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This Week @FirstPresFW

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Pastor's Letter



Dear First Pres Friends,

This Sunday is our third annual Hands On Fort Wayne Sunday — and I couldn't be more excited! Just like Jesus sent the disciples out into the world, we are heading out into our community to worship through service — with our hands and feet. It's one of my favorite Sundays of the year!

We'll gather at 11:00 AM in the sanctuary for a very brief commissioning before we go out to serve. After that, we'll take a group photo, and the Ambassadors will hand out lunches — so no need to pack your own. Just bring your energy and your love for this community!

Wear your Hands On Fort Wayne t-shirt — if you don't have one, no worries, we'll have one for you. Then, teams will head out to their assigned work sites. And if you haven't signed up yet, just show up — we'll find a spot for you.

This is a day for jeans and sneakers, not your Sunday best! I'll be in my t-shirt and old jeans, ready to get my hands dirty. Please note: groups will not return to church once their work is complete, so plan accordingly.

We'll provide everything you need at your site, but if you have favorite work gloves or gardening gear, feel free to bring them along.

Also — we're once again hosting an e-cycling event here at the church! If it has a plug, we'll take it. Full details are below. I can't wait to be the hands and feet of Christ alongside all of you this Sunday, April 12. Let's go serve!

Blessings,

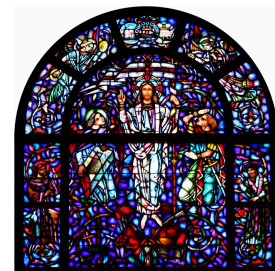
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P.S. I'll be away April 17-May 5 with Terry for a big trip to France. Carrie and Rev. An will be taking care of pastoral needs. I'm grateful for their leadership and for the good care they will provide. Thank you for taking good care of one another while I'm gone! I look forward to seeing you when I return.

Sunday Worship

English/Korean

- 11:00 AM Sanctuary, Commissioning for Hands On Fort Wayne
- 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](#)



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

Hands On Fort Wayne

Hands On Fort Wayne: It's here! This Sunday will be our third Hands On Fort Wayne! Please arrive and go to the Sanctuary by 11:00 am for our commissioning service and wear your Hands On Fort Wayne t-shirt! If you have not picked up your t-shirt, they will be available before and after the commissioning in the small dining room. After the commissioning service, please go to McKay Hall, and you will be directed to your team lead.

If you haven't signed up, no problem! You can still join us, and there's something for everyone! Family and friends are welcome to participate with us, too! See you there!

HOFW Electronics Recycling: 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 (except televisions! So come help us do our part to keep e-waste from harming the environment!

Missions

The date for the April Food Bank Collection will be April 19th. Please bring your contributions to the church on Sunday. Food items can also be dropped at the church office throughout the week. Monetary donations are also greatly appreciated. Please specify your donation for "Hunger Relief."

The following items are requested:

- Rice - white or brown (1-2 lb. bags preferred)
- Peanut Butter
- Applesauce Cups
- Cereal
- Canned Chicken
- Canned Beef Stew
- Canned Vegetables - Green Beans or Corn

Thank you for your contributions and help with this ministry. Hunger relief is an important part of First Presbyterian's mission to our surrounding community. We support three food banks: Wellspring Interfaith Social Services, United Faith Presbyterian Church, and East Wayne Street Center.

Fine & Performing Arts

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, for two performances: Saturday, April 18, at 7:00 pm, and Sunday, April 19, at 2:00 pm!

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.

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 18 and under are FREE! Tickets are available through ArtsTix online or call 260-422-4226!

[Tickets](#)



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.



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AVAILABLE
AT 5:00PM
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Located in McKay Hall
Bibimbap
Snacks
And More!

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MAD2 Camp Volunteers Needed



MAD2 Camp 2026 Volunteers Needed June 1-5!

Lights, music, and a whole lot of shine! MAD2 Camp is back for another unforgettable week of Music, Art, Drama, and Dance for kids entering Kindergarten through graduating 5th grade—and this year our theme is KPOP: Golden!

From high-energy dance moves to colorful creativity, this camp is all about helping kids discover their confidence, express their gifts, and shine like they were born to be. But no

great performance happens without an incredible crew behind the scenes—and that's where you come in!

We're looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help bring the week to life. Whether you're guiding a small group, lending a hand with crafts or snacks, cheering kids on, or simply helping keep the rhythm of the day moving, there's a place for you on the MAD2 Golden Crew.

Please email any questions to Pastor Carrie at cwinebrenner@firstpresfortwayne.org. Thank you for helping create a week where every child can step into the spotlight, try something new, and discover just how brightly they shine. Let's go up, up, up—this is their moment!



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MAD² CAMP
AN ARTS CAMP FOR KINDER THRU 5TH GRADE

KPOP EDITION!

JUNE 1-5, 2026

Scan Me To Register!  Scan Me To Volunteer! 

IT'S YOUR MOMENT TO SHINE!

The banner features a vibrant purple and blue background with light rays. On the right, there is a stylized blue cat character with yellow eyes, wearing a black top hat and a small antenna. The text is in various white and yellow fonts, with 'MAD² CAMP' and 'KPOP EDITION!' being the most prominent.

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!

Stephen Ministry

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](#).

Prayer List

- Jennifer Kern Kelly
- Tanner Hisey, nephew of Jennifer Stone
- Kathy Miller
- Jim & Sondra Mergenthal
- Mary Winters
- Janice Roddy
- Family of Phyllis Evans
- Ashley & Marilyn Lassiter

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

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