work on different community service projects.
- Why are we doing this? Because Jesus told the disciples after His Resurrection to “go” and announce His Word. And so, we are “going” out to serve in the name of Christ and announce our faith through our works.
- How are we doing this? On April 12, we will go out and serve "hands on" at various community partner organizations, or complete "hands on" service projects onsite at FPC. People of all ages and abilities can serve and are encouraged to serve! Our goal is to have at least 100 people serving on this day, and we encourage you to invite family and friends to participate with us, too. Sunday worship will be very abbreviated and will include a commissioning of service prior to beginning our work.

Sign-up sheets are now available for each project in the small dining room or click the button below to sign-up online! The deadline to sign-up is April 5. We're excited to begin our third year of *Hands On Fort Wayne*, and we can't wait to go out and serve with you and share the Good News with our hands and feet as we serve our neighbors!

HOFW Projects Online Sign-Up

FWCS Clothing Bank: The Schools Team wishes to remind everyone that a designated bin is available in the Small Dining Room to deposit gently-used clothing for the Fort Wayne Community Schools Clothing Bank. Through school referrals, the Clothing Bank has provided clothing for thousands of students and families in need, sometimes enabling the

attendance of students who have no appropriate clothing for school. All types of gently-used clothing in all sizes (baby to adult) are needed, as well as shoes, coats, boots, gloves/mittens, and hats. (Socks and underwear must be new.) If you're paring down your wardrobe, please remember to bring in a bag of wearable items for the FWCS Clothing Bank bin. Thank you!

Fish and Loaves: The Hunger Relief Team will again sponsor our annual *FISH and LOAVES* food collection during Lent.



Leave your donations on the Fish and Loaves table located next to the Church office. You can leave your donations *anytime* the church is open. We are requesting the following items:

- Canned tuna
- Tuna in pre-packaged cups or packets Canned salmon
- Snack crackers
- Saltine or oyster crackers
- Tuna Helper

This collection is in addition to our monthly food collection. We prayerfully hope that you will support both of these efforts during this special church season.

Green Team



Green Team Certification Renewed: FPC has been once again been certified as an Earth Care Congregation, marking eleven years of certification! The PC(USA) Earth Care Congregation certification is designed to recognize churches that make the commitment to

take seriously God's charge to "till and keep" the garden. The program seeks to inspire churches to care for God's earth in a holistic way, through integrating earth care into all aspects of their church life. Learn more about Green Team and its important work [here](#).

Meal Train Sign-Up

Meal Train for Savannah and Connor Mooney: Welcome, sweet Estella! As this precious family settles into life with their brand-new baby girl, let's surround them with love in one of the most

practical ways we know how—food. New days (and nights!) are full, and having nourishing meals ready to go will be a true gift. We invite you to sign up to provide a freezer-friendly meal that can be easily reheated and enjoyed whenever it's needed most. Whether it's a favorite comfort dish, a family classic, or something simple and hearty, your care will help fill both their freezer and their hearts. Thank you for being the village - your kindness matters more than you know.

You may sign up here:

<https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/geqy2l>

Prayer Requests & Updates

If you would like to be added to the prayer list, or provide a prayer list update, please call the church office at 260-426-7421 and email [Rev. An](#). If you are admitted to the hospital, please call the church office at 260-426-7421 and provide the member's name, hospital, and room number, and a brief update as to the situation so appropriate pastoral care may be provided as soon as possible.

Funeral Notice

The memorial service for Bob Jesse will be held at First Presbyterian Church tomorrow, Saturday, March 21, at 11:00 am, in the Sanctuary. Bob's obituary may be found [here](#).

Prayer List

- Jennifer Kern Kelly
- Tanner Hisey, nephew of Jennifer Stone
- Kathy Miller
- Jim & Sondra Mergenthal
- Mary Winters
- Janice Roddy
- The Family & Friends of John Ruble

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



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