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Pastor's Letter



Dear First Pres Friends,

This Sunday we will ordain and install new elders and deacons and recognize those who have served as elders and deacons in the past few years. I hope you'll be here to support them with your prayers as they begin their service and/or conclude their service. It's a special and meaningful day in the life of the church.

Following worship, we'll have lunch in McKay Hall to celebrate Carrie and her 6 years of ministry here. You are welcome to bring a card or letter for Carrie. These transitions are important, and I hope you'll be present (if able) to thank Carrie and show your support to her as she leaves here to move into her next call with Whitewater Valley Presbytery. Her final Sunday is June 7, but this Sunday is the big celebration.

As we look ahead, please note that on May 24, we'll worship with the other Fort Wayne Presbyterian churches at Grace Presbyterian at 10:30am. There will be no service here at First Pres that weekend. On May 31, we'll recognize our graduates during the 11:00am worship service.

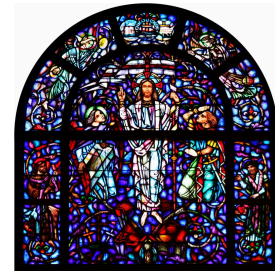
On Tuesday, May 26, I invite you to a special program hosted by the Stephen Ministers on end-of-life planning. I know people do not want to think about these things! But speaking personally, as someone who has recently led her mom's memorial service, do yourself and your family and friends a favor and plan ahead. My parents knew exactly what they wanted and told us and it made my work so much easier; it also saved my four siblings and I from disagreements. Before Terry and I left for France, we got our affairs in order; it was the fair and right thing to do for our children! Mark your calendars for May 26, 6:30pm in the Parlor.

Gratefully,
Annie

Sunday Worship

English/Korean

- 11:00 AM Joint Worship in the Sanctuary, Rev. Dr. Youngsoo An 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](#)



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](#)

Reception for Pastor Carrie



Please join us as we gather to say farewell and extend our heartfelt gratitude to Reverend Carrie Winebrenner, who has faithfully served as our Associate Pastor for the past 6 years. While we are sad to see her go, we wish her God's blessings on the journey ahead.

A special reception will be held in McKay Hall this Sunday, May 17, after worship. This will be an opportunity to celebrate Carrie's contributions to our ministry and to express our appreciation for her dedication and service.

Green Team

Eco Fest 2026: Join us for Eco Fest Fort Wayne this coming Sunday at Headwaters Park from 12:00-5:00 pm! Eco Fest is a sustainability focused and family friendly event with workshops, music, food, and vendors.

The Green Team will have a booth to distribute tote bags made of recycled material! Stop by and see the Team!



PCUSA Joint Service



PCUSA Joint Service: Join us Sunday, May 24th, 2026, 10:30am, when all the Fort Wayne area PCUSA Churches will come together for a joint worship service at Grace Presbyterian Church, located at 1811 Fairhill Rd in Fort Wayne.

This special service will feature prayers in three languages: English, Korean, and Spanish. Following the service, a food truck will be available for lunch! Please note there will be no worship service here at First Pres on that Sunday.

Honoring Life, Planning Ahead

Stephen Ministry: Join us for an informative and thoughtful evening on Tuesday, May 26, at 6:30 PM in the Parlor. Sponsored by Stephen Ministry, this program will be led



by guest speaker Guy Dupuis, a licensed Pre-Planning Advisor. This 45-minute session will explore the benefits of planning ahead for a funeral, including an overview of service options and current trends such as green burial, water cremation, celebrations of life, and more. Time for questions will follow.

While this can be a difficult topic, it's also a meaningful step toward clarity, care, and peace of mind for you and your loved ones. All are welcome. No RSVP needed. Please contact Carolyn Krebs or Marcie Weissner through the church office with any questions.

2026 Graduate Recognition



Graduate Recognition Sunday: Mark your calendars! On Sunday, May 31, we'll celebrate our graduates during worship and during our hospitality time afterwards.

We've watched them grow, and now it's our turn to cheer them on as they step into what's next.

This year, we're recognizing four high school seniors: Charlotte Epling, Leah Mallory, Clara Satter, and Jillian Demland (our nursery worker, non-member). Join us for this meaningful moment in the life of our church family!

Summer Choir

An Invitation to Sing in the Summer Choir: If you have ever wanted to sing in the choir but not wanted to make the yearlong commitment, this choir is for you! No experience necessary, and you can come and go as your schedule allows. We are planning to have an informal summer choir each Sunday in June, whereby ANY member of the congregation can join Music Director Colin Andrews in the choir loft at 10:00 am and form a volunteer, ad hoc choir. We will sing familiar and easy hymn each week and make joyful music together! All are welcome!

MAD² Camp Needs Your Shoeboxes!

We're collecting empty shoeboxes for a fun art project at this year's MAD² Camp! If you have any to spare, please bring them to church or drop them off at the church office anytime between now and May 31. Thank you for helping us bring creativity to life!



Prayer List

- **Sam Shepherd, staff member**
- **Tanner Hisey, nephew of Jennifer Stone**
- **Jennifer Kern Kelly**
- **Kathy Miller**
- **Jim & Sondra Mergenthal**
- **Janice Roddy**
- **Ashley & Marilyn Lassiter**
- **Joyce McGiffin**
- **Lisa Keirn, sister-in-law Susan Kester**
- **Tammy Hurni and family**

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

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