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Associate Pastor's Letter



Dear Friends,

Tell Me Something Good...Even in Holy Week

This Sunday, we step into one of the most powerful weeks of the Christian year. With palm branches in hand, we will gather to celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem...a moment filled with excitement, hope, and expectation.

Weather permitting, we'll begin our Palm Sunday worship out in the courtyard with a joyful palm procession before making our way into the sanctuary. It may be a bit chilly, but it should be a beautiful morning to begin this sacred week together.

As part of our *Tell Me Something Good* series, we'll be looking for the Good News woven into this story. It's easy to see the joy in the waving palms and the shouts of "Hosanna!" But Palm Sunday also opens the door to Holy Week, where the story deepens and becomes more complex. The path from palms to

the cross is not always an easy one to walk. Even so, the good news remains: God is present through every step of the journey.

Holy Week invites us to walk more closely with Jesus through the final days of his earthly ministry. It is a week that asks a little more of us, but it also gives us more in return. I hope you'll consider joining us for one or more of these meaningful services as we move through the story together:

Palm Sunday | March 29 | 11am

Celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry with palms, praise, and joyful procession. Weather permitting, we will begin our worship in the Courtyard before moving into the sanctuary together.

Maundy Thursday | April 2 | 7pm

A sacred evening of remembrance as we reflect on Jesus' Last Supper, share Communion, and gather around the tables for a soup and salad supper in McKay Hall.

Good Friday | April 3 | 12pm

A quiet and contemplative service in the Chapel, shaped by the gentle rhythms of Taizé-style music, moments of silence for prayer, and space to breathe and reflect as we gather at the cross in sacred stillness.

While it may look like a lot, this week actually invites us to do something different...to slow down, to listen, and to remember the depth of God's love for the world. Even in the shadows of Holy Week, we continue to look for...and trust...the Good News that is unfolding.

However you are able to join the journey this week, know that there is a place for you in the story.

Grace and peace,
Carrie

P.S. One more piece of Good News! Tonight (March 27), we'll be celebrating the opening of our newest gallery exhibit, *Consider the Lilies of the Field: Botanical Art*, from 5:30–7:00pm. One of our own beloved members, Vicki Davis, is among the featured artists, and we would love for you to come support her and enjoy the beautiful work on display. Stop by, say hello, and help us celebrate art, creativity, and the gifts within our own church community.

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](#).
The deadline for submission is Wednesday at 10:00 am.

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](#)

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.

Easter Egg Hunt

Calling all kids! Grab your basket, and join us for our annual Easter Egg Hunt at 10AM on Easter morning! We will kick everything off in McKay Hall, with designated search areas for similar age groups. For our hunters in the 4th – 12th grades, we will go on an Easter Egg *Scavenger* Hunt throughout the entire building! Pastor Carrie will break us all into teams (so bring friends to help!) and you'll receive your first clue in McKay Hall.



Fine & Performing Arts



Opening Tonight! *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



Hands On Fort Wayne

Did you miss our HOFW t-shirt hand out day? Good news! T-shirts are still available in the church main office for all Hands On Fort Wayne participants next week! Please wear your shirts to the church on April 12!

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



Green Team

Green Team: Have you got old electronics and small electrical items that you can't use any more? The Green Team can help you dispose of them properly during their Hands on Fort Wayne e-Recycling event on Sunday, April 12! If you can plug it into a wall socket, they'll likely take it, including hair dryers, toasters, coffee makers, desktop computers, stereos, curling irons! Televisions have a small surcharge of \$7.00-\$10.00.



PLEASE NOTE that devices with rechargeable batteries, used light bulbs, or alkaline batteries will **NOT** be accepted! Some rechargeable batteries and fluorescent bulbs may be taken to Lowes; alkaline batteries may be taken to Batteries Plus.

For this special event, it's **FREE** to drop items off! So come help us do our part to keep e-waste from harming the environment!



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](#).

Korean Language Ministry

An Evening with K-Pop: A Dance Showcase Fundraiser

Save the date to our fundraiser showcasing K-Pop performances from talented individuals & groups across Indiana! Donations are encouraged and all proceeds will help Korea Festival Fort Wayne grow!

Saturday, April 25 - Doors open 6:30pm, show begins 7pm
First Presbyterian Theater
\$20 Adults / \$10 Under 18

Ticket Reservation can be made online at the by clicking the button below!

Ticket Reservations



KOREA FESTIVAL FORT WAYNE PRESENTS

KPOP DANCE

A KPOP DANCE COVER SHOWCASE TO
BENEFIT KOREA FESTIVAL FORT WAYNE

Saturday
APRIL 25
Doors Open 6:30^{PM}

First Presbyterian Church
THEATER
Show Begins 7:00^{PM}

RESERVE YOUR TICKET!



Venmo (@KoreaFestivalFW) or Cash Accepted
All Seats are first-come, first-served.

\$20
Adults

\$10
Students or
Under 18

**KOREAN FOOD
AVAILABLE
AT 5:00PM
INSIDE VENUE**

Located in McKay Hall
Bibimbap
Snacks
And More!

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Fellowship

North Dinner Group: Be sure to join the North Dinner Group on Monday, April 13, 2026, at 5:30 pm, location is Don Hall's Factory. Please RSVP to Marj Sapp at 260-413-2639 or by email at marj.sapp@gmail.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, April 13, 2026, at 5:30 pm. We look forward to fellowship with you!

Wired Word: In the Wired Word adult education class, we discuss current events viewed through the lens of our Christian faith. We are a diverse group who enjoy a rich exchange of ideas. Our discussions are educational, thought-provoking, and rewarding. All viewpoints are welcome. We meet in the parlor at 10:00 AM each Sunday. We encourage you to join us!

Prayer Requests & Updates

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. For more information, please contact [Marcie Weissner](#), or [Carolyn Krebs](#).

In Memoriam

We extend our sincerest condolences to the family and friends of FPC Jubilee member Phyllis Evans, who died on March 21, 2026. Her obituary can be found [here](#).

Visitation will be on Friday, March 27, 2026, from 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm, at D.O. McComb & Sons Funeral Home- Pine Valley, 1320 E Dupont Rd, Fort Wayne, IN 46825. The funeral service will be held at 11:00 am on Saturday, March 28, 2026, in the Chapel of First Presbyterian Church, 300 W. Wayne St., Fort Wayne, with calling one hour before.

Please keep Phyllis's family and friends in your prayers.

Prayer List

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

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