

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF MARCH 1, 2020

In the Theater February 20—March 7, 2020

Cat on a Hot Tin Roof. For Tickets: 426-7421 ext. 121, or purchase online at www.firstpresbyteriantheater.com.

Bible Studies

We offer a number of Adult education classes, visit the Get Connected table in the Narthex to learn more.

***Please stop by the Church Office with questions
or to sign up for church events.***

Office Hours

Sunday: 8:30am—12:30pm

Monday—Thursday: 9:00am—5:00pm

Friday: 9:00am—3:00pm

Phone: 260-426-7421

To Submit Announcements:

*Email Danielle Gonzalez, dgonzalez@firstpresfortwayne.org,
each week by Wednesday. Please note that we reserve the right to edit or
omit announcements as we prepare publications. Thank you!*

THOUGHTFUL WORSHIP FOR
THINKING PEOPLE

Feel free to join us...

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Lent 2020 “Wilderness”

Lent begins in the wilderness. The Spirit guides Jesus into the wilderness where he comes face to face with temptation and struggle. Yet, in his 40 days of fasting, resisting, and wandering, Jesus is shaped and formed for ministry. Similarly, through the wilderness of Lent, we’re invited to surrender to the wild leadings of the Spirit. We rarely enter the wilderness willingly, but hopefully through our wandering we remember that no space is too harsh or threatening for God’s love.

Lent Devotionals To help you in your journey, pick up a devotional from the Narthex.

Lenten Dinner Series 2020: Toxic Charity

March 4—5:30pm / *Brightpoint Poverty Simulation*

March 11—6:00pm / *Give a Fish, Learn to Fish: What’s a Christian To Do?*
A kick-off conversation with Rev. Dr. Anne B. Epling

March 18—6:00pm / *Infant Mortality and Poverty* with Paige Wilkins,
Executive Director of Healthier Moms

March 25—6:00pm / *Charitable Distribution vs Charitable Development and
changing the systems that enable hunger* with Rev. Javier Mondragon.

April 1—6:00pm / *Breaking the Cycle of Homelessness and Toxic Giving* with
Donovan Coley of the Fort Wayne Rescue Mission.

***Join us in McKay Hall 30 minutes prior to start times
for dinner. \$5.00/per person***

Lunch and Learn, Sunday, March 8

Learn about the history of First Pres, tour our building, hear about the beliefs and traditions of the Presbyterian Church (USA), and get to know the church a bit better. You will also get to connect with fellow First Pres members and learn about opportunities to serve, connect and grow! Please **RSVP** by e-mail to Pastor Annie at aepling@firstpresfortwayne.org, or sign up in the Church Office.

Easter Egg Collection

With Easter just around the corner, we are making plans for a community Easter Egg Hunt at Promenade Park. In order to make this happen we need your help. We are collecting new plastic eggs and candy. Plastic eggs and candy (both in original packaging) can be dropped off in the Small Dining Room. Thank you in advance for your donations. Questions, Contact Jen Rannells 426-7421, ext. 150.

Scholarship Opportunities

First Presbyterian scholarships are now open to qualifying First Presbyterian members and their children. **Calvary Third Scholarship** - Thanks to the generosity of former Calvary Third United Presbyterian Church members, a few \$1,000 scholarships are available. Students who are preparing to enter or continue at an accredited college/university as a full-time student who were members of any Fort Wayne Presbyterian Church (PCUSA) prior to December 1, 2019 are eligible to apply. **For details for either scholarship**, contact Michelle Adams, madams@firstpresfortwayne.org. Completed applications **must be received by April 1** in the Financial Office.

Volunteers Needed for Welcome Table

Host the Welcome Table in the Narthex for 15 minutes before and after the 11:00 service. This is an ongoing opportunity to serve, so you can do this through Sign Up Genius online, or in the Reservation Book at the Church Office. Thank you!

Seeking Choir Section Leader

First Presbyterian Church is currently holding auditions for a paid section leader for the Tenor section of the Chancel Choir – please contact vroste@firstpresfortwayne.org for a job description, more information, or to set up an audition!

France & Switzerland this Summer—Smock Senior Ministry has organized an amazing pilgrimage Monday, June 8 to Friday, June 19 to significant Reformation and tourist sites in the heart of Europe. Transportation from Fort Wayne, housing, and most meals included for \$4,593 per person. Presbyterian church members receive a discount of \$750, making the cost \$3,843. Full details and registration are at progressivepilgrimage.com/smock, or contact the Smock Office or Rev. Terry Epling at (314) 402-7929. *Registration closes March 28.*

Musical Contributions

Each year we run a special fundraising drive to hire additional musicians for Christmas Eve and Easter, and this year we are making a special appeal during Lent because we've hired professional musicians from the Fort Wayne Philharmonic for both Easter Sunday, April 12, and our Lenten Cantata on Sunday March 29. In 2019 we raised \$2855 for this purpose but our expenses were \$3875; this year our expenses are already projected to be over \$4500. To make a contribution, please mark your check with "Easter musicians" and place it in the offering plate or bring it to the Church Office. If you would like to make the donation in honor of a loved one, include that on a piece of paper with your donation. We rely on your donations to make these musical contributions possible - please support the music program here at First Presbyterian as you are able!

Smock Senior Ministries Memoirs Class

A repeat six-week class meeting on Mondays 10:00am to Noon, March 9 – April 13, with lunch. and taught by Linda Wade. It is part of the Smock Lifetime Learning program, open to all Presbyterians (and their friends) age 50 and over. Suggested donation \$25. To sign up call the Smock Senior Ministries office 260-426-7421, ext. 132.

ONGOING EVENTS:

In the Gallery

"In the Folk Art Tradition," John Wade: Paintings; Lina Zerkle: Fiber Art; Bryan Grieze: Welded scrap metal sculptures; Nathan Hope: wood assemblages. Hours: 9:00am-5:00pm, Monday—Friday, and Sunday, 8:30am-1:00pm.