

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF MARCH 15, 2020

In the Theater April 16—May 2, 2020

The Winter's Tale. For Tickets: 260-426-7421 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!

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Feel free to join us...

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Lent 2020 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.

During Lent, our Sanctuary is adorned with elements of the wilderness. These elements remind us of the many layers of the wilderness: sand to symbolize the wilderness' long history; bare branches to remind us that new life springs forth from bare branches, and moss to symbolize resilience, because it's in these layers we find meaning and the courage to carry on. To help you in your journey, pick up a Lenten devotional from the Narthex.

Lenten Dinner Series 2020: Toxic Charity

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.

Easter Egg Collection

For a community Easter Egg Hunt at Promenade Park., we are collecting new plastic eggs and candy (both in original packaging) which can be dropped off in the Small Dining Room. Thank you in advance for your donations. Contact Jen Rannells at 260-426-7421, ext. 150.

Annual FISH and LOAVES Food Collection during Lent

Accepting donations for the Fish and Loaves table located next to the Church Office. We are requesting the following items: canned Tuna, Tuna Fish (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 which is the third Sunday of each month. We prayerfully hope that you will find it in your hearts to support both of these efforts during this special time of the year.

Just Neighbors—Serving an Evening Meal daily, March 18-20

We need volunteers to provide and serve a main dish, a side and a dessert this Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Partner with a friend or another family to share the responsibility. Signup sheets and more info is available in the Small Dining Room. Volunteers should arrive at 2925 E. State Blvd (Santa Rosa Dr.) 5:00-6:00pm, for the meal to be served at 6:30pm.

The Pew Guild

Seeking volunteers to help with the upkeep of pew materials in the Chapel and Sanctuary. For more information, contact Anne Barnett (260-432-9096) or Marj Sapp (260-413-2639).

Chancel Guild

Seeking volunteers available from 10:00am-Noon on Friday, just ONCE a month. For more information, contact Vicki Davis at 260-466-5116 or vsrdavis@hotmail.com.

Mark your calendars—Lenten Cantata on Sunday March 29!

At our regular worship service at 11:00am, the choir will be supplemented by a few professional instrumentalists from the Fort Wayne Philharmonic and present Michael Trotta's Seven Last Words, a seven-movement work based on the sayings Jesus uttered from the cross. Don't miss what is sure to be a highlight of the Lenten season!

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!

Scholarship Opportunities

First Presbyterian scholarships are now open to qualifying First Presbyterian members and their children.

Calvary Third Scholarship: Students 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.**

ONGOING EVENTS:

Smock Senior Ministries Memoirs Class

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

In the Gallery through Today

"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.