



The Second Word

A monthly electronic publication with information, announcements, and updates from First Church

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Worship:



WORSHIP IN LEEPER PARK AT 10AM



Announcements:

Funeral – Tom Reim – The funeral service for Tom Reim will be this Thursday, June 24th at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

Opportunities to Serve with Food Pantry - Our First Church Food Pantry is open every Tuesday from 10am to 1pm. The Pantry is in need of volunteers, especially tall and strong people, who would be able to reach high and lift lots of food. If you are able and interested, you can contact the church office or just show up on a Tuesday morning any time after 9am in the Social Hall downstairs.



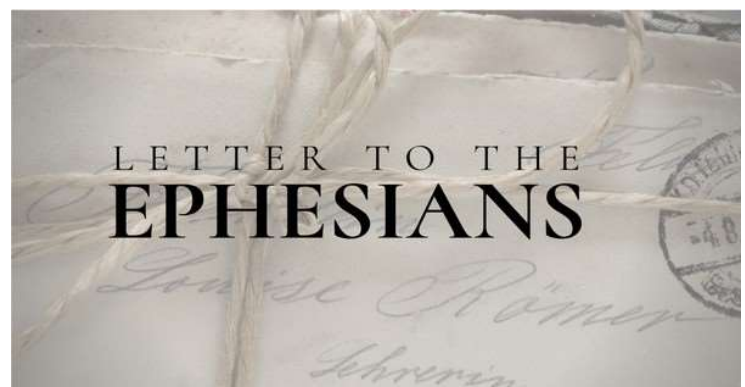
Please continue to spread the word about VBS –

Registration for Vacation Bible School is still open and we are still looking for a few more High School staff. *The deadline for registration is approaching on July 6th!* We will still take applications after that as long as we have space. Share a flier with someone you know! And THANK YOU to all of you who have spread the word!



For more information contact Pastor Emily at pastoremilytw@gmail.com

Study of Ephesians—Join us **starting July 7th at 6pm** for a Wednesday evening, five-week study of Ephesians exploring God's gift of grace. Some theologians consider this book the radiant light of the Pauline letters. Max Lucado suggests Ephesians offers a breathtaking view of God's wisdom to help us live a Christian life. **This is a hybrid study** so you may join on **Zoom at 6:00 pm** or **come to the Parlor** of the church as we hear Paul cut to the heart of belonging, blessings, and being human. Together we will harvest a wealth of understanding about Christian unity as we read someone else's mail from the first century.



For more information or to register for the class: Contact, [Geni Holmes](mailto:geni.holmes@duke.edu), geni.holmes@duke.edu.

Exciting News at First Church—Worship While You Walk! - We invite you to join us in a new program known as, **“Worship While you Walk!”** This is for the entire congregation, both young and seasoned! For one hour, a few times a month, we will meet to hear a scripture lesson, walk for 30 minutes while reflecting on that scripture and close with some comments and discussion and prayer. What a wonderful way to strengthen our relations with others in our church community as well as our relations with God.



- **What you need to know:** This is for the entire family! There will be activities for children to do while walking.
- **When:** Sunday, July 11th, from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, August 15th, from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.
- **Location:** We will meet in Leeper Park where we conduct our Sunday morning service.
- **What to bring:** Comfortable walking shoes, water, sunscreen, hats and/or sunglasses.

We look forward to walking with you in July!

Young Adult Service Day Saturday, July 10: PAINTING! Wear your painting clothes! We will be painting the nursery and sprucing it up to use for new children's programming in the fall. Donuts provided, bring your own beverage and meet at church at 9 AM. We will work well into the afternoon to get as far on this project as we can; painting, assembling furniture, and doing some general cleanup. No previous painting experience needed! Another service day may be scheduled for this project later in the summer. Let Pastor Emily know if you plan to attend.

GODLY PLAY: Leaders and assistants needed for new Christian education programming. This fall we will launch new programming for our children and youth at First Church. We are looking for a few adult leaders to be a part of Children's Church. This educational time, taking place during a part of Sunday morning worship, will use Godly Play, a Montessori-based curriculum. This playful, simple curriculum is structured around telling the foundational stories of our faith. Please contact Pastor Emily at pastoremilytw@gmail.com to learn more. A training day for all those interested will be held in August.

First Church afternoon at the South Bend Cubs—The date is Sunday, August 8th. Game time is 2:05 p.m. Tickets are \$12.00 each. Contact the church office at 233-9463 or email at fumcsecretary2@gmail.com to with your name and number of tickets (children under 2 years old are free). You can drop off payment at the church office, pay online via the website using “other” and “SB Cubs” as the designation, or drop your payment in an envelope marked “SB Cubs” on Sunday mornings. We do have a limit on the number of tickets at 75 total and 37 tickets reserved so far. And, Pastor Matt will throw out the first pitch that day—you certainly don't want to miss that (We hear he's practicing already).





Indiana United Methodist Conference:

June 11th – Began the 2021 Indiana United Methodist Conference Annual Conference. The Celebration of Life worship service featured our very own Brandon Hollihan and Roshan Chakane.